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This volume is dedicated to the memory of SIR GURNEY BENHAM, F.S.A., as a slight recognition of the valuable services he rendered for many years to the Essex Archaeological Society.

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INTRODUCTION.

The Chronicles of Abingdon Abbey narrate how Geoffrey, son of Aubrey de Vere, was treated for a serious illness by Faritius, abbot of Abingdon. At first he seemed to recover, but a little while later he died and was buried in the abbey. On his death-bed he granted to the monks of Abingdon the church of Kensington. This gift his father Aubrey confirmed, and at the same time made a series of additional grants including his church at Colne. In return Faritius ordained that two monks should celebrate daily for the souls of the de Veres in the church of St. Andrew of Colne (now Earls Colne). This was the origin of Colne Priory. The number of monks serving the chantry was increased. Permanent buildings were erected for them to the East of the church and the hall; and it was not long before they began to build their own church. The ordination of the chantry took place when Faritius was abbot of Abingdon and Maurice bishop of London, which fixes the date between 1101 and 1107. Henry I's confirmation charter of the year 1111 mentions the monks of Abingdon in the church of St. Andrew of Colne. Archbishop Ralph, c. 1120, gives his benediction to anyone assisting the monks to build a habitation at Colne. His successor, William de Corbeil, some ten years later still speaks of the settlement at Colne as a chantry. It is not till the priory-church was dedicated in 1148 that grants are made to the church of St. Mary at Colne. A charter of Earl Aubrey (Colne Chartulary no. 49) states that his grandfather and father were both buried in the church of the priory, which his grandfather founded. Aubrey de Vere I, grandfather of the first earl, appears to have died c. 1130, by which time the building of the priory-church may have begun, but it is quite possible that his body was first buried in the parish church and later interred in the priory.

Hubert de Montchesney, in return for gifts made to Abingdon Abbey, was granted by Abbot Faritius a similar privilege; two monks were ordained to serve in the church on his manor of Edwardstone. The gifts he made to Abingdon were later transferred to Colne Priory together with the service of the two monks. The priory's endowments were practically all derived from the family of de Vere and the satellite families of Beauchamp, Montchesney, and Fitz-Ralph. The de Veres were patrons of the priory throughout the four centuries of its existence, and the priory-church was their principal burying-place.
Almost every trace of the priory has been swept away, and it is only very recently that, through the careful excavation undertaken by Dr. Fairweather, the lay-out of the church and conventual buildings has been discovered. For the history of this monastery there is little documentary evidence; even the list of priors is far from complete. Such muniments of Colne Priory as still survive are preserved among the Probert MSS. now deposited at Chelmsford. These comprise the chartulary, here transcribed, two of the original charters it contains, a confirmation-charter of Edward II by which Abingdon Abbey recovered the church of Kensington and Colne Priory gained a considerable measure of independence, and some manorial documents, mostly of fifteenth-century date. Among these latter are some compotus-rolls which contain interesting details about the buildings and economy of the convent; on the dorse of a rental some thirteenth-century charters have been enrolled. Extracts made by Glover from a later chartulary are printed in *Monasticon*; this volume was in existence in the seventeenth century, but cannot at present be located.

For the early history of the priory and its endowments, the Colne Chartulary is the principal source of information. This has long been available to students in Cole's transcript (B.M. Add. MS. 5860), made in 1781, but except for a few items in *Monasticon* and in Morant's *History of Essex*, it has never been printed. Documentary evidence for the twelfth century is sparse, so that this manuscript is specially valuable, all the charters contained in it being prior to 1200.

Four priors of Colne are mentioned in this chartulary—Mainard, Hugh, Osbert, and Reginald. As will be seen in the note to no. 57, Hugh was prior at the time of the dedication in 1148. Mainard was prior c. 1150 (no. 58). A second Hugh appears in nos. 17 and 46, c. 1180, and Osbert in no. 37, probably a few years later. Reginald, mentioned in nos. 73 and 103, seems to have been prior at the close of the century. In the article on Colne Priory in the *Victoria County History* (Vol. II., p. 104) these priors are listed in a different order, while Anchetil, a prior not mentioned in the chartulary, is inserted c. 1185. Thus there were at least four priors of Colne during the last twenty years of the twelfth century, and there is insufficient evidence to establish their exact order; but Osbert, who is only known from no. 37, was certainly prior in the time of the first Earl Aubrey, and not, as stated in the *Victoria County History*, in the time of his successor.

The de Veres naturally figure conspicuously in the chartulary, and the family-tree appended to this volume is largely derived from the evidence of these charters. There is here no actual foundation-charter,
but the chartulary opens with two versions of Henry I's confirmation of the gifts of Aubrey de Vere I and his wife Beatrice to Abingdon Abbey, which resulted in the establishment of a chantry at Colne, from which the priory originated.

Three charters of Aubrey de Vere II, the king's chamberlain, are included, and one from Alice his wife. Roger de Vere, brother of the chamberlain, also appears as a benefactor.

Aubrey de Vere III, the first earl of Oxford, appears in a number of charters, from which emerge some details of his family not generally recognised. He seems to have been married four times. His first wife, Beatrice, through whom he acquired his title of earl of Guisnes, was divorced a few years after her marriage. Aubrey then married Euphemia de Cantelupe, who died c. 1150. His third wife, Agnes, appears in three charters, nos. 33, 46, and 47. In nos. 33 and 46, Aubrey, the earl's son, is mentioned, and in no. 47 his second son, Robert, is also included. Towards the end of his life Earl Aubrey, with his wife Lucia, founded the priory of Castle Hedingham, and Aubrey, his son and heir, confirming the grant, describes Lucia as his mother. Either she was his stepmother or else she must be identified with Agnes, who possibly changed her name to Lucia on taking the veil. It seems more probable that Agnes, wife of the earl c. 1160-1180, was the mother of his children, and that Lucia was the wife of his old age, outliving her husband by many years and becoming the first prioress of the priory which she had helped to found. Three sisters of the first Earl Aubrey figure in this chartulary, Rohese, wife of Geoffrey de Mandeville, and Juliana, wife of Hugh Bigod, who both appear as benefactors, and Alice, wife of Robert de Essex, who witnesses a charter. Altogether at least fifteen members of the de Vere family are included in the chartulary.

The de Vere charters are followed by a series of grants from three leading families on the borders of Essex and Suffolk—the families of Beauchamp, Montchesney, and Fitz-Ralph. From the Beauchamps Colne Priory received the Soke of Clare in Bures and the church of Hedingham. The Montchesneys granted land at Halstead and also the church of Edwardstone, where the monks of Abingdon had been maintaining a chantry similar to that at Colne; this chantry was now transferred to Colne Priory. The Fitz-Ralphs' principal gift to the priory was the church of Little Waldingfield.

There follows a number of lesser grants from various benefactors, including William de Chesney, sheriff of Norfolk, William Fitz-Otto, the goldsmith, Robert Fitz-Humphrey and Robert Fitz-Walter. Other benefactors are merely known from entries on the Pipe roll or from
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other charters. Ernold Anglicus is probably grandfather of the Amulph Anglicus who held in Tey c. 1220 (Testa de Nevill, p. 274). The name of Aitrop, son of Hugh Fitz-Geoffrey, is preserved in Aythorpe Roding; Henry, son of Reginald, and Roger, son of Gunter, have not as yet been identified.

The chartulary was undertaken about the end of the twelfth century and originally consisted of four quires each containing four membranes doubled so as to make eight folios. These thirty-two folios are written throughout by one scribe till near the end when his task has been completed by one or more continuators. About the middle of the thirteenth century an additional folio was inserted near the end of the first quire. A second version of the opening charter, the royal confirmation of the foundation, was transcribed c. 1400, and stitched on to the front of the first quire. It occupies two folios of slightly less size than the original ones. At the same time the chartulary was paged, and a few marginal notes inserted. On the folios transcribed by the original scribe space was left for headings to the several items; these have been filled in, not very intelligently, by a rubricator, who has also supplied several illuminated initials. Later marginal notes have been added in the eighteenth century, possibly by Cole. The writing of the original scribe is clear and easily decipherable, except on a few folios where the lower portion is worn and smeared. There is an occasional deletion by dots below the unwanted letters, and a few corrections by letters superimposed. There are very many contractions, indeed almost every other word is contracted, the symbol usually employed being \(^\sim\). Some of the contractions are difficult to resolve with certainty; in a few cases, such as \(l\) for \(vel\) and \(g\) for \(erga\), only the final letters are shewn. Typical twelfth-century characters in this chartulary are the tall C and E with medial loops. \(And\) is represented by both the ampersand and the plus sign; as their use is not altogether arbitrary they have been distinguished in this transcript by retaining a symbol for the plus sign and extending the ampersand to \(et\). A peculiarity of the scribe is the insertion of a capital in the middle or at the end of a word, e.g. BoSeville, VeR, TresGoz, BaaRd, CoKeGfeld, and CleRICO; uu is sometimes substituted for w, and on one occasion Uu for W. Neither the punctuation nor the use of capitals, as they appear in the original, have been adhered to in this transcript.

A feature of this chartulary, which will be highly appreciated by students is that the lists of witnesses appended to each charter are inserted in full. This has materially assisted in dating the several items.
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Only two of the original charters have survived, but these have been so faithfully transcribed in the chartulary that it may be presumed the other items have been copied with equal accuracy. Interpolations have been made in some cases, e.g. in no. 31.

The chartulary in its present state comprises 36 folios, measuring 7-5/16ins. x 5½ins.

Folios 1 and 2 are slightly smaller and were written c. 1400.

Folios 3-9, 11-32, and the first eleven lines of folio 33 comprise the original chartulary, all in the same late twelfth-century hand, with rubricated headings and illuminated initials.

Folio 10 is a mid-thirteenth-century addition; the stub appearing between folios 3 and 4.

At line 9 on folio 33 the ink changes. The handwriting is similar but not quite identical to that of the original document. There is no rubrication; a space has been left for an ornate initial but this has never been supplied.

Folio 34 is in a very different hand and in blacker ink; it was probably added in the reign of King John. At line 20 the writing is in a smaller but similar hand.

Folios 34v and 35 are in another early thirteenth-century hand. The lower half of folio 35 has been cut away.

Folio 36 is a blank inner wrapper of rough parchment. A small portion of the end cover remains, fortified with leathern studs to hold the stitching.

In this transcript for convenience of reference the various items have been numbered; needless to say no such figures appear in the original. To very few of the charters can an exact date be assigned; for the others approximate dates have been suggested.

