

HAND-LIST OF THE LEGH OF BOOTH'S CHARTERS IN THE JOHN RYLANDS LIBRARY.

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THE documents listed below relate to the old Cheshire family of Legh of Norbury Booths Hall, near Knutsford, and its estates from the late thirteenth to the early nineteenth century. They were saved from destruction¹ last century by the antiquary Richard Henry Wood (1820-1908), a scholar associated for many years with local history studies in Cheshire and Lancashire, and now form part of the large and important manuscript collection which he brought together from many sources. A general survey of this collection, which was deposited in the Library in 1940 by Captain J. Hatton Wood, has been given elsewhere,² and it is perhaps sufficient here to notice that, in addition to the Legh charters, it is rich in monastic documents (twelfth-fifteenth century) and rare seals,³ and contains several royal grants (the earliest dating from the reign of Henry I), as well as a considerable number of miscellaneous deeds, mostly pre-1500, relating to some twenty-five counties. The Cheshire element of the Hatton Wood MSS., excluding the Legh charters, is comparatively small, numbering only thirty-six documents. Certain of these, however, are worthy of note, among them being eight thirteenth-century charters of the Abbey of St. Werburgh, Chester, five leases (1562-1647) from the Master and Brethren of the Hospital of St. John without the North Gate, Chester, a letter from Burghley to Edmund Gammell, late Mayor of Chester (Oct. 1586), the return made by Sir Hugh

¹ See Helsby's edn. (1882) of Ormerod's *History of the County Palatine and City of Chester*, i. pp. xxvi, 489 note a, 495.

² Taylor, *The Hatton Wood MSS. in the John Rylands Library* (1940), repr. from the Library BULLETIN, vol. xxiv.

³ Some of the more outstanding are described in Taylor, *Ecclesiastical, Monastic and Local Seals (12th-17th cent.) from the Hatton Wood MSS. in the John Rylands Library* (1947), repr. from the Library BULLETIN, vol. xxx.

Cholmondeley of money contributed by the Cheshire gentry towards a loan of 1597, and a group of miscellaneous charters, mostly of the twelfth and thirteenth centuries. With them may be noted a large folio volume of Cheshire pedigrees, the only codex in the collection. Dating from the seventeenth century, but with many later additions, this volume consists of one hundred and fourteen parchment leaves and is elaborately illustrated throughout with over one thousand five hundred emblazoned coats of arms. It formerly belonged to the Helsbys and contains signatures of various members of that family, from Randolph in 1640 to Thomas, the Cheshire historian, in 1866, as well as much material relating to their history, including transcripts of thirty-one charters and allied documents (thirteenth-eighteenth century).

The Legh charters themselves are not entirely unknown to the local historian. Leycester was unable to obtain access to them for his account of Bucklow Hundred (1672)¹ and Ormerod does not quote from them in his *History* (1819).² But when preparing the revised edition (1882) of Ormerod, Helsby's attention was drawn to them by Mr. Wood in a letter of 15th July, 1875,³ and there is evidence that he was consulting the collection at the beginning of 1876,⁴ if not in the preceding year.

¹ Leycester, *Hist. Ant.*, p. 301, where, at the conclusion of his account of Over Knutsford, he adds: "Here should follow the Descent of Legh of Booths: But because I was denied the Perusal of the Evidences, by Robert Venables, Esquire, younger Son of Peter Venables of Kinderton, Esquire, who hath married [Elizabeth] the Widow of John Legh, late of Booths, deceased [1660], I must omit the same; and therefore let Posterity blame him for it, and not me". Leycester states (*op. cit.*, p. 295), however, that "the original" of the charter of William, lord of Tabley, to his burgesses of Knutsford (no. 19 below) was in his possession.

² According to Helsby (*op. cit.*, i. (1882), p. 495) he "suffered a similar refusal". But he appends "the Descent of Legh of Booths", which Leycester was unable to include, quoting among his sources "information of John Legh, esq." (see Ormerod, i. (1819), p. 383).

³ Rylands Eng. MS. 422, no. 64a. (Ryl. Eng. MSS. 422-424 contain a collection of original letters to Helsby from various correspondents in connexion with this edition, together with notes and comments relating to the same.) For other assistance given by Mr. Wood see Helsby, *op. cit.*, i. (1882), p. xxvi.

⁴ Ryl. Eng. MS. 422, no. 66b. Rough transcripts of a few of the documents listed below occur *ibid.* 423, nos. 125-130, 160 and 424, no. 61.

The nature and scope of his work made selection unavoidable when dealing with particular collections, and it is hardly surprising to find that the Legh documents he cites number less than one-fifth of those listed below, including many to which he could give only a passing reference ; as might be expected, he drew on the collection mainly for its information concerning Knutsford, Torkington and the family genealogy, although even here much had to be omitted. It should perhaps be added that his translations and abstracts are not always complete or accurate, and in this connexion it is interesting to note that he was several times admonished by Mr. Wood for working too hastily.¹ Where discrepancies have been found between his renderings and the originals, a note has been given below under the relevant document.

Helsby's opinion of the Legh charters was a high one, for he considered that they formed " probably now [1882] the most perfect collection . . . , relating to one family, in the county ".² Whether or not one subscribes to this, it is a striking tribute from a scholar so well acquainted with Cheshire family archives, and there can be little doubt that, although not large in number and although confined almost entirely to muniments of title, it provides a valuable source for the local historian. Roughly half the collection dates from before 1500, six items only being post-1760. Documents relating to Knutsford (c. 1292-1804), Torkington (late Edw. I-1787), Mobberley (late Edw. I-1730), Rostherne (1296-1709) and Ollerton (late Edw. I-1809) predominate, but some twenty other places in the county are also represented. Among individual items of interest may be mentioned the charter of William, lord of Tabley, to his burgesses of Knutsford, c. 1292 (19 below) ; the grant to William de Mobberley of the vill of Knutsford, 1308 (26) ; the grant by Edward, earl of Chester, to Elena, widow of John de Legh, of a market and fair at Knutsford Booths, 1335 (35) ; Richard II's grant to John de Legh, 1398 (281) ; a letter of protection to James, son of John de Legh, kt., proceeding to Gascony, 1363 (42) ; a letter of attorney by John Tochet, Lord of Audley, to

¹ See Mr. Wood's remarks, Ryl. Eng. MS. 422, nos. 64a, 64b, 65a.

² Helsby's edn. of Ormerod, i. (1882), p. 497 note d.

John Heske and Adam Heske to receive thirds of certain goods and chattels acquired by his Lancashire and Cheshire soldiers during wars in South Wales, 1406 (329); rentals of Knutsford Booths, 1408 (55), Lostock Gralam, 1434 (190), and Over Knutsford, Nether Knutsford, Mobberley and Ollerton, late sixteenth to early seventeenth century (150); and a subsidy roll of Bucklow Hundred, 1501 (340). Court records are not numerous, but suit rolls for the manor of Over Knutsford *cum membris*, 1749-1752, 1754-1759 (187) occur, together with an estreat of amercements at the Court Leet for the same manor, November 1753 (186). Another feature of the collection is the information it provides concerning various early Cheshire mills, notably in the Knutsford area,¹ while the genealogist and, particularly, the student of place-names, will find much of value. Although most of the early seals are unfortunately missing or fragmentary, one fine heraldic example has survived, namely, that of John Tochet, Lord of Audley, 1406 (329). Another good example, also heraldic, is the seal of William de Thelewalle, the king's sergent-at-arms, 1360 (17). Neither is recorded in the British Museum catalogue of seals.

As any original order had been disturbed beyond reconstruction, the documents have been arranged below on the system adopted by the Library in its previous Hand-Lists of deeds and charters; that is, chronologically within an alphabetical order of places. The spelling of place-names and surnames is preserved; cross-references to the modern spellings in the case of place-names will be found in the Index. An attempt has also been made there to separate the various members of the Legh family who occur; for this purpose the pedigree drawn up by Ormerod and expanded by Helsby² has proved invaluable. All references below to Ormerod's *History* are to the second edition of 1882, edited by Helsby.

¹ See the Index, *s.v.* Knutsford; also Mobberley, Ollerton, Rostherne, Tatton and Great Warford.

² Ormerod, *op. cit.*, i. (1819), p. 383; Helsby, *op. cit.*, i. (1882), pp. 499-500 and iii. pp. 892-893. Other pedigrees are given in Ryl. Eng. MS. 423, no. 121 and on f. 49 of the MS. volume of Cheshire pedigrees owned by the Helsby family, mentioned above. Notes on the Legh family occur in Ryl. Eng. MSS. 422, nos. 79-82 and 423, no. 174.

ANDERTON.

1. Bargain and sale by Thomas Stanley the elder of Alderley, esq., and Peter Stanley, gentleman, his son and heir, to Robert Venables of Northbury Boothes, gentleman, and Peter Wilbraham, gentleman, son and heir of Roger Wilbraham of Dorfold, esq., of Anderton Hall, a farm in Anderton and 2 messuages in Nether Alderley, with appurtenances. 14 Nov. 1662. 2 seals, missing.

BAGULEY.

2. Gift of Robert de Leghe, son of Robert de Leghe, to John, son of William de Bagl', of his manors of Bagl' and Lewenneshulme, which he had of John's feoffment, and of all rents and services of his free tenants of Bagl' for ever, with successive remainders to William son of John de Leghe and his heirs male; John, brother of the said William, and his heirs male; Geoffrey, brother of the said John, and his heirs male; Thomas son of Richard de Mascy and his heirs male; John son of Robert de Leghe and his heirs male; William son of Peter de Leghe and his heirs male; William son of John de Hyde, kt., and his heirs male; Robert son of Robert de Mascy of Kelsall and his heirs male; and the rightful heirs male of the said John, son of William de Bagl'. 7 June 1355. Late 15th cent. copy, with a *Memorandum that this is a true cotype of the dede wherby Sir John Legh of Baguley, knyght, . . . is intytled to the maners of Baguley and Leyuenschulme of lynyall descende as heyre male of the body of William, the seconde sone of John of Legh of the Bothes.*

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3. Indenture of agreement between Harry of the Bothe and William Pirton, of the one part, and John Johnson of Legh of the Bothis and Anne his wife, of the other, whereby John and Anne promise to restore to Bobanhill "ij gret bounden iron coffres, ij grete gardeviandes, a grete longe newe metetable, vj silver spones that were Annes Leches, ij pair shetes for gentlemen, newe", and all the muniments, evidences and deeds which they removed from the manor of Bobanhill; to swear "upon a boke" that they are making a true delivery of the said deeds and evidences and acknowledge that their removal of the above goods, deeds, etc., was wrongful and their entry into Bobanhill unlawful; not to enter into or enfeof in the future, without due process of law, any lands, etc., belonging to Sir Roger Leche, Sir Philip Leche and the said Harry and William and to release all their right, etc., in the same; and to release to the two last named all manner of actions, etc., and pay them 40 marcs. 22 May 1421. 2 seals, missing. (Eng.).

Imperfect abstract in Ormerod, i. 495 note *b*, where the readings "Pwton" and "Robanhill" are perhaps misprints.

BOLLINGTON.

4. Gift by William son of Nicholas de Bolinton' to his son and heir Richard of all his land and his tenement in the vill of Bolinton, with appurtenances. *Hiis testibus Rogero de Wenables, tunc Rectore ecclesie de*

Rowthorn', Roberto de Mascy, Thoma de Legh', Iohanne de Legh', Willelmo de Mara, Eydropo de Mulynton', Iohanne clerico, et aliis. n.d. [c. 1308]. Seal, missing.

Omerod, i. 541.

5. Agreement between the above Richard and his father William, whereby the former leases to the latter, for 60 years from Pentecost 1308, all the land in the vill of Bolinton which the latter gave him [4 above] ; rent, 3s. 1d. p.a. for all service save forinsec service ; William to have the right to demise the same during the said term, except to a religious or to the chief lord ; if he die within that term, the land is to revert to Richard and his heirs. n.d. [1308].

6. Gift by William son of Nicholas de Bolynton' to John de Legh' and Elena his wife of all his land, with appurtenances, in the vill of Bolynton' within the following bounds : beginning at *le Were*, then following the middle of the channel of the Bolyn, ascending as far as the bounds of *le Hewode* (excepting 2 acres which *dominus* Peter de Dutton holds), from there to the new acre of John de Legh', thence following a certain ditch to *le stanybrok'*, descending [*le*] *stanybrok'* to the land of Ralph de Clayton' under *le leghmos*, then to *le pekesmedusyde*, following this as far as *le Cropptedholler*, and from there to *le Were* ; together with a meadow called *Ellotesmedu*, between the meadow of William del Mere and the meadow of Ralph de Clayton, and with all the land, with appurtenances, which Matilda, formerly wife of Richard, his [the grantor's] son, holds as dower within the said bounds. *Hiis testibus domino Hugone de Alta Lega, tunc Iusticiario Cestrie, Hugone de Dutton', Petro de Dutton', militibus, Ricardo de Fouleshurst, tunc vicecomite Cestrie, Willelmo de Bagley, Rogero le Cryour, Thoma de Legh, Hugone de Ruycroft, Iohanne le Harper, Roberto clerico, et aliis.* n.d. [c. 1312/18]. Seal, missing.

Omerod, *loc. cit.*, with some slips. Helsby incorrectly translates " nine acres of John de Legh " (for " novam acram "), and " to the Were to what is called the Ellotesmedu ", and misreads " Gropptedholler " for " Cropptedholler ".

7. Quitclaim from Richard son of Hamon and Matilda his wife to John de Legh and Elena his wife of all their right, etc., in one third part of a meadow called *Longhey* near Bolinton which Matilda had as dower. 11 April 1316. 2 seals, missing.

Omerod, *loc. cit.*, where Helsby incorrectly translates " all their claim to land called Longhey ".

8. Letter of attorney from John de Legh and Isabel his wife to Thomas de Baggelegh' to receive seisin of all lands and tenements which they have of the feoffment of Adam Drake and William del Ewode in Bolinton. 26 July 1343. 2 seals, missing.

9. Gift by Oliver de Legh, parson of the church of Davenham, and Roger Doumvylye, parson of the church of Lymme, to Richard de Dutton, parson of the church of Routhesthorn', and Richard Sydeswyrd, chaplain, of all those messuages, lands, etc., which they lately had of the feoffment of John de Legh of *le Bothes* in the vills of Bolyngton', *zarewode* and Routhesthorn', saving a water-mill in Routhesthorn' and Routhesthorn' Mere,

together with messuages and land in Ollurton' in the tenure of John Okes. 20 Jan. 1440. Seal, missing.

Ormerod, *loc. cit.*

10. Indenture of agreement between William Leighe, son and heir of John Leghe of Bouthes, esq., and Sir George Bouthe of Dunham Massye, kt. and bart., for a conveyance to the latter of 2 closes in Bollington (one named *Langley*) adjoining the high way leading from New Bridge to Bowdon. 10 Sept. 1614. Seal, missing. Counterpart.

11. Lease for 21 years by William Leigh, son and heir of John Leigh of Norbury Boothes, esq., to Thomas Leigh, his brother, of a messuage with appurtenances in Bollington. 28 April 1615. Seal, missing.

12. Lease by Peter Legh of Norbury Boothes, esq., to Anne Humphrey of Bollington, spinster, of a messuage with appurtenances in Bollington for life. 9 June 1679. Seal, missing. Counterpart.

GOOSTREY.

13. Gift of John de Lytelouer, chaplain, to William Kyncey and Matilda his wife of those 2 messuages with the adjacent lands which Ralph Gram and Benedict de Hawardyn' hold in Gosetre and Blakeden and which he has of William's feoffment; with remainder to William's rightful heirs. 13 May 1414. Seal.

14. Bond of Randolph Maynwaryng of Caryngeham, esq., Arthur Maynwaryng of Ightfeld, Salop, kt., and Laurence Swetenham of Somersford, gentleman, to John Lyegh of Bothes, kt., to keep an award [15 below] to be made in a dispute between the said Randolph Maynwaryng and Sir John Lyegh. 1 March 1549. Seals, missing.

15. Award in a dispute between the above two parties [14] respecting their claims to the towns of Gosetre, Chelford, Lyes and Cranage and all messuages, lands, etc., concerned in leases made to them by the late Abbot and Convent of the late Monastery of Chester and, after the dissolution thereof, by the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral Church of Chester. 31 March 1549. 4 seals, missing.

HALE.

16. Assignment from Laurence Ryle of Hale, husbandman, to Edward Leighe of Ashley, husbandman, of three closes in Hale named *the green field* and *the two stuttoes* [?], for 21 years. 2 Ap. 1594. Seal, missing.

HALTON.

17. Gift by William de Thelewalle, sergeant-at-arms of the King, to Vivian de Thelewalle, his brother, of all his land and his tenement, with appurtenances, which he had by inheritance after the death of his mother Felicia in the vill and territory of Halton; of all his right, etc., in the said vill and territory by right of his said mother; and of a piece of land, which he had by inheritance after the death of his father William in the vill and territory of Thelewalle, lying between the tenement of Robert de Thelewalle towards the south, the water of Mersey, in breadth, towards the north, one end abutting on the tenement of William de Derwallescagh' towards the

west, and the other abutting on the tenement of William de Qwyte, in length, towards the east. 5 Feb. 1360. Seal (heraldic).

Ormerod, i. 747 note b.

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18. Admission of Peter Legh and Ruth his wife to a garden and closes at Briercliffe within the manor of Ightenhill. 15 Oct. 1689. (Extract from proceedings at the Halmot of the manor of Ightenhill.)

KNUTSFORD, ETC. See also ROSTHERNE.

19. Charter of William, lord of Tabeley, to his burgesses of Knotisford. *Hiis testibus Domino Ricardo de Massy, Willelmo de Modb', Willelmo de Maynwaryn, Rogero de Toft, Ade de Tabeley, et multis aliis.* n.d. [c. 1292.] Seal, missing.

Printed in full in Leycester, *Historical Antiquities*, p. 295; Ormerod, i. 488.

20. Gift by William de Tabbillegh', lord of Knutesford, to John de Legh and Elena his wife of 14 selions of land with appurtenances in Northt-buriboths and Knutesfordeboths; to have, etc., to them and the heirs or assigns of the said John of the chief lord, freely, etc., with common of pasture within the bounds of Knutesford, saving to William and his heirs agistment of water at his mill of Knutesford; rendering to the chief lord the services due and accustomed, and to William and his heirs a pair of gloves or 1d. p.a. at Midsummer. *Hiis testibus Hamone de Mascy, Ricardo de Mascy, militibus, Willelmo de Modburlegh', Thoma de Legh', Rogero de Toft, [Ade] de Talbillegh' [sic], Willelmo de Mara, Iohanne de Lostok', Roberto persona medietatis ecclesie de Lymme, et aliis.* n.d. [c. 1294.] Seal, missing.

This charter is slightly imperfect. Helsby (Ormerod, i. 494-95) reads, incorrectly, "a pair of gloves or 7d. p.a." [Ade] has been supplied from the copy enrolled on no. 326 [iv] below.

21. Gift by John de Grey, son of Reginald de Grey, to John de Legh' and Elena his wife of all his lands and tenements with appurtenances in Northt-buri Boths and Knutesfordboths. *Hiis testibus Hamone de Mascy, Radulfo de Vernon, Hugone de Venables, Ricardo de Mascy, Ricardo de Sandbach' et Iohanne Boydell', militibus, Philippo de Eggerton', Alexandro de Baumuell', Thoma de Legh', Iacobo de Pull', Willelmo Dayneers, Ranulfo de Hulfeld, et aliis.* n.d. [1297.] Seal, missing.

Cf. Ormerod, i. 495. A copy is enrolled on no. 326 [i] below.

22. Letter of attorney to Adam de Tabbillegh to deliver seisin of the same [21]. 20 Oct. 1297. Seal, missing.

Ormerod, *loc. cit.*

23. Quitclaim by William de Tabeleg' to John de Legh' and his heirs or assigns of all his right, etc., in all lands and tenements with appurtenances in Knotusfordebothus and Nortburibothus. 23 Aug. 1300. Seal, missing.

24. Grant by Adam de Urmeston' to John de Legh' of 20s. *de camera mea*, to be received twice yearly, at Midsummer and Martinmas, in equal portions, for the lives of both of them; with right of distraint. *Hiis testibus Hugone de Dutton', Rogero de Chedle, Petro de Dutton', militibus, Roberto de*

Mascy de Routhestorn', Thoma de Legh', Willelmo de Baggeleg', Willelmo de Caryngton', Roberto de Mascy de Sale, Roberto de Ayliston', Roberto de Kenorthey, Iohanne de Boudon', Rogero le Crior', et aliis. n.d. [Edw. I]. Seal, missing.

25. Charter of John de Legh' and Elena his wife to William [? Dale] respecting a mill, apparently in the territory of le Bothis on *Wylebrok. Hiis testibus Willelmo de Modburleg', Willelmo de Meynwaring, Ade [? de Tabeley, . . .]nton', Roberto de Vernon, Willelmo fratre suo, Willelmo de Tofte, Iohanne clerico, et aliis. n.d. [late Edw. I/Edw. II]. 2 seals, missing.*

Imperfect, almost the entire upper half and most of the left half lacking. Endorsed, in a contemporary hand: *Molendinum de Babrinchall'*.

26. Grant by William de Tabeleg', lord of Knotesford, to William de Modburleg' of the whole vill of Knotesford with all appurtenances, markets, fairs, liberties, etc., saving the mill; for 10 years, beginning Midsummer 1308; rent, 50s. p.a., at the two terms of the year in equal portions; if the said William de Tabeleg's mother die within that period then he grants to the said William de Modburleg' all her dower, saving her dower of the mill and excepting the houses [sic] in which she lives, with an adjacent croft, the said William de Modburleg' to render for the said dower 30s. p.a. at the above terms; if within that period the said William de Tabeleg' alienate the whole of the said vill, then, into the hands of whomsoever it may devolve, it is to be bound to the said William de Modburleg' in 10l. silver to be paid yearly at the said terms; if he assign or alienate any part of it, that part is to be let to farm to the said William de Modburleg' at the supplication of the part thus assigned or alienated. *Hiis testibus Roberto de Macy, Iohanne de Legg', Thoma de Legg', Rogero de Tofte, Ade de Tabeleg', Henrico de Modburleg', Thoma clerico, et aliis. n.d. [1308]. Seal, missing.*

Cf. Ormerod, i. 490 note c, where an abbreviated version is given.

