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THE DOCUMENTS bearing the following numbers are tied or otherwise fastened together. 4 and 5, 21 and 22, 26-28, 62-68, 77-80, 82-85, 89-92, 111-114, 130 and 131, 132 and 133, 137-144, 147-150, 155 and 156, 172 and 173, 184 and 185, 195 and 196, 215-218, 237-240, 266-270, 272-277, 295 and 296, 306-310, 364-367, 375 and 376, 390 and 391.

CALENDAR.

Daniel de Crevecuer to Alfred de St: Martin.

Gift of the service due from Emma de Pirefeld in respect of the land which she held of him in the Rape of Hastings; the same to be held of the donor and his heirs in fee; consideration money, a talents.—Witnesses: J: Earl of Ow, Barthw de Lundresfort, Walter de Gor:, Ra: Flo:, Norman, Stephen de Legi:.

Seal round, 2 inches. Man brandishing sword and bestriding dragon.

2 Thomas de St: Leger to the Abbey.

Grant of his pasture of Farleghe, as he had it in demesne on the day when the monks, A.D. 1176, fined in the sum of half a silver mark to be paid yearly to him and his heirs at Michaelmas. For this the monks give him 3 marks, and his wife I talent. — Witnesse: Henry the Earl, Robert his brother, Alur: de St.: Martin, A.: the Countess, Ingelram de Fressenv:, Ralph de Herbervill, Stephen de St.: M.; Sanson de Gesti:, Robert de Walil:.

Seal gone.

3 Alured de St: Martin to Robert de Waliland

Gift of West Wateleland for his service, and in exchange for his land of . . . meliege, which Geoffrey de St: Martin had given him before he possessed land in England (bounds given), and the whole of Katebroc, and confirmation of 7 acres of his meadow of Hudeham, lying near the stream called Liminel, opposite a meadow of the Abbat of Battle; the whole to be held of donor and his heirs as freely as said donor holds his demesne of Waliland, by the only service of 1 pound of pepper yearly or 6d.—Witnesses: Jona,

Prior of the Holy Trinity at Hastings, Walter, Priest of Burgherse, Alan de Luneft, Geoffrey de Waliland, Turstian de Lide.

Seal round, 21 inches. Knight on horse at full speed and brandishing a sword, with legend. Engraved in Suss. Arch. Coll., viii. 156.

4 John, son of Ingelram de Northie, to the Monks.

Release of all the land of Worth, which he claimed under the will of his father, and of the gift of the Earl of Ow his father, quit of all service save to the Earl. Consideration money to the said John, 10 marks and 7s. and to Reinger his eldest brother 6 marks for his confirmation.— Witnesses: Alfred de St: Martin, W: de Echingeham, Walter de Scoteni, William de Bodiham, Sanson de Gestl:, Ralph de Peplesham, John de Gill:, Alan de Lundref:, Robert de Wal:.

Seal gone.

5 Renger de Northie and the Abbey.

Confirmation for himself and heirs of the sale of Worth by his brother John; receipt for 6 marks; reservation of 100 loads of wood for his fire and timber for his houses, to be taken only with the assent of the monks who live there, and right of admission for himself, his wife and sons to the society of their house. — Witnesses: H. Earl of Ow, A. de St. Martin, A: Comitissa, Sanson de Gestl.; William de St. Martin, Robert de Walil:, John de Gill:

Seal gone.

6 Gerv: de Osp: to William de St: Martin.

Gift for his homage and service of the whole land of Madresham, as a quarter of a knight's fee, and of all his land held of Robert Borne and his heirs, viz: Smalewde; but as to this latter, subject to the payment of 12d. to Robert Borne and his heirs, 2d. yearly to the Donor at Oschedenne, and scutage to the King of 2d. in the mark.—Witnesses: Sanson de Gestelinge, Stephen de St. Martin, Ralph de Elmestede, William Pefforier, Hacman de Hereffectsham, Helias de Passelea, Adam Nieha:, Osbert de Amtune, Horm: de Ledes, Hugh Wastru, Robert del Broc, Richard de Lega, Hugh de Kechenore, Ralph Clerk of Essex.

Seal gone.

7 B: Abbat of Cisteaux, and P: Abbat of Clairvaux, to Henry, Earl of Ow.

Letter conferring on the Earl, and on the soul of his mother, the foundress, all the benefits of the Order, in consideration of his affection for the house of Robertsbride, as reported to them by Dyonisius, its Abbat, and of his gift to it of the prebend of Hastings.

Seal round, 11 inches. An upright robed figure with legend. The second seal is gone.

8 Henry, Earl of Ow, to Alan Venator.

Grant, in consideration of his service, and at the request of Lord Alured de St: Martin, of all the lands of Henry Justitor, who had been hung, and all the rents and issues and 7d. yearly rent due from Roger; the same to be held of the Abbey of Robertsbridge, by the service of 1 pound of pepper yearly. — Witnesser: Ralph de Alpeg:, John de Pikeney, Walter de Focarmont, William de St: Martin, Ren: de Petravill, Thomas de Lumello, Geffrey de Bellosapo, Enq: de Estrivement.