Students will note a number of apparent errors in the text, e.g., Jordane for Jordano, and Gaufridus for Gaufrido on p. 29, and patrentum for parentum on p. 40. One cannot be certain whether these appeared in the original charters or are due to the carelessness of the scribe.
Folio 24 verso.
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1. Prima fundacio ecclesie de Colne.

Omnibus ecclesie dei fidelibus sub regimine meo notum fieri volo quod ego Henricus dei gratia Anglorum rex pro peccatorum meorum remissione & anime mee salute deo & beate Marie in Abendonensi ecclesia & sancto Andree in Colensi ecclesia que ut filia matri et membrum capiti subjecta & coherens est ecclesie Abendonensi concedo & in eternum permanere auctorizo omnes illas donationes quas Albricus de Veer & uxor eius Beatrix & eorum filius Albericus cum fratribus suis corumque homines iam fecerunt vel facturi sunt supradicte ecclesie tam in ecclesias quam in terris, hominibus, & decimis, molendinis, silvis, & pratis, pascauis, & exitibus, quorum nomina rerum subnexa leguntur, scilicet in Cola ecclesiam sancti Andree cum terra Ranulphi presbiteri & cum omnibus ad ecclesiam pertinentibus et sexies viginti acras de dominio & viridarium quod est ultra aquam cum vivario et terram quam Serlo habitit sicut melius & largius unquam habitit ipse vel aliquis antecessorum illius in pascauis & silvis & campis, et duas silvas, scilicet Dodepollesho & Netherwode, & terram Goode x solidorum de gablo & terram Edwini v solidorum de gablo, & xx acras de dominio que cambite fuerunt pro terra Blakemanni & unum hominem & quinque acras terre, & terram Almari Longi & terram Wulfini forestarii, & molendinum & grangias, & ecclesiam de Dovercourt cum xxx acris terre & cum omnibus sibi pertinentibus, in maneriis, scilicet Hethyngham, Belcheam, Laureham, Aldeham, Dovercourt, Benetley, Rodyngas, duas partes decime de omnibus rebus & unum hominem cum quinque acris, in Walda & Wadana medietatem decime et unum hominem cum quinque acris, in Hethyngham duo molendina que Aldewynus tenebat, de terra Adelelmi de Burgate decem solidos, dimidiam decimam de Myblank de Cola & tertiam partem decime Ranulphi Magni, et ecclesiam de Campys, et ecclesiam de Benetleia, et ecclesiam de Bello campo et cum omnibus eis pertinentibus, et silvam de Lytylheya cum xx acris terre, apud Scaldewellam quadraginta

f. 2. & 3. 2. Confirmatio Henrici Regis Anglie de possessionibus ecclesie de Colum.

Omnibus ecclesie dei fidelibus sub regimine meo notum fieri volo quod ego Henricus dei gratia Anglorum rex pro peccatorum meorum remissione & pro mea omniumque predecessorum & successorum meorum saluto concedo & regia potestate confirmo & in eternum permanere auctorizo omnes donationes terrarum ecclesiarum deciduam reddituam libertatum vel aliarum rerum quas Albericus de Ver & uxor eius Beatrix eorumque heredes & homines cum posteritate sua & alii fideles iam fecerunt & facturi sunt deo & eius glorioso genetrici virgini Marie & monachis de Abendonien apud Colun in Essexa deo famulantibus. Scilicet, in Colun ecclesiam sancti Andree cum terra Rannulphi presbiteri & cum omnibus ad ecclesiam pertinentibus & sexies xx acras de dominio & viridarium quod est ultra aquam cum vivario & terram quam Serlo habuit sicut melius & largius unquam habuit, in campis & silvis & pascuis, & duas silvas scilicet Dodepolesho & Norwude & silvam de Littleheia cum xx acris terre & terram Gode decem solidorum de gablo & terram Eadwini v solidorum de gablo & xx acras de dominio que cambite fuerunt pro terra Blachemanni & unum hominem cum quinque acris et terram Elmari Longi & terram Wulfwini forestarii & molendinum & grangias. Et ecclesiam de Duvrecurt cum xxxx acris terre & cum omnibus sibi pertinentibus. Et ecclesiam de Bello campo cum omnibus pertinentibus, et ecclesiam de Campis cum omnibus pertinentibus. In mancriis, scilicet, Haingeham, Belcheham, Laureham, Aldeham, Duvreckur, Bonetleia,

3. Confirmatio Henrici regis de ecclesia de Kinsyetona & aliis possessionibus.


5. Confirmatio Stephanii Regis Anglie de possessionibus ecclesie sancte Marie de Colum.


6. Confirmatio eiusdem de aliis possessionibus.


S[tephanus] Rex Anglie omnibus vicecomitibus et ministris totius Anglie salutem. Precipio quod omnes res abbatis et monachorum de
Abendona et homines sui proprii de domo sua sint quieti ab omni theloneo et consuetudine et passagio, unde homines sui affidare poterint quod sue sint. Et prohibeo ne aliquid eos disturbet super decem libras forisfacture. Teste. Willelmo Martel. Apud Colum.

8. Confirmatio Henrici Regis Anglie de eodem.


Omnibus Christiane religionis cultoribus frater Radulfus indignus Cantuariensis ecclesie minister salutem et dei benedictionem. Hortantes oramus & oran t es ortam simam vestre fratrem dilectionem ut gratia dei cuius servii & nostri cuius confratres sunt fratribus istis de Abendon consilium & auxilium amicabiliter prebeatis, ortatu enim nostro et consilio deo auctore & Henrici Regis assensu et obedientia Abendonensis abbatis comitante volunt in quadam ecclesia in Essexa ab Alberico de Ver sibi in eleemosina collocata deo servire & ibi domos & edificationes monachis habiles construere, ad quod quicunque deo inspirante eos aduierint vel consilium et auxilium prebuerint prebeat illis deus partem in omnibus beneficiis et orationibus nostris & mercant eternae beatudinis remuneratione gloriari. Preterea auctoritate officii nostri inviolabiler confirmamus, et in eternum permanere precipimus omnes donationes terrarum, ecclesiarum, decimarum, reddituum, libertatum, vel aliarum rerum, quas Albericus de Ver & uxor eius Beatrix eorumque heredes vel homines cum posteritate sua iam facerunt vel facturi sunt deo et eius gloriose genetrici virginis Marie et predictis monachis Abendonie apud Colun in Essexa deo sancti Andrsei & terram Rannulfii presbiteri et cum omnibus ad ecclesiam pertinentibus et sexies viginti acras de dominio et viridarium quod est ultra quam vivario et terram quam Serlo habuit sicut melius & largius unquam habuit in pascuis & silvis & campis, et duas silvas, scilicet, Dodepolsho & Nordwude et silvam de Litleheia cum xx acris terre, et terram Gode x solidorum de gablo, & terram Eadwini v solidorum de gablo, et xx
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f. 5v. Canewellam tertiam partem decime Aluredi vicecomitis et duas partes decime Radulfi in eadem villa; apud Haingeham tertiam partem decime Rannulfi Mengui et tertiam partem decime Roberti Balci & de terra Guihumari et de terra Willelmi G rosvassal. Presenti etiam scripto communimus & corroboramus omnia quecumque aliorm de dominio que cambite fuerant pro terra Blachemanni & unum hominem cum v acris, et terram Elmari Longi & terram Wulwini forestarii et molendinum & grangias; et ecclesiam de Duvrecurt cum xxx acris terre & cum omnibus sibi pertinentibus, et ecclesiam de Bonetleia cum omnibus pertinentibus, et ecclesiam de Bello campo cum omnibus pertinentibus, et ecclesiam de Campis cum omnibus pertinentibus, in maneriis, scilicet, Haingeham, Belcheham, Laureham, Aldesham, Duvrecurt, Bonetleia, Roinges, duas partes decime de dominio de omnibus rebus et unum hominem cum quinque acriis; in Walde & Wadenho medietatem decime de dominio de omnibus rebus et unum hominem cum quinque acriis; in Haingeham duo molendina que Aldwinus molendinarius tenebat; de terra Adelelii de Burgate x solidatas; apud Scal dewellam xl solidatas terre; dimidiam decimam de dominio de Miblanc de Colun; apud Buras totam decimam Ricardi filii Hadeline & Gileberti vicini sui excepta parte presbiteri; apud

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T[heobaldus] dei gratia Kantuariensis archiepiscopus totius Anglie primas et apostolice sedis legatus omnibus sancte matris ecclesie filiiis salutem. Universati vestre notificamus quod nos auctoritate domini apostolici & nostra qui rem eius exequimur confirmamus & scripti nostri testimonio consolidamus monachis de Colun tertiam partem ecclesie de Waldingefeld cum xx acris terre et totam decimam de dominio Rogeri de Ver et de terra hominum suorum in eadem villa et ceteris omnibus beneficiis sicut eis predictus Rogerus de Ver in elemosinam perpetuam concessit et Everardus episcopus Norwicensis


T[heobaldus] dei gratia Cantuariensis archiepiscopus Anglorum primas et apostolice sedis legatus sancte ecclesie filiis & fidelibus salutem. Que ad honorem & utilitatem ecclesie dei statuta rationobiliter esse noscuntur in sua stabilitate conservare debemus. Inde est quod terram illam quam Albericus de Ver assensu regis Henrici in presentia Mauritii bone memorie Londoniensis episcopi pro redemptione anime sua cum ecclesie de Kinsuetaona ecclesie sancte Marie de Abendona dedit pro duas hidis de defendandam pro omnibus servitio eidem ecclesie confirmamus et presentis scripti pagina comminimus dei et domini pape cuius vice fungimus & nostra auctoritate prohibentes ne quis omnino contra predecessorum nostrorum et nostram institutionem & regum Henrici & Steffani sicut eorum carte testantur confirmationem possibilitatem et indebitter consuetudinibus contra predictorum regum statuta honerare presumat. Valete.

12. Confirmatio eiusdem de condonatione peccatorum omnium venientium hominum ad dedicationem ecclesie de Colum.


13. Confirmatio Willelmi Cantuariensis archiepiscopi de possessionibus ecclesie de Colum.

Willelmus dei gratia Cantuariensis archiepiscopus et sancte Romane ecclesie legatus omnibus sancte ecclesie fidelibus atque filiis per Angliam

f. 6v. 14.