27. Final concord, at Chester, between William de [? Dene], chaplain, plaintiff, and John de Legh and Elena his wife, defendants, respecting lands, messuages, three parts of a mill, woods, etc., with appurtenances in Knottesfordbothes, Norbury Bothes, Knottesford and [Roust]hesthorn'. Tuesday after the feast of [stained], 9 Edw. II [1315/16]. Imperfect and stained.

Cf. Ormerod, i. 497.

28. Confirmation by Robert, son of John Hurne, to Yockyn de Dutton' of 2 burgages which Robert had of his father's gift in the vill of Knotesford, lying between the burgages of Thomas Snoubal' and Gilbert Tailor [Cissor]; rent, 18d. p.a. to the chief lord at the two terms of the year, in equal portions. *Hiis testibus Domino Rogero de Venables, Rectore ecclesie de Rousthorn', Iohanne de Legh', Rogero de Toft, Iohanne de Bexton', Iohanne de Aula, tunc maiore ville de Knot', Thoma Snoubal, Elya Rotar', Ade fratre eius, Iohanne Coco, Rogero filio Iordani, Ade filio Walteri, Roberto clerico, et aliis. n.d. [c. 1298/1319]. Seal.*

Leycester (p. 299) quotes this deed, with some omissions, from a copy. Helsby (Ormerod, i. 491), who compared his copy with the above original, omits the last three witnesses.

29. Grant by William, son of William de Tabbeleg', to John de Legh'

and Elena his wife and the heirs of the said John, for ever, of full license and power to have suit of all burgesses, tenants, or farmers of the vill of Knotisford grinding corn of all kinds, malt and oats at John's mill of le Bothes when William's mill of Knotisford does not suffice; if any of the said burgesses, etc., go to or grind their corn at any mill other than that of le Bothes when William's mill of Knotisford does not suffice, then the toll shall be made good to John, Elena or John's heirs by William and his heirs. 5 Sept. 1321. Seal, missing.

The witnesses include Richard de Foulishurst, Sheriff of Cheshire. An imperfect version is given in Ormerod, i. 495 note a.

30. Gift by John de Legh and Elena his wife to Stephen le Hayward of a burgage in Knotesford Bothys lying between the burgages of Henry le Barker and William le Walker; to have, etc., with all liberties, etc., with haybote and old wood lying in the wood of le Bothys, at the inspection of the woodman of the said grantors, and with sufficient turbary within the bounds of le Bothys; rent, 2s. 6d. p.a., at the two terms of the year, in equal portions. *Hiis testibus Thoma de Legh, Rogero de Toft', Iohanne de Bexton', Iohanne de Aula, Elya Rotar', Henrico le Barker, Thoma Lilicok', Willelmo filio Honde, Roberto clerico, et aliis.* n.d. [late Edw. I/Edw. II]. 2 seals, missing.

31. Gift by Thomas, son of William le Reve, to John, son of Stephen Reaper [*Messor*], of a house with curtilage lying between the burgages of Richard Kiltyng' and William del Dene, within bounds constituted by the said Thomas, together with $4\frac{1}{2}$ selions in *le Oldefeld* in the vill of Knotesford; rent, 2s. p.a. to the chief lord at the two terms of the year, in equal portions, and 2s. to the said Thomas, his heirs or assigns; John is not to sell or alienate the same. *Hiis testibus Iohanne de Legh', Iohanne Gleyue, Thoma Snoubal, Thoma Lilicok', Ranulfo Amelye, Thoma Cissore, Roberto clerico, et aliis.* n.d. [late Edw. I/Edw. II]. Seal, missing.

Summarised in Ormerod, i. 491 note c, where *Roberto clerico et aliis* is omitted and *Allcok* misread for *Lilicok*'.

32. Gift by Adam Hurne to John de Legh' and Elena his wife of $1\frac{1}{2}$ selions lying next to the said John's land and belonging to the burgage which Adam Baker [*Fornarius*] formerly held in the field of *Walleclif* in the vill of Knotesford. *Hiis testibus Thoma de Legh', Rogero de Leycestr', Adam [sic] de Tabelegh', Magistro Rogero de Aldridelegh', Roberto Wade, Roberto clerico, et aliis.* n.d. [late Edw. I/Edw. II]. Seal, missing.

See Ormerod, i. 491 note c. A copy of this gift is enrolled on no. 326 [x] below.

33. Gift by Hugh de Yokyssale to Elena de Legh and John her son of 2 burgages formerly belonging to Robert, son of John Huyrne, in the vill of Knotisford, lying between the burgages of Thomas Snoubal and Henry Tailor [*Cissor*]; rent, 18d. p.a. to the lord of the vill at the two terms of the year, in equal portions. 29 May 1322. Seal, missing.

34. Gift by John de Rode and Margery his wife to Elena, who was wife of John de Legh, her heirs and assigns, of a burgage with appurtenances in the vill of Knotisford, lying between the burgages of Thomas son of William son of Amelye and Henry son of Thomas le Wordehewer [*sic*]; rent, 12d.

p.a. to William de Tabbeleghe' and his heirs, and 5s. to Roger de Holleford and Margery, his wife, and their heirs, when the other burgesses pay their farm. *Hiis testibus Rogero de Toft, Iohanne de Bexton', Roberto de Oundecliu, Willelmo de Munschull', Thoma Snouball', Thoma Lilicok', Gilberto de Legh', capellano, et aliis.* n.d. [early Edw. III]. 2 seals, missing.

35. Grant by Edward, Earl of Chester, the King's son, to Elena, who was wife of John de Legh', that she and her heirs may have for ever a weekly market at Knotesfordebothes in the fee of Halton' on Wednesdays and a yearly fair there for two days, namely, on Tuesdays and Wednesdays in Whit-week, unless the said market and fair prove a nuisance to those in the neighbourhood. *Hiis testibus dilecto nobis in Christo Willelmo, Abbate Sancte Werburge Cestrie, Willelmo de Clinton, Iusticiario nostro Cestrie, Magistro Iohanne de Burnham, Thesaurario nostro, Simone de Ruggeleghe', Camerario nostro Cestrie, Iohanne de Ardene, Willelmo de Mascy, Galfrido de Werberton', Willelmo de Baggeleghe', militibus, Iohanne de Codynton', clerico, et aliis.* Chester, 18 May 1335. Seal, missing. With an English translation of 13 May 1626.

See Ormerod, i. 494 and note b.

36. Feoffment by Elena, who was wife of John de Legh, in her pure widowhood, to John de Massy, Rector of the church of Seofton' [sic], and William de Clyfton', chaplain, of her manor of Norburybothes and Knotesfordbothes with appurtenances, her water-mill in the same manor with suit and the pond, and an acre of land, for agistment of the water and an attachment of the mill, which she has of the feoffment of John de Arden in Mobburlegh'; of 4 messuages with appurtenances in *le Oldton'* of Knotesford; of 2 messuages with appurtenances in the vill of Ollerton' with the third part of a water-mill there, together with the reversion of all lands and tenements which Robert Vazan holds for life in that vill; of a messuage and 30 acres of land with appurtenances in the vill of Mobburlegh' which she has of the feoffment of Richard Fyket, and a messuage and 12 acres there which she has of the feoffment of Thomas de Stathum; of 3 selions in the same vill which she has of the feoffment of Laurence, son of Thomas de Mobburlegh'; and of her manor of *le Mersch*, with a moiety of the whole vill of Rouyestorne. 31 March 1350. Seal, missing.

Endorsed: *The feoffment . . . whereupon the taylor to the heyres males is grounded* (16th cent.).

37. Quitclaim by John de Legh', son of the above Elena, of all his right, etc., in the same [36]. 9 May 1350. Seal, missing.

38. Gift by Robert Aspewalle, chaplain, to Richard, son of William de Baggeleghe', of 2 burgages with appurtenances in Knotesford which he has of the feoffment of William Pecok', chaplain. 27 May 1350. Seal, missing.

39. Grant by the above John de Massy and William de Clyfton' [see 36 and 37 above] to the above Elena of their manors of Knotesford Boths, Norburyboths and *le Mersch* with appurtenances; a moiety of the whole vill of Rouyestorne, a water-mill in the manor of Norburybothus and an acre of land with appurtenances in *Modburlegh'* which is an attachment of the mill-pond; 4 messuages with appurtenances in *Oldeknotesford*; 2 messuages, 18 acres and the third part of a water-mill with appurtenances in

Olerton'; and 2 messuages, 42 acres and 3 selions with appurtenances in Modburlegh'; they also grant that 4 messuages, 40 acres of land and 40 of heath and moss with appurtenances in Olerton' which Robert Vazhan holds of them for life shall remain to Elena; to have, etc., to Elena for life, by the service of a rose at Midsummer, with successive remainders to John de Legh', kt., and Isabel, his wife, for their lives; to James, son of the said John and Isabel, and his heirs male; to William, James's brother, and his heirs male; to John, William's brother, and his heirs male; to the heirs male of the said John de Legh', kt., and Isabel; to William, brother of the said John de Legh', kt., and his heirs male; to Robert de Legh', the said William's brother, and his heirs male; to the heirs male of Peter de Legh' [Robert's brother]; and to the rightful heirs male of the aforesaid John de Legh, kt., for ever. 23 June 1350. 2 seals, missing.

Endorsed: *Thentaile to the heyres males* (16th cent.). The witnesses include Thomas Ferrer, Justice of Chester, and Thomas Danyers, Sheriff of Cheshire.

40. Letter of attorney from the above Elena to Thomas de Baggelegh' to receive seisin of the same [39]. 24 June 1350. Seal, missing.

41. Gift by Margery, daughter of Richard le Glover, and her sister Matilda to John Wych' of their burgage in the vill of Knotesford lying between the burgages of Stephen, son of Roger, and John de Brodeforthe. 28 Jan. 1363. 2 seals, missing.

42. Letter of protection granted by Edward, Prince of Wales, to James, son of John de Legh, kt., going to Gascony. Chester, 8 May 1363. Seal, missing.

43. Lease for 20 years by Marion de Tablegh' to David Pynk of all that third part of a fourth part of Knotusford which descended to her by the death of Richard de Coton'; rent, a rose leaf yearly during the first 10 years at Midsummer, if demanded, and during the remaining 10 years 20s. p.a. at the two terms of the year. 19 Aug. 1370. Seal, missing.

44. Gift by William le Pope of Knotusford to John le Baxter of the same of a selion in the same vill in a field called *le Quitebruche* between the selions formerly belonging to Adam Hillestone, chaplain, and Hugh del Heth; rent, a grain of pepper yearly, if demanded, at Martinmas; with right of distrain on William's burgage in Knotusford should the chief lords distrain on John for any rent belonging to the said selion. 18 Oct. 1373. Seal, missing.

45. Gift by Walter Dauson' and Nycholaa [sic], his wife, to their daughter Katherine and William, son of Roger de Oulegreve, and their lawful heirs of 3 adjoining burgages in Over Knotesford between the land of the Rector of Routhestorne church, on the one side, and a burgage formerly belonging to Stephen, son of Roger, on the other, and 5 selions lying together in *le Oldefeld* between the high way from Knotesford to Pevur, on the one side, and the land of William le Clerke, on the other, with all appurtenances; remainder to the said Walter and his heirs for ever should Katherine and William die without heirs. 3 Feb. 1382. Seal, missing.

46. Feoffment by John de Legh of le Bothus to Hugh de Toft and John de Stathum, chaplains, of all his manors, lands, tenements, mills, rents and

services, with all appurtenances in co. Chester ; saving lands and tenements held in chief of the King and by knight's service as of the Earl of Chester. 15 June 1384. Seal, missing.

47. Final concord, at Chester, between Richard le Wyldecolt, plaintiff, and John Kene of Newcastle under Lyme and his wife Alice, defendants, respecting 2 burgages with appurtenances in Knottesford. 14 Nov. 1385.

48. Gift by John, son and heir of James de Legh, to Richard, son of Walter Smith [*Faber*] of Knotesford of a burgage in Knottesfordbothes between the land of the said Richard, on the one side, and a burgage formerly belonging to Henry Cam, on the other, as limited by certain bounds, with a selion in *le Sondefelde* between the manor of le Bothes and the said vill ; rent 2s. 6d. p.a. at the two terms of the year, in equal portions, and the work of one man for one day's reaping in Autumn ; and doing suit of court, to the mill and oven, as the other burgesses of the said vill. 21 Oct. 1392. Seal, missing.

49. Gift by John, son of James de Legh, lord of Knotesford Both[es], to [Thomas le Tele] of a burgage, with garden and selion adjacent and other appurtenances, in the vill of Knotesford Bo[thes] [? lying between the burgages of . . . , on the one part, and] Richard le Tele, on the other ; rent, [2s. 6d. p.a. and] one man for one day in the Autumn, saving to John suit of court, to the oven and mill. *Die . . . [fes]tum Pentecoste*, 1393. Seal, missing.

Imperfect. Endorsed : *Carta Thome le Tele* (contemporary) and *ij^s vj^d redditus et dies laboris in autumpno* (16th cent.).

50. Gift by Elizabeth, widow of Henry Cam, and Ibeta, her daughter, widow of Henry Averell', in their pure widowhood, to Robert de Cornell and Joan his wife and Joan's lawful heirs of a burgage in Knottesford Bothes which Elena de Page formerly held of them, situated between the burgage in which Elizabeth and Ibeta are living and the burgage of John le Cowper, with the adjacent garden and a selion in *le leperusouerfeld*, with all appurtenances ; of half a burgage in which John de [*sic*] Smyth dwells, lying between the burgages of John de Thelwall' and Oliver le Brabayn, with half of the adjacent garden and of a selion in the said field, and half of the whole building, with all appurtenances ; with reversion to Elizabeth and Ibeta and their rightful heirs if Joan die without lawful heirs. 21 Sept. 1402. Seal, missing.

51. Feoffment by Hugh de Toft, chaplain, to Robert de Legh and Agnes his wife of a burgage which he holds by the feoffment of John de Legh, lord of Knottesfordbothes, lying between the burgages of Thomas de Mascy and Edward Sherd, with successive remainders to James de Legh, the said Robert's brother, and his heirs ; to Geoffrey de Legh, James's brother, and his heirs ; to Edward de Legh, Geoffrey's brother, and his heirs ; to Henry de Legh, Edward's brother, and his heirs ; and to John de Legh, lord of Knottesfordbothes, his heirs and assigns for ever. 6 Feb. 1404. Seal, missing.

52. Confirmation by John de Legh, lord of Knottesfordbothes, of the above feoffment [51]. 22 March 1404. Seal, missing.

53. Gift by Joan, daughter of Nicholas Symson, widow of William

Wyght, in her pure widowhood, to William de Baguley, chaplain, of the burgage in Knottesford Bothes in which Nicholas dwells, with garden, adjacent selion and all other appurtenances. 15 April 1407. Seal, missing.

54. Indenture of agreement between John de Legh of le Bothes and John de Cholmundeleay of Chorley that Thomas, son and heir of William de Crewe and son of Alice, daughter of the said John de Cholmundeleay, shall marry one of the daughters [un-named] of the said John de Legh. 15 Dec. 1407. Seal, missing. (French.)

Ormerod, i. 495 note b.

55. *Rentale Iohannis filii Iacobi de Legh de Knottesford Bothes.* 11 Nov. 1408. Parchm., 1 m.

Ormerod, *loc. cit.*

56. Feoffment by Hugh de Knottesford and John, son of Roger de Oulegreve, to John, son of William de Oulegreve, and his heirs male, of all those messuages, lands, tenements, rents and services which they have of the feoffment of the said John, son of William, in the vill of Knottesford, with all appurtenances; with successive remainders to Hugh and his heirs male, the said John, son of Roger, and his heirs male, and Hugh and his rightful heirs. 9 Ap. 1414. Seal, missing.

57. Gift by William de Bagulegh' and John le Fleccher, chaplains, to Thomas, son of John le Couper of Tympurley, of a burgage, with an adjacent garden and selion, in Nether Knottesford, lying between the burgages of Thomas Golburne and Roger de Hulme; to have, etc., with common of turbary and pasture and with all other appurtenances to the said Thomas, his heirs and assigns, for ever of the chief lords for the services due and by law accustomed, doing suit with all his corn at the mill of John de Legh of le Bothes called *le Bothe Mylne* at all times of the year unless the mill between Knottesford Bothes and Netherknottesford should be re-established and made suitable again, in which case he is to do suit at that mill. 4 Feb. 1419. 2 seals, missing.

58. Gift by John Fox of Knottesford, butcher, to Roger le Venables, Rector of the church of Roustorn', Thomas Savage, Rector of the church of Checkyle, Geoffrey Mascy of Workesley, Hugh le Cokker, William de Are, Hugh Towne, John Fox (the grantor's son), and Richard Fox, of that burgage, with appurtenances, lying next to Matilda de Wodford's burgage in Knottesford, which he has of the gift of Ralph, son of David de Hoknell'. 29 Sept. 1419. Seal, missing.

59. Gift by William de Bagulegh', parson of the church of Assheton', and John le Fleccher, chaplain, to John de Legh of le Bothes, his heirs and assigns, of all those burgages, lands, tenements, rents and services with all appurtenances which they have of the said John's feoffment in the vills and territories of Netherknottesford and Knottesfordbothes. 24 June 1420. 2 seals, missing.

60. Feoffment by John de Legh of le Bothes to John Tochet, parson of the church of Middlewich, and John de Marthall', chaplain, of all his manors, burgages, lands, tenements, mills, rents, and services, with all appurtenances, in co. Chester, together with all reversions of all his lands, etc. 7 July 1420. Seal, missing.

61. Receipt of John de Hondford to John de Legh of le Bothes, Thomas de Asthull' and Thomas de Pownall' for 5 marcs of silver. Dated: *Anno regni regis Henrici quinti post conquestum octavo* [1420/21]. Seal, missing.

62. Quitclaim by John de Tofte, son and heir of William de Tofte, brother of Hugh de Tofte, chaplain, to John de Legh of le Bothes and his heirs of all his right, etc., in all those lands, tenements, rents and services, with appurtenances, which the said John de Legh has of his feoffment in co. Chester. 9 Nov. 1427. Seal, missing.

63. Gift by John de Legh, son of John de Legh of le Bothes, to Gilbert de Hatton, his heirs and assigns, of a burgage in the vill of Knottesford, viz. at the end of the said vill between the burgage late of Joan del Brome, on the one side, and a road leading from the said vill to Toftcrosse, on the other, with a garden and croft adjacent to the same; of another burgage at the north end of the said vill between the burgage late of Geoffrey del Shert, on the side, and lands of the said John de Legh, on the other; of a parcel of land in *le Tounfyld* between lands of the said John and lands late of Geoffrey del Shert, which parcel is enclosed by a new ditch and stretches in breadth towards the east and lengthwise to the road leading from the said vill to the manor of le Bothes; and of 2 selions in *le leporosfyld*, whereof one lies in the south portion of the said field and has one headland stretching as far as *Ponstonesmere* in the east and the other as far as John de Oulegreve's field in the west and lies in breadth between the lands of William de Are and Robert de Cornell', on the one side, and *le Rowlowfyld*, on the other, and the other lies in the north portion of *le leporosfyld*, namely, in length as far as William de Are's croft in the west and the heath towards Ollerton' in the east, and in breadth towards *le Cleypittes* on the heath in the north and as far as land of the said John in the tenure of Katharine de Oulegreve in the south; rent, 6s. p.a. at the two terms of the year, in equal portions, for all secular services, etc., excepting suit of the said John's court of Knottesford, to his water-mill and common oven there, and autumn work such as the other burgesses are bound to do, namely, for each burgage one day in autumn. 1 May 1430. Seal, missing. Endorsed, in a 17th cent. hand: *A Bondary deede of Massies Lands in Nether* [altered to *Over*] *Knottesforde*.

64. Gift by John Tochet, senior, lately Rector of the Church of Middlewich, to John de Legh of le Bothes, his heirs and assigns, of all those manors, burgages, lands, tenements, mills, rents and services with all their appurtenances in co. Chester, together with all reversions of all lands, etc., which he has of the feoffment of John de Legh, father of the said John de Legh of le Bothes [see 60 above]. 18 Ap. 1432. Seal, missing.

65. Gift by Stephen de Crombewell' and Cecilia his wife, formerly wife of John de Thelwall, to William Mossecroppe, his heirs and assigns, of a burgage, with garden and selion adjacent, and its other appurtenances, in the vill of Knottesford Bothes, situated between the burgage formerly of Elizabeth Cam and the burgage formerly of Richard Tele; which said burgage, garden and selion Cecilia lately had of the gift of Nicholas de Wryghtinton', chaplain, and William de Are. 21 Dec. 1433. 2 seals, missing.

66. Lease by John de Legh of le Buthes and Hugh Fyton' to Hugh le Tayllour' and Philippa his wife, of a burgage in Knotesford, situated

between the burgage of John le Smyght, on the one side, and the lane called *le Mynscul lane* on the other, with the orchard and garden adjacent, and with a selion in *le Domfyld*, and another selion and garden adjacent in the field called *le Slaynemonsfyld* between the selion late of Hugh de Knotesford and the selion of Hugh le Cocker ; to have, etc., to the said Hugh and Philippa and to the longer liver of them from Midsummer next following ; rent 12s. sterling at the two terms of the year, in equal portions, Hugh or Philippa to keep the burgage and its appurtenances in repair. 6 May 1434. 2 seals, missing.

67. Lease for 50 years by John de Munchull' to Richard de Wolmore, his wife and children, of a burgage, with garden and selion adjacent, in Over Knottesford between the burgages of William de Are and Richard de Farneworth ; rent, 20d. silver to the said John, and to the lord of Knottesford Bothes 30d. at the two terms of the year, in equal portions, and one man for reaping in Autumn or 2d. 6 Nov. 1434. Seal, missing.

68. Feoffment by John de Legh, lord of le Bothes, to Oliver de Legh, parson of the church of Davenham, and Roger Doumvyale, parson of the church of Lymme, of his manors of le Bothes and Torkynton' with all appurtenances and all his messuages, lands, tenements, rents and services and their appurtenances in co. Chester, together with the reversion of all those lands and tenements which Matilda de Legh holds in dower after the death of John de Legh, grandfather of the feoffor, by the assignment of John de Legh, father of the feoffor, in the vills of Routhesthorn', Yarewode, Mere and le Mershe, with their reversion after the death of the said Matilda to the said feoffor. 28 Apr. 1438. Seal, missing. With a late 15th cent. copy.

Ormerod, i. 495 note b.