Sent round, 2½ inches. Knight on house at full speed, with shield on his left arm and his right hand brandishing a sword. Legend, 'Sigillum Henrici Comitis Augi.'

9 Walter de Scoteny to the Abbey.

Confirmation of the land bought by the house, in his fee, of Gillebert son of Gencelin, viz: the land of Wrthe; free of all service save to the Lords.—Witnesses: Alured de St. M.; William de Eccingeham, Sanson de Gestling, Stephen de St. M.; Alan de Lundresford, Adam de Basoches, Robert de Waliland.

Seal round, 24 inches. Knight on horse with sword and shield. Legend, 'Sigillum Walteri de Scoteni.'

10 Walter de St: Martin to the Abbey.

Confirmation in frankalmoign of the whole fee of Waliland which Alured de St: Martin took in exchange from Geoffrey, father of the said Walter, for the land which the said Alured held of Geoffrey in Normandy, free of all service save to the King and Earl .- Witnesses: Alured de St. M., Ralph de Apelg., Wermud de Luviscap, William de Pierecurt, Renald de Pierevile, Sanson de Gestl:, Alan de Lundreford.

Seal round, 24 inches, perfect. Knight on horse, with sword and shield, galloping at full speed. Legend

11 Rainald de Meiniers and Matilda, his Wife, with the consent of Ingelram de Fressenvile, to the Abbey.

Confirmation in frankalmoign of the whole tenement of Fodilande, with the land of Wicham and Pokelesh: and Todehurst and Bisopland, and all the land and tenement which he held in the Rape of Hastings of the E: of Ow, which Ingelr: de Fressenvil gave in marriage with his daughter Matilda, over and above the fee of Ore; free of all services save to the King and Earl. And because this land came to him through his wife, he has given her £12 of Anjou rent out of his mill at Meiniers, and she has quitclaimed to him all her land in England. In the event of no heirs by him, the said £12 to remain to the heirs of Inglr: de Fressenvil. For this concession the Abbey pays £120 .- Witnesses: Alu: de St: Martin, Walter Borne, Ralph Dapelg:, William de Pierecurt, Roger de Mein:, Geoffrey de Baus, Simon de Gloc; Anscier de Fressenvile, Reinald de Pierevale.

Three Seals :-

- 1. Round, 24 inches. Knight on horse, with legend 'Sigillum Re . . . de . . . neriis.'
- 2. Oval, 15 inches. A grotesque figure holding, apparently, a child in swaddling clothes. Legend, 'Sigill: M. . . . de Fressenevilla.'
 3. Round, 21 inches. Knight on horse.

Walter de Scotiniis to the Abbey. 12

Confirmation of all agreements made by the monks with Reginald de Mainers and Matilda his wife, and Engelran de Fressenvill, as to purchases and gifts of lands of his tenement. Also of one fourth of Setelescumbe, which they bought of Gilebert, son of Gencelin, and 3 virgates of land in Hodleie belonging to the fee of his lorica of Haslerse. The monks to perform the services, as other free tenants, proportional to the quantity of their lands, except when they shall

shew quittance by charter of the King and Earl.—Witnesses: Hugh de Lundresford, William de Bodiham, John de Gestl:, Ralph le Borne, Robert de Waliland.

Sea? round, 2 inches. (Not the same as No. 9.) Knight on horse with helmet and shield, on the latter perhaps an heraldic charge. Legend, 'Sigillum Walteri de Scoteni.'

13 Henry, Earl of Ow, to the Abbey.

Confirmation of the whole fee of Fodilande, which the monks purchased of Regin: de Meineriis and Matilda, his wife, and of Engerh: de Fressenvill; reserving the services due to himself and his heirs. Witnesses: Alur: de St: Mart:, Robert de Hast:, John de Pinken:, Robert de Claivill:, Walter de Fulc:, William de St: Mart:, Fulc: de Keisneto.

Scal round (imperfect), 24 inches. Knight on horse with sword and shield, the latter charged with a bordure indented. Legend, '... Comitis A. . . .'

14 Stephen de Cnelle to the Abbey.

Grant of all the land he had in the morass below Eusres, being of his fee of Cnelle, excepting one marsh previously inclosed by Samson de Gestling: subject to the yearly payment of 2 gold coins for all services. The monks to inclose and keep up embankment. Consideration money, 3 marks.— Witnesses: Alured de St. Martin, Samson de Gestl:, Robert, his son, Alan de Lunesfod, Michael de Muntes, Hugh Clerk.

Seal round, 11 inches. An Eagle reguard, pruning his wing. Legend, 'Sigill: Stephi de Chnell.'

15 Robert de Weliland to the Abbey.

Grant for the health of the soul of himself, his ancestors, and Alured de St: Martin, of all his land of Bremlesford, with the rents and villains as he held it of said Alured; of all his land lying between the great flete and 'le fodre' near the acre which Alured de St: Martin gave the house, and all the field near Ruele, formerly belonging to William the Canon.—Witnesses: Alured de St. M:, Alan de Lundress. Stephen de St. M:, William de St. M:.

Scal round, 2 inches. An eagle rising. Legend, 'Sigill' Roberti de Waliland.'