Omnibus Christiane religionis cultoribus Herbertus dei gratia Norewicensis episcopus salutem et dei benedictionem. Notum si vobis nos confirmasse omnes donationes illas quas Hubertus de Muntkanesy fecit deo & ecclesie beate Marie de Abendonie, scilicet ecclesiam de Edwardestuna cum omnibus pertinentiis et duas acras terre iuxta ecclesiam et duas partes decime omnium rerum de dominio de Stavertuna & de Stanesteda et duas partes decime de redditiis molendinorum suorum et de pasnagio nemorum suorum et de Stavertuna totam decimam turbarum & cetera omnia quecumque in terris, in decimis, in libertatibus dedit vel daturus est nostra auctoritate & sigilli nostri impressione confirmamus. Si quis vero ex successoribus suis has donationes datas vel dandas minuerit vel prevaricatus fuerit dei & beate matris & nostre maledictioni subiaceat nisi dingna penitentia deo & beate Marie satisfecerit.

15. Confirmatio T[heobaldii] Cantuariensis archiepiscopi de possessionibus ecclesie de Colum.

T[heobaldus] dei gratia Cantuariensis archiepiscopus totius Anglie primas apostolice sedis legatus venerabili fratri et amico Willelmo eadem gratia Norewicensi episcope & omnibus aliiis sancte ecclesie fidelibus salutem. Super controversia que inter Radulfum filium Ade & Bernardum clericum de duabus partibus decimationis de Watlingefeld sub nostra presentia hoc modo sciatis esse transactum quod ipse Radulfus dat iam dicto Bernardo unam marcam argenti et ipse Bernardus illi Radulfo decimationem illum liberam & quietam ab omni reclamatione & querela de cetero in manu nostra refutavit & cartam quam inde habelat ei reddidit et fidem interposuit quod nullo modo contra hoc pactum venire presumeret. Istis testibus. Toma


Eberardus dei gratia Norwicensis episcopus sancte universalis ecclesie filii salutem. Quoniam decrevit dei dispositio debere nos in ecclesia dei pastoris locum optinere per necessarium dirigendis sive providendis ciusdem ecclesie negotiis studere, proinde universitati vestre notum fieri volumus nos confirmasse et presenti munimine corrorborasse monachis de Colum tertiam partem ecclesie de Waldingefeld cum pertinentibus suis, videlicet, xx acris et tota decima de dominio Rogeri de Ver tam sua quam hominum suorum & omnimodo beneficio quodcumque ex vivis sive defunctis evenerit, sicut Rogerus de Ver predictus licentia nostra & beneficione in perpetuam elemosinam deo & monachis prefatis concessit. Et huius namque ecclesie beneficio sacerdotem invenient qui in tertiam partem anni in prefata ecclesie ministret et consuetudinibus ecclesiasticis prout eadem tertia pars exigit respondeat. Auctoritate etiam nostra confirmamus predictis monachis de Colum duas partes decimarum omnium rerum que debent decimari de dominio de Laureham & de Aldeham & cetera beneficia que in episcopatu nostro iustè possident vel possessori sunt. His testibus Willelmo archidiacano. Hugone decano, et Hugone sacerdote de Waldingaford.

17. Confirmatio Gilleberti episcopi de possessionibus ecclesie de Colum. f. 7.


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18. Confirmatio Ricardi Lundoniensis episcopi de possessionibus ecclesie de Colum.

Ricardus dei gratia Londoniensis episcopus omnibus sancte matris ecclesie filiis salutem. Universitati vestre notificamus nos auctoritate officii nostri confirmasse ecclesie sancte Marie de Colum omnia beneficia que a domino Roberto Londoniensì episcopo predecessore nostro in dedicatione eiusdem ecclesie de Colum confirmata sunt, scilicet medietatem ville de Colum Miblanc in omnibus et dimidium molendinum et ecclesiam cum omnibus pertinentiis, et ecclesiam sancti Andree de Colum Alberici cum omnibus pertinentiis et decimam de dominio & decimam pullorum de parco & molendinum et omnia que rex Henricus carta sua confirmavit, & ecclesiam de Duvrecurt cum omnibus pertinentiis, & ecclesiam de Bello campo cum omnibus pertinentiis, et ecclesiam de Chinswinetune cum omnibus pertinentiis, & duas partes ecclesie de Walingafelde cum omnibus pertinentiis ex donatione scilicet Radulfi filii Ade et Rogeri de Ver, & totam decimam de dominio Rogeri de Ver & Radulfi filii Ade, et duas partes decime de dominio de Haingeham & de vinea & de omnibus unde decima debet exire, & simulter de Aldeham & de Laureham et de Roinges, & de Roinges Grimbaldi totam decimam de dominio & ecclesiam cum omnibus pertinentiis, et duas partes decime de duobus campis Huberti dispensatoris in Tagolea & de ceteris unde decima debet exire, et duas partes decime Willemi de Bures, & duas partes decime de Havechesha' Willemi filii Ricardi, & dimidiam decimam de dominio de Walde & de Wadenho, & dimidiam decimam Thelis militis de Aldeham, & tertiam partem decime Ernaldi de Topesfelde & Warimi Grosvassal & Radulfi de Hosden, de molendinis vero de la forde xx.
solidos, de molendino de Aldeham x solidos, de molendino de Haingeham xx solidos, & de Steffano de Bello campo xx solidos, de Burgata xv solidos, de Rogero de Montecanesy xiiiij solidos & iij denarios & duas acras & dimidiam prati, de Rogero filio Gunteri x solidos, de Ricardo filio Picardi iij solidos, de Roberto filio Mauricii & de matre eius iij solidos, de Liveva de la forde iij solidos, de Sutberia iij solidos, apud Roinges xxxij denarios, apud Colecestriam xvij denarios, de terra Algodv solidos, de Petro de Haldestune.


20. Carta ista scripta est in precedenti folio.

G[illebertus] dei gratia Lundoniensis episcopus omnibus sancte
matris ecclesie filii ad quos hec littere pervenerint salutem in domino. 
Ad omnium vestrum volumus devenire notitiam causam que vertebatur 
inter dilectum filium nostrum [Hugonem] priorum & monachos de 
Colum et A[lexandrum] personam ecclesie de Roinges super possessione 
quarundam decimarum et super violentia quadam priori & monachis 
ut dicebatur ab Alexandro illata hoc modo conquievisse.

f. 8v. 21.

Venerabili patri Gilleberto Lundoniensi episcopo et omnibus 
hominibus suis & amicis presentibus & futuris Juliana comitissa 
salutem. Scitis me concessisse & hac carta mea confirmasse deo 
et sancte Marie et monachis de Colum decimam de frugibus de toto 
marisco in Duvrecurt et de pastura in marisco, et pasturam centum 
ovium in eodem marisco ita quod sue sint proprie, et omnia que 
carta patris mei testatur. His testibus. Alberico comite, et Alberico 
filio eius. Michaelae de Turneham. Henrico clerico. Willemo, 
clerico comitis. Osberto de Colum. Roberto, et Nigello. Josia, 

22. Confirmatio Wilhelmi Norewicensis episcopi de ecclesia de 
Waldingefelde.

Universis sancte matris ecclesie filii Willemus dei gratia Nore-
wicensis episcopus salutem. Ad universitas vestre notitiam perveniat 
nos concessisse & presentis scripti testimonio confirmasse dilectis 
fratibus nostris monachis de Colum ecclesiam de Walngaefelde cum 
omnibus pertinentiis sicut carte Rogeri de Ver et Radulfi filii Ade 
quas nos ipsi vidimus plenius & firmius testantur. Suscepimus etiam 
presentatione persone, scilicet prioris de Colum, Magistri Eadwardi-
un unperpetuum vicarium qui loco prioris ecclesiam gaudeat et 
episcopalibus respondeat. Volumus itaque et episcopali auctoritate 
preficimus ut predicti fratres de Colum ecclesiam de Walngaefalde & 
quicquid a prenominatis viris Rogero & Radulfo eis collatum est et 
ipsis cartis confirmatum libere & pacifice teneant et in perpetum 
possideant, salva in omnibus ecclesie Norwici obedientia & debita 
Ogero vicecomite. Huberto presbitero. Magistro Stangrim. Magistro 
Nicholao. Magistro Osberto. Magistro Eadwardo. Waltero de 
Mideltona. Bernardo capellano. Hugone filio Pagani. Willemo, 
clerico de Colum.
Robertus dei gratia Lundoniensis episcopus omnibus fidelibus sancte ecclesie filiiis salutem. Sciatis quod in die qua consecravi ecclesiam de Colum in honore & nomine dei et eius gloriose generis virginis Marie et beati Johannis apostolici & evangeliste confirmavi et corroboravi ibidem in conspectu et audientia totius populi qui ad dedicationem convenirent redditus illius ecclesie a me dedicate & omnes possessiones quas in illa die possedit et liberas consuetudines quas habuit sine omni calumnia cum satis alta & multotiens repetita voce si aliquid esset calumniator illorum redditus et ecclesie datorum. Quo audit et confirmato sub anathemat maledicendo conclusimus omnes ablatores & iniuriantes eiusdem ecclesie de his possessionibus tunc ibi presentatis et ceteris in futuro donandis quorum hie est subscripta annotatio. Medietatem ville de Colum Miblanc in bosco & plano et in omnibus rebus & dimidium molendinum et totam ecclesiam cum omnibus pertinentiis, & ecclesiam sancti Andree de Colum Alberici cum omnibus pertinentiis et decimam de dominio & decimam pullorum de parco & molendinum & omnia que rex Henricus carta sua confirmavit ecclesie sancte Marie de Colum, et ecclesiam de Duvrecurt cum omnibus pertinentiis et unum hominem cum acris, et ecclesiam de Bello campo cum omnibus pertinentiis, & ecclesiam de Kingswinetune cum pertinentiis quam Ingulfus abbas Abendonie in nostris prescripsit perpetue dedit et super altare posuit communi assensu omnium fratrvm de Abendonia qui asciverunt, & duas partes ecclesie de Walingsfeld cum omnibus pertinentiis ex donatione scilicet Radulfi filii Ade & Rogeri de Ver et totem decimam de domino eorum, & duas partes decime de dominio de Haingeham et de vinea et de omnibus unde decima debet exire, & similiter duas partes decime de dominio de Haldenheim & de Laureham et de Roinge de omnibus unde decima exire debet, et de Roinges Grimbadli totam decimam de dominio & ecclesiam cum omnibus pertinentiis, et duas partes decime de duobus campis Huberti dispensatoris in Tagalea et de ceteris unde decima exire debet, et duas partes decime Willemi filii Ricardi de Bures, et duas partes decime de Havechesha' Willemi filii Ricardi, & dimidiam decimam de dominio de Walde et de Wadenho, & dimidiam decimam Thieli militis de Haldenheim, et tertiam partem decime Ernaldii de Toppesfeld & Warini Grosvassal et Radulfi de Hodes de omnibus unde decima exire debet, de molendinis vero de la forde xx solidos, de molendino de Aldeham x solidos, de molendino de Haingeham xx solidos, et de Steffano de Bello campo xx solidos, de Burgate xv solidos, de Rogeri de Monte-

24. Confirmatio Ricardii Lundoniensis episcopi de essartis de Stanstede.

Ricardus dei gratia Lundoniensis episcopus Waltero decano et capitulo de Haingham salutem. Mando et precipio quatinus ecclesia de Colum duas partes decime de essartis de Stanstede habeat & bene & in pace possessaet, et insuper precipio & defendo ne aliquis eos amodo inde inquietet vel intimiam inferat vel contumeliam faciat.

