CHARTERS IN THE MUNIMENT ROOM OF THE PREFECTURE OF ST. LO, DEPARTMENT OF LA MANCHE, NORMANDY, RELATING TO ENGLISH CURCHES.

THE following Charters are in the Muniment Room of the Prefecture of St. Lo, Department of La Manche, Normandy, and were copied, by the writer of this article, in September 1842.

I.

Grant by GEOFFREY DE LUCI, *Bishop of Winchester, of the Church of* SELEBURN, co. Southampton, *to* PHILIP DE LUCI, A. D. 1197.

Omnibus &c. GODEFRIDUS Dei gratia Wintoñ Eccl̃iæ Minister, salutem. Volumus innotescere, nos, de communi assensu . . . . . J.[ordani] Abbatis et Conventus Montis S̃ci Michaelis de Periculo Maris et ad eorum præsentationem . . . concessisse PHILIPPO DE LUCI Clerico Ecclesiam de SELEBURN' cum omnibus ad eam pertinentibus . . . . Datum apud Meredoñ, per manum Reginaldi Clerici nostri, Idibus Augusti, Pontificatus nostri anno octavo. Testibus, Eustach' de Falcoƀ, Joh̃e de Luci, Roƀ de Corneuill̃, Mag̃ro Will̃ de Turr̃, Mag̃ro Will̃ Medico, Joh̃e Capellano, Godefr. Phil̃ de Falcoƀ, Steph̃ Clerico.

Seal oval, 3 *inches by* 2, *a Bishop between a Church and two Keys,* +SIGILLVM *Godefridi* Dei *Grat* IA WIN*tonien*SIS ЄPI. *Counterseal* 1¾ *inches by* 1, *a lucy's head issuing from water, devouring a fish, crossed by a crozier,* PRЄSVLIS 7 [*et*] GENERIS SIGNO CONSIGNOR VTROQVE, *in allusion to the family symbol (the Lucy) and the episcopal symbol (the Crozier).*

Dakeyne, settled at Attercliffe, co. York, and was the ancestor of the Deakins, or Dakeynes, of Sheffield, merchants, and of the late John Deakin, or Dakeyne, of Bagthorpe House, named in the pedigree. The grandfather of Richard Dakeyne, of Stubbing, was returned amongst the gentry of the county of Derby, for Scarsdale Hundred, in 1569; and the great-great-grandfather of Robert D., Richard Delkin, or Daukyn, of Hatton, in 1433,—called by Fuller "Delkere," an evident mistake.

II.

Confirmation, by the Chapter of St. Peter of Exeter, *of a grant, by* Henry [Marshal] *Bishop of Exeter, to the Abbat and Convent of* St. Michael's Mount, *in Normandy, of all their Churches in his Diocese for appropriation. About* A. D. 1200.

Omnibus Sc̃æ Matris Ecclesiæ filiis . . . . Capitulum Beati Petri Exoñ salutem in Dn̄o. Noverit universitas vestra quod nos ratam habemus . . . . Concessionem venerabilis Patris nostri Henrici Ep̃i nostri factam Abbati et Conventui Sc̃i Michaelis in periculo maris, de omnibus Ecclesiis suis in episcopatu Exoñ constitutis in usus suos cum primo vacaverint habendis et possidendis sicut ejusdem Episcopi nostri carta testatur . . . . . et eam præsenti Scripto et Sigilli nostri testimonio confirmavimus. His testibus: Will̃ de Srindon, Mag̃ro Rog. de Bidelham, Will̃ fil̃ Jord̃, Maur̃. Galfr̃. et Elya Capellanis, et multis aliis.

Seal round, $1\frac{1}{2}$ *inches diameter, a Church,* | SIGILLVM CAPL'I SCI PETRI EXONIE.

III.

Inspeximus, by Thomas *Prior of* Bath, *of a Grant, by* Joscelin *Bishop of* Bath, *to* Ralph *the Abbot and to the Convent of* Mount St. Michael, *in Normandy, of the Rectory House and a moiety of the glebe, rents, and tithes of* Martock, *co. Somerset.* A. D. 1226.

Omnibus &c. . . . . Thomas Prior Bathoñ et ejusdem loci Conventus, salutem in Dn̄o. Inspeximus cartam Dn̄i Joscelini Ep̃i nr̃i in hæc verba:—

Omnibus Christi fidelibus præsens scriptum inspecturis Joscelinus . . . Bathoñ Ep̃s sal̃. in Dn̄o. Sciatis quod viri venerabiles Radulfus Abbas et Conventus Montis S. Michaelis de periculo maris concesserunt nobis et successoribus nostris advocationem Eccl̃iæ de Mertok . . . nos itaque postmodum concessimus prædictis Abbati et Monachis Mansam personæ integre, et totam medietatem terræ Ecclesiæ memoratæ, et totam medietatem redditus hominum, et medietatem omnium garbarum ad ipsam Ecclesiam nomine decimæ pertinentium . . . .

Datum apud Pukelescherh̃ per manum Philippi de Geldeford, Idus Sept., Pontificatus nr̃i anno 21°.

Nos itaque prædictæ concessioni dicti Dñi Eps̃i nr̃i adhibemus assensum, et hoc præsentibus literis nr̃is patentibus protestamur.

Seal round, 2 *inches diameter, the Abbey Church,*

+SIGILLVM SCI PETRI BAƉONIS ECCLESIE.

Counterseal, oval, 1¾ *inches by* 1, *a Prior with his staff,*

+SIGILL' ThOMC PRIORIS BAThONIE R' P & G.

The matrices of the seals (all of the 12th century) hereinafter described, two of which are in my possession, were found, with some others, in a well in Normandy,—I believe at Ville-Dieu between Avranches and St. Lo. They were procured by me in Normandy, in August 1842.

I. *Round,* 1¾ *inches diameter,*

+SIG: MAThEI DE DVMO. *A monstrous head.*

II. *Round,* 1¼ *inches diameter,*

+SIGILLVM WILEL' DE PORTA.

A Gateway, circumscribing the legend, and another within the legend.

III. *Round,* 1½ *inches diameter,*

+SECRETVM RAƉ' DE SCA MARIA.

A fleur de lys. About A. D. 1172.

Ralph de Sc'a Maria was, about A. D. 1171, a witness to the foundation of Lucerne Abbey, in the diocese of Avranches. This matrix is in the possession of the learned Antiquary the Marquis de Ste Marie, at Chateau D'Aigneaux near St. Lo, where he is at present deeply occupied in his valuable work on the families named in Domesday, of which the first part has just appeared, the result of the united labours of himself and of M. L'Echaudé D'Anisy of Caen. [a]

[a] See the first number of this work, p. 87. The Marquis is since deceased.—Ed.

Remenham,
11 *Jan.* 1843. G. C. G.