69. Gift by John de Legh, lord of le Bothes, to his son Geoffrey of a burgage with the adjacent land which he lately acquired from Richard Sondes and Cecilia his wife, and another burgage with the adjacent land which he lately acquired from Richard de Wolmer, both in the vill of Knottesford, excepting in each case 30d. of chief rent issuing from each burgage to the said John's heirs. 20 Jan. 1440. Seal, missing.

70. Letter of attorney to Henry Holand to deliver seisin of the above burgages. 21 [Jan.] 1440. Seal, missing. Slightly imperfect.

71. Quitclaim by Oliver Legh, parson of the church of Danam, Roger Doumvyale, parson of the church of Lymme, Richard Dutton', parson of the church of Routhethorn' [sic], and Richard Sydeswyrd, chaplain, to John Legh, son of John Legh of Knottesford Bothes, of all their lands, tenements, rents and services with appurtenances in Knottesford Bothes, Torkynton', Ollerton', Routhesthorn', Bollynton', Yarwoode, Moburley, Myllynton', and le Mere in co. Chester. 10 Feb. 1443. 2 seals, missing.

72. Gift by John le Venables, son of Roger le Venables, formerly parson of Routhesthorn', to Robert le Grosvenor of a messuage with the adjacent land in Over Knottesford between the messuage of John de Knottesford, on the one side, and the fish-pond of John de Legh, lord of le Bothes, on the other, which messuage and land he lately acquired from the said Roger, his father. 4 May 1443. Seal, missing.

73. Dispensation for the marriage of John de Lye and Emma de Grevenour. 5 June 1443. Seal, missing.

74. Will of Charles de Lee. 21 Sept. 1443.

75. Gift by Thomas de Toft to Thomas de Lathum of Knottesford, draper, of a burgage in Nether Knottesford between the burgages of John de Knottesford and John de Gretolur, together with a selion in *le Whitebruch*; rent, 6s. 2d. p.a. at the two terms of the year, in equal portions; with right of distrain and re-entry. 21 Sept. 1448. Seal, missing.

76. Gift by John de Legh of le Bothes to Thomas de Snelston' of a burgage with the adjacent land in Knottesford, situated between the burgage of Elena Archebalt, on the one side, and the burgage late of William de Are next to the bakehouse, on the other, which said burgage John lately recovered against John del Cornell'; rent, 6s. 8d. p.a. at the two terms of the year, in equal portions, doing suit of court to the said John's water-mill and common oven and performing all other customs and services which the other burgesses are bound to perform by the common charter; with right of distrain and re-entry. 11 Nov. 1450. Seal, missing.

77. Quitclaim by John de Legh, son and heir of Robert de Legh, late of Knottesford, to Henry le Baxter and Elena his wife of all his right, etc., in a burgage with appurtenances in Knottesford Bothes which they have of his feoffment. 2 Jan. 1451. Seal, missing.

78. Gift by John Knottesford to Richard de Wolmer of a burgage with adjacent land in Nether Knottesford, lying between the burgage of Hugh le Maynwarynge and a burgage of the said John; rent, 16d. p.a. at the two terms of the year, in equal portions; with right of distrain and re-entry. 11 Nov. 1453. Seal, missing.

79. Gift by John Legh, senior, of le Bothes to Hugh Boydell' of a piece of ground and the building standing thereon, together with an adjacent garden, in Overknottesford, lying between the tenements of Robert Grosvenour and John Knottesford; rent, a red rose yearly at Midsummer, if demanded, for all services. 3 June 1454. Seal, missing.

80. Gift by John Lowe and Anna his wife to Thomas de Henshagh' of all their messuages, lands, tenements, rents and services in the vill of Knottesford. 13 Jan. 1455. Seal, missing.

81. Indenture between Joan, who was wife of John Legh of le Bothes, kt., and John Legh, esq., son of the said John Legh, kt., whereby the former leases to the latter for 60 years all those messuages, lands, tenements, rents and services with appurtenances which the said John Legh, kt., and Joan lately had of the feoffment of Oliver de Legh, parson of the church of Davenham, and Roger Downvile, deceased, parson of the church of Lymme, in Knottesford, Knottesfordbothes, Torkynton', Modburley, Ollerton and elsewhere in co. Chester; rent, 5l. p.a. at Midsummer next following or within 40 days thereof, and afterwards 10l. p.a. at the two terms of the year or within 40 days thereof, in equal portions, during the said term; with right of re-entry and with certain provisos. *Hiis testibus Iohanne, Comite Salopie, Iusticiario Cestrie, Ricardo Tunstall', milite, Camerario Cestrie, Willemo del Both', milite, Vicecomite Cestres', et aliis.* 11 June 1460. Seal, missing.

82. Indenture between Joan, who was wife of John Legh of le Bothes, kt., and their son Philip, witnessing that she has leased to him all her messuages, lands, tenements, rents and services, with appurtenances, in the vills of Knottesford, Knottesfordbothes, Torkynton', Modburley and Ollerton in co. Chester, for term of her life ; rent, 9 silver marks at the two terms of the year, in equal portions ; with right of re-entry ; if Joan survive Philip this lease becomes null and void ; the said Philip, William Venables of Golburn' David, John Legh of le Bothes, Robert Leycestre of Tofte, and Thomas Knottesford of Twemlowe bind themselves to pay Joan 100l. should Philip or his brother John Legh, their heirs or assigns, cause any damage or waste in the said messuages, etc. 20 May 1466. Seal, missing.

83. Indenture between John Legh of Knottesford Bothes, esq., and John Patryk, witnessing that the former has granted the latter a burgage in Knottesford Bothez lying at *Pykstele*, with an adjacent selion ; rent, 2s. 6d. p.a. at the two terms of the year, in equal portions ; doing suit of court to the mill and common oven ; with right of distrain and re-entry. 14 Sept. 1466. Seal, missing.

84. Gift of Geoffrey Davy, Rector of the church of Swetenam, and Robert Leycestr', esq., to John Holden of Netherknottesford of a burgage in Netherknottesford, with 2 adjacent gardens, lying between a lane called *Mynshullawne* on the south and a burgage late of John Whitley on the north, saving a part of the said burgage lately in the tenure of Thomas Alisaunder ; also a tenement ['tenement' written over an erasion] called *Slaynmonfeld* in Netherknottesford and a selion lying in a field called *le Overmast Damfeld* in Netherknottesford between land of Robert Bente on both sides, with all appurtenances ; rent 16s. p.a. at the two terms of the year, in equal portions ; with right of distrain and re-entry. 8 Feb. 1472. Seal, missing.

85. Gift by Simon Hatton' to Geoffrey Mascy of all his messuages, burgages, lands and tenements, with all appurtenances, in Knottesford and Knottesford Bothes or elsewhere in co. Chester. 10 July 1472. Seal, missing.

86. Letter of attorney to William Maykyn to deliver seisin of the same. [85]. 10 July 1472. Seal, missing.

87. Gift by Thomas Knottesford to Geoffrey Mascy, yeoman, of a burgage in Overknottesford with a garden and selion adjacent, which burgage lies between the burgage of Geoffrey Mascy, kt., on the south and the burgage of the said Thomas on the north, and the selion abuts upon it ; rent, 10d. p.a. at the two terms of the year, in equal portions ; with right of distrain and re-entry. 12 Sept. 1472. Seal, missing.

88. Gift by Alice, widow of Nicholas Hassulhurst, in her pure widowhood, to Thomas Heth of a burgage in Knottesford Bothes lying between the burgage of Elena, widow of Thomas Wode, on the north, and the burgage late of Thomas Holford, on the south, with a garden and selion adjacent to the same, which selion lies in a field called *leprossefeld*. 21 Sept. 1472. Seal, missing.

89. Demise by Geoffrey Davy, Rector of the church of Swetenam, and Robert Leycestr' of Tofte, esq., to Robert Cachehare of a burgage in Netherknottesford, with a garden and croft adjacent, lying between the

burgage in John Bosdon's tenure on the south and the burgage in Thomas Strynger's tenure on the north ; which burgage, etc., they lately had, *inter alia*, of the feoffment of John Yate, chaplain, and Robert Nedam ; rent, 4s. p.a. at the two terms of the year, in equal portions ; with right of distrain and re-entry ; attorney to deliver seisin, Robert Lathum. 12 May 1475. Seal, missing.

90. Gift by Reginald Legh of le Bothes to Geoffrey Mascy of a burgage in Overknottesford, with a garden and selion adjacent, lying at *Pykstele* next to the burgage of Geoffrey Mascy, kt., the selion being in the field called *leprosefeld* next to the selion late of Simon Hatton' towards the east ; attorney to deliver seisin, Robert Lathum. 8 April 1478. Seal, missing.

91. Indenture of award by William Venables of Kynderton', esq., Piers Venables and Thomas Spencer in a dispute between Geoffrey Mascy and John Hatton respecting the right and title of all such burgages, messuages, lands and tenements in Overknottesford which Geoffrey lately had of the gift and feoffment of Simon Hatton'. 20 Dec. 1478. Seals, missing. (Eng.)

92. Quitclaim by John Hatton', son and heir of Simon Hatton', deceased, to Geoffrey Mascy of all his right, etc., in all messuages, burgages, lands and tenements, with all their appurtenances, in Knottesford and Knottesford Bothes which Geoffrey had of Simon's gift by his charter of 10 July 1472 [85 above]. 20 Oct. 1479. Seal, missing.

93. Grant by Geoffrey Mascy of Knottisford Superior to Agnes, daughter of James Glasebroke, of 5 marks from his goods, etc., by way of dower. 13 July 1504. Seal, missing.

94. Feoffment by Philip Legh of Bothes, esq., to William Brereton, esq. (son and heir of Andrew Brereton, kt.), William Brereton (son and heir of the said William), John Fitton, esq. (son and heir of Edward Fitton, esq.), Edward Fitton (son and heir of the said John), Richard Doone of Utkynton, esq., John Doone (son and heir of the said Richard), Thomas Huls, esq., Philip Huls (son and heir of the said Thomas), Robert Blakwall, one of the Masters of the King's Chancery, and John Salter of Newport, Salop, learned in the law, of his manor of Knottisford Bothes, Northebury Bothes and Knottisford and all other his messuages, lands, etc., in the vills of Knottisford Bothes, Ollerton', Moburley, Rauthestorne, Myllyngton', and Bolynton' or elsewhere in co. Chester, together with the reversion of all those messuages, lands, etc., which Anne, late wife of John Legh, esq., holds for life ; excepting those messuages, lands, etc., of the yearly value of 20l. lately granted for life to Elizabeth, daughter of Anne Brereton, late wife of Andrew Brereton, kt. (which Elizabeth the said Philip is going to marry), and lands and tenements of the yearly value of 20 marcs lately granted by the said Philip for the fulfilling of his intention ; and excepting a parcel of land in Torkynton' called *Heppalles*, and an acre of land in the vill of Moburlegh' which is parcel of the pond of the water-mill called *le Bothe Milne* and lies at the upper part of the said pond ; to the use of the said Philip and his lawful heirs male. 14 Aug. 1506. 5 seals, missing.

Imperfect abstract in Ormerod, i. 495 note b.

95. Gift of Agnes de Kyrfote and Charles her son to James Chorltan', chaplain, of the burgage in Knottesford Bothes in which they live, with a

garden and selion adjacent in the field called *leprossfeld*, and of another burgage next to it with a garden and a selion in a certain common field called *Overtounfeld*, both of which they lately had of the feoffment of Oliver de Kyrfote, Agnes's late husband, and which are next to Philip Legh's burgage on the south and the *Bakhouse Burgage* on the north. 10 April 1512. Seal, missing.

96. Feoffment by Roger Knottisford of Twemlowe to John Bent, Robert Madoc, James Swynton and William Burgess of a parcel of land with a small garden in *le Minchill' Lawne* in Nether Knottisford lately in James Hugh's tenure and lying between the said lane on the south and the garden in Geoffrey Wynstanley's tenure on the north; rent, 2s. p.a. at the two terms of the year, in equal portions; with right of distrain and re-entry. 1 Dec. 1511. Seal, missing.

97. Feoffment by Thomas Lathum of Knottisford to the above John, Robert, James and William of an annual rent of 2s. from a burgage in Nether Knottisford in the tenure of Petronilla Lathum, widow, lying between the burgage in Ralph Peycok's tenure, on the south, and the burgage formerly belonging to John Burges and now in John Atkynson's tenure, on the north; rent 2s. p.a. at the two terms of the year, in equal portions. 15 Jan. 1512. Seal, missing.

98. Lease for 500 years by Philip Legh of Bothes, esq., to Roger Knottesford of Twemlowe of an acre of land in the *Overbrandyorth* in Knottesford lordship in Henry Swanley's holding. 1 April 1512. Seal, missing.

Endorsed: 18 Decr. 1744, *the Seal affixed to this Deed was accidentally broke of [sic] by me, S. Finney*. A 17th note places the acre in *Overbrend-yearthes*.

99. Similar lease of an acre in the *Crosse feld* in Knottesford lordship in Hugh Mascy's holding. 1 April 1512. Seal, missing.

100. Feoffment by Roger Knottesford of Twemlowe to Robert Moscrope, Nicholas Wolmer, John Bent and Robert Madock of a burgage in Overknottesford with a garden and of a selion in *le Bothslade* adjacent to the same, the said burgage and garden lying between the burgage of Nicholas Wolmer on the north and the burgage late of Emnot Tasker on the south; rent 2d. p.a. at the two terms of the year, in equal portions; with right of distrain and re-entry. 5 April 1512. Seal, missing.

101. Quitclaim by Roger Knottesford to Philip Legh of Bothes, esq., of all his right, etc., in an acre of land lying in a close next to *le Birchynfeld*. 13 May 1516. Seal, missing.

102. Sale by Agnes Cachehare, daughter and heiress of Robert Cachehare, to George Holforde, kt., of a burgage, with garden, croft and appurtenances, in Netherknottisforde which she has inherited from her father and which lies between the burgage in Thomas Chessworthe's tenure on the south and the burgage in Hugh Wode's tenure on the north; attorneys to deliver seisin, Robert Massy and John Wrenche. 20 May 1519. Seal, missing.

103. Sale by James Wolmer of Overknotysford and his son and heir Laurence Wolmer to Thomas Wolmer of a burgage with croft and garden in Overknotysford; attorneys to deliver seisin, Thomas Tofte and Richard Chester. 26 Aug. 1527. Seal, missing.

104. Quitclaim from the same to the same respecting the same. 26 Aug. 1527. Seal, missing.

105. Receipt of the above Laurence Wolmer to the above Thomas Wolmer respecting the same. 26 Aug. 1527. Seal, missing.

106. Grant by Thomas Wolmer to his father James Wolmer of a burgage with croft and garden in Overknotysford which he lately had from the said James ; to have, etc., to James for life, and then to return to Thomas, his heirs and assigns ; attorney to deliver seisin, Hugh Moscroppe. 10 Sept. 1527. Seal, missing.

107. Indenture of agreement between Robert Moscroppe and his wife Elizabeth, of the one part, and their son and heir Hugh Moscroppe, of the other, whereby Hugh is to have *the mease place* with appurtenances in Over Knotysford, paying therefor 40s. to the said Robert, and Robert and Elizabeth are to have the house in which Robert lives ; with proviso in case of Elizabeth's widowhood. 10 Nov. 1528. 2 seals, missing.

108. Feoffment to uses by John Wolmer, son and heir of Edward Wolmer, lately deceased, to William Antrobus, Thomas Brocke, Thomas Tofte and Henry Ashton, chaplain, of all his messuages, etc., together with a croft called *Mytley* in Geoffrey Wolmer's tenure for life, with all appurtenances, in Overknotysford and Netherknotysford or elsewhere in co. Chester. 6 March 1536. Seal, missing.

109. Lease for 60 years by John Lancaster, Prior of the Monastery of St. John the Baptist of Laund, Leics., and the Convent of the same, to John Leghe of Norbury Boothes, esq., of *all and syngler there tithe corne and hey, pygges, gesse, hemp and flax growyng, cumyng or being w'in the cyrcuett of the lordshippe and demeanes of Norbury Boothes* ; rent, 13s. 4d. p.a. at the two terms of the year, in equal portions. 4 Jan. 1538. Seal, missing.

Cf. Ormerod, i. 498.

110. Indenture of agreement between John Hassall' of Lychfeld, Staffs., of the one part, and Ralph Chedwycke and Thomas Swynton', wardens or reeves of the chapel of Netherknotysford, of the other, respecting certain arrears from lands and tenements of John Alexander, lately deceased, belonging to Elizabeth Alexander, now wife of the said John Hassall', by right of her jointure. 14 Aug. 1538. Seal, missing.

111. Bargain and sale by William Swynton' of Netherknottesford, mercer, to John Leghe of Bothes, esq., of all his right, etc., in a burgage in Netherknottesford, with all appurtenances. 26 Jan. 1540. Seal, missing.

112. Bond of the above William Swynton' and of George Holford, and Thomas Walton, gentlemen, to the above John Leghe, for performance of the same [111]. 26 Jan. 1540.

113. Grant by Hugh Kockar [sic] of Meir, gentleman, and John Cockar, his son and heir, to Roger Cockar, son of the said John, for life, of an annual rent of 13s. 4d. from 2 tenements in Knotisforde ; with right of distraint. 6 July 1541. *Hiis testibus Willelmo Meyr, armigero, Roberto Leghe, armigero, et Willelmo Hardwicke, clerico, qui presentes propria scripsit manu, cum multis aliis.*

The names of the witnesses, all three of whom also sign at the foot, follow the date, as above.

114. Quitclaim by Isota Lynney of Nether Knottysforde, widow, to John Legh of Bothes, esq., of all her right, etc., in a messuage in Nether Knottysforde in her occupation. 8 Nov. 1541. Seal, missing.

115. Feoffment to uses by John Leghe of le Bothes, esq., to Ralph Leycestr' of Toft, esq., and William Hieghfeld, gentleman, of his manor or chief messuage of le Bothes called *the hall of the Bothes* and all his messuages, etc., in Knottesford Bothes, Overknottesford, Netherknottesford, Ollerton, Roustorn' and Torkynton or elsewhere in co. Chester. 10 March 1544. Seal, missing.

Ormerod, i. 495 note b.

116. Sale by Elizabeth Bayle, widow, daughter and heir of Thomas Chapman, to John Legh of Bothes, kt., of a burgage, with garden and selion adjacent, in Overknottysford in Thomas Maynwaryng's occupation, lying between a burgage of the said John Legh in Hugh Blacburne's tenure on the north and another burgage of the said John in James Leche's tenure on the south; attorneys to deliver seisin, John Holte and William Ancres. 3 April 1545. Seal, missing.

117. Gift by Laurence Wulmeir of Knottesford to John Legh of Bothes, kt., of a burgage and land in Knottesford Bothez in the tenure of the said Laurence, Thomas Dent and Henry Whitmor, lying between the burgage of Thomas Danyell in Hugh Cowper's tenure, on the east, the burgage of the said John Legh in John Thrilwynde's tenure, on the west, the burgage of Ralph Maynwaryng, kt., in William Antrobuz's tenure, on the south, and the burgage of the said John Legh in Thomas Mylner's tenure, on the north; attorneys to deliver seisin, John Thrilwynde and Hugh Cowper. 13 April 1546. Seal, missing.

118. Quitclaim from the same to the same respecting the same. 13 April 1546. Seal, missing.

119. Bargain and sale by Richard Heghfelde of Knottisford parish, yeoman, and Jane, his wife, to John Legh of the Bothes, kt., of 3 burgages with all appurtenances in Nether Knottisford in the several tenures of John Holte, James Cryer and William Ankers, and agreement for a lease to Richard and Jane and their daughter Ellen of a messuage with appurtenances in Moberley in the tenure of Charles Strettell', the elder, and of a close called *Rigwey close* in William Tofte's tenure. 15 May 1547. 2 seals, missing. [See 205 below.]

120. Sale by Richard Heghefylde of Nether Knottesforde, husbandman, and Jane his wife (daughter and heir of the late Philip Swanley) to John Legh of Boithes [*sic*], kt., of all their burgages, lands, etc., in Nether Knottesforde which were the inheritance of the said Philip Swanley and are in the separate tenures of John Holt, James Crimes, and William Ankers. 16 Sept. 1547. 2 seals, missing. [See 205 below.]

121. Quitclaim by the same to the same respecting the same. 16 Sept. 1547. Seal, missing.

122. Feoffment by John Legh of Bothes, kt., to William Brereton', kt., Ralph Leycester, kt., William Moreton, esq., Richard Starke of Stretton, esq., and Thomas Legh, gentleman (son and heir of Robert Legh of High Legh, esq.), of all those his lands, tenements, etc. in Overknotysford and

Netherknotysford which he lately had of Laurence Wolmer, Elizabeth Bayle, widow, John Taylier and Richard Highfeld and Jane his wife ; to the use of the said John Legh, kt., and his lawful male heirs, with remainder to John Legh, his bastard son, and his heirs and assigns for ever ; also of all his messuages, lands, etc., in Ollerton, to the use of the said John Legh, kt., and his lawful male heirs, with remainders to the said John Legh, his bastard son, for life and, after his death, to the rightful heirs of the said John Legh, kt., for ever ; attorneys to deliver seisin, Thomas Legh of Tabley and Hugh Meyre of Rothestorne. 23 July 1548. Seal, missing.

Ormerod, i. 495 note *b*.

123. Sale by John Swynton of Netherknotysford, *sherman*, and his son and heir Hugh Swynton to John Legh of Bothes, kt., of a messuage with appurtenances in Netherknotysford in the said John Swynton's occupation, lying between Henry Madacke's burgage on the north and the burgage of James Broster in Thomas Murcroft's tenure on the south ; attorneys to deliver seisin, Henry Hoghe and Richard Oldfeld, jun. 11 Dec. 1549. 2 seals, missing.

124. Quitclaim from the same to the same respecting the same. 11 Dec. 1549. 2 seals, missing.

125. Grant by Richard Venables and John Maynerde, esquires, to John Leighe of Norbury Boothes, kt., of all their messuages, lands, etc. in the tenures or occupation of John Barington, Robert Hough, William Edge, Thomas Swynton, Randolph Acson, Roger Henshagh, Ellen Wolmer, Godfrey Hough, John Millington, John Swynton, Geoffrey Burges, Richard Nylde, Geoffrey Stubbe, Thomas Bente, Isota Aldcrofte, Richard Shore, George Forester, Elizabeth Rigewey and William Aldcrofte or their assigns in Netherknottisforde, Sudlowe and Overknottisforde, formerly given to the chaplains and priests celebrating in the chapel of the Blessed Mary of Netherknottisforde, as fully, freely, etc. as the said Richard Venables and John Maynerde had them of the grant of the King by his letters patent of 21 Dec. 1549 ; to hold to the said John Leighe, kt., his heirs and assigns for ever of the King as of his manor of Estgrenewich, co. Kent, by fealty only, in free socage and not in chief ; attorneys to deliver seisin, Thomas Leigh of Northwode and Hugh Meyre, gentlemen. 24 Dec. 1549. 2 seals, missing.