25. Confirmatio Roberti Lundoniensis episcopi de decima Thielis militis de dominio suo.

Robertus dei gratia Lundoniensis episcopus universo clero & populo


* foot-note, verte folium sequens.
26. Anno millesimo centesimo quadragesimo octavo incarnacionis domini nostri Ihesu Christi ego Robertus dei gratia Lundoniensis episcopus consecravi & dedicavi ecclesiam apud Colum in honore beate virginis Marie genetricis dei omnipotentis & beati Johannis evangeliste, & in populo vocatione facta ut accederet si quis calumniam adversus aliquam possessionem ecclesie haberet nullo calumniante confirmavi & corroboravi omnes possessiones quas in illa die ecclesia inconcussae posse<ref>dit in terris, in ecclesiis, in decimis, sive in aliis elemosinis, et ne in posterum aliquid possessionis ecclesie quis auferre vel calumniare presumat ex autoritate dei patris omnipotentis & filii & spiritus sancti atque ex vice beati Petri apostolli excommunicamus & anatematizamus & maledicimus omnes quicunque iatius ecclesie possessiones abulerint vel diripuerint vel depopulati fuerint vel scienter inustae calumniiaverint; maledicti sint a sancta dei genetrice Maria & a sancto Johanne evangelista & ab omnibus angelis & archangelis & patriarchis prophetis & apostolis dei, amen; maledicti sint ab omnibus martiribus, confessoribus, virginibus, viduis, & ab omnibus sanctis & electis dei, amen; sicut fluit cera a facie ignis sic percat malefactores huius ecclesie a facie dei omnipotentis, amen; sit pars eorum cum Datan & Abiron quos terra vivos absorbuit, & cum Iuda profitore qui dominum pretio vendidit, amen; et sicut dominus beato Petro apostolo eiusque successoribus cuius vicem tenemus quamvis indigni potestatem dedit ut quodcumque ligerent super terram ligatum esset & in celis & quodcumque solverent super terram solutum esset & in celis ita illis si emendare noluerint celum claudimus & terram ad sepeliendum negamus ut dimergantur in inferno inferiori sine fine, amen. Fiat!!

27. Confirmatio Gilleberti Lundoniensis episcopi de condonatione peccatorum.

Ego Gillebertus dei gratia Lundoniensis episcopus omnibus sancte fidelibus ecclesie salutem. Notum sit devotioni omnium fidelium me condonasse omnibus ad ecclesiam sancte Marie de Colum venientibus in die annunciationis eiusdem virginis uno quoque anno xx dies de penitentia peccatorum suorum de quibus confessi fuerint.


Universis sancte matris ecclesie filiis Willelmus dei gratia Norwicensis episcopus salutem. Ad universitatis vestre notitiam perveniat nos concessisse et presentis scripti testimonio confirmasse dilectis fratribus nostris monachis de Colum eam donationem quam Rogerus
de Ver et Radulfus filius Ade eisdem monachis in liberam & perpetuam elemosinam fecerunt de ecclesia de Waldingafeld & eius pertinentiis, sicut carte eorum quas nos ipsi.

29. Confirmatio Ricardi Lundoniensis episcopi de relaxatione penitentiarum.

Ricardus dei gratia Lundoniensis episcopus universo clero et populo Essexie dilectis filii suis in domino salutem. Noverit universitas vestra nos de misericordia dei confisos x dies relaxationis penitentiarii quos predecessor noster bone memorie episcopus Gillebertus omnibus beneficientibus ecclesie sancte Marie de Colum in dedicatione cimiterii eisdem ecclesie Idus Mai concessit, nos auctoritate officii nostri in septimanam Pentecostes transmutasse et inperpetuum confirmasse. Preterea innotescat vobis nos singulis annis vij dies penitentiarii relaxasse omnibus qui eodem ecclesie beneficium contulerint die commemorationis consecrati alarum quod nos in honore apostolorum Petri et Pauli et omnia apostolorum in die sancte Luce evangeliste consecravimus & xl dies penitentiarii quos episcopus Robertus in dedicatione ecclesie indulsit concedimus et confirmamus.

f. 11v.

† 30. Confirmatio Willelmi Norewicensis episcopi de donacione ecclesie de Waldingefeld.


* margin, dedicatio cemetarii.
† margin, vide anteoa, f. 8v.
31. *Karta Alberici de Ver de donatione patris sui et matris sue & hominum suorum.*

Albericus de Ver, regis camerarius, omnibus hominibus suis et amicis Francia et Anglis presentibus et futuris salutem. Sciatis universi me concessisse et hac carta mea confirmasse in perpetuam eleemosinam donationes patris mei et matris mee & hominum meorum quas fecerunt deo et beate Marie et monachis de Abendonia apud Colum deo ministrantibus, silicet, in meo Colum ecclesiam sancti Andree apostoli et totam terram Randulfi presbiteri in bosco & plano et prato et totam decimam de dominio et de villa et de parco de omnibus rebus que decimari debent et sexies xx acras de dominio et virgultum quod est ultra vivarium cum vivario et molendidum de Coleford cum omnibus pertinentiis et ultra pontem de Coleford pasturam quandam que dictur Mers et unam acram prati et unam rodam in Brademed et pratum suum quod habent in Kineburne & Litleand et superius ibi iuxta dimidiam acram prati et unam rodam, et duas silvas silicet Dodepolesho et Litleheia cum xx acris terre et terram Godo et terram Eadwini braciatoris et terram Elmari Longi et terram Wuluric Mucche et omnes alias tenuras eiusdem ville quas predicti monachi vel homines eorum extra parcum habent in bosco & plano et prato libere et quiete ab omni seculari servitio michi vel meis pertinente, salvo tantum modo regis servitio silicet quod monachi cum hominibus suis facere debent quartam partem regis serviti quod villa de Colum regi debet; et ecclesiam de Bello campo et terras pertinentes cum tribus acris prati et totam decimam de dominio et de virgulto et de villa de omnibus rebus que decimari debent, et communitatem pasture pecoribus dominicis monachorum cum pecoribus meis libere & quiete inperpetuum; et ecclesiam de Duvrecurt & terras pertinentes et totam decimam de dominio et de villa & de piscaria & de omnibus rebus que decimari debent et centum ovium pasturam in marisco & unum hominem cum quinque acris libere & quiete inpertetium; et ecclesias de Campis et de Bonetclia cum omnibus pertinentiis suis quas pater meus cum supradictis ecclesiis inprimis fundamentis ecclesie in liberam & perpetuum contulit eleemosinam; et in Roinges Grimmaldi totam decimam de dominio et ecclesiam cum omnibus pertinentiis; et ecclesiam de Colum Miblanc cum omnibus pertinentiis suis; in maneriis, silicet Haingaham, Laureham, Aldeham, Roinges, duas partes decime de dominio de omnibus rebus que decimari debent; in Walde et Wadenho medietatem decime de dominio de omnibus rebus que decimari debent, et apud Haingaham tertiam partem decime de terra Rannulf Mengui et de terra Roberti Balci et de terra Guiumari et de terra Willemi Grosvassal de omnibus rebus

32. **Karta Alberici de Ver de ecclesia de Duvrecurt, et aliis rebus.**


33. **Karta eiusdem de aliis possessionibus ecclesie sancte Marie de Colum.**

f. 13. **Albericus comes Oxenefordie omnibus hominibus suis Francis et Anglis presentibus & futuris salutem.** Sciatis me concessisse & hac carta mea in perpetuam elemosinam confirmasse ecclesie sancte Marie de Colum et monachis ibi deo servientibus donationem quam Hugo filius Gaufredi et Atrop heres suas fecerunt predicte ecclesie me presente & concedente et Alberico filio meo et uxore prefati Hugonis & fillis suis et amiciis, scilicet quinque solidos annuatim quos Radulfus de Berners debet de terra de Bernestuna solutos & quietos ab omni servitio seculari, insuper etiam terram illum quam Adam del Ac

34. Karta Alberici de Ver de aliis rebus.


35. Karta Alberici Comitis de Ver de medietate ville de Colum Miblancl.

Albericus comes Oxenefordie omnibus hominibus suis Francis & Anglis presentibus & futuris salutem. Sciatis universi me dedisse et concessisse in perpetuam elemosinam pro anima patris mei Alberici de Ver et pro animabus omnium parentum meorum vivorum et

* margin. This Agnys comitissa I take to be first wife of Alberic earl of Oxford.
36. Karta Alberici de Ver de possessionibus ecclesie de Colum.


37. Karta eiusdem de aliis possessionibus.

Sciant presentes & futuri quod ego comes Albericus Oxenefordie dedi, concessi, & hac carta mea confirmavi deo & ecclesie sancte Marie de Colum x solidatas redditus de terra Wienoe quas Michael clericus eidem ecclesie reddet annuatim quam diu vixerit et post decessum Michaelis vel mutationem vite sue in religionem remanebit tota terra Wienoe cum omnibus pertinentiis suis ecclesie de Colum in liberam et perpetuam elemosinam. Preterea dedi et concessi et hac carta mea confirmavi totam terram quam Aluricus de la grange de me tenuit in Elfelmestune cum toto eiusdem terre servitio deo & ecclesie sancte Marie de Colum in liberam & perpetuam elemosinam. Hanc autem donationem et concessionem & confirmationem feci predicte ecclesie sancte Marie de Colum in excambio xx solidorum quos eadem ecclesia habuit in molendino de forda ex donatione Adelize de Ver matris mee.

