## CHARGES MADE BY CHRISTOPHER LASCELLES, GENT. AGAINST SIR ROBERT RICHE, CHANCELLOR OF THE COURT OF AUGMENTATIONS, FOR MALVERSATION IN GRANTING LEASES OF CHURCH LANDS IN YORKSHIRE AND NORTHUMBERLAND.

(MS. Cotton. Appendix xxviii. f. 117.)

The intention of this paper seems to have been to show what advantages had been taken by the Chancellor of the Augmentations, Sir Robert Riche, in granting leases of several portions of church property, and how small a share of the proceeds had found their way to the royal coffers. The case was a common one: but the document contains some valuable particulars as to the estates it mentions.

Be it remembrid, that the xxij$^{ti}$. daye of September a$^{o}$. xxviij$^{vo}$ H. viij$^{mi}$. Cristoffar Lasselles, gent. in the presentes of the Treasorer and the Solicytor of the courte of Augmentations offerid them vj$^{c}$. li. for a fyne of Saint Agathes,[a] lettyn to the lord Scrope for iij$^{c}$. li. wherof paid in hand oon C. li. and the rest by dayes. And the said Lasselles informyd them that the said lord Scrope had inhaunsyd the rentis of Saint Agathes ij$^{c}$. markes by yere.

Item, the said Lasselles offeryd xx. li. for the fyne of a ferme in Northumberlande, called Felton, lettyn to Povey for v. li.

Item, Robert Riche toke of the same Lasselles for the sight (site) and demeanis of the monasterye of Coverham xl. li.[b] wherof the kinges hignes had but xx. li. that is to saye, x. li. in hande and x. li. by dayes.

Item, the same Robert Riche toke of oon Cotton for the parsonage of Borne,[c] xl. li.; wherof the kinges highnes had but x. li. in hande and x. li. at dayes.

Item, Mordaunt, son in law to the Chaunsaillour, [d] received of the said Lasselles l. li. for the parsonage of Ovyngham, [e] and the King's highnes had but xx. li. wherof x. li. paiable at dayes.

[a] Saint Agatha's nunnery at Easby near Richmond.

[b] Nota. Riches acquitaunce is xjth August, and the Tresourers entry ij Septr. —*Marginal note.*

[c] This word is not very clear in the MS.

[d] Agnes, daughter of Sir Robert Riche, was married to Edmond Mordaunt, Esq.

[e] Ovingham in Northumberland.

Item, the said Lasselles offerid xlvi. li. xiij$^{s}$. iiij$^{d}$. for a fyne for the parsonage of Coverham, and the kyng had but xx. li.[f]

Item, Cuthberd Carnaby paid xxx. li. to oon of the Chaunsailloures servauntes[g] for the scite of the monasterye of Brynkborn in Northumberlande, wherof the king had nothing.

Item, Lasselles offeryd for the parsonage of Drakes xx. li.[h] and for the parsonage of Wighill xx. li. and for another parsonage xx. li. which iij parsonages were letton to Babthorpe of the northe, for which iij the kyng had no fyne.

Lasselles[i] offeryd for the parsonage of Holtampricek in Yorkeshire CC markes for a fyne, whiche is now lettyn to Sir Rauff Elderkare knight, and the king hath nothing.

Item, Pygote, sonn in lawe to the Chaunsaillour,[l] had xxx. li. for a fyne for the parsonage of Cleffe, wherof the king had nothing.

Item, Lascelles [and Grene[m]] offerid for vj salt pannes, wherein salte dothe gro, xxx. li. for a fyne, wheche the Chaunsaillour gave to oon of his servauntes; the king had nothing.

Item, ther was offerid C. markes for a fyne of the graunge of Dyxley, whiche the Chaunsaillour had lettyn to Camswelle his servaunt, and the kinges grace had nothing.

Item, ther was offeryd C. markes for the fyne of a ferme which the Chaunsaillour gave to Mody his servaunt, and the kinges grace had nothing.

Item, Lasselles offeryd for a fyne for Sedber,[n] appropriate to Coverham afforsaid, C. markes, whiche the Chaunsaillour gave to oon of whome he purchasid landes, for xix. yeres purchase, that after[o] wolde not selle the same lands for xxiiij. yeres purchase.

[f] Sold to Beckwythe for xl. li.—*Marginal note.*

[g] Wright is the mannys name.—*Marginal note.*

[h] This is the yearly value of the rectory of Drax returned in the Valor Ecclesiasticus.

[i] Inserted by the same hand as the marginal notes.

[k] Haultemprise was a priory.

[l] Margery Riche was married to Henry Pigot of Abington, Esquire.

[m] Inserted by a second hand.

[n] The rectory of Sedbergh, belonging to the abbey of Coverham, was valued at 41*l.* 10*s.* in the 26 Hen. VIII. (Valor Eccles.) and at 50*l.* in 29 Hen. VIII.

[o] *MS.* offere.

The kynges highnes hath lost in ij thinges, for lack of good husbandry and true servyse, in oon shyre in England, as apperethe before in this boke, viij$^{c}$.xxj$^{li}$. xiij$^{s}$. iiij$^{d}$.

M$^{d}$. that the Chaunsaillour denyed before the kinges hyghnes to be prevy to the gayn that his son and brother toke of the bargains of the said Lasselles, and the truthe is other, for the said Chaunsaillour drofe the bargyns himselfe, and lykewyse was prevy to alle the gayns that his servauntes, and brother, and sons toke.

Item, Lascelles[p] offeryd for the parsonage of Ferybye, in Yorkshyre, xx. li. and the kynges highnes had nothyng.

Item, offeryd by Lasselles,[q] xx. li. for the fyne of a ferme called Renglyeburgh, belonging to the Nunrye of Keldone in Yorkshyre, and the king hathe nothyng.

Item, offeryd by Lasselles for ij parsonages in Yorkshyre xl. li., lettyn to sir Thomas Wharton, and the king had nothing.

(Signed) THOMAS POPE.
ROBERT SOUTHWELL.
CRISTOFORE LASCELLES.

Sir Thomas Pope and Sir Robert Southwell were the Treasurer and Solicitor of the Court of Augmentations named at the commencement of the document. Christopher Lascelles, gentleman, was the party making the complaint against the Chancellor.

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## CHARTER OF WALTER WALERAN CONVEYING THE MANOR OF MERSFIELD, CO. MONMOUTH, TO PAYNE DE TURBERVILLE; CIRCA 1200.

*From the original in the possession of George Grant Francis, Esq. F.S.A. Corresponding Member of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland.*

By this charter Walter Waleran, having received sixty marks of silver, and his wife Isabella two bezants, conveyed all his land which he held of the fee of the Earl of Gloucester in Mersfield, to Payne de Turberville, to be held by the yearly rent of one sparrow-hawk; Payne also

[p] The name filled up by a second hand. [q] So again.