126. Similar grant by the above John Maynarde (Richard Venables being deceased) to the above John Leyghe, kt., of the same. 4 Dec. 1551. Seal, missing.

127. Exemplification of the above [126]. 7 Dec. 1551. Seal, missing.

128. Quitclaim by John Holcroft, sen., kt., of Holcroft, Lancs., to John Legh of Norbury Bothes, kt., of all his right, etc. in his messuages, burgages, etc. in Nether Knottesford. 9 Ap. 1553. Seal, missing.

129. Exemplification of certain decrees by the Chancellor and Council of the Duchy of Lancaster, upon information given by Sir John Savage, kt., High Steward of the Honor and Fee of Halton (parcel of the Duchy of Lancaster in the County of Chester), against Sir John Leighe, kt., respecting yearly courts and leets kept by the latter within the town of Overknottesforde *alias* Knotesforde Bothes (parcel of the said Honor and Fee)

without any warrant or authority. 5 July 1557. Duchy of Lancaster seal, missing.

130. Indenture of covenants between the Queen, of the one part, and Dame Jane Leighe (widow of Sir John Leighe, kt.) and Sir William Sneade, kt., of the other, respecting the grant to Dame Jane and Sir William of the wardship and marriage of John Leighe, son and heir of the said Sir John Leighe, kt. 23 Nov. 1558. Seal, missing. Attached is an extent of the lands, etc. of Sir John which descended to the said John Leighe, esq.

131. Grant to the above Dame Jane Leighe and Sir William Snede of the wardship and marriage of the above John Leighe and of an annuity of 12l. from the manors of Knottesforde Bothes, Norbery Bothes and Torkynton' and messuages, etc. in the same and in Ollerton', Mobberley, Marshe, Millington and Meyre. 28 Jan. 1559. Seal, missing.

132. Bargain and sale by Leonard Stockeley of Newhall, gentleman, to William Ankers of Netherknottesford, dyer, of annual rents issuing from 2 messuages in Netherknottesford (in the tenures of Roger Henshaw and Margaret Acson, widow, respectively) and from land in the Crosse Towne in the lordship of Netherknottesford. 10 July 1565. Seal, missing.

133. Grant to Richard Onslowe, the Queen's attorney of the Court of Wards and Liveries, of the house and manor of Bothes with appurtenances, 3 watermills belonging to the same, the croft called *the millcroft*, closes called *Crothers croft*, *the greate Olerton hey*, *the greate Ollerton*, *the Orchard Flate*, *the Pole Flate*, *the Churche woodland*, *the greate Todhall*, *Crose feld*, *the mershe feld*, *the Parke feld*, *the Stanfeld*, *the Lyllicote hey* and *the Blente Erthe*, a pasture called *the hethe parke*, meadows called *the Merlet earth medowe*, *the Shippen Flate*, and *the Todhall medowe*, together with *the rough orchard*, *the Springe wood*, *the old parke*, and *the Churche wood*, all parcel of the lands, etc. of the late Sir John Leighe, kt., and late the jointure of Jane Leighe, his late wife, deceased; to have, etc. during the minority of John Leighe, son and heir of the said Sir John. 16 Feb. 1570. Seal, missing.

134. Lease for 26 years by John Meare of Meare, esq., to Thomassin Bate, widow of Humphrey Bate, esq., of his messuage in *the Churchfelde* of Knottisford, the moiety of *the tythe corne*, *pigge*, *gose*, *hempe* and *flaxe arrisyng . . . and being wthin the circuit of the townshippes of Over Knottisford and Nether Knottisford* together with the glebe land in Knottisford and all the tithes of corn of the same or of any other land of the said Thomassin in Knottisford, and the moiety of *all tithes of corne*, *hey*, *pigge*, *gose*, *hempe* and *flaxe growing*, *comming*, *renewing* and *being wthin the towne of Merthall . . . and the towne of Bexton . . . , the duties of tithes belonging to the vicare their always exepted and reserved*. 20 June 1571. Seal, missing.

135. Livery to John Leighe, esq., son and heir of John Leighe, late of Norbury Bothes, kt. 5 Aug. 1574.

136. Extent of the manors, lands, etc., of the above John Leighe, esq. 1574.

137. Deed to declare the uses of a recovery by John Leighe of the Bowthes, esq., against William Brereton of Brereton, esq., and William Leycester of Tofte, esq., of the manors of Norberye Bowthes and Knottesford Bowthes, with appurtenances, and 200 messuages, 5 water-mills, a

dovehouse and land in the same and in Ollerton, Nether Knottisforde, Mobberley, Sudlowe, Tabley, Meyre, Millington, Rothestorne, Marshe, Bollington and Torkinton. 20 Sept. 1574. Seal, missing.

138. Indenture of defeasance between William Brereton of Brereton, esq., and John Leighe of Boothes, esq., respecting a Statute Merchant between them of the same date. 7 Oct. 1575. Seal, missing.

139. Lease for three lives by John Leigh of the Bothes, esq., and Jane his wife, to John Yarwoode of Nether Knottysford, shoe maker, Parnell his wife and Richard their son, of the messuage in Nether Knottysford in the said John Yarwoode's occupation. 18 July 1577. Seal, missing.

140. Demise by the above Thomassin Bate to her son William Bate of the messuage, glebe, tithes, etc. leased to her by John Meare on 20 June 1571 [134 above]. 3 Aug. 1579. Seal, missing. Slightly imperfect.

141. Exemplification of the Inquisition post mortem (18 Hen. VIII) of Philip Legh of Bothes, esq. 10 June 1581. Seal, missing.

142. Indenture of covenants between John Leighe of Norbury Boothes, esq., and Jane his wife, of the one part, and Geoffrey Shakarley of Byveley, esq., of the other, respecting a dispute concerning various manors, lands, etc. in co. Chester. [See 143 below.] 4 Sept. 1584. Seal, missing.

143. Quitclaim by the above Geoffrey Shakarley to the above John Leighe of all his right, etc. in all those manors, lands, etc. in the tenure of the said John in Knottesford Boothes *alias* Overknottesford, Norburie Boothes, Torkinton, Marsh, Rothestorne, Nether Knottesforde, Bollington, Moberley, Ollerton, Heppalles, Meyre, Millington, Sudlow, Nether Tabley, Marthall and Warforde. 5 Sept. 1584. Seal, missing.

144. Writ of trespass against James Hanson, late of Merthall, labourer, for breaking into the close of John Leigh, esq., and Jane, his wife, called *Booth Lane* at Norbury Boothes on 9 July 1586.

145. Bond of John Henshawe of Lockwood, Staffs., gentleman, Ralph Hollinshead of Heywood, gentleman, and John Taylor of Snelston, husbandman, to John Leighe of Bowthes, esq., and Geoffrey Shakerley of Byley, esq., for the performance of covenants contained in a bargain and sale by the said John Henshawe to the said John Leighe and Geoffrey Shakerley of certain yearly rents issuing from messuages, lands, etc., in Netherknottesford and Overknottesford. 22 Ap. 1587.

145a. Release by Geoffrey Shakerley of Byveley, esq., to John Leigh of Boothes, esq., of certain yearly rents issuing from divers messuages with appurtenances in Nether Knottesford which John Henshaw, gentleman, sold to the said John Leigh and the said Geoffrey Shakerley by indenture of 22 April 1587 [145 above]. 1 Feb. 1588. Seal, missing.

146. Subpœna for John Leigh, esq., to appear before the Chancellor and Council of the Duchy of Lancaster at Westminster Palace on 17 May next coming. 20 March 1588.

147. Lease by William Bate of Nether Knottesford, gentleman, to John Chadedocke of Rosthorne, clerk, of 4 closes (2 called *the Byrchen feildes* or *Byrchen heyas*; one, *wherein one kylne . . . nowe standeth*, called the *Church feild*; and one called *the Barnefeild*) in Norbury Boothes, within or near the demesne lands of John Leigh, esq., being parcel of the glebe lands

belonging to the parish church of Knottesford; to have, etc. for the remainder of the term contained in a lease made by John Meyre of Meire, esq., to Thomassin Bate, deceased (mother of the said William), on 20 June 1571 [see 134 above]. 1 Oct. 1591. Seal, missing.

148. Quitclaim by Hamlet Stockley of Newall, gentleman, son and heir of Leonard Stockley, late of Newall, gentleman, deceased, to Geoffrey Aldcrofte of Over Knottesford, shoe-maker, of all his right, etc. in an annual rent issuing from a messuage in Over Knottesford in the said Geoffrey's tenure. 22 Oct. 1597. Seal, missing.

149. Bond of indemnity of William Leigh, gentleman, son and heir of John Leigh of Norbury Boothes, esq., to William Allyn of Rothstorne, gentleman. 10 July 1602. Seal, missing.

150. Rental of Over Knottesforde, Nether Knottesforde, Moberley and Owlerton. n.d. [late 16th/early 17th cent.]. Endorsed: *My Sonne Williames nottes* [sc. notes], apparently in the hand of John Leigh of Norbury Booths, father of William Leigh. Parchm., 1 m.

151. Surrender by Geoffrey Aldcrofte of Overknottesford, shoe-maker, Ellen Bow of Moburley, widow, John Strettell of Moburley, husbandman, Margaret Strettell, widow (mother of the said John), and Ellen Eaton, widow of Thomas Eaton, late of Bollington, to John Leigh of Norbury Boothes, esq., of the messuages, lands, etc. in Overknottesforde, Moburley, and Bollington in their occupation. 16 May 1603. 5 seals, missing.

152. Conveyance by John Leigh of Norbury Boothes, esq., to Thomas Leigh, one of his younger sons, of messuages, lands, etc. in Moburley, Oulerton, Bollington and Knottesford Booths some-time in the joint or several tenures of Ellen Bow, widow, John Baxter, deceased, Alice Ridgway, widow, deceased, John Ridgway, John Baxter, deceased [sic], Philip Hewitt, deceased, Thomas Eaton, deceased, Nicholas Homfrey, deceased, Geoffrey Aldcroft, and John Moscropp, deceased; to have, etc. for the life of the grantee, on condition that he does not demise, grant or assign them during the lifetime of Jane Leigh, his mother. 25 May 1603. Seal, missing.

153. Grant by John Leigh of Norbury Boothes, esq., and Jane his wife, to Richard Leigh, gentleman, one of their younger sons, of an annual rent of 10l. issuing from their manor house or capital messuage of Norbury Boothes, commonly called *the Hall of Boothes*, and the closes, fields, etc. belonging thereto, for 50 years. 25 Feb. 1604. 2 seals, missing.

154. Lease for 90 years by Francis Leigh, gentleman (younger son of John Leigh of Norbury Boothes, esq.), with the consent of his mother Jane Leigh, to William Leigh, gentleman (son and heir of the said John), of messuages, etc. in Knottesford Boothes *alias* Over Knottesford and Nether Knottesford demised to him for life by John and William on 10 April last past. 20 April 1614. Seals, missing.

155. Jury presentment that Robert Antrobus, Robert Norbury and Thomas Briggess, all of Over Knottesford, husbandmen, forcibly broke into the close of John Leigh, esq., at Over Knottesford on 28 April 1615 and carried off three *eydging cloddes*.

156. Bargain and sale by Geoffrey Massye of Nether Knottesford, silk

weaver, to Richard Patrick of Nether Tabley, yeoman, and Nicholas Partington of Pyckmeyre of messuages in the holding of William Percivall, John Coppock, Roger Grantham, Edward Hughett, John Halle and Beatrice Templer in Over Knottesford and Knottesford Bouthes. 7 Sept. 1619. 2 seals, missing.

157. Lease for 10 years by John Leigh, gentleman (son and heir of William Leigh of Northburie Boothes, esq.), to the said William of the close called *the Shepcote Flatt*, part of the demesne lands of Northburie Boothes. 14 Oct. 1628.

158. Grant by William Leigh of Northburie Boothes, esq., to Peter Venables, esq., Baron of Kinderton, Thomas Mallory of Moburley, Master of Arts and Dean of Chester, Hugh Cholmondley of Oulton, esq., and Thomas Cholmondley of Vale Royall, esq., of an annual rent of 100l. issuing from certain closes (*the Churchwood, the great meadowe, the poole flatt meadowe, the wood parke, the brickhill feild, the Brickhill meadow, the rough orchard, and the Brandearthes*), part of the demesne lands of Northburie Booths. 15 Sept. 1629. Seal, missing.

159. Bargain and sale by Richard Antrobus, yeoman, to John Leigh of Overknottesford, gentleman (son and heir of William Leigh of Norbury Boothes, esq.), of a burgage in Overknottesford *standinge neere unto a certaine Steele called the Picksteele*, with a parcel of land lying behind the same and all other appurtenances. 26 May 1633. Seal, missing.

160. Quitclaim by the same to the same respecting the same. 31 May 1634. Seal, missing.

161. Grant by William Leighe of Northburie Boothes, esq., to Peter Venables of Kinderton, esq., William Booth, esq. (son and heir of Sir George Booth of Dunham Massey, kt. and bart.), Hugh Cholmley of Knights Graunge, gentleman, and Thomas Cholmley of Vale Royall, gentleman, of an annual rent issuing from certain closes (*the Churchwood, the great meadowe, the poole flatt meadowe, the wood parke, the brickhill feild, the Brickhill meadowe, the rough orchard, the Crosse feild, the milne yordes, and the Brundearthes*), parcels of the demesne lands in Northburie Boothes of the said William Leighe, in trust for Elizabeth (wife of Thomas Whichcote, gentleman) and Mary, his daughters. 17 Dec. 1634. Seal, missing. With duplicate.

162. Absolution granted to John Leigh of Knottesford chapelry, gentleman, and Dorothy Ashton of the parish of Middleton for their clandestine marriage. 11 Jan. 1638.

163. Decree of court, at Nantwich, in a case respecting the non-fulfilment of a charitable bequest in the Will of Thomas Legh, late of Northbury Boothes, gentleman, deceased, made to *the young beginners and the rest of the tradesmen of the Towne of Over Knottesford or Higher Towne of Knottesford*. 8 June 1666.

164. Lease for three lives by Edmund Stockley of Newall, gentleman, to John Tallbot of Over Knutsford, chapman, of a messuage with appurtenances in Over Knutsford. 15 Feb. 1673. Seal, missing.

165. Abstract of a fine between John Gandy and John Lowe, jun., gentlemen, plaintiffs, and Peter Legh, esq., and his wife Ruth, defendants,

respecting the manors of Northbury Booths, Knottesford Booths *alias* Over Knottesford, Rothsterne *alias* Rostherne, Marsh and Torkington with appurtenances, messuages in Nether Knottesford, Modburley *alias* Mobberley, Ollerton, Bollington, Sudlow, Tabley Superior, Hepalls, and Bossen, free warren in Knottesford Booths, a fourth part of the manor of Bollington with appurtenances, and a third part of the manor of Sudlow with appurtenances ; with a note of the recovery. 14 Aug. 1680. (Made 10 June 1720.)

Cf. Ormerod, i. 495 note b.

166. Lease for three lives by Peter Legh of Northbury Booths, esq., to Robert Norbury of Nether Knutsford, husbandman, of the messuage in Over Knutsford called *Moors Head House*, in Robert's occupation, with appurtenances. 16 March 1681. Seal, missing. Slightly imperf.

167. Similar lease to Jeffrey Aldcroft of Nether Knutsford, mercer, of 2 messuages in Nether Knutsford (one in Jeffrey's tenure ; the other, called *Deplitches House*, in the tenure of Robert Pollard, *sharman*), with appurtenances. 17 Aug. 1682. Seal, missing.

168. Similar lease to John Rylance of Over Knutsford, tanner, of the messuage with appurtenances in Over Knutsford in John's occupation. 28 March 1683. Seal, missing.

169. Lease for two lives by the same to James Radford of the Crostowne of Nether Knutsford, husbandman, of the messuage with appurtenances in the Crostowne in James's possession. 30 March 1683. Counterpart.

170. Lease for three lives by the same to John Acton of Over Knutsford, husbandman, of a messuage with appurtenances in Over Knutsford in John's tenure. 1 April 1683. Seal, missing.

171. Similar lease to Samuel Beighton of Over Knutsford, miller, of a messuage with appurtenances in Over Knutsford in Samuel's possession. 10 May 1683. Seal, missing.

172. Similar lease to Thomas Leigh of Nether Knutsford, dyer, of a messuage in Nether Knutsford, *together with seven lands or landoles lying and being in Sudlowtownefeild*. 2 Dec. 1684. Seal, missing. Counterpart.

173. Similar lease to Thomas Swinton of Wallisay, clerk, of a messuage with appurtenances in Nether Knutsford in Thomas's tenure. 24 June 1685. Seal, missing. Counterpart. Attached is the bond respecting the same.

174. Similar lease to Joseph Harrison of Neither Knutsford, gentleman, of a messuage with appurtenances and the close called *the Croft att the Townes end* in Neither Knutsford and certain parcels of land in Sudlow town field. 1 Sept. 1688. Seal, missing.

175. Similar lease to Thomas Hunt of Dunham Wood-Houses, gentleman, of a messuage in Nether Knutsford formerly in the possession of William Delves, deceased. 22 Sept. 1690.

176. Lease for two lives by the above Peter Legh, esq., to Margaret Bertles, widow of William Bertles, late son of William Bertles of Netherknutsford, tanner, of a messuage in *Minshall Lane* in Netherknutsford with the closes in Sudlow township commonly enjoyed with the same and called *Allexanders ground* and *the Kittling fields*. 20 Feb. 1691. Counterpart. Attached is a bond respecting the same.

177. Lease for three lives by the same to Mary Legh, spinster, daughter of Peter Legh, late of Nether Knutsford, clerk, deceased, of a messuage with appurtenances in Nether Knutsford formerly in her father's possession. 27 March 1697. Seal, missing.

178. Similar lease to John Brooke of Nether Knutsford, grocer, of a messuage with appurtenances in Nether Knutsford in John's tenure. 20 Aug. 1707.

179. Lease for possession by William Brotherst of Whitchurch, Salop, mercer, to John Bromhall of Namptwich, gentleman, of his fourth part of several lands and houses formerly the inheritance of John Ankers, draper, of Drayton in Hales, Salop, deceased, in or near the upper town and *Cross towne* of Knutsford, in the holding of [Blank] Lovet, Thomas Dickenson, Ould [sic] Tofft, John Yarewood, John Urmston, John Aston and Thomas Pearson. 14 Jan. 1711/12.

180. Lease for 99 years by John Bromhall of Namptwich, gentleman, to Mary Acton of Neither Knutsford, spinster, of a cottage with appurtenances in Over Knutsford in Anne Urmston's tenure. 9 Jan. 1712/13. Counterpart.

181. Lease for 99 years by John Egerton of Tatton, esq., to John Leycester of Nether Knutsford, labourer, of a messuage with appurtenances in Nether Knutsford in the said John Leycester's possession and 3 *lands or loonts* in the town fields of Knutsford formerly in Peter Wood's possession and now in Thomas Dickenson's tenure. 22 July 1713. Counterpart.

182. Assignment by John Parker of Fallowes in Nether Alderley, Thomas Gorst of Smallwood, and William Watts of Newton near Midlewich, gentlemen, (executors of John Parker, father of the said John Parker), to Mary Baguley of Sandbach, spinster, of a mortgage by Peter Legh of Northbury Booths, esq., and Ruth his wife to the said John Parker, deceased, of closes lying in Booths *alias* Northbury Booths called *The Toad Hole Meadow, the Church wood plain, the Little Church wood, the Great Church wood, the Cross feild, the Pease feild, and the Sand feild*. 27 Dec. 1715.

183. Lease for three lives by Ralph Leicester of Toft, esq., to Mary Jephson of Mobberley, widow, of a dwelling house in Over Knutsford in her possession, late in the occupation of John Norbury, deceased. 6 Sept. 1731.

184. Deed to declare the uses of a recovery to be suffered by Peter Legh of Northbury Booths, esq., of the manors or lordships of Northbury Booths, Knutsford Booths *alias* Over Knutsford, Rosthern *alias* Rosthern Marsh, and Torkinton *alias* Torkington, the fourth part of the manor of Bollington, the third part of the manor of Sudlow, and all his messuages, lands, etc. in Northbury Booths, Knutsford Booths, Rosthern, Torkington, Bollington, Sudlow, Nether Knutsford, Mobberley, Ollerton, Over Tabley, Heppalls and Bosden. 9 March 1743/44.

185. Lease for three lives by the above Peter Legh to John Potts of Over Knutsford, husbandman, of a messuage in the Cross Town in Nether Knutsford, formerly in John Mobberley's possession and lately in the possession of Thomas Mobberley, deceased. 5 Nov. 1746. Counterpart.

186. An estreat of amercements at the Court Leet with Court Baron of Peter Legh, esq., for the manor of Over Knutsford with members. 26 Nov. 1753.

187. Suit rolls for the manor of Over Knutsford with members (Nether Knutsford, Sudlow, Ollerton, Mobberley, Rostherne, Bollington). May 1749—June 1752, July 1754—July 1759. Paper book of 8 ff. (f. 4 blank), with parchment covers.

188. Assignment from Thomas Lewis of Nether Knutsford, school-master, to Thomas Edwards of Sandaway, gentleman, in consideration of a debt, of his "appointment to the . . . ancient Public School [situate in the Township of Nether Knutsford] granted by . . . Peter Leigh [on 8 July, 1794] . . . and also all his right, title, interest, property, benefit, claim and demand of, in or to the said ancient Public School and the lands, rents, profits, hereditaments and premises belonging or appertaining thereto or to which he is intitled by virtue of the said . . . appointment or by virtue of his Schoolmastership or otherwise howsoever", and of certain of his household goods and effects, a list of which is endorsed. 15 Feb. 1804.

189. Last Will and Testament of Peter Legh of Northbury Booths, esq. 3 Nov. 1802. Probate, 22 Aug. 1804.

LOSTOCK GRALAM.

190. *Recepta redditus de Lostok' de [? termino] Martini a° xiiij° [Henrici sexti (1434)]*. Parchm., 2 mm.

LYMM.