* margin, comes consul synonymus.  
† margin, mater Albrici tertii.

38. **Karta Alberici de Ver de possessionibus ecclesie de Colum.**

Albericus comes Oxenefordie omnibus baronibus et hominibus suis Francis & Anglis presentibus et futuris salutem. Sciatis universi me dedisse et concessisse in perpetuum elemosinam pro anima patris mei Alberici de Ver et pro animabus omnium parentum meorum et pro mea salute & omnium meorum vivorum & defunctorum deo & beate Marie et monachis meis de Colum mediatatem ville de Colum Miblanc in omnibus rebus et dimidium molendinum, & terram Algodi que reddit v solidos, et totam ecclesiam cum omnibus pertinentiis quantum ad laicam pertinent personam, et ecclesiam de Horstede tali conditione quod, si ego vel heres meus warantizare non poterimus, redditum quinque marcarum argenti dabimus. Et insuper concedo & confirmo quicquid avus meus vel pater meus & alii de feudo meo dederunt, scilicet ecclesiam sancti Andree de Colum cum omnibus pertinentiis et decimam de pullis de parco, et ecclesiam de Bello campo cum omnibus pertinentiis, et ecclesiam de Duvecurt cum omnibus pertinentiis, et ecclesiam de Roinges Grimbaldi cum pertinentiis et totam decimam de domino, & duas partes decime de domino de alia Roinges & unum rusticum qui reddit xxxij denarios, et duas partes decime de domino de Laureham, et duas partes decime de domino de Haingaham et molendinum quod reddit xx solidos in eadem Haingaham, et tertiam partem de domino Ernaldi de Topesfeld et tertiam partem decime de domino Warini Grosvassal et tertiam partem decime de domino Radolfi de Hosden, & duas partes decime Huberti de Tagalea, et iiiij solidatas terre de Ricardo filio Picardi, et totam decimam de domino Rogeri de Ver in Walingesfeld & tertiam partem ecclesie cum xx acris terre, et dimidiam decimam Thielis de Aldeham, & dimidiam decimam de Wadenho & dimidiam decimam de Walde, & quindecim solidatas terre de Burgate, et tres solidatas terre de Cruppinge, & xx solidos de molendino de la forde, & in Sudberia quadraginta vj denarios, et in Colecestria xvij denarios, et xx solidos de ecclesia de Kinswinetune sicut Ingulfus abbas Abendonie perpetualiter dedit in die dedicationis ecclesie de Colum et super altare posuit. Ista omnia concedo tam

* margin, tertius A.  
† margin, vide antea, f. 13v.
libere tam quiete tarn honorifice monachis prefatis perpetualiter
habenda in campis in silvis in viis in pratis in pascuis cum saca et soca
& tol & team & infanganethief sicut unquam pater meus vel ego vel
avus meus melius habuimus. Preterea concedo ut quisquis de
hominibus meis volucrit ecclesie de Colum aliquod beneficium in terris,
in decimis, vel in redditis impendere, meo concessu & voluntate
impendat. His testibus. Roberto, Lundonensi episcopo. Hugone,
Willelmo de Ver. Giliberto de Ver. Fulcone dapiferio, & Petro eius
clerico. Roberto, capellano comitis. Ermalo de Topesfielde. Radulfo
de Guines. Radulfo filio Ade.

39. Karta Alberici comitis de Ver de Petro convicto quod non fecerat
debitum servitium ecclesie sancte Marie de molendino de Coleford.

Albericus comes Oxenefordie omnibus hominibus suis presentibus
et futuris salutem. Sciatis quod Petrus molendarius convictus fuit
coram me & multis alii quod secundum cartam suam quam habuit
dele molendino de Coleford debitum servitium non fecerat ecclesie
sancte Marie de Colum et contra cartam suam alias tenuras occupaverat,
scilicet quandam gravam & unum parvum campum iuxta Chiffen &
quoddam pratum iuxta molendinum de Coleford & nullum servitium
inde fecerat, et preterea terram illam que dicitur Mers ultra pontem
de Coleford que est membrum ville mee de Colum sibi occupaverat
& contra me & contra ius ecclesie de Colum assingnare volebat
molendinum de Colum Miblanc, et pro tali iniquitate quia iusto judicio
quicquid habuit amittere debutit in misericordiam ecclesie & meam se
reddidit foresfactum ut aliquam misericordiam inveniret & illum terram
que dicitur Mers & molendinum de Coleford et cartam quam habuit
sine reclamacione ecclesie de Colum reddidit, et ideo quia ista omnia
coram me facta sunt volo & precipio ut monachi mei de Colum
molendinum de Coleford & prefectam terram que dicitur Mers et cetera
prenominata bene & in pace teneant sicut antecessores mei in liberam
& perpetuam elemosinam ea dederunt et carta sua confirmaverunt. His
Waltero de Mideltune. Helia sacerdote. Toma dapiferio. Willelmo
Handsex. Ricardo Hoche'. Radulfo magistro Alberici. Petro

40. Karta Comitis Alberici de Ver de possessionibus ecclesie de Colum. f. 16v.

Albericus comes Oxenefordie omnibus hominibus & amicis suis
Francis & Anglis presentibus & futuris salutem. Sciatis omnes me

41. *Carta comitis Alberici de dimidio miliare allecis.*


42. *Carta Comitis Alberici de damo en Gresse & dama infermeysun.*


43. *Carta Alberici de Ver de possessionibus ecclesie de Colum.*

Venerabili domino suo & patri karissimo Ricardo Lundonensi episcopo & omnibus hominibus suis & amicis presentibus & futuris

44. Carta eiusdem de ecclesia de Roynges.


45. Carta Alberici de Ver de Ecclesia de Colum de Miblanc cum omnibus pertinentiis.

Venerabili patri Gilleberto dei gratia Lundonensi episcoopo Albericus comes Oxenefordie salutem. Noverit paternitas vestra me dedisse & concessisse quantum ad laicam spectat personam ecclesiam de Colum de Miblanc cum omnibus pertinentiis suis in perpetuam eleemosinam

* margin, vide liberationem quam habemus modo Sudbyria inter pontes.
† margin, tertius A. cum tribus filiis.
ecclesie sancte Marie de Colum & monachi is ibidem deo servientibus. Quo circa vobis diligenter supplico quatinus quod vestrum est super hoc prefate ecclesie sancte Marie de Colum concedatis & confirmetis. Predicti autem fratres de Colum pro amore dei & mea petitione eandem ecclesiam de Colum de Miblanct. Hereberto clerico de Sancto Eadmando in elemosinam concesserunt tali conditione quod quamdium ipse eandem ecclesiam tenuerit prenominate ecclesie sancte Marie de Colum singulis annis x solidos in recognitionem persolvet. Cum vero ipsa ecclesia ab eo aliqua ratione vacaverit monachi de Colum eam liberam & quietam in perpetuum possideant. Valete.

46. *Karta eiusdem de altis possessionibus eiusdem ecclesie.*


47. *Karta Alberici Comitis de tribus solidatis terre de Stokes.*

Albericus comes Oxenefordie omnibus hominibus suis presentibus & futuris tam Francisc quam Anglicis salutem. Noverit universitas vestra me dedisse & concessisse et hac mea carta confirmasse deo & sancte Marie & sancto Iohanni ewangeliste et monachi meis de Colum in puram & perpetuam elemosinam tres solidatas terre in Stoches de mariagio comitisse quas Godingus tenuit, pro salute mea et comitisse mee Angnetis & omnium parentum meorum & liberorum meorum ad duo cereos parandos & cotidie ar dendos supra altae ubi celebratur missa de sancta Maria, et ut hec mea donatio & concessio

48. *Carta Alberici de Ver de masagio Normanni de Teya.*


49. *Karta Alberici Comitis de Ecclesia de Colum de Miblanca cum pertinentiis.*


50. *Karta eiusdem de ecclesia de Metzinges cum pertinentiis suis.*

Sciant presentes & futuri quod ego comes Albericus Oxenefordie dedi & concessi ecclesia de Colum & monachis ibi deo servientibus ecclesiam de Metcinges cum omnibus pertinentiis suis in puram & perpetuam elessonam pro salute anime mee & antecessorum meorum, ita tamen quod Michael clericus meus tenebit eam de ecclesia de Colum & monachis ibi commorantibus pro centum solidis annuatim inde reddendis ad quatuor terminos, ad festum sancti Michaelis xxv solidis, ad Natale xxv solidis, ad Pasca xxv solidis, ad festum sancti Johannis xxv solidis, et ne in posterum hec concessio irrita habeatur
illam sigilli mei corroboratione confirmo. Et Michael clericus iuravit coram me et coram priore & conventu de Colum quod ipse fidem &
legalitatem portabit ecclesie & monachis de Colum et quod ipse non
queret artem nec ingenium vita sua unde ecclesie & monachi de Colum
sint elongati de ecclesie de Metcinges post dies suos. His testibus.
Steffano de Munchanesy. Petro de Kerlinges. Steffano filio Ernaldi.

51.

Gaufridus comes de Essexa preposito & omnibus hominibus suis de
Rоinges salutem. Sciatis me dedisse & firmiter concessisse deo &
sancte Marie & monachis de Colum pro salute anime mee & ante-
cessorum meorum terram que est inter terram illorum que reddit viij
denarios per annum in liberam & perpetuam elemosinam. Concedo
etiam ut habeant plenarie duas partes decimarum de blado de pasnagio
& de omnibus rebus que decimari debent de dominio de Roinges fuit
fuit tempore Alberici de Ver. Quare volo & firmiter precipio ut
teneant libere & quiete ne unde clamorem audiam. His testibus.
Aelardo, constabulario meo. Mauricio filio Gaufridi. Ricardo de
Berchereol, et Samuele clerico, et Helya clerico.

52. Karta Willelmi de Maundeville comitis Essexie de decimis de
Rоinges cum aliis rebus.

Willelmus de Mandeville comes Essexie omnibus hominibus & amicis
suis Francis & Anglis presentibus & futuris salutem. Sciatis me
concessisse & presenti karta mea confirmasse deo & ecclesie sancte
Marie de Colum duas partes decimarum de toto dominio in Roinges
de omnibus rebus que decimari debent sicut karta avi mei Alberici de
Willelmo, capellano de Bello campo. Johanne de Rokella. Willelmo
Walensi. Radulfo de Ver. Rogero de Bello campo.

53. Karta Rohese de una marca argenti in molen­dino suo de Bello
campo.

Rohesa comitissa omnibus sancte matris ecclesie filiis salutem.
Sciatis universi me donasse et hac karta mea presenti confirmasse
ecclesie sancte Marie de Colum & monachis ibidem deo servientibus
in liberam & perpetuam elemosinam unam marcam argenti in meo
molen­dino de Bello campo. Quare volo & firmiter precipio quod

54. Karta Rohese comitisse de excambio dimidie acre in campo de Seldeford.


55. Confirmatio Rohese comitisse de molendino apud Stibbinge.


56. Karta Eufemie Comitisse de possessionibus quas dedit & f. 20. confirma vit ecclesie de Colum.

Eufemia comitissa omnibus dominis suis & amicis et fidelibus & omnibus hominibus suis tam presentibus quam futuris Francis & Anglis in domino salutem. Notum sit presentibus & futuris quod

* margin. This Eufemia wife of Aubrey de Ver, 2nd Earl of Oxford.
ego concessu comitis Alberici mariti mei dedi in elemosina perhennu
deo & beate Marie & ecclesie & monachis de Colum ibi deo servien-
tibus centum solidatas terre in Clintona liberas & quietas ab omni
servitio seculari. Et hanc donationem feci ego deo & ecclesie sancte
Marie de Colum, cui ego dedi corpus meum ad sepeliendum, pro
salute corporis & anime Stephani regis Anglie et pro anima Matildis
regine & pro anima comitis Eustachii filii eorum & pro salute anime
mee. Quare volo & firmiter precipio quod predicta ecclesie sancte
Marie de Colum istas centum solidatas terre habeat & inperpetuum
possidet ita bene, & libere, & quiete, & honorifice in omnibus rebus
sicut rex Stephanus et Matildis regina uxor sua, qui prenominatum
manerium michi dederunt in libero maritagio, unquam melius &
liberius et quietius & honorificentius in diebus suis habuerunt &
posserunt, et ego post illos habui & possedi. His testibus. Comite
Radulfo de Hodenc. Roberto constabulario. Rogero de Bello

57. Karta Alberici de Ver de molendino de Hasse.

Reverendo domino suo & patri Wilhelmo dei gratia Norewicensi
episcopo & directo filio suo comiti Alberico & hominibus suis &
amicis Franci & Anglis A[deliza] de Ver salutem. Scitis me dedisse
& concessisse in perpetuum elemosinam ecclesie beate Marie de Colum
& dominis eiusdem loci pro salute anime mee & viri mei Alberici de
Ver et omnium filiorum & filiarum meorum et omnium amicorum
meorum viventium & defunctorum totum molendinum de Hasse ita
libere & quiete et honorifices sicut dominus meus Albericus de Ver
sive aliquis ante eum liberius & quietius & honorificentius tenuit in
f. 20v. vita sua aut ego post ipsum. Quare volo & precipio quod molendinum
predictum habeant & teneant sicut ipsi presenti carta confirmo ne
aliquis eis super hoc gravamen temptet inferre. Testibus his.
capellano. Harce. Simone clerico. Alexandro de Michelestoue,
Michaele Pullo. Radulfo de Suenescamp. Huberto, & Radulfo de
Hispania, et Gaufrido Perdriz, servientibus meis, et aliis multis.

58. Karta de Ricardo de Bello campo de donatione Sochemans.

Omnibus sancte ecclesie fidelibus Ricardus de Bello campo salutem
in Christo. Notum vobis facio me dedisse ecclesie sancte Marie de
Colum in perpetuum elemosinam omnes sochemans quos tenui de
feudo Clare sicut unquam liberius tenui de Gilleberto filio Ricardi et

59. *Karta eiusdem de eisdem & de ecclesia de Hydyngaham.*


60. *Karta Stephani de Bello campo de ecclesia de Idyngaham.*


61. *Karta Stephani de Bello campo de soca quam tenuit de Comite de Clare cum pertinentiis.*

Notum sit presentibus & futuris quod ego Stephanus de Bello campo concessi & dedi monachis deo & beate Marie in ecclesia de Colum

62. Karta Stephani de Bello campo de xx solidis.


63. Karta Henrici de Longo campo de soca de Clare.

Henricus de Longo campo omnibus ad quos presens scriptum pervenerit salutem. Sciatis me reddidisse & presenti carta mea confirmasse ecclesie de Colum & monachis eiusdem loci totam soccam de Clara quam Ricardus de Bello campo eis dedit & concessit una carta confirmavit et Steffanus filius eius post eum, preter illum terram que

64. Karta Huberti de Montecanesi de ecclesia de Edwardestuna.


65. Karta eiusdem de eadem & de aliis possessionibus.

Reverendo domino & patri Willelmo Norewichensi episcopo dominis amicis et hominibus suis Francis & Anglis Hugo de Montecanesy salutes. Notum sit presentibus & futuris me concessisse & confirmasse ecclesie beate Marie de Colum ecclesiam de Eadwardestune communi
consensu domini abbatis Walchelini Abendonie & totius conventus liberam & quietam ab omni seculari servitio vel exactione cuiusquam operationis debite vel prestita a monachis vel hominibus eorum nisi pro voluntate monachorum, quam ecclesiam pater meus Hubertus prius dederat ecclesie Abendonie cum omnibus libertatibus & liberis consuetudinibus, in bosco & plano, in decimis omnimodi omnium que debent decimari, & bladi ante hostium grangie recipiendi, et omnimode pecunie mee, & decimam molendinorum meorum, et communitatem pasture libere & quiete dominicis pecoribus monachorum cum pecoribus meis a molendino de Eadwardestune usque ad boscum, terram etiam Ricardi de Vilers cum hominibus in eadem terra manentibus, quam pater meus ecclesie Abendonie concessit quando ille monacus factus est, liberam & quietam ab omni seculari servitio perpetaliter habendam, duas etiam partes decimarum omnimodarum de dominio de Staverstuna & de Stanesteda, et duas partes decime de redditibus molendinorum & de pasnagio nemorum meorum, &

† pasnagium pororum suorum in bosco de Stanesteda quietum nisi in Racheia, et totam decimam turbarum de Staverstuna, sicut pater meus ecclesie Abendonie dedit et rex Henricus carta sua confirmavit ecclesie sancte Marie de Colum in perpetuum concedo. Quare precor, volo, & precipio quod ecclesia beate Marie de Colum & monachi in ea deo servientes ecclesiam de Eadwardestuna, terras, homines, decimationes, libertates, teneant de me & de heredibus meis libere, quiete, honorifice, sine omni mei vel meorum exactione sicut aliquis melius, liberius, quietius, honorificentius unquam tenuit vel tenere elemosinam potest. Duos etiam monachos quos abbas Faritius constituit pro anima patris mei Huberti in ecclesia de Eadwardestuna Walchelimus abbas Abendonie assignavit ipsi & mihi & heredibus meis in ecclesia de

† Colum perpetuo. Hanc autem kartam ego [Hugo] de Montecanesy & Stephanus filius & heres meus optulimus super altae beate Marie de Colum contestantes deum & eius beatam genetricem Mariam in nullo


* Staverstuna, with a superimposed s.
† pecorum, corrected to pororum.
† Hugo has been accidentally omitted.
66. **Karta Stephani de Muntechanesii de ecclesia de Badwardestune.**


67. *Karta Rogeri de Munchanesy de donatione terre de Aissesfurde & de Wald.*


68. *Karta Rogeri de Munchanesy de decimis de Stanstede & aliis rebus.*


69. *Karta eiusdem de terra Fayreye in Stanstede scilicet de dimidia virgata.*

Rogerus de Munkkanesy omnibus hominibus suis Francis & Anglis

70. Carta Rogeri de Montekanesy de terra de Assesford & de Walde.


71. Karta Rogeri de Ver de tertia parte ecclesie de Waldingesfeld cum viginti acris terre.

 Domino suo Ebrardo Norwicensi episcopo & omnibus sancte matris

* margin, vide antea.

72. Carta Huberti de Montekanesy de terra Frebearn in Stanstede.


73. Karta Huberti de Montekanesy de quietaclamacione Ricardi filii Wulwardi et uxoris eius.

74. Karta Huberti de Muncthanesy de prato iuxta pontem de Aissesforde.


75. Karta Huberti de Muncthanesy de donatione patris sui scilicet de terris & decimis.

Hubertus de Munchanesy omnibus amicis & hominibus suis Francisc & Anglis presentibus & futuris salutem. Sciatis me concessisse & presenti karta mea confirmasse deo & ecclesia beate Marie de Colum & monachis ibi deo servientibus omnes donationes patris mei in hominibus in terris in decimis et in omnibus aliis rebus sicut carte patris mei testantur in puram & perpetuam elemosinam pro anima patris mei et pro salute anime mee & omnium meorum vivorum & defunctorum liberas & quietas ab omni seculari servitio mihi vel meis pertinentes, scilicet terram nostram Aessefor & del Wauld quam Willelmus filius Walteri tenuit, terram etiam Fairie scilicet dimidiam virgatam que reddit unum denarium ad werpeni et totam terram que fuit Willelmi Poidras que similiter reddit unum werpeni pro omni servitio, et unum campum qui dicitur Bulnoteleya & homines in supradictis terris manentes et dominium illorum hominum, duas etiam partes decimarum omnium que debent decimari de domino de f. 26. Stanstede & de molendino & de pasnagio nemorum meorum & de essartis. Preterea dono & concedo & hac mea carta confirmo deo & beate Marie & prefatis monachis de Colum pratum iuxta pontem de Aesseford a parte orientali et croftam que iacet inter domum

76. *Carta Radulfi filii Ade de tota terra de Mideltuna, tenemento Ernoldi clerici. cum pertinentiis.*

77. *Carta Radulfi filii Ade de ecclesia de Waldingefelde.*


78. *Karta Radulfi filii Ade de duabus acris terre in Waldingefeld.*


79. *Karta Radulfi filii Ade de ecclesia de Waldingefeld.*

80. *Carta Radulphi filii Ade de decimis de dominio suo de Waldingefeld.*


81. *Carta Willelmi filii Radulfi de donatione patris sui.*

82. *Carta Gilleberti de Waldingefeld de ecclesia de Waldingefeld.*


83. *Carta Ricardi de Sartis de terra Hareng.*


84. *Karta eiusdem de aliis possessionibus ecclesie de Colum.*

Ricardus de Sartis dominis, amicis, & hominibus suis Francis & Anglis presentibus et futuris salutem. Sciatis universi me dedisse & concessisse & hac carta mea confirmasse in perpetuam elemosinam deo