191. Indenture between Margery, widow of Laurence Boydel', and her son John whereby she leases to him, for term of her life, 2 messuages and all those lands and tenements with their appurtenances which she lately had of the feoffment of John Boydel' in Lymmebothes and Ughtrynton' within the vill of Lymme; rent 40s. silver p.a. at the two terms of the year, in equal portions, beginning at Martinmas next following; with right of distraint and re-entry. 25 Aug. 1409. Seal, missing.

192. Indenture of exchange between Geoffrey Boydelle of Lymme and Laurence Wylme of Oghtrynton' of certain parcels of land. 5 Feb. 1452. Seal.

MERE.

193. Exemplification of Letters of Administration of the goods, etc. of Peter Brooke of Mere, esq., granted to Francis [sic] Mottershead Brooke, his widow. 17 July 1806. Seal.

MIDDLEWICH.

194. Gift by Thomas Spenser of Middlewich, yeoman, to his son and heir, Ralph Spenser, of a salhouse of 6 *leads* lying in Middlewich in *Halpeny Hyll'*, in length between the high way, on the one side, and the land of the lord of Kynderton, on the other, and in breadth between the land of the lord of Kynderton, on the one side, and the land of Edward Eyrdeley, on the other; to have, etc. for ever; rent 12d. silver p.a. to the lord of

Kynderton at the two terms of the year, in equal portions. 12 July 1491.
Seal, fragm.

Abstract in Ormerod, iii. 176 note *a*, where "Spenser" is misread as "Spens".

MILLINGTON.

195. Bargain and sale by William Leighe, gentleman (son and heir of John Leighe of Norbury Bouthes, esq.), to William Millington of Millington, gentleman, of a messuage in Millington in William Worsley's occupation, with appurtenances. 16 Ap. 1608.

MOBBERLEY.

196. Gift by John de Arderne, kt., to William, son of Roger de Modburley, of all the land, with appurtenances, which the latter formerly held of him at farm in the vill of Modburley, together with the addition of his portion of a piece of land called *Haselshawe* within these bounds: beginning at *Edrichford*, in a direct line to the hedge of *Holdenclif*, following that hedge to *Wyralehul*, then in a direct line to the boundaries made between the said John and William de Modburley, following these boundaries to *Wilbroc*, and then following *Wilbroc* to the said *Edrichford*; to have, etc., with housebote, haybote and fuel for him, his heirs or assigns, and 3 of his customary tenants in the woods of the said vill, quittance of pannage there for his own pigs and those of 3 of his tenants, quittance of toll and stallage in the said John's fees and liberties, quittance of puture and of the hallmote, and with all liberties, easements, etc., to him, his heirs or assigns, and 3 customary tenants within the bounds of Modburley; rent 12s. silver p.a. at the two terms of the year, William, his heirs or assigns, and their tenants to be free of suits at John's court of Aldredeley and of all summonses and services at Aldeford, save impleading at the court of Aldredeley. *Hiis testibus Ricardo de Massy, Hugone de Venab', milite [sic], Willelmo de Modburley, Willelmo de Meynwarding', Rogero de Toft, Roberto de Wenynt', Ricardo capellano, et aliis.* n.d. [late Edw. I]. 15th cent. copy (not free from error).

197. Gift by John de Birtheles, chaplain, to Jordan, his bastard son [*nutritus*], and his heirs or assigns of all his land in the territory of the vill of Modburlegh', with appurtenances. *Hiis testibus Willelmo de Modburlegh', Roberto de Wenynton', Roberto de Vernony [sic], Iohanne de Stanylondes, Iohanne de Asthul, Hugone filio Ricardi Fabri de Modburlegh', Adam [sic] de Kenenton', clerico, et multis aliis.* n.d. [late Edw. I]. Seal, missing.

198. Gift by Roger le Warde to Henry de Modburlegh' of all his land and his tenement, with appurtenances, in the vill of Modburlegh. 1 May 1317. Seal, missing.

199. Gift by Laurence son of Thomas de Modburlegh' to John de Legh', kt., of 2 selions, together with a certain addition of land in the vill of Modburlegh': whereof one selion lies in *le Barchersefflat* between the land of the said John and a selion of William del Boure, the other selion, called *le Dychelond*, lies between a selion of William del Boure and a selion of Robert Fiket, and the addition lies in *le Sperthe* between *le Dichegreves* and the land of William del Boure lies next to it on the one side and the land

of Robert Fiket on the other ; as Laurence has no seal of his own, he uses that of Gilbert de Legh'. 22 May 1333. Seal, missing.

200. Gift by Richard Fiket of Modburlegh' to Elena, who was wife of John de Legh, for life (in exchange for sufficient turbary in the mosses of Modburlegh' to him and his heirs ; for housebote and haybote to him and his heirs in the wood of the said Elena and of the said vill, as her other tenants have ; and for common pasture to him and his heirs where the other tenants of the said Elena and the said vill have it), of a curtilage in the said vill which Emma, who was wife of Roger de Modburlegh', formerly held of him for a term of years, together with 2 selions of land on *le Nethercroftlondes*, the moiety of a selion on *le Mulnerudyng* between two butts which formerly belonged to William de Modburlegh', a selion on *le Mulnerudyng* between the land of the said Richard and the land of his mother Leticia, a selion called *Gangkemonisacre* in *le Birchenfeld*, a selion in *le Birchenfeld* between land of Robert Rabi and land of Ralph del Holys, the moiety of a selion called *le Stubbehallond* in *le Birchenfeld*, a selion in *le Holdefeld* between land of Nicholas de Laycestr' and land of William del Boure, the moiety of a selion in *le Holdefeld* between land of Nicholas de Laycestr' and land of Thomas Gleyve, a selion in *le Holdefeld* called *Huglond* between lands of William de Snelliston' and Robert Raby, the moiety of 2 selions in *Tattonstye* which William Fiket (the grantor's brother) formerly held of him for a term of years, a selion called *le Coppede Wiralehull'* which Philip del Bothes formerly held of the grantor for a term of years, a moiety of *le Blakehurthe* lying at the end of *le Dichelondes* next to the land of the said Elena, a selion in *Holdencliff* between lands of William del Boure and William de Snelleston', the moiety of a selion called *le Dichehallond* between lands of William del Boure and Thomas son of William son of Gilbert, and two parts of a certain piece of land called *le Sterthe* with appurtenances ; and the reversion of all the following lands and tenements which the grantor's mother Leticia holds in dower, viz. a messuage in which she lives, with appurtenances, a selion on *le Nethercroftlondes* abutting on the said messuage, a piece of land with a *meduepleck* in *le Mulne Rudyngk*, a selion in *Tattonstye* between lands of Robert Rabi and William del Boure, the moiety of a selion in *le Birchenfeld*, a selion called *le Helerenlond* in *Wiralehull'* next to the land of Nicholas de Laycestr', a selion in *Wiralehull'*, the moiety of a selion called *le Pyelond* in *Holdencliffe*, and the reversion of the third part of a piece of land called *le Sterth*. Richard further grants that all the aforesaid lands and tenements, together with the reversion to him or his heirs after the said Elena's death, shall remain to John de Legh, kt., and Matilda his wife and their lawful heirs, with remainder to the rightful heirs of the said John de Legh. 31 May 1334. Seal, missing.

The witnesses include William de Clymton' [sic], Justice of Chester, and Robert de Praers, sheriff of Cheshire.

Helsby (Ormerod, i. 415 note b) refers briefly and imperfectly to this gift.

201. Release by John, son of John le Legh, kt., to his grandmother Elena de Legh', of all his right, etc. in a moiety of the vill of Modburlegh', with appurtenances, for life, with reversion to him or his heirs immediately

after her death ; in return she grants that she will provide honourable maintenance for him in all things concerning his position. 24 June 1338. Seal, missing.

The witnesses include the grantor's uncles, William de Legh, kt., Robert de Legh', Peter de Legh and Gilbert de Legh'.

Cf. Ormerod, i. 415 note *b*.

202. Release by Richard son of Roger le Warde of Modburlegh' to Nicholas de Leycester and Mary, his wife, of all his right, etc. in all messuages, etc. which they hold in Modburlegh'. 5 Aug. 1340. Seal, missing.

Cf. Ormerod, i. 412 note *a*.

203. Indenture between Thomas Fyton' of Gouseworth, John de Brunstath, parson of the church of Modburlegh', and John de Brerton', chaplain, of the one part, and Robert le Grosvenour of Rudheth, of the other, witnessing that, whereas the said Thomas, John and John have granted to the said Robert and his heirs an annual rent of 100s. from all their lands and tenements in Modburlegh' at certain terms of the year, the said Robert grants that as long as John Domvyle and Cecilia, his wife, the heirs or assigns of the said Cecilia or any other on their behalf, find a chaplain to sing, say mass, and perform other divine service perpetually at Modburlegh' for the soul of William de Modburlegh', great-grandfather of the said Robert, and for the souls of others appointed, the deed granting the said annual rent shall be null and void. 6 June 1379. 3 seals, missing. (Fr.)

203a. Gift by John Legh of le Bothes, esq., to Thomas Mersedene and John Massy, chaloner, of an acre of land in the vill of Modburlegh', parcel of the mill-pond of *le Bothe Milne*, lying at the upper end of the said pond. 5 Sept. 1458. Seal, missing.

204. Lease by Thomas Bostok of Moberley to John Legh' of the Bothez, esq., of all his messuages, lands, etc. in Moberley and Werford, except a messuage in the holding of Elizabeth Bostok, for 21 years from Martinmas next following ; with right of distraint and re-entry. 19 May 1468. Seal, missing. (Eng.).

205. Indenture of covenants between John Legh' of Bothes, kt., on the one part, and Richard Highfeld of Netherknotysford, husbandman, Jane his wife (daughter and heir of Philip Swanley, late of Netherknotysford, deceased), and Ellen Highfeld, their daughter, of the other, whereby John leases for three lives to Richard, Jane and Ellen a messuage in Moberley and the close called *Rygewaye Closse* in Netherknotysford, and they sell to him all the messuages, lands, etc. in Netherknotysford which were lately the inheritance of the said Philip Swanley, deceased. 15 Sept. 1547. 2 seals, missing. [See 119-121 above.]

206. Lease for 21 years by John Leigh of Booths, esq., and Jane his wife, to Thomas Darbeshire of Ashley, husbandman, and Alice Baxter, widow of John Baxter, late of Moberley, of the messuage in Moberley occupied by the said Alice ; Thomas covenants to instruct John Baxter, her son, in the trade of a linen weaver, and to allow him to occupy one half of the messuage until he reaches the age of twenty one years, and also to keep Margaret, Mary and Joan Baxter, her daughters, until each reaches the age of sixteen years. 6 Dec. 1593. 2 seals, missing. [Cf. 211 below].

207. Bargain and sale by John Radcliffe of Ordsall, kt., to William Heild of Moberley, yeoman, of a messuage in Moberley in William's occupation and of a moss-room on *the Lower Mosse* in Moberley. 30 Nov. 1605.

208. Similar bargain and sale by the same to Ralph Bower of Moberley, yeoman. 5 Feb. 1606.

209. Bargain and sale by John Hyde of Urmston, Lancs., esq., to William Healde of Moberley, yeoman, of a messuage with appurtenances in Moberley in the occupation of Humphrey Awen of Moberley, husbandman. 27 July 1607.

210. Feoffment by Ralph Bower of Moberley, yeoman, to Roger Worthington of the Houghe in Wilmeslowe parish, yeoman, of a messuage with appurtenances in Moberley and a moss-room on *the lower mosse* in Moberley. 25 June 1608.

211. Lease for 21 years by Thomas Leighe, gentleman (one of the younger sons of John Leighe of Norburie Boothes, esq.), to John Baxter of Moberley, husbandman, of a messuage in Moberley in the occupation of the said John Baxter and Thomas Darbishire of Moberley, *petye chapman*, in the right of Alice Darbishire, wife of the said Thomas. 16 May 1615. [Cf. 206 above.]

212. Feoffment by Roger Worthington of Bollyn Fee, yeoman, to John Fox of Radnor, yeoman, and Ellen, his wife (daughter of the said Roger), of a messuage in Mobberley *alias* Moberley, lately purchased of Ralph Bower, late of Moberley, deceased. 22 April 1619.

213. Final concord between John Fox and Ellen, his wife, plaintiffs, and Roger Worthington and Margaret his wife, Geoffrey Bower, George Bower, Edward Bower and Richard Bower, defendants, respecting a messuage and land with appurtenances in Moberley. 20 Sept. 1619.

214. Feoffment by John, Earl of Shrewsbury to Henry Shawe of the parish of Moberley, yeoman, of the close called *Millingtons Acre* in Moberley. 2 Feb. 1631/32.

215. Acknowledgment by William Leigh of Bouthes, esq., respecting a water course to be cut through *the Myll Feild*, part of the inheritance of John Foxe of Radnor, yeoman, in Mobberley parish. 24 Feb. 1636/37.

216. Final concord between John Leigh, gentleman, plaintiff, and John Foxe and Ellen his wife, defendants, respecting a messuage and land with appurtenances in Mobberley *alias* Moberley. 24 Sept. 1638.

217. Bond of John Carrington of Mobberley *alias* Modburleigh, gentleman, Edward Carrington of London, gentleman, and Samuel Carrington of Bostocke in Davenham parish, clerk, to John Leigh of Northbury Boothes, esq., for the performance of covenants. 28 Feb. 1648.

218. Final concord between William Huet, plaintiff, and Nathaniel Robinson, gentleman, John Goolden and Margaret his wife, William Upton and Elizabeth his wife, and Edmund Houghe and Elizabeth his wife, defendants, respecting 2 messuages and land with appurtenances in Mobberley. 3 April 1648.

219. Deed of settlement by William Huett of Mobberley, yeoman, to Roger Gleave of High Leigh and John Hunt of Meare, yeomen, of a messuage with appurtenances in Mobberley, in trust for Margery Huett, his wife, and Roger his son. 14 and 15 Aug. 1657.

220. Release by John Hobson of Mobberley, yeoman, Anne his wife, John, their son and heir, and George, another son, to Peter Leigh (son and heir of John Leigh, late of Norbury Booths, esq., deceased) of all their right, etc. in a parcel of land in Mobberley called *the little yard*, adjoining the north end of the mill called *Mobberley Milne*. 22 Sept. 1660.

221. Lease for possession by George Heald of Macclesfield, yeoman, to Thomas Gorst and John Parker, gentlemen, of his messuages in Moberley called *Broad Oake*, *Owens Howse*, and *Skiffe Riddings*, with appurtenances. 6 May 1684.

222. Similar lease by John Heyes, schoolmaster of Mobberley, yeoman, to Thomas Wood of Marthall, gentleman, and Isaac Worthington of Mobberley, yeoman, of the messuage called *Radfords tenement* in the Wood Lane in Mobberley. 20 Dec. 1692.

223. Lease for three lives by George Heeld of Macklesfield, gentleman, to Richard Toft the younger of Neather Knottesford, skinner, of the messuage called *Mottersheds tenement* in Mobberley. 6 April 1705. Counterpart.

224. Similar lease by Ralph Leicester of Toft, esq., to Elizabeth Waterhouse of Bowdon, widow, of the messuage in Mobberley in her possession. 26 Sept. 1724. Counterpart.

225. Mortgage by William Whitelegg of the Lane End in Northen *alias* Northerden, and William Leigh of Mobberley, yeomen, at the instance of Mary Jepson (widow of George Jepson, late of Mobberley, yeoman, deceased), to William Royle of Hale, yeoman, of a messuage in Mobberley, late in the possession of Elizabeth Waterhouse and then in the possession of the said George Jepson. 11 June 1730.

NORTHWICH.

226. Lease for three lives by Robert Bromfeild of Witton, gentleman, to Thomas Wrench of Middlewich, victualler, of a messuage in Northwich in Joan Ridgway's occupation. 23 March 1649.

227. Lease for possession by William Allen of Moberley, gentleman, to Simon Steward and Ralph Renshawe, both of Moberley, yeomen, of his messuage, burgage, wick houses, lands, etc. in Northwich. 26 Jan. 1661/62.

228. Lease for three lives by Sir Francis Leicester of Nether Tabley, bart., to Ralph Broome of Northwich, gentleman, of a messuage in the Swine Market in Northwich; *all that parcell of building heretofore a wick house, but for severall yeares last past hath been converted into a stable, situate in or neare to the Wick House Streete*; and that wick house place or spare parcell of ground near the said stable. 20 Dec. 1695.

229. Lease for two lives by Ralph Broome of Northwiche, gentleman, to William Begaley of the same, saddler, of a messuage in Northwiche late in the tenure of Edward Begaley, butcher, father of the said William. 27 Feb. 1696. Counterpart.

230. Lease for three lives by Sir Peter Leicester of Nether Tabley, bart., to Peter Legh of Northbury Booths, esq., of a messuage in the Swine Market in Northwich, a stable called *the Red Lyon Stable*, a wick house stead close to the River, and that place where a messuage formerly stood situated

between lands late of John Broom, deceased, and the said stable. 4 May 1757.

OLLERTON.

231. Gift by Richard de Mascy and Isabella, his wife, to John de Legh' of a piece of ground in the vill of Olreton' to build upon, next to the hedge of the holt, and all their part of *barberinchal'* in the same vill, both wood and waste, namely, all the two parts of *barberingchal'* [sic] between the road leading from le Bothes to Olreton', on the one side, and the water-course [*doetum*] of Marthal', on the other; saving a piece of ground between two water-meadows towards le Bothes as a road to a certain mill-site on the said water-course as long as the said ground shall last, and when it fails, 40 feet in breadth for a road up to the said road from le Bothes to Olreton', with sufficient agistment of water and a site sufficient for a mill-pond and mill; to have, etc. freely, etc. with all liberties, etc. and with housebote and haybote and fuel in the wood of Olreton; rent 13s. 4d. silver at the two terms of the year, in equal portions, the said John doing suit at their court of Tatton' from quindene to quindene, giving the third best pig each year as pannage for all his pigs, and doing suit at their mill of Tatton until their mill of Olreton' is built, after which doing that suit at the mill of Olreton'; they also grant John and his heirs three tenants on the said land with commons and easements of the vill of Olreton', to be answerable to them yearly for 6d. silver and pannage for their pigs. *Hiis testibus Domino Reginaldo de Grey, tunc Iusticiario Cestrie, Roberto le Grosvenur, Ade de Tabill', Willelmo de Modburl', Willelmo de Meynwarding', Rogero de Toft' [sic], Willelmo de le Mere, Ade clerico, et aliis.* n.d. [c. 1281/1290]. 2 seals, missing.

Imperfect; only the last six lines and a few words at the end of the five preceding have survived. The remainder has been supplied from a contemporary copy enrolled on no. 326 [xxi] below. In this copy the rent is given, as above, as 13s. 4d. According to an endorsement on the charter it was 13s. 3d.

232. Quitclaim by Richard de Mascy, kt., and Isabella, his wife, to John de Legh' and Helena, his wife, of 13s. silver and 3d. of annual rent from that annual silver marc in which the said John and Helena are bound to the said Richard and Isabella for land held of them in the vill of Olreton'. *Hiis testibus Thoma de Leg', Ade de Tabbelg', Willelmo de Mara, Rogero de Aldredelg', clerico, Rogero de Toft, Thoma capellano, et aliis.* n.d. [late Edw. I/Edw. II]. 2 seals, missing.

See Ormerod, i. 509. A copy of this quitclaim is enrolled on no. 326 [xxii] below.

233. Gift by John de Astylle to Thomas Norreys, Thomas Deafcylle, John Norreys, Richard Jankynson' of Tatton', John de Pulton', Robert le Fysher and Richard le Barbour of all the lands and tenements which he has of the feoffment of Hugh del Toft, chaplain, in the vill of Ollurton'. 11 March 1395. Seal, missing.

234. Release by Thomas de Tofte of Knottesforde to John Norres of Workesley, sen., of all his right, etc. in all those lands, tenements, etc.,

with all appurtenances, which lately William de Tofte, chaplain, his brother, had of the feoffment of John de Astyle of Knottesford in the vill of Ollerton'. 6 Sept. 1440. Seal, missing.

See Ormerod, i. 509.

235. Lease for 41 years by John Legh of Bothes esq., to Charles Clerke of Overknotysford and Alice, his wife, of 4 closes in Ollerton and a *lowne* called *Wade lowne* on the south side of *the Bothe Parke*; rent, 19s. 8d. p.a. at the two terms of the year, in equal portions; with right of distrain and re-entry; the said Charles grants to pay John 7l. sterling at the sealing of this indenture and *the said Charlys or his assignes shall hable themselfe or a sufficient man with horse and harnesche to wayte upon the said John Legh, his heires or assignes, to doo the kynges grace service in his warres as ofte and at suche tymes as the said John Legh or his heires shalbe commandyt to serve the kynges grace in his seid warres.* 10 May 1541. Seal, missing.

236. Grant by John Leigh of Norburye Bouthes, esq., to John Leigh, bastard son of John Leigh, kt., deceased (father of the grantor) of an annual rent of 4l. from messuages, etc. in Ollerton. 30 April 1573. Seal, missing.

237. Lease for 21 years by John Leigh of Norburie Booths, esq., and Jane Leigh, his wife, to Edmund Huett of Owlerton, husbandman, of a messuage in Owlerton in the joint occupation of the said Edmund and his mother Joan Huett, widow. 28 Feb. 1595. Seal, missing.

238. Assignment from John Ridgwaie the elder of Oulerton, yeoman, to James Downes of Tofte, yeoman, William Griffin of Moburley, husbandman, Adam Davempport and James Davempport (sons of Richard Davempport, late of Oulerton', deceased), of a messuage in Oulerton in the said John's occupation. 18 Dec. 1601. Seal, missing.

239. Lease for 7 years by Elizabeth Venables of Over Knotsford, widow, Sir Peter Stanley of Alderley, bart., and Peter Wilbraham of Deerfould, esq., to Peter Legh of Norbury Booths, esq. (son and heir of John Legh, late of the same, esq., deceased, and of the said Elizabeth), of a messuage with appurtenances in Ollerton in Richard Ward's possession and closes in Norbury Booths and Over Knotsford called *the Two Brundearths, the lilly cock hey, the Great Church Wood, the Little Church Wood, the Springwood plaine, the marled earth meadow, the Ollerton Heyes, the Sanfeild, and the Three Milnefeilds* (heretofore divided into 6 closes called *the Crowthers Croft, the Vernons Croft, the Maddock Wood, the Yarwoods Milnefeild, the Houghs Milnefeild, and the Brunt Croft*). 15 April 1680.