85. Carta Ricardi de Sartis de decimis molendini de Polheia.


86. Karta Symonis de Bello campo de marcha quam dedit ecclesie de Colum de redditu molendini sui de Bello campo.

Universis sancte matris ecclesie filiis ad quos presens carta pervenerit Symon de Bello campo salutem in vero salutari. Noverit universitas vestra me dedisse & concessisse & hac presenti carta confirmasse deo & sancte Marie & monachis de Colum in puram & perpetuam elemosinam pro salute anime mee & matris mee comitisse Rohese & comitis Alberici avunculi mei & aliorum antecessorum & successorum meorum unam marcham argenti de redditu per annum in molendino meo de Bello campo reddendam ad iiij terminos, scilicet ad festum sancti Michaelis & ad festum sancti Andree & ad Pascha & ad festum sancti Johannis baptiste, ad quemlibet terminum xi denarios. Et si forte evenerit quod per paupertatem vel per aliquod aliud infortunium ille qui molendinum tenuerit vel illa in reddendo

Reverendo patri & domino Willelmo dei gratia Norewicensi episcopo & omnibus sancte ecclesie fidelibus Willelmos de Burgate salutem. Notum fiat vobis Adhelelmum avum meum dedisse x solidatas terre & Willelmu patrem meum v solidatas pro salute anime sue deo & ecclesie sancte Marie de Colum ubi corpora sepulta sunt. Quare ego concedo & hac carta mea confirmo deo & prefate ecclesie de Colum & monachis ibi deo servientibus totam terram de Pelegrave ad feudum meum pertinentem et homines in ea manentes presentes & futuros, & totam terram illam de Randestune ad feudum meum pertinentem quam tenebat Eadricus fleubotomarius & homines in ea manentes presentes & futuros, et x acras terre de meo dominio in perpetuam elemosinam, libere & quiete ab omni seculari servitio excepto tantum modo servitio comitis domini mei ad scuagium quandocum evenerit ad marcam argentii predicta terra de Pelegrave vj denarios reddet & predicta terra de Randestune tres denarios reddet, nisi comes dominus meus id condonare voluerit, & hoc servitium per priorum de Colum & per


89. Karta Johannis Trezgoz de ecclesia de Mezcinges cum omnibus pertinentibus suis.

Sciant tam presentes quam futuri quod ego Johannes Trezgoz dedi f. 30. & concessi ecclesie de Colum & monachis ibi deo servientibus ecclesiisam

90. Karta Willemi de Bures de decimis dominii sui de Bures.


91. Karta Rogeri filii Gunteri de decem solidatis terre in Haingeham.

Universitat fidelium Rogerus filius Gunteri veram in Christo salutem. Noverit universitas vestra me dedisse & karta mea confirmasse in liberam & perpetuum eleemosinam deo & beate Marie & monachis de Colum, pro salute anime mee & omnium meorum vivorum & defunctorum, x solidatas terre apud Haingeham, scilicet terram Willemi figuli pro iiiij solidis & terram Brichtrici pro xvijj denariis & decem acres in Racheia pro iiiij solidis & vj denariis, libere & quiete

92. Karta Gaufridi filii Walteri de tenemento quod Edmarus filius Hardgar de se tenuit.


93. Karta Willelmii filii Gaufridi de terra de Tilleberia & aliis rebus.


94. Karta Roberti filii Humfridi de tribus acris.

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95. Carta Ernaldi Anglici de prato suo sub Brithrikeswude.


96. Carta Willelmi filii Hottonis de redditu Radulfi presbyteri.


97. Carta Willelmi Vicecomitis Norwici de quinque acriis.


98. Carta Willelmi Walensis de redditu mesagii sui de Plesseto.

Sciunt presentes & futuri quod ego Willelmus Walensis dedi & concessi & presenti karta mea confirmavi deo & ecclesie beate Marie de Colum & monachis ibi deo servientibus redditum mesagii mei de

99. *Karta Hugo filii Gaufridi de redditu v solidorum.*


100. *Karta Hugo filii Gaufridi de ecclesia de Roynges.*

Venerabili patri suo Gilleberto dei gratia Lundoniensi episcopo

101. Karta Aitropii filii Hugonis filii Gaufridi de redditibus quinque solidorum.


102. Karta Roberti filii Walteri de donatione Salomonis & Andree.

Robertus filius Walteri omnibus hominibus & amicis Franci & Anglis salutem. Sciatis universi me dedisse Salomonem & Andream

103. Karta Roberti de Quenci de donatione Henrici filii Petri.


104.

[R]icardus dei gratia Lundoniensis episcopus omnibus sancte matris ecclesie filiis per episcopatum Lundoniensem constitutis eternam in domino salutem. Ad hoc precipue pastoralis officii curam suscepisse nos credimus ut iura subditorum quibus nunc1 gaudent illibata servantes ingruitibus adversis manum eis auxiliii porrigamus & eorum negotia quantum valernus paterno procuremus affectu. Alioquin non pastoris sed mercennarii nomen & opus in se congerit qui crediti sibi gregis curam vel neglizenter tractat vel lucri temporali dispensat. Cum autem omnibus nobis in Christo subjectis debitoris simus, hiis tamen fortius teneri nos constat qui sancte religionis habitum suscipientes qui mundum cum suis actibus & pompis2 exuentes domino

1 non (original charter).
2 pompis et actibus (ibid.).
seipsos holocaustum offerre concedunt. Ea propter karissimorum in Christo filiorum prioris & monachorum de Colum petitionibus promptum assensum adhibentes predecessorum nostrorum sancte recordationis Roberti & Ricardi Lundoniensium episcoporum vestigiis inherentes eisdem monachis ecclesiasticas possessiones quas in diocesi nostra largitione fidelium adepti fiunt confirmare & sigilli nostri appositione roborare curavimus. Et ne maligna quorumlibet figmenta tractu temporis veritatis filiis sue nequitie laqueos tendant, has propriis vocabulis sicut in donatorum cartis continentur exprimere dignum duximus. Ecclesiam scilicet sancti Andree de Colun cum omnibus pertinentiis suis & ecclesias de Duvrecurt & de Bello campo cum omnibus pertinentiis suis ex dono Alberici de Ver. Predictarum vero trium ecclesiarum fructus & obvensiones prefatis monachis in usus proprios convertere concedimus, ita sane quod in qualibet vicarius ab ipsis monachis electus & episcopo Lundoniensi presentatus xli solidos ad minus de bonis ecclesie cui ministraverit percipienti dum idoneus & fidelis exitterit. Confirmavimus etiam eisdem monachis ecclesias subscriptas de quibus annuas2 pensiones percipere consueverunt, scilicet ecclesiam de Colun Miblanc & ecclesias de Roinges Grimbaldi cum pertinentiis suis ex dono comitis Albyrici & medietatem ville de Colun Miblanc & dimidium molendinum & centum solidatos redditus in molendinis & ceteris redditisibus, & in Colecestre duos solidos de terra Thome clerici sicut carte eius quas habent testantur. Confirmavimus etiam sepedictis monachis quicquid habent ex dono Rogeri de Montechanesi in terris & decimis, & similiter quicquid habent ex dono Ricardi de Sartis sicut carte eorundem testantur. Item ex dono Alberici de Ver decimam pullorum de parco de Colun & molendinum de Coleford & duas partes decimarum de dominio de Hengeham & de vinea & de omnibus que debent decimari. Item ex dono ipsius Alberici duas partes omnium decimarum provenientium de dominio de Roinges Willemi filii Gaufridi, et similiter totam decimam de dominio Roinges Grimbaldi; et duas partes omnium decimarum Huberti Dispensatoris in Taggleia.5 Ex dono Simonis de Bello campo unam marcatam redditus in molendino de Bello campo. Ex dono Henrici filii Reginaldi duos solidatos redditus. Socam etiam de feudo de Clara quam Ricardus de Bello campo dedit ecclesie de Colun & carta sua confirmavit & Stephanus filius eius post ipsum. Et omnes alias decimas

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1 autem (original charter).
2 annuas et antiquas (ibid.).
3 after ex dono—predicti A. ecclesiam de Mescing cum pertinentiis suis. Ex dono (ibid.).
4 Essartis (ibid.).
5 Taggleia (ibid.).

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Eutropius filius Hugonis concedo in puram & perpetuam elemosinam & hac karta mea confirmo deo & ecclesie sancte Marie de Colum & monachis ibidem deo servientibus omnes donationes quas pater meus fecit predicte ecclesie, silicet ecclesiam de Roinges & ecclesie patronatum cum omnibus pertinentiis suis et iiiij acras terre lucrables in villa de Roinges quas pater meus dedit predicte ecclesie & redditus v solidorum quos Warinus Triket debet de terra quam tenet in Bernestone solutos & quietos ab omni seculari servitio, preterea terram quam Adam del Hac tenuit in Bernestone, et humagium & servitium hominum terre illius sine omni retinaculo ita quod nec ego nec heredes mei mittemus manum in homines terre illius vel in catalla eorum ulla occasione in perpetuum, preterea terram quam Hugo Claviger tenuit in villa de Roinges, solutam & quietam sicut superdictum est de terra Ade del Hac, istos predictos redditus & predictas terras de quibus exegi servitium concedo & confirmo in puram & perpetuam elemosinam libere & quiete ab omni seculari servitio & exactione excepto quod quando dominus rex ponit scutagium in terra dabunt monachi ad xx solidos xvj denarios pro omnibus servitio & ad plus plus & ad minus minus. Habebunt homines monachorum libertatem in planis, in pascuis, in pratis, in nemoribus, sicut habebant temporibus patris mei. Hiis testibus.

¹ Hedfeld (original charter).

107.