240. Mortgage by Peter Legh of Booths, esq., to Thomas Kinsey of Blackden, gentleman, of a messuage in Ollerton in George Okell's possession and closes called *the Brickiln Feild, Brickiln meadow, Parkwood, Duns, Church Yard, Spring Wood Plaine, and the Marld Earth meadow* (part of the demesne of Northbury Booths and situated there). 23 July 1707.

241. Bond of indemnity respecting the same [240]. 23 July 1707.

242. Mortgage by the above Peter Legh to John Parker of Fallowes in Nether Alderley, gentleman, of a messuage in Ollerton (in Joshua Walker's occupation), 2 messuages in Over Knottsford (in the occupation of William Barnes and Thomas Roylance), 2 messuages in Torkington (in the occupation of James Dodge and Robert Dodge), a messuage in Over Knottsford

(in Jonathan Yarwood's occupation), 4 messuages in Nether Knottsford (in the possession of John Worsley, Benjamin Harrison, William Delves and Thomas Lovatt), and 2 messuages in Ollerton (in the possession of John Ridgway and Samuel Johnson). 27 Jan. 1709/10.

243. Lease for 99 years by Henry Wright of Mobberley, esq., and William Wright of Stockport, esq., to Samuel Siddeley of Tatton, yeoman, of a messuage in Ollerton in Mark Pemberton's possession and a parcel of ground adjoining the same called *Hills Moss*. 4 Sept. 1742.

244. Lease for three lives by Willoughby Legh of Northbury Booths, esq., to William Henshall of Leigh, Lancs., merchant, of parcels of land in Ollerton called *Shaw's Intacks*. 4 Feb. 1809.

OVERTON, ETC.

245. Grant by Isabel, widow of Richard de Bedulf, to her father John de Legh of le Bothes of the custody, in socage, of certain lands and tenements with appurtenances in Bedulf and Overton' and the wardship of John, son and heir of the said Richard, until he reaches legal age. 16 Jan. 1418. Seal, missing.

246. Grant by John de Legh of le Bothes to his daughter, Isabel, widow of Richard de Bedulf, for term of her life, of a third part of certain lands and tenements in Bedulf and Overton' as her dower, viz. a messuage in which John de Trafford lives worth 9s. 4d. p.a., a messuage which John Wolriche holds worth 3s. 4d. p.a., a messuage in which Cecilia de Kenman lives worth 5s. p.a., a messuage in which William de Boteslowe lives worth 10s. p.a., a messuage in which Thomas de Glasbroke lives worth 9s. p.a., a messuage in which Geoffrey de Overton lives worth 13s. 4d. p.a., and a messuage in which John de Steple lives worth 8s. p.a. 4 Feb. 1418. Seal, missing.

Abstract in Ormerod, i. 495 note b.

ROSTHERNE. See also KNUTSFORD.

247. Memorandum of an agreement between William de Venables, of the one part, and John de Legh' and Elena, his wife, of the other, whereby the former leases to the two latter for 16 years all his land in Routhesthorn', with appurtenances; rent, 2 silver marcs at the two terms of the year, in equal portions. 13 May 1296. Seal, missing.

Ormerod, i. 430 note a.

248. Agreement between Richard Pypot and Robert de Wyco whereby the former leases to the latter for 16 years all his land of *Bromcroft* with his house, garden and curtilage, and with two parts of 2 gardens and a moiety of the house which Richard's mother has for 3 years after the said term; saving a certain selion, leased for 3 years; to have, etc. to the said Robert, his wife and children, with housebote and haybote and all liberties, etc., for 20s. silver given to the said Richard by Robert; rent, 5s. silver at Midsummer and 5s. at the Nativity, yearly. 29 May 1300. Seal, missing.

249. Gift by Richard de Mascy, son of William de Mascy, kt., to Richard de Bromcroft of a piece of land in *quythul* in the vill of Routhisthorn near the boundaries of *Nordschawe*, namely, from the high road called *le Salteresway*

across to the upper end as far as the ditch, then following the ditch and descending directly to the crutched oak [*quercum crucesingnatum*], from that oak directly across to the other crutched oak, and thence directly to *le Salterisway* [sic]; to have, etc. as freely, etc. as the land [not specified] which Richard has given the grantor in exchange. *Hiis testibus Willelmo de Venables, Radulfo de Vernun, Willelmo de Modburleg', Willelmo de Aketon', Rogero de Tofte, Thoma le Criur, Roberto le Grosvenour, clerico, et aliis.* n.d. [Edw. I/early Edw. II]. Seal, missing.

250. Release by Hugh de Venables, kt., to John de Legh and Elena, his wife, of all his right, etc. in all lands, tenements, etc. which they have of the feoffment of William de Venables, his brother, in the vill of Routhesthorn', so that Hugh, his heirs, etc. can have no claim on the same, saving the service of an annual rent of 12d. and a pair of white gloves at Midsummer for all services and demands. 12 April 1308. Seal, missing.

The witnesses include Robert de Holand, Justice of Chester, and Richard de Fouleshurst, Sheriff of Cheshire. Leycester (p. 349) cites a copy of this charter "taken out of William Vernon's Collections" with the incorrect reading "*praeter exitum redditus duodecem denariorum*". This is repeated by Ormerod (i. 430), where, however, certain other slips in Leycester are corrected from the above original. The passage should read: "*preter serviscium scilicet annualis redditus duodecim denariorum*".

251. Gift by John de Legh and Elena, his wife, to William de Dene, chaplain, of all the lands, tenements, etc. which they have in the vill of Routhistorn'. 7 Dec. 1315. Seal, missing.

The witnesses include Hugh de Audelegh', Justice of Chester, Richard de Fouleshurst, Sheriff of Cheshire, and Roger de Venables, Rector of the church of Rostherne. In Ormerod (i. 430 note a) "*Sancti Mathei*" is misread for "*Sancti Nicholai*" at the end.

252. Agreement between John son of Richard son of Henry de Halton' and Elena de Legh whereby he leases to her all his land, with appurtenances, in *le Wodehouses* in the territory of Routhestorn' for 9 years; rent, 3s. silver at the two terms of the year, in equal portions. 11 Nov. 1343. Seal, missing.

253. Gift by John Tochet, parson of the church of Middlewich, to John de Legh of le Bothes and Matilda, his wife, of all his mill, lands, tenements, etc. with appurtenances in Rouesthorne and Bolynton', together with a moiety of *Rouesthorne Meere*, a messuage in *le Hogh'* in which Thomas Whyther lives, a parcel of land called *Hogh' heth* in Mulynton, and a parcel of land in *Amotesfeld* in *le Hogh*; which mill, lands, etc., together with all other manors, burgages, lands, tenements etc. and all reversions of all lands, tenements, etc. belonging to him in co. Chester, the said John de Legh lately gave to the said John Tochet and to John de Marthall, chaplain, now deceased. To have, etc. to the said John de Legh and Matilda and the lawful heirs male of the said John, with successive remainders to the lawful heirs male of William de Legh, brother of James de Legh; of John, brother of the said William de Legh; of John de Legh, kt., and his wife Isabel; of William, brother of the said John de Legh, kt.; of Robert de Legh, brother of the said William; of Peter de Legh, brother of the said Robert;

and the ultimate remainder to the rightful heirs of John de Legh, kt. 29 Sept. 1427. Seal, missing.

Ormerod, i. 430 note a.

254. Gift by John, son of John de Legh of le Bothes, sen., to his son and heir John de Legh and Joan his wife (daughter of Hugh de Davenport and Margaret his wife) and the lawful heirs male of the said John [the grantee], of the following messuages, land, etc. with their appurtenances in the vill of Routhestorn', Bolynton' near Akedon', and Ollerton, viz. a messuage with the adjacent lands which Richard Humfrey holds on lease from him in the vill of Routhestorn' (yearly value, 17s. 4d.) and with arrears from the said Richard of 2s. yearly; a parcel of land called *le Mersshehey*, with the wood and closes attached to the same, which Roger Venables, parson of the church of Routhestorn', holds on lease from him in the same vill (yearly value, 22s. 8d.); a meadow called *Evwode Medowe* and the carrying-services belonging to it (yearly value, 10s.), which the aforesaid Richard holds on lease from him in the same vill; a parcel of land called *Longay* in Bolynton' which Robert de Aldecroft holds on lease from him (yearly value, 8s.); a messuage with the adjacent land in the same vill which William de Comberbache holds on lease from him (yearly value, 4s.); a messuage with adjacent lands which Robert del Wode holds on lease from him in the same vill (yearly value, 28s.), with carrying-services of 21d. yearly; a messuage with adjacent lands which Richard Wilkocson' holds on lease from him in the same vill (yearly value, 24s. 4d.) with carrying-services of 21d. yearly; and a messuage with adjacent land which John del Okes holds on lease from him in Ollerton' (yearly value, 12s.), with carrying-services of 21d. yearly; should John die without heirs male, the whole to revert, after the death of Joan, to the said John, son of John de Legh of le Bothes, his heirs and assigns for ever. 27 Oct. 1431. Seal, missing.

255. Gift by John Legh of le Bothes, esq., son and heir of the late John Legh, kt., to Robert Grosvenour, John Davenport of Davenport, Hugh Davenport of Hennebury, esquires, and John Mascy, son of the late Geoffrey Mascy, kt., of all those messuages, lands, etc. which the late Matilda Carington' held for life in the vill of Raustorne and le Mere. 12 Nov. 1464. Seal, missing.

256. *Be hit knawen' to our soveryn lord Kyng Henry the vij^{te} and all his nobull' Counsell' that Thomas Londener, servaunt unto sir John' Maynewayg' [sic], parson' of Wermyncham, come w^t a lettur missyve frome our soveryn lord the Kyng unto Philippe Legh' of the Bothes, esquier, char[g]yng the said Philippe that he shulde not occupie the benefyce of the chirch of Raustorne apon payne of his grete displeasur. And also Paule Gyglis sende to the said Philippe a lettur by the same Thomas Londener and schode in the lettur that the Kynges gode grace hade so straytely charget and commandet hym y^t he schulde discharge the said Philippe of the ferme and occupacion of the said chirch and benefice of Raustorne by his lettur, for he said he durrest do noo nodur for the grete displeasur of the Kynges gode grace. And so the said Philippe receyvet the said lettur of our said soveryn lord the Kyng and of Paules also, and apon Sunday next aftur his comy[n]g home fro London' the said Philippe in Knottesford Chirch in the parich of Raustorne afor us sir Thomas Brone, parish prist of*

the said Chirch of Knottesford in the said parich of Raustorne, Thomas Huls, Thomas Latham, Richard Brone, John Burges, John Birkyn', Gefferon' [sic] Mascy and Robert Moscrope of the pariche of Knottesford, w^t all' the hole parichens ther, the said Philippe, by the Kynges commandement and Paulis dissir, refuset the said benefyce and never toke profetiz ner no maner of frutes perto belonging to the said parsonage or benefyce, nodur asfor' his commyng home ner aftur. Into wyttenes whereof we all above namet have sette to our seals. n.d. [1495/98]. 4 seals, missing.

Ormerod, *op. cit.*, i. 432 note *d*, with some minor errors of transcription.

257. Feoffment by Philip Legh of Bothes, esq., to Thomas Huls, esq., Richard Holt, gentleman, John Byrkyn, Robert Mossecroppe and Hugh Mascy, of all his messuages, lands, tenements, etc. in Rothestorne in the tenure of Thomas Humfrey, Nicholas Humfrey, Thomas Roo, John Ormeston, John Koppok, Ralph Honkynson, Thomas Brenderth', William Bradshawe, Margaret Mosse, Thomas Koppok, William Massy, John Strynger, Roger Stynger [sic], Ellen Gaude, Thomas Chaydok and Thomas Hogh and all his messuages, etc. in Over Knottisford in the tenure of William Myllyngton, Richard Holt, Roger Byrkyn, Richard Thirlwys, Geoffrey Graunge and Roger Rygway, in all of the annual value of 20 marcs, to perform his will. 12 Aug. 1506. 3 seals, missing.

258. Feoffment by John Legh of Bothes, kt., to William Brereton, kt., Ralph Leicester, kt., William Moreton, esq., Richard Starke, esq., and Thomas Legh, gentleman (son and heir of Robert Legh of Highleghe, esq.), of his messuages, lands, tenements, etc. in Rothestorne, Yarwodde, and Bolynton, on condition that, on request, they convey them to him and his lawful heirs male, with remainders to his bastard daughter Margery and her assigns, until she has received from the rents, etc. thereof the sum of 200 marcs, and to his rightful heirs; he also enfeoffs the same feoffees with all his messuages, etc. in Overknotysford and Netherknotysford (saving lands, etc. in Overknotysford lately acquired from Laurence Wolmer and Elizabeth Bayle, widow, and lands, etc. in Netherknotysford lately acquired from John Taylior and Richard Highfeld and Jane his wife), on condition that, at his request, they convey them to him and his lawful heirs male, with remainders to Elizabeth Leicester, Anne Leicester, Joan Leicester and Katherine Leicester (daughters of the aforesaid Ralph Leicester) and Anne Starke and Katherine Starke (daughters of the aforesaid Richard Starke), until each has received 20l. from the rents, etc. thereof, and to his rightful heirs; attorneys to deliver seisin, Thomas Legh of Tabley and Hugh Meire of Rothestorne. 23 July 1548. Seal, missing.

259. Lease for three lives by John Leighe of Boothes, esq., and Jane his wife to John Lambe (younger son of John Lambe of Ashley, husbandman), Ellen Lambe, his wife, and Joan Rowe (daughter of Ralph Rowe, late of Rostarne, deceased, and of the said Ellen), of a messuage in Rostarne formerly in the occupation of the said Ralph Rowe, deceased, and Joan Rowe, late wife of William Rowe, late of Rostarne, deceased. 8 Jan. 1585. 3 seals, missing. Counterpart.

260. Surrender by Anne Barrett, daughter of Hugh Barrett, late of Rothstorne, husbandman, to William Leigh of Norburie Boothes, esq., of a

cottage in Rothstorne leased to Hugh by John Leigh, esq., deceased, and Jane his wife. 28 May 1635. Seal, missing. Endorsed: *Wryteinges concerneinge Anne Barrett and my selfe.*

261. Lease for 99 years by John Leigh of Northbury Boothes, esq., to William Hunt of Rothsterne, husbandman, of a messuage in Rothsterne in William's occupation. 26 March 1652. Seal, missing.

262. Lease for three lives by Peter Legh of Norbury Boothes, esq., to William Urmston of Rothsterne, husbandman, of a messuage in Rothsterne in William's occupation. 14 Sept. 1679.

263. Lease for 87 years by the same to his mother Elizabeth Venables of Over Knotsford, widow, of a messuage in Rosterne in Robert Wyatt's occupation and closes in Norbury Booths, called *the Crosse field, Brickill meadow, Brickill field, and Church Wood plaine.* 16 April 1680. Seal, missing.

264. Lease for three lives by the same to Edward Hill of Rosthorne, husbandman, of the messuage called *Chaddoks Tenement* in Rosthorne in Edward's occupation. 8 Feb. 1708/09.

SUTTON [NEAR MACCLESFIELD].

265. Copy of (a) Grant for life to the King's esquire John de Legh of Bothus of the vill of Sutton in the Forest of Macclesfeld to the value of 20l. p.a., provided that he account for any surplus. 1 Dec. 1398, and (b) Grant (reciting (a) and a second grant by Richard II to the same of 100s. p.a. at the Exchequer at Chester, both of which he has surrendered into the said Exchequer) to the said John of the said vill for life, to the value of 20 marcs p.a., provided that he account yearly at the said Exchequer for any surplus. 20 July 1401. 15th cent. copy.

Cf. Ormerod, iii. 757 note *d* and see *C.P.R.* (1396-99), p. 461.

266. Warrant to the Chamberlain of Chester, reciting letters patent [of 20 July 1401; no. 265(b) above] granting to the above John de Legh the town of Sutton for life to the value of 20 marcs p.a., to allow the said John the said 20 marcs p.a. from the date of the said letters patent, and to grant him respite from a payment of 10 marcs, disallowed him at his last account, until Michaelmas next following. 22 Oct. 1404. (Fr.) Contemporary copy.

Helsby's reference (Ormerod, *loc. cit.*) to this document is imperfect and incorrectly dated "in 7 or 13 Hen. IV".

TABLEY, ETC.

267. Release by John Alexander, son and heir of Hugh Alexander, late of Soudelow, to John Assheton' of Tatton, esq., John Lancast', Prior of Launde, Thomas Huls of Knottisford, esq., William Brok of Nether Tabley, John Bent and Robert Madok of Knottisford, of all his right, etc. in all those messuages, lands, etc. in Overtabley, Nethertabley, Soudelow and Knottisford which they have of his grant. 15 March 1512. Seal, missing.

268. Lease for possession by Joseph Toft of Knottesford, haberdasher, and Margery Toft, widow, his mother, to John Leigh of Norbury Boothes, esq., of certain rents issuing from lands in Sudlow and Tabley, from a messuage called *le Brodeforde* in Over Tabley, and from a burgage with

a selion in *le white bruche* in Lower Knottesford. 23 Sept. 1647. 2 seals, missing.

TOFT.

269. Certificate from the Overseers of the Poor of the Township of Toft to the Overseers of the Poor of the Township of Over Knutsford that Ellen Arnett, a single woman, is an inhabitant legally settled in the Township of Toft. 4 Aug. 1808.

TORKINGTON.

270. Gift and quitclaim by Robert de Chaddekirke [name of grantee not given, see below] of all his land in the vill of Hephales, with all appurtenances ; to have, etc. to the said Thomas [sic] and his heirs, freely and quietly, etc. ; rent, 6d. p.a. to the chief lord and his heirs at the feast of All Saints for all secular services and demands ; for 65s. [sic] paid into his hands, Robert warrants the same to Thomas, his heirs and assigns for ever. *Hiis testibus Viviano de Davenepord, Roberto de Dounes, Henrico de Worth', Willelmo de Bagileg', Henrico de Birchel', tunc coronatoribus domini Eadwardi filii Regis primogeniti, Iohanne de Motlawe, Rogero de Davenepord, et aliis.* n.d. [late Edw. I]. Seal, missing.

271. Release by Alice, relict of William de Torkynton', to Richard, son of Robert de Torkynton', his heirs and assigns, of all her right, etc. in the lands and tenements of *le Lehe* between Torkynton' and Heppalis ; should any claim on the same be made, she binds herself and her heirs to pay him, his heirs and assigns, the sum of 20l. ; for this quitclaim Richard has given her 20s. silver. 8 Feb. 1315. Seal, missing.

Abstract in Ormerod, *op. cit.*, iii. 835. To the list of witnesses there add, at the end, "Viviano clerico et multis aliis".

272. Gift by Robert de Torkynton' to Richard, his son and heir, of all his lands and tenements in the vill of Torkynton' with all appurtenances ; to have, etc. to Richard and his lawful heirs by Agnes, daughter of Richard Vallentyn, of the chief lords, etc. 20 July 1321. Seal, missing.

See Ormerod, *loc. cit.* To the list of witnesses there add, after *Ade de Bredbury* : *Iohanne de Hyde, Iohanne de Honford, Thoma de Torkynton', Roberto clerico et aliis.* "Vallentyn" occurs, as above, with a double "l", but in the warranty clause has a single "l" only, as in Ormerod.

273. Gift by Thomas, son of Richard de Torkynton', to John de Legh, kt., and his heirs of 6 marcs of annual rent from Thomas's lands and tenements in Torkynton', 40s. to be paid at Midsummer and 40s. at the feast of All Saints ; with right of distraint. 14 March 1346. Seal, missing.

See Ormerod, *loc. cit.* ; this gift, however, is not, as stated there, dated "in the Feast of St. Gregory", but on the Tuesday next after that feast.

274. Indenture witnessing that Vyvyan, chaplain of Adlinton', has received from John de Legh and Thomas, son of Richard de Torkynton', a writing respecting an annuity of 6 marcs [273 above] to be delivered to the said John or the said Thomas according to the covenants therein, and that the said Vyvyan grants that he will deliver the same in the form aforesaid. 14 March 1346. Seals, missing. (Fr.).

275. Indenture of defeasance respecting the above gift [273] by Thomas, son of Richard de Torkyngton', to John de Legh, kt., and his heirs. 14 March 1346. Seals, missing (Fr.).

276. Indenture between Thomas Warde, son of Richard de Torkynton', and John de Legh, witnessing that the former has given to the latter all his part of a meadow in *Raneleghruydynes* containing $32\frac{1}{2}$ perches [sic] in exchange for $32\frac{1}{2}$ perches in *Grenlowemedewe*. 17 Oct. 1347. Seal, missing. With counterpart; seal missing.

In his abstract Helsby (Ormerod, iii. 835 note *d*) reads "acres" in each case for "perches".

277. Release by Thomas le [sic] Warde, son of Richard de Torkynton', to John de Legh and his heirs of all his right, etc. in lands and tenements in Torkynton' within the following bounds: beginning at *le Puysclogh'*, thence to the corner of the ditch at *le Legh hous*, from *le Legh hous* following the hedge to *Nelhous*, thence ascending the ditch to *le Ruydynghed*, following the ditch here to *Hynderleghclogh'*, thence following *Hynderleghclogh'* to *le Stanyelessiche*, ascending *le Stanyelessiche* to the ditch at the head of the same, and then following the ditch to *le Puysclogh'*. *Hiis testibus Iohanne de Danport, Iohanne de Hyde, militibus, Ricardo de Bromhale, Hugone de Walkeden', Roberto de Legh', Roberto de Dokynfeld, et aliis.* n.d. [mid-14th cent.]. Seal, missing.

Helsby's abstract (Ormerod, iii. 835) omits the bounds. He dates this release "1348".

278. Gift by Thomas, son of Richard de Torkynton', to his uncles John de Torkynton' and John le Valentyn of all his lands and tenements in Torkynton', together with the reversion of the dowry of Elena de Torkynton'. 19 Oct. 1348. Seal, missing.

Ormerod, *loc. cit.*

279. Gift by John de Torkynton' to John de Legh, kt., and his wife Isabel, of all those messuages, etc. which Thomas, son of Richard de Torkynton', gave to him and John de [sic] Valentyn in Torkynton' [278 above]; to have, etc. to the said John de Legh and Isabel for term of their lives, with successive remainders to James, their son, and his heirs; to William, James's brother, and his heirs; to John, William's brother, and his heirs; and to the rightful heirs of the said John de Legh and Isabel. 5 Jan. 1349. Seal, missing.

Ormerod, *loc. cit.*

280. Gift by Thomas, son of Henry de Worth', to John de Legh, kt., and his wife Isabel at fee farm of all his lands and tenements in Heppales next to Torkynton' within certain bounds settled by a perambulation made by the view of John de Hyde, kt., Richard Fyton', Thomas son of John de Davenport', Richard de Vernon, Hugh de Walkedene, John son of Henry de Honford, Robert de Worth', Edmund de Motterom, Edmund de Bosodon', Richard de Stanleg', Thomas de Torkynton', and Thomas de Torkynton', jun., upon a certain agreement made between the said Thomas and the said John de Legh; rent, 13s. 4d. silver p.a. at the two terms of the year, in equal portions; if at any time the rent be 40 days in arrears, John and Isabel are to pay double, and they grant that it shall be lawful for Thomas

and his heirs to distrain for this double rent in Heppales ; should John and Isabel die without lawful heirs, the lands, etc. are to remain to John's rightful heirs. 17 Feb. 1349. Seal, missing. With counterpart ; seal, missing.

Cf. Ormerod, iii. 837.

281. Grant by the King to John de Legh of le Bothes of lands and tenements in the Principality of Chester forfeited by Ralph del Shagh', outlawed for divers felonies ; to have, etc. to John and his male heirs to the value of 20s. p.a., provided that he account for any surplus. 4 Feb. 1398. Seal, missing.

Endorsed : *Carta Ricardi Secundi facta Iohanni Leighe de terris vocatis Heppales.* (16th cent.) Cf. Ormerod, *loc cit.*

282. Gift by John Fyton, clerk, John Andrew, chaplain, Richard Fyton' of Pownall' and William de Clayton, sen., to John de Legh of le Bothes and Anne, his wife, of their manor of Torkynton' with appurtenances and all lands, etc. with their appurtenances which lately belonged to Ralph del Shagh' in Heppals in the vill of Torkynton'. 31 May 1431. 4 seals, missing.

Ormerod, iii. 836.

283. Gift by Oliver de Legh', parson of the church of Davenham, and Roger Doumvylye, parson of the church of Lymme, to John de Legh of le Bothes and Joan, his wife, and the heirs of the said John, of certain messuages, with the adjacent lands, in Torkynton', viz. a messuage in John de Wheteacres' tenure worth 40s. p.a., a messuage in John de Addeshede's tenure worth 7s. p.a., and 2 parcels of land called *le Hurstes* in John de Sydebothum's tenure worth 10s. p.a. ; certain messuages, etc. in Modburley viz. a messuage in John de Chesworth's tenure worth 13s. 4d. p.a., and a messuage in John de Strethull's tenure worth 19s. 3d. p.a. ; certain messuages, etc. in Ollurton', viz. a messuage in Nicholas de Haselhurst's tenure worth 30s. 4d., 2 parcels of land called *le Halheye* in Henry de Cloes' tenure worth 6s. p.a., and a parcel of land in Janyn de Byrkyn's tenure worth 10s. p.a. ; and certain burgages in Knottesford and Knottesford Bothes, viz. a burgage lately belonging to Richard del Hall' worth 10s. p.a., a burgage in which Ralph le Smyth' lives worth 6s. 8d. p.a., 2 acres of land in *le Botheslade* in the tenure of John le Mercere and Nicholas de Haselhurst and a parcel of land called *lilycok hey* worth 20s. p.a., a parcel of land called *le Wollardesden* worth 13s. 4d. p.a., a parcel of land called *le Branderth'* worth 10s., a parcel of land in *le Kyrkefeld* worth 18d. p.a., and also, from a certain [illegible] demised to Richard Oumfray to fish on [super] Routhesthorn', 3s. 4d. rent p.a. ; and a free rent issuing from divers burgages in Knottesford and Knottesford Bothes, viz. 6s. from a burgage of Simon de Hatton', 5s. 6d. from burgages of Richard le Coke in his tenure, 2s. from a burgage in the tenure of William de Birkyn' [sic], 5s. 6d. from 2 burgages of John de Knottesford lately in Thomas de Buchorn's tenure, 3s. from a burgage of the said John called *le Tailne* [?], 5s. from 2 burgages of the said John (one called *Habels hous* and the one immediately to the east of it), 2s. 6d. from a burgage of the said John in Robert Boydell's tenure, 7s. 6d. from 3 burgages of the said John lately in the tenure of John Brech', Ellen Hodnet

and Agnes Dycon', 12d. from a parcel of land of the said John in *le Branderth'*, 2s. 6d. from a burgage of John de Astell', 5s. from 2 burgages of Richard de Wolmer in Alice de Wolmer's tenure, 2s. 6d. from a burgage of Ranulph le Maynwaryng in John de Broghton's tenure, 2s. 6d. from a burgage of the said Ranulph in William le Wright's tenure, 2s. 6d. from a capital burgage of the said Ranulph lately belonging to Edward del Shert, 2s. 6d. from a new burgage of the said Ranulph, 2s. 6d. from a burgage of the said Ranulph lately in Richard Cam's tenure, and 2s. 6d. from a burgage lately in the tenure of Richard Sondes. 1 Jan. 1440, 2 seals, missing.

284. Gift by John Legh of le Bothes, esq., to Richard Addeshede and John Torkyngton of a parcel of his land in Torkyngton called Heppalles. 5 Sept. 1458. Seal, missing.

See Ormerod, *op. cit.*, iii. 837, where this document is incorrectly dated "36 Hen. VI".

285. Letter of attorney from John de Legh, esq., son and heir of the late John Legh, kt., to Thomas Davenport and Richard Addeshede to deliver seisin to Thomas Jakson and Richard Merslond of a parcel of land in Torkyngton' called Heppalles. 20 May 1460. Seal, missing.

Ormerod, *loc. cit.*

286. Bond of Richard Bredbury of Merpull' to John Legh of le Bothez for the performance of covenants specified in an indenture made between them on 26 May 1459. 27 May 1460. Seal, missing. Endorsed: *Torkynton*.

287. Demise by John Legh of le Bothes, John Davenport of Davenport, Hugh Davenport of Hennebu[r]ly, esquires, John Mascy (son of the late Geoffrey Mascy, kt.), Thomas Jakson and Richard Merslond to George Bothe (son and heir of William Bothe, kt.), Richard Bothe (brother of the said George), John Dutton (son and heir of the late Thomas Dutton, kt.), and Hamon Bothe (brother of the said William Bothe, kt.), of the site of the manor of Torkyngton', surrounded by water, with the orchards and gardens there and a parcel of land called *le Pament* adjacent to the said site, and certain parcels of land in Torkynton' [sic] called *le Orchard Flatte*, *the Shepon Flatte*, *the Kerre Medowe*, *the Nether Rydynges*, *the Chippefilde*, *Dame Isabell' Acre*, and *the Long Lee*; also a messuage in Olerton', with the adjacent land, in the tenure of John Leghes and William Maykyn': and also *the Chapon Flatte*, *the Shagh' Greve*, and *the Marlet Erthe* in Torkynton' in the tenure of Richard Ingham; all of which lands, etc. the grantors, together with Robert Grosvenour, deceased, lately had of the feoffment of the said John Legh, esq., and which are worth 10 marcs and 14d. p.a.; to have, etc. to the use of Anne, daughter of the said William Bothe, kt., and wife of John Legh, son and heir of the said John Legh, esq., with remainders to the said John Legh, the son, and his lawful heirs, and to the said John Legh, esq., the father, and his heirs for ever; rent, to the said grantors and to the heirs of the said John Legh, esq., the father, 14d. p.a. at the two terms of the year, in equal portions; with right of distraint and proviso for cessor of the remainder to John, the son, should Anne die without lawful heirs by him. 2 April 1465. 6 seals, missing.

Ormerod, *op. cit.*, iii. 836, where for "Payment" and "Cheponflatte" read, respectively, "Pament" and "Chapon Flatte", as above.

288. Letter of attorney to Bartholomew Doge or Thomas Alcoke, jointly or severally, to receive seisin of the above [287]. 2 April 1465. 4 seals, missing.

289. Indenture between John Legh of le Bothes, esq., son and heir of John Legh, kt., of the one part, and Richard Mershelond, Joan his wife and William his son, of the other, witnessing that John has leased for 14 years to Richard, Joan and William a messuage with a certain parcel of land called *Rydynges* on the west side of Torkynton' Grene; rent, 33s. 4d. p.a. at the two terms of the year, in equal portions; with right of distrain and re-entry; he also grants them sufficient *tynsull* [sc. brushwood, underwood] in Torkynton' for enclosing the said parcel, by the consent of the bailiff for the time being. 30 Nov. 1466. Seal, missing.

Helsby (Ormerod, *loc. cit.*) has apparently misread "quadem" as "quatuor", for he incorrectly translates "a messuage and *four* parcels". He also gives the rent as 33s. instead of 33s. 4d.

290. Award of William Bothe, kt., and William Davenport of Bromehall, esq., in a dispute between tenants of Torkynton' of Dame Anne Shakerley and Philip Legh of the Bothez, esq. 16 May 1504. 2 seals, missing.

291. Petition to the King by Geoffrey Shakerley, esq. (to whom the manor of Torkynton' has descended as the son and heir of Elizabeth, daughter and heir of John Legh, esq., by Peter Shakerley), for a messuage and land in Heppals within the vill of Torkynton' which were forfeited in 1395 by Ralph del Shaw of Heppals on his outlawry for the murder of John Sherd. n.d. [1544/1547]. Contemporary copy.

See Ormerod, iii. 837 and note *b*, where attention is drawn to the value of this document for the descent of the Leghs and the manor of Torkington.

292. Indenture of covenants between John Legh of the Bothes, kt., and Edward Legh of Baguley, esq., of the one part, and John Torkynton of Torkynton, gentleman, of the other, whereby the said John Torkynton grants to the said John Legh all his portion of *Torkynton Comyn* and the said John Legh and Edward Legh grant to the said John Torkynton a moiety of *Torkynton Grene*, otherwise called *the Lagher Grene*, and a moiety of another parcel of common in Torkynton called the *Oldfild*; John Legh also agrees to lease to the said John Torkynton for 21 years land belonging to a tenement in Torkynton in the occupation of Ralph Bredbury the elder; and agreement is made respecting two closes called *Meane Heyes* and land called *the Broodcroft*, in Torkynton. 26 Dec. 1556. Seal, missing.

Partial abstract in Ormerod, iii. 836.

293. Grant by the King to John Legh, esquire of the body, of all those lands, etc. in Torkynton called *Heppales* and all messuages, lands, etc. in Torkynton which formerly belonged to Ralph Shagh', outlawed for divers felonies. 3 May 1544. Seal, missing.

Cf. Ormerod, iii. 837.

294. Lease for three lives by John Torkynton of Torkynton, gentleman, to Nicholas Hegynbothom of Merple, yeoman, of a messuage and smithy in Torkynton in the said Nicholas's possession. 20 Oct. 1570. Seal, missing. Counterpart.

295. Lease for 10 years by Geoffrey Shakerley, esq., to Randolph

Wylkenson, yeoman, of the manor of Torkynton' and all lands, tenements, etc. in Torkynton', Ollerton, Knottesforde, and Heppalles which were the inheritance of John Leigh, esq., father of Elizabeth, great-grandmother of the said Geoffrey; rent, 100l. p.a.; with right of distraint. 31 May 1576. Seal, missing.

296. Mortgage by John Torkynton of Torkynton, gentleman and Edward Torkynton, his son and heir, to Richard Wilbraham of Wiche Malbanke, gentleman, of 4 messuages in the tenure, respectively, of Robert Adshed, John Stels, James Wharmby, and Nicholas Higgenbothom, and 3 closes called *Rye Ridinges*, *Fyncheley*, and *the poyce and Edmond knoll*, in Torkynton. 19 June 1579. Seal, missing.

297. Lease for three lives by William Leighe of Boothes, gentleman (son and heir of John Leighe of Boothes, esq.), and Dorothy, his wife, to George Barnes the younger of Marple, wheel-wright, of a messuage in Torkinton in the tenure of George Barnes the elder. 18 May 1612. Seal, missing.

298. *A particular, indented, of certaine wrytinges* [15 Edw. II—3 and 4 Philip and Mary] *concerninge the landes of Torkinton and Heppales, w^{ch} wrytinges were delivered by William Leighe of Norbury Boothes, esquire, unto John Leigh, sonne and heire of the said William.* 30 Sept. 1630.

299. Articles of agreement between Francis Downes of Pychley, co. Northampton, esq. (on behalf of himself and of Francis Downes, gentleman, son and heir of Roger Downes of Wordley, Lancs., esq.), and John Leigh, gentleman, son and heir of William Leigh of Northburie Boothes, esq., of the one part, and John Torkinton of Torkinton, gentleman, William Arderne, gentleman, son-in-law of the said John Torkinton, and Laurence Wright of Offerton, gentleman, of the other, respecting *Torkinton Comon*, or *the Nether Comon*, and other parcels of land in Torkinton and Marple. 13 June 1631. With counterpart.

300. Lease for 99 years by John Leighe, gentleman (son and heir of William Leighe of Boothes, esq.), and Thomas Leighe of Over Knotsford, gentleman, to William Wharmby of Torkinton, husbandman, of a part of the common called *Torkinton Common* or *the Nether Common*. 12 Feb. 1633. Seal, missing.

301. Conveyance by John Torkington of Tarvyn, gentleman, to Alexander Hollinworth of Hollinworth and John Werden of Chester, gentlemen, of a moiety of a messuage in Torkinton which he lately acquired from Robert Torkington, gentleman, together with an annual rent of 9d. from various lands in Norbury, a messuage called *Le Rylandes* or *Lynneys tenement* in *Rylance Bollyn* and Pownall Fee in Wilmeslowe parish, and all other his messuages, lands, etc. in Torkington, Rylance Bollyn and Pownall Fee. 12 March 1634. Seal, missing.

302. Feoffment by Laurence Wright of Offerton, gentleman, to John Torkington of Tarvyn, gentleman, of two closes called *the Finch ley* and *the Merry Hill* and part of an acre of land lately enclosed out of *Torkington Greene* in the holding of Mary Arderne, widow. 10 March 1637.

303. Lease for 99 years by John Leigh, gentleman, son and heir of William Leigh of Boothes, esq., to Jane Bradbury of Torkinton, widow, of

the closes called *the Radich Croft* and *Round Croft*, in Torkinton. 1 Oct. 1638. Seal, missing.

304. Demise by the same to Robert Ridgewaie of Offerton, yeoman, and Jane Breadburie of Torkinton, widow, of the closes called *the longe field* and *the Reddiche Crofte* and *Round Crofte* in Torkinton. 4 Aug. 1640. 2 seals, missing.

305. Lease for possession by George Higginbothome of Torkinton, yeoman, to John Leigh of Norbury Booths, esq., of a close on the south-west side of the high road leading through Torkinton to Stopford, lately enclosed from the waste in Torkinton. 8 June 1657. Seal, missing.

306. Feoffment from the same to the same of the same. [Blank.] July 1657. Uncompleted.

307. Lease for three lives by Peter Legh of Northbury Booths, esq., to Thomas Bancroft of Marple, yeoman, of closes called *the Stack Feild* or *Stack Feild Meadowe*. 25 Oct. 1678. Seal, missing. Counterpart.

308. Conveyance by Ralph Arderne of Crookley, gentleman, to Francis Berrisford, citizen and merchant of London, of Torkington Hall with appurtenances and all other messuages, etc. of the said Ralph in Torkington in the tenures of the said Ralph, John Wharnby, Richard Preistnor, John Bayley, John Bennett and Robert Daniel, in trust for John Arderne, gentleman, son and heir of the said Ralph. 1 and 2 June 1686.

309. Assignment from William Bridges, citizen and draper of London, to Sir Thomas Stanley of Alderley, bart., and Henry Bradshaw of Marple, esq., of a mortgage by the above Francis Berrisford to the said William Bridges of the same [308]. 3 March 1686/87.

310. Mortgage by Peter Legh of Northbury Booths, esq., and Richard Legh, gentleman, his younger brother, to Hester Lowndes of Chiswicke, co. Middlesex (widow of Joseph Lowndes), of the same [308]. 23 June 1687.

311. Bond for performance of covenants in the above mortgage [310]. 23 June 1687.

312. Release by Ralph Arderne of Stockport, gentleman, to the above Peter Legh of the same. 2 May 1692.

313. Bond respecting the above release [312]. 10 May 1692.

314. Lease for three lives by the above Peter Legh to Henry Collier of Norbury, yeoman, of part of a messuage in Torkington lately in John Wharmbey's tenure and closes belonging to the same, viz. *the field att the doore, the meadowe, the little croft, the horse croft, the long shoote, the banck, the killns croft*, with part of the orchard and garden. 9 Aug. 1692.

315. Similar lease to George Barton of Torkinton, yeoman, of a messuage in Torkinton and closes called *the Furlong, the Hillylee*, three doles in *the Broad Crofts, the Barnefield, the Calfe Croft, the Acre, the Lower Juddole, the Higher Juddole, the Finch ley, the Merry Hills, and the meadow* held by widow Bennett. 27 May 1697. Counterpart.

316. Lease for possession by Ralph Callveley of Rixton, Lancs., gentleman, to John Ryle of Torkington, yeoman, of a moiety of *Adsheads Tenement* in Torkington and closes belonging to the same, viz. *the Schoales* in Bosden, and *the Cowduck, the Jack Croft, the Cotter lains, the Pearson croft, the Brooms, the Grindle Hill, the Sheephouse meadow, the Pye wood, the*

Broad Crofts, the Hollins Croft, the Pickford Crofts, the Blake Croft, the Crowbitch meadow, the little Woodfeild, the Wood, the Battle Doales, the Cockshuthay, the meadow and Copy's, the Hey, the Outlet, and the little meadow in Torkington. 22 June 1725.

317. Lease for three lives by Peter Legh, esq., to Hannah Dodge of Torkington, widow, of a messuage in Torkington and closes belonging to it called *the House Croft, the House Meadow, the Middlefield, the Coat Meadow, the Coatfield, the Pingot, the little Hay, the Crabb Orchard, the Great Hay, the Wood Croft, the Wood Croft Rough, the old Wood, the Old Wood Rough, the Marlfield, the Sindes field, the Twisting Yard, the four acres, the Brown Hills, the Outlet, and the Acre*. 31 Aug. 1745. Counterpart.

318. Similar lease to Ralph Oldham of Eccles, Derbs., gentleman, of a messuage with appurtenances in Torkington. 25 June 1750. Counterpart.

319. Final agreement between Peter Legh, esq., plaintiff, and Richard Gaskell and Mary, his wife, and George Antrobus and Mary, his wife, deforciant, respecting 5 cottages, a stable, a bakehouse and land with appurtenances in Disley Standley and Torkington. 9 April 1787.

TWEMLOW, ETC.

320. Confirmation by Ralph Longton' of Keryncham and Henry Gorsuch', chaplains, at the special request of Roger Knuttisford of Twemlow (against whom they have recovered his manor of Twemlow with all appurtenances), to the said Roger of a messuage in Newhall with appurtenances in the tenure of Thomas Huls, Richard Huls and William Huls worth 41s. 10d. p.a.; an annual rent of 47s. 8d. from messuages and lands in Ascheley formerly in Roger Bothe's tenure; an annual rent of 5s. 3d. from a burgage in Overknuttisford in James Wolmer's tenure; an annual rent of 18d. from another burgage there in Nicholas Wolmer's tenure; a parcel of land in the said Nicholas's tenure in Knuttisford worth 4d. p.a.; an annual rent of 12d. from a burgage in Overknuttisford lately in the tenure of John Denys; a cottage in Knuttisford in Thomas Jepson's tenure worth 6d. p.a.; a selion in *le Overtownefyld* in Richard Aldcrofte's tenure worth 10d. p.a.; a selion in the same in Thomas Ruggeway's tenure worth 10d. p.a.; a parcel of land in Overknuttisford in Thomas Tofte's tenure worth 4d. p.a.; another parcel there lately in Thomas Glover's tenure worth 2d. p.a.; a parcel of land in Knuttisford in the tenure of Ranulph Maynwar yng of Peover, esq., worth 6d. p.a.; another parcel there in William Mothershed's tenure worth 16d. p.a.; an annual rent of 20d. from a burgage in Netherknuttisford in John Strethyll's tenure; a selion in Overknuttisford in the tenure of the same worth 12d. p.a.; an annual rent of 12d. from a burgage in Netherknuttisford in John Cryour's tenure; an annual rent of 5s. from another burgage there in Robert Massye's tenure; an annual rent of 4s. from another burgage there in Geoffrey Caryngton's tenure; a selion in Overknuttisford in the tenure of the same worth 10d. p.a.; an annual rent of 4s. from a burgage in Netherknuttisford in John Henshe's tenure; an annual rent of 5s. from another burgage there in Thomas Melyngton's

tenure ; an annual rent of 2s. from another burgage there in Walter Legh's tenure ; and an annual rent of 12d. from another burgage there in Petronilla Latham's tenure ; to have, etc. to the said Roger for life, with remainders to Margaret, his daughter and coheir, and her lawful heirs by Hamon Stokley and to her rightful heirs, and to Mary (wife of Edward Bothe) and Ellen Knottesford, also coheirs of the said Roger ; with certain provisos. 31 May 1525. 2 seals, missing.

Partial abstract in Ormerod, iii. 135, where for " 4ls. p.a. " read " 4ls. 10d. p.a." and for " Wolm " read " Wolmer ". Helsby's statement that this document is dated " last of May, 12 (*not* 17) Hen. VIII " is incorrect ; the date is clearly 17 Hen. VIII.

WARFORD, GREAT.

321. Gift by Robert son of Robert de Wynninton to William Miller [*Molendinarius*], for his homage and service, of the site of a mill in the vill of Great Werford with a moiety of the pond, agistment of water at the said mill on the stream between Great Werford and Holreton', and an acre of land in the said vill, with suit of his tenants of Great Werford at the said mill with their corn growing there ; to have, etc. freely, quietly, etc. with housebote and haybote and fuel, commons and easements sufficient for the said acre and with timber in the wood of Great Werford for the building and repair of half the mill and the dams ; rent, a pair of white gloves or 1d. silver p.a. at Midsummer for all secular services, etc., saving that William and his heirs shall keep and maintain a mill and pond there at their own expense for ever and find all things necessary for the same and for the dams ; but Robert and his heirs or assigns shall carry a fourth part of the timber and millstones, as often as necessary, and shall pay toll there for their own corn growing in Great Werford ; and William and his heirs shall take turf and land in the said vill for the building and repair of half the mill, as the work requires it, shall find traps for taking eels and have a third part of them, shall find a miller, and shall have all the chaff, white and black ; saving to Robert and his heirs a third part of the whole toll of all kinds of corn of the said mill. *Hiis testibus Ade de Tabbeleg', Willelmo de Modbirleg', Rogero de Toft, Thoma de Leg', Iohanne fratre suo, Ricardo capellano et aliis.* n.d. [temp. Edw. I, first half]. Seal, missing.

322. Gift by William de Rousthorn, miller, to John de Leigh', of the third part of a water-mill in the vill of Great Werford with the site of the pond, and agistment of water at the said mill on the stream between Great Werford and Holreton' ; also of an acre of land in the said vill with suit of the tenants there of Robert de Wynninton' and his heirs, as William Miller [*Molendinarius*], father of the said William de Rousthorn, had of the gift and feoffment of Robert de Wynninton [321 above] ; he also grants to the said John an acre of land in the vill of Holreton', with suit of mill of the tenants there of Robert de Mascy and his heirs, besides suit of William le Dunne and Adam de Wyrinn, as appears more fully in the charter which the said William, his father, had of the gift and feoffment of Richard de Mascy ; to have, etc., freely, quietly, etc., with housebote and haybote and fuel, commons and easements sufficient for the said two acres and with

timber in the woods of Great Werford and Holreton' for the building and repair of the said mill and dams, as more fully appears in the said charters of Richard de Mascy and Robert de Wynninton'. *Hiis testibus Willelmo de Modburlegh', tunc vicecomite Cestris', Roberto de Mascy, Rogero de Leycestr', Rogero de Toft, Rogero de Holleford, Thoma filio Thome de Leigh', Thoma Deyners, et aliis.* n.d. [c. 1319-20]. Seal, missing.

See Ormerod, iii. 585.

WAVERTON.

323. Gift by Adam de Bostok' and Hugh le Tyn to John le Tyn of a piece of waste land within the following bounds : between the said John's field on the south and the high road on the east, and between his house, on the one side, and the large ditch at Waverton, on the other, as the hedge and bounds surround and enclose it ; rent, 6d. p.a., at the two terms of the year, viz. at Midsummer 3d. to Adam and his heirs, and at Martinmas 3d. to Hugh and his heirs ; with reversion to Adam and Hugh, namely, half to each, should John die without lawful heir. *Hiis testibus domino Radulfo de Vernun, domino Hugone de Venablis, militibus, Roberto le Brescy, Gylberto Dodefyn, Hugone Raer, Ranulfo le Tyn, Iohanne clerico, et multis aliis.* n.d. [temp. Edw. I, first half]. 2 seals ; one missing, one fragm.

Abstract in Ormerod, ii. 788, where "le Tyu" is read throughout.

WILMSLOW.

324. Release by John Carrington of Bollen, gentleman, to William Leigh of Northburie Boothes, esq., of all his right, etc. in Holmes Lane in Bollen, lately in the tenure of William Huitt of Tatton, husbandman. 24 Sept. 1628. Seal, missing.

MISCELLANEOUS.

325. Gift by Robert son of Herbert del Holis to Wladus' Walens of a piece of land in the territory of le Holis to build upon called *Le Hallond*, which Hugh de Hastheleg' formerly held at farm ; to have, etc., for ever, rendering thence yearly to the chief lord the services due and accustomed, etc. ; for this grant Wladus' has given him 10s. silver. *Hiis testibus Ricardo de Lostok', Iohanne de Nova Aula, Hugone de Vernon', Ricardo de Andirton', Warino de Croxton', Stephano Venatori, Rogero clerico, et multis aliis.* n.d. [late Edw. I]. Seal, missing.

Helsby (Ormerod, iii. 167) reads, incorrectly, "Le Hallom".

326. Roll containing contemporary copies of twenty-two charters (late 13th-early 14th cent.) relating to lands, etc. in Knutsford, Knutsford Booths, Norbury Booths, Ollerton and Mobberley and, with one exception (no. xii), to John de Legh and Elena his wife ; at the end (no. xxiii) has been added a late 14th cent. memorandum respecting lands, etc. of the Mascy family of Sale. Parchm., 3 mm. As follows :—

(i) Copy of 21 above.

(ii) Release by John de Orreby, kt., to John de Legh and Elena his wife of all his right, etc. in the lands and tenements they hold in Northeburibothes and Knotesfordebothes ; rent, 20s. silver p.a. to him, payable at the two terms of the year, in equal portions, and 12d. p.a. to William de Tabelegh' and his heirs at Midsummer, both sums for term of

- the said John de Orreby's life. *Hiis testibus Domino Thoma de Birchelis, tunc Abbate Cestrie, Iohanne de Arden', Radulfo de Vernon', Hamone de Mascy, Ricardo de Mascy, militibus, Thoma de Legh', Willelmo Dayners, Ade de Tabeleg', Willelmo de Modburlegh', Willelmo de Maynwarung', Rogero de Laycestr'. Thoma capellano, et aliis. n.d. [late Edw. I/Edw. II].*
- (iii) Gift by Adam Hurne to the same of a piece of ground in the vill of Knotesford called *Wollardesdene*, within certain bounds. *Hiis testibus Radulpho filio domini Radulfi de Vernon, Ricardo de Fouleshurst, Willelmo Gerard', Thoma de Legh', Rogero de Leycestr', Roberto de Huxle, et aliis. n.d. [Edw. II].*
- (iv) Copy of 20 above.
- (v) Gift by William de Tabeleg', lord of Knotesford, to John de Legh' of a piece of ground and tenement in the vill of Knotesford within these bounds: beginning at the corner of the ditch of the little *haye* which Richard de Mascy holds of him [William] at farm, then, ascending, following the hedge and ditch to the corner of the ditch opposite Robert le Chylt's house, thence, diagonally, following the ditch to the boundary of the said Robert's land, then descending and rounding that boundary to the stream which comes from Knotesford mill, across the stream to the opposite bank, descending along that bank to a point opposite a certain hedge of the aforesaid *haye*, then crossing the stream to the same hedge and following it to the corner of the ditch mentioned above. *Hiis testibus domino Ricardo de Mascy, milite, Thoma de Legh', Ade de Tabeleg', Willelmo de Mara, Rogero de Laycestre, Rogero de Toft, Iohanne de Bexton', Thoma de Barton, capellano, et aliis. n.d. [late Edw. I/Edw. II].*
- (vi) Release for 18 years by William de Tabbeleg' to the same of all his right, etc. in 21s. of annual rent which he is wont to receive from the said John de Legh' for *le Bothes*; in 2s. of annual rent from a piece of ground which the said John holds of his feoffment in the vill of Knotesford, lying between land of Adam Hurne and land of Hugh, son of Elota, and extending to *Wallebrock*; and in 12d. of annual rent from a burgage in Knotesford which John bought from Adam Hurne. 23 Aug. 1300.
- (vii) Gift by Adam son of John Hurne to John de Legh and Elena his wife of a burgage with appurtenances in the vill of Knotesford. *Hiis testibus Thoma de Legh', Willelmo de Modburlegh', Rogero de Laycestr', Ade de Tabeleg', Willelmo de Tabeleg', Roberto clerico, et aliis. n.d. [late Edw. I/Edw. II].*
- (viii) Gift by Adam Hurne to the same of a curtilage which Margery de Fonte formerly held, next to the burgage of Thomas Tailor [Cissor], in the vill of Knotesford; because Adam has no seal of his own he uses the seal of Robert de Cundeclif. *Hiis testibus Thoma de Legh', Ade de Tabeleg', Willelmo de Mer, Rogero de Toft, Roberto clerico, et aliis. n.d. [late Edw. I/Edw. II].*
- (ix) Gift by William, lord of Knotesford, to John de Legh' of all the lands and tenements which Adam, chaplain of Tatton, formerly held of him [William] for a term of years in the vill of Knotesford; rent, 2s. silver at the two terms of the year, in equal portions. *Hiis testibus domino Ricardo de Mascy, Iusticiario Cestrie, domino Hugone de Venables, Thoma de Legh', Ade de Tabeleg', Rogero de Laycestr', Roberto Wade, Roberto clerico, et aliis. n.d. [1300/1301].*
- (x) Copy of 32 above, omitting one witness.
- (xi) Gift by Adam Hurne to John de Legh' and Elena his wife of a burgage which Adam Baker [Fornarius] formerly held of him, together with a small house which William Baner held, and 1½ selions next to the said Adam's land, in the vill of Knotesford; to have, etc. the said burgage and all the land belonging to it of the lord of the vill of Knotesford and the said 1½ selions of *dominus* Richard de Mascy; rent, 12d. p.a., when the other burgesses of the vill pay their farm, payable to Alice, formerly wife of William de Tabeleg', and, after her death, to the lord of the said vill, at the two terms of the year laid down in the common charter of the vill of Knutsford. *His testibus Thoma de Legh', Adam [sic] de Tabeleg', Rogero de Toft, Iohanne de Lostock', Thoma Snoubal, Roberto Pistor', Hugone le Harpere, Roberto clerico, et aliis. n.d. [late Edw. I/Edw. II].*
- (xii) Copy of 28 above, with two of the witnesses omitted.
- (xiii) Quitclaim by John son of William le Reneyd [?] to John de Legh and Elena his wife of all his right, etc., in a third part of the mill and mill-pool of the said John on *Wallebrock*, with the white and black chaff, in Northeburiboths and Knotsford Bothes, with all appurtenances. 18 Jan. 1310.
- (xiv) Gift by John de Arden', lord of Aldeford, to John de Legh' of all his lands and tenements in the vill of Modburlegh' for term of the said John's life, with appurtenances; rent, 8l. silver at the two terms of the year, in equal portions; if he die before the said John de Legh', the latter shall be quit of this rent for life and render yearly instead a rose at Midsummer for all services, etc.; after the death of the said John de Legh' the said lands, etc. are to remain to John de Legh' his son and heir and to Matilda, daughter of the said John de Arden, and their lawful heirs, on similar terms; if the said John, the son, die

before he marry Matilda, then William his brother, is to marry her, and the said lands are to remain to them and their lawful heirs for ever; if John, the son, and Matilda, or William, his brother, and Matilda die without lawful heirs, the lands, etc. are to revert to the said John de Arden and his heirs for ever. *Hiis testibus dominis Iohanne de Orreby et Ricardo de Masey, militibus, Roberto de Pulford', Philippo de Eggerton', Ricardo de Fouleshurst, Thoma de Legh', Willelmo de Modburlegh', Rogero de Laycestr', Willelmo de Mara, Ade de Tabbeleg', Willelmo Dayners, Magistro Rogero de Aldrdel' [sic], Thoma de Barton', capellano, et aliis.* n.d. [July 1302]. Cf. Leicester, p. 319 and Ormerod, i. 415.

- (xv) Letter of attorney from the above John de Arden' to his brother Peter to deliver seisin of the above lands, etc. to the above John de Legh'. 21 July 1302.
- (xvi) Release by John de Ardene, kt., to John de Legh' of all his right, etc. in an annual rent of 8l. for certain lands and tenements in Modburlegh' and in the lands, etc. themselves. 15 Aug. 1305.
- (xvii) Release by John de Arden', lord of Aldeford to the same of all his lands, tenements, rents and possessions in the vill of Modburlegh', for term of the said John de Legh's life, with all appurtenances, rendering yearly a rose at Midsummer, and confirmation of the same to John, son and heir of the said John de Legh', and to Matilda, daughter of the said John de Arden', and their lawful heirs, after the death of the said John de Legh', on similar terms; if John, the son, die before he marry Matilda, then William, his brother, is to marry her with all the said lands, on similar terms; if John, the son, and Matilda or William and Matilda die without lawful heirs, the said lands, etc. are to remain to the rightful heirs of the said John de Legh' [sic] for ever. 25 Aug. 1307.
- (xviii) Agreement between William de Modburlegh', of the one part, and John de Legh, of the other, respecting a fourth part of the mill and mill-pond of le Bothes and approwments in the vill of Modburlegh'. 9 Feb. 1304. (Fr.). Imperf. and stained.
- (xix) Grant by John de Arden', kt., to John de Legh' and Elena, his wife, of an [acre?] in the vill of Modburlegh' adjoining the water of Wallebrock. *Hiis testibus Dominis Ricardo de Masey tunc [missing?] Iusticiario] Cestrie, Hamone [de] Masey], Radulfo de Vernon', Iohanne de Orreby, militibus, Alexandro de Baumuill, Willelmo Gerard, Willelmo de [. . . missing] clerico et aliis.* n.d. [1300/1301]. Imperfect and stained.
- (xx) Agreement between William de Tabbilleg', lord of Knotesford', and the tenants of that vill, of the one part, and John de Legh' and Elena, his wife, lords of Knotesfordbothes and Northeburybothes, of the other, respecting common pasture in the said vill. *Hiis testibus Hamone de Masey, Ricardo de Masey, militibus, Willelmo de Modburleg', Thoma de Legh', Rogero de Laycestre, Ade de Tabeleg', Willelmo de Mara, Roberto clerico, et aliis.* n.d. [late Edw. I].
- (xxi) Copy of 231 above.
- (xxii) Copy of 232 above, omitting one witness.
- (xxiii) Memorandum respecting lands and tenements held by Robert son of Richard de Masey of Sale. n.d. [late 14th cent.].

327. Acquittance from Richard de Plumton', escheator in co. Chester, to John de Legh for his farm of Mara and of Mondrem from Michaelmas 1320, 4l. 8s. 10½d. for the forest bailiwick formerly of Richard Doune. 10 Nov. 1320. Seal, fragm.

328. Grant by Richard Fyket to Elena, wife of John de Legh, and her son, John, kt., of all his goods, moveable and immoveable. 27 Aug. 1337.

329. Letter of attorney from John Tochet, lord of Audley and Helegh, to John Heske and Adam Heske, to demand and receive from all his soldiers lately with him, and dwelling in the counties of Chester and Lancaster, all the thirds of goods and chattels which the said soldiers gained in the wars in South Wales while in his pay, from 2 February to the feast of Philip and James [1 May] next following. 1 May 1406. Seal (heraldic). (Fr.).

330. Plea of John de Legh of le Bothes for pardon for all occupations and entrances upon lands and tenements which belonged to Robert de Laycestre in co. Chester and for all contempts of a writ *de diem clausit extremum* which Hugh de Holes prosecuted against him and upon which an

inquisition held before the escheator found a title of right for Dame Margaret de Ardene and the said Hugh. n.d. [c. 1411/12]. (Fr.).

The pardon itself is cited by Helsby (*op. cit.*, i. 495 note *b*), who states that the lands, etc. were in Mobberley.

331. Bond of Thomas de Wever to Joan, formerly wife of Thomas del Holt, in 8 marcs, to be paid at Pentecost next following. 2 March 1439. Seal, missing.

332. Award of Thomas Feton' and Thomas of Wever in a dispute between Randle þe [sic] Maynwaryng, esq., John þe [sic] Maynwaryng, kt., and others of their fellowship, tenants and servants, of the one part, and John of Legh of þe Bothes, Roger his brother, and Ralph Bellow and others of their fellowship, tenants and servants of the said John of Legh, of the other, that the said Randle pay the said John of Legh 20 marcs. 24 Oct. 1441. 2 seals, missing. (Eng.).

333. Bond of William le Smyth, William Burges and Hugh de Wolfhede to John de Legh, lord of le Bothes in 13 marcs, to be paid at Pentecost next following. 26 April 1443. Seals, missing.

334. Similar bond of Thurstan de Newham and William de Honford of Yaiton, esq. 26 April 1443. 2 seals, missing.

335. Award of Edmund of Trafford, kt., and Thomas of Wevere, esq., in a dispute between John of Legh of the Bothes, William of Legh of Tymperley, and Richard of Assheton, *and all thayrs*, of the one part, and George of Caryngton', William of Caryngton', Piers of Caryngton', Edward of Caryngton' and Roger of Caryngton', *and all thairs*, of the other, that the said George of Caryngton' pay to the said William of Legh 5 marcs and to John of Barlow 6s. 8d., and that Piers of Caryngton pay to John of Chaterton' 6s. 8d. 30 Nov. 1445. 2 seals, missing. (Eng.).

336. Award of Edward the [sic] Massy in a dispute between Laurence Fyton', kt., Robert Bothe, kt., Laurence Asthill, John Asthill the younger and John Alkoc, of the one part, and John Legh of ye Bothes, Honkyn Laurence, John the son of Thomas Laurence, John Wodd, William Symcok, Robert Fawdon', John Boton', Ralph Are, Hugh Pycard and Richard Prest of ye Bothes, of the other, that the said Honkyn Laurence and John Legh pay the said Laurence Asthill', John Asthill' and John Alkoc 8 marcs for an attack on them made by the said Honkyn and supported by the said John Legh; that a dispute between the said Robert Bothe and the said Robert Fawdon respecting a piece of land in Werford be submitted to the award of Thomas Duncalf; and that the said Laurence Asthill cease to pursue a writ of trespass against Honkyn Laurence. 26 April 1446. Seal, missing. (Eng.).

337. Award of John of Leycestr' of Tabley, the elder, in a dispute between John of Legh of the Booths, otherwise called John of Legh of Knottesford, Thomas of Snelleston', Edward, brother of the said Thomas, Alexander of the Faloos, and John of the Wode, of the one part, and Thomas Danyell' of Tabley, the elder, of the other, respecting Margery, daughter and heir of William of Tabley and ward of the said Thomas Danyell'. 2 May 1450. Seal, missing. (Eng.).

See Ormerod, i. 495 note *b*.

338. Indenture of covenants between John Legh of the Bothes, of the one part, and Nicholas Lathum and Robert Lathum, executors of Thomas Lathum of Knottisford, of the other, respecting a debt of the said John to Nicholas and Robert. 2 Feb. 1458. Seal(s), cut off.

339. Bond of Joan, formerly wife of Robert Grosvenour, to John del Legh of le Bothes, esq., respecting the manors, messuages, etc. which she has for life by way of dower and jointure in co. Chester. 21 Sept. 25 [sic] Edw. IV. Seal, missing.

340. Subsidy roll for the Hundred of Buclowe. 1 June 1501.

341. Bond of Hugh Venables and Ranulph Clayton, gentlemen, to Philip Legh, esq., to keep an award of John Salter and Richard Hesketh' in a dispute respecting a weir belonging to a water-mill of the said Hugh. 5 Feb. 1517. 2 seals, missing.

342. Grant that Philip Lee, esq., and Elizabeth, his wife, may be special partakers of all masses, prayers, abstinences, etc. in all houses of the Augustinian Friars in England. 16 June 1518. Seal, missing.

343. Notification by Hugh Cokker, James Willemott, Laurence Bentley and Ralph Page that they were not associated with a Bill of Complaint made by John Meer, esq., and others against Philip Leghe, esq. 6 April 1521. 4 seals, missing.

344. Indenture of covenants between Robert Moscroppe of the Overtoun of Knottesforde and Hugh Moscroppe, his son and heir, respecting all Robert's messuages, burgages, lands, etc. in co. Chester. 6 April 1521. Seal, missing.

345. Bond of Thomas Wolmer, Hugh Moscroppe and William Anturbus to Laurence Wolmer, to keep an award by Geoffrey Graunge and Peter Morres in a dispute between them. 3 Nov. 1529.

346. Bond of Margaret Moscrop of Overknotysford, widow, to John Legh of Bothes, kt., for the performance of covenants contained in an indenture between them. 20 Nov. 1547.

347. Grant by William Brereton of Brereton, esq., that John Leighe of Boothes, esq., may, notwithstanding a Statute Merchant between them, demise for 21 years or three lives lands, etc. in co. Chester whereof John is seised, provided that his wife Jane Leighe (William's sister) give her consent. 20 July 1576.

348. Acknowledgment by Thomas Fairfax of Liverpool, Lancs., gentleman, and Anne, his wife, of the receipt of part of the marriage portion of the said Anne, daughter of John Leighe of Norbury Boothes, esq., deceased. 8 April 1618. 2 seals, missing.

349. Similar acknowledgment by the same. 29 March 1619. 2 seals, missing.

350. Bond of George Booth of Dunham Massye, kt. and bart., and his son and heir William Booth to John Leighe of Over Knottesford, son and heir of William Leighe of Norbury Boothes, esq., for the performance of covenants. 30 Oct. 1634.

351. Writ for William Leigh, esq., late Sheriff of co. Chester, his Deputy, etc., to deliver to Thomas Delves, kt. and bart., appointed Sheriff, the seal,

writs, rolls and all other things belonging to the said office. 21 Oct. 1636. Seal, cut off.

352. Quietus for William Leigh, esq., late Sheriff of co. Chester. 8 March 1640/41.

353. Demise for 100 years by William Stanley to Allan Pennington of Chester, doctor of physic, of premises with appurtenances in [*place missing*]. [*Day and month missing*] 1657. Seal, missing. Imperf., the right half only of the document having survived.

354. Writ for John Leigh, esq., late Sheriff of co. Chester, his Deputy, etc., to deliver to [*torn*] of Davenport, esq., appointed Sheriff, the seal, writs, rolls and all other things belonging to the said office. 6 Dec. 1658.

355. Licence to Elizabeth Leigh of Booths, widow, to eat meat during Lent. 5 March 1660/61.

356. Interrogations to be administered to witnesses to be examined on behalf of Robert Venables, esq., and Elizabeth, his wife, defendants, against John Gandy, complainant. n.d. [17th cent.; post 16 April 1660.]

357. Appointment of Peter Legh, esq., as Sheriff of co. Chester. 11 Dec. 1691. Seal, missing.

358. Bond of Peter Legh of Northbury Booths, esq., to Ralph Lowndes of Lea Hall in Wimblesley, clerk, for the performance of covenants. 29 Sept. 1693.

359. Appointment of Ruth, wife of Peter Lee of Booth, esq., to be in charge of Anna Brockholes, daughter of John Brockholes of Claughton, Lancs., esq., papal recusant. 26 June 1697.

360. Bond of Peter Legh of Northbury Booths, esq., to Henry Wright of Cliffords Inn, London, esq., for the performance of covenants. 22 Oct. 1698.

361. Bond of indemnity of Richard Legh of Northbury Booths, esq., to Thomas Willys, esq. 12 June 1718.

362. Appointment by George, Earl of Cholmondeley, of Peter Legh, esq., as one of his Deputy Lieutenants for the county of Chester and the county of the city of Chester. 8 July 1757.

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