Albericus de Ver, comes Oxonie, omnibus hominibus suis & amicis Franci & Anglicis presentibus & futuris, salutem. Sciatis omnes me dedisse & concessisse & hac presenti carta mea confirmasse deo & sancte Marie & monachis de Colum hos redditus & has terras in Bello campo, scilicet, duodecim denarios redditus quos Gilbertus Peche mihi debuit de terra que fuit Warini Elbici & viginti octo denarios redditus quos Rogerus prepositus de Bello campo mihi debuit de sex acris terre quas tenuit de me, quarum quatuor iacent in Godrichescroft & due iuxta domum suam, et totam terram quam Hugo forestarius tenuit de me et totam terram quam Adam tenuit pelliparus de me, et totam terram quam Stephanus sub nemore tenuit de me & totam terram quam Wimer tenuit de me & totam terram quam Ricardus Fulk tenuit de me & totam terram quam Edwardus tenuit de me & totam terram quam Radulfus de Hineburt tenuit de me in puram & perpetuam elemosinam in excambium molendini de Hengeham quod Warinus molendinarius tenuit de monachis de Colum cum terra que ad molendinum pertinet. Et preterea dedi & concessi predictis monachis de Colum duodecim solidos & sex denarios redditus in Bello campo de Willemo Avis cum tenemento suo & quinque solidos redditus de Pagano filio Radulfi de Barle cum tenemento suo, et in villa de Colum totam terram quam Willemus Curt tenuit usque ad ripariam & totam terram quam Willelmus filius Ade tenuit pro quatuor denariis & terram quam Pikot tenuit pro duobus denariis in eadem villa de Colum in excambium molendini antedicti comitis Alberici cum terra que pertinet ad molendinum, et in totam terram quam Radulfus filius Andree tenuit de me pro decem & octo denariis, et terram quam tenet in campo Willemi filii Petri pro sex denariis in excambium duorum solidorum redditus quos habebant in Colecestria ex domo Vivi Iudei, & totum pratum quod Robertus de Slate tenuit iuxta pratum monachorum in excambium terre Bainardi & unius acre terre
ABSTRACTS AND NOTES.

1. A.D. 1111.

Headed 'First foundation of the church of Colne' (not rubricated). This is a confirmation by Henry I to Abingdon Abbey and Colne Priory of the gifts made by Aubrey de Vere, his wife Beatrice, and their sons. The gifts are as follows:

At Earls Colne, the church of St. Andrew, the land of Ranulph the priest, 120ac. of demesne-land, the green beyond the river, a fish-stew, the land Serio held, two woods called Dodepollyshoo and Nether Wood, 10s. from the land of Goode, 5s. from the land of Edwin, 20ac. of demesne in exchange for the land of Blakeman, and one man with 5ac., also the lands of Almar Long and Wulfin the forester, a mill, and barns.

At Dovercourt, the church with 30ac.

From the manors of Castle Hedingham, Belchamp Walter, Lavenham, Aldham (Suff.), Dovercourt, Gt. Bentley, and Beauchamp Roding, two-thirds of the tithe from the demesne, and one man with 5ac.

At Wold and Wadenhoe (both in Northants.), half the tithe, and one man with 5ac.

At Sible Hedingham, two mills, and a third of the tithe of Ranulph Mengui.

From the land of Aldhelm de Burgate (i.e. Palgrave and Thrandeston in Suffolk) 10s.

At White Colne, half the tithe.

At Scaldwell (Northants.), 40s. of land.

The churches of Castle Camps (Camba.), Gt. Bentley, and Belchamp Walter.

Also, apparently at Earls Colne, the wood of Littlehey with 20ac.

Besides confirming these gifts, the king grants to the monks freedom from tolls, customs, and passage-dues throughout England.

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1 A Colne Priory rental, c. 1385, mentions Dodepollyshoo near the north-west border of the parish.

2 Also called North-wood.
This charter, issued at Reading, is witnessed by Robert Bloett, bishop of Lincoln 1094-1123, John de Bayeux, the King’s chaplain, Ranulph the chancellor, Ebrard and Walter, archdeacons, William Peverel of Nottingham, and Hugh de Boclande.

The first eleven lines now on the verso of folio 1. were originally written on folio 2; the scribe appears to have realised that there was not room to complete the charter on that page so he has expunged these lines and started again on the preceding page, and has carried the last lines of the charter on to folio 2. There faint traces of the original writing can still be seen. These two folios are not part of the original chartulary, but a fifteenth-century addition. The charter they contain tallies fairly closely with the version preserved in the Chronicles of Abingdon Abbey.

2. 1111.

Confirmation by Henry I to the church of Colne of the gifts of Aubrey de Vere. This is apparently the king’s charter to Colne Priory, the preceding one being his companion-charter to Abingdon Abbey. The grants confirmed are identical with those in no. 1, with the following additions:—

At Bures, all the tithe of Richard son of Adeline and of Gilbert his neighbour, except the priest’s portion.

At Gt. Canfield, one third of the tithe of Alured Sheriff, and two thirds of the tithe of Ralph.

At Sible Hedingham, one third of the tithe of Robert Balcus, Guihumar, and William Grosvassal.

The witnesses include Robert, bishop of Lincoln, John de Bayeux, William Peverel and Hugh de Boclande of the preceding charter,

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1 Johannes Baiocensis, clericus nobilis et Regis consanguineus. He was a natural son of Odo, bishop of Bayeux.

2 Everard de Montgomery, archdeacon of Salisbury, and later bishop of Norwich (1121-1150), and Walter, archdeacon of London, Early Charters of St. Paul’s, no. 63.

3 A well known minister of Henry I. By a faulty extension of Bodl the scribe has inserted his name as Hugh de Boteler. In no. 3, as in Cartae Antiquae, 306, the mandate is addressed to him as if he were the sheriff.

4 Richard son of Adeline, of Bures, witnessed a Colchester charter in 1137, Colchester Chartulary, p. 157.

5 Guiomar is a Breton name. Rotuli de dominabus, p. 83, note.
together with Gilbert the chaplain, Geoffrey de Dina, Hamo dapijer, and Ranulph\(^1\) Meschin.

3. 1100–1107.

Confirmation by Henry I to Abingdon Abbey of the church of Kensington and two hides of 240ac., which Aubrey de Vere gave the monks for the soul of his son Geoffrey.

This charter, issued at Cornbury (Oxon.), is addressed to Maurice, bishop of London (1086-1107), Gilbert Crispin, abbot of Westminster (1085-1117), and Hugh de Boclande.

Faritius was abbot of Abingdon 1100-1117.

Both this charter and no. 1 are transcribed in *The Chronicles of Abingdon Abbey* (Rolls Series).

The church of Kensington was transferred to Colne Priory in 1148, but was recovered by Abingdon Abbey in 1311.

4. *Before* 1148.

Confirmation by Stephen to Abingdon Abbey of the church and land at Kensington, granted to the monks by Aubrey de Vere and confirmed by Henry I.

This charter is issued at London and witnessed by Robert de Vere, for whom see *Geoffrey de Mandeville*, p. 326.

5. c. 1150.

Confirmation by Stephen to Colne Priory of 100 shillingsworth of land in Ickleton (Cambs.) granted to the monks by the countess Euphemia on her deathbed. The charter of the countess here confirmed is no. 56. Euphemia de Cantelupe seems to have been the second wife of Earl Aubrey.

This charter issued at Woodstock is addressed to William, earl of Warenne, a natural son of the king. Matilda and Eustace, for whose souls the gift was made, were probably both dead by this time, see *The Foundation Book of Walden Abbey*, chap. xi.

There is a note on Ickleton in *Geoffrey de Mandeville*, p. 141; it had been granted by Stephen to Geoffrey de Mandeville in 1141.

\(^1\) Ranulph de Briquesart, also styled Meschin, nephew of Hugh d'Avranches, earl of Chester. Hugh's son and heir was drowned when the White Ship foundered, and Ranulph thus became earl of Chester in 1120.
6. c. 1148.

Confirmation by Stephen of the grant by Adam, son of Warin, to Colne Priory of his manor at Earls Colne, by the river.

This charter is issued at Norwich, and is witnessed by Robert de Vere and Richard de Canville.

Adam, son of Warin, is the father of Ralph, son of Adam, who figures so frequently in this chartulary, and from whom the family of Fitz-Ralph of Pebmarsh was descended.

The exact nature of this grant cannot be ascertained as the important word is almost entirely lost through a fault in the parchment. It begins with *d* and ends in *o*, and is a neuter noun; about five letters are missing; *dnio suo* i.e. *domini suo* is the most probable reading.


Mandate of Stephen to his sheriffs and servants throughout all England that the abbot and monks of Abingdon and the men of their household are free of all tolls, customs, and passage-dues throughout the country. Anyone infringing this order is liable to a penalty of £10.

Witnessed at Colne by William Martel.

The date of this mandate is probably earlier than 1148. Although it is issued at Colne the monks are still styled the monks of Abingdon. William Martel, Stephen's minister and faithful adherent, was taken prisoner with the king in 1143.

8. 1154–1158.

An identical mandate of Henry II, but including the monks of Colne Priory.

Witnessed at Colchester by Warin Fitz-Gerold, the chamberlain.

Warin Fitz-Gerold died in 1158.

9. 1114–1122.

Confirmation by Ralph d'Escures, archbishop of Canterbury, to the monks of Colne Priory of their various possessions. In this long charter the archbishop describes how the priory has come into being through a grant to the monks of Abingdon of the church of Earls Colne by Aubrey de Vere, and through their desire to serve God there and to raise a suitable habitation for the monks officiating in that church. The archbishop invites anyone to assist the monks at Colne, and assures them of a share in the benefits and prayers of that house.

The original charter, with fragment of seal attached, is extant, and
is now deposited amongst the Probert MSS. at the Chelmsford Record Office. The transcript is a faithful copy of the original but makes one small addition.

The grants confirmed are as follows:—

At Earls Colne, the church of St. Andrew, the land of Ranulph the priest, 120 ac. of the demesne, the green beyond the river with the fish-stew, the land which Serlo held, two woods called Dodepolesho and North Wood, the wood of Little-hey with 20 ac., 10s. rent from the land of Gode, 5s. rent from the land of Edwin, 20 ac. of demesne exchanged for the land of Blakeman, one man with 5 ac., the lands of Elmar Long and Wulwin the forester, and a mill and barns.

At Dovercourt, the church with 30 ac.

The churches of Gt. Bentley, Belchamp Walter, and Castle Camps (Cambs.).

From the manors of Castle Hedingham, Belchamp Walter, Lavenham, Aldham (Suff.), Dovercourt, Gt. Bentley, and Beauchamp Roding, two thirds of the tithe of the demesne, and one man with 5 ac.

From Wold and Wadenhoe (Northants.) half the tithe of the demesne and one man with 5 ac.¹

At Sible Hedingham, 2 mills, and a third of the tithe from the land of Ranulph Mengui, Robert Balcus, Guihumar, and William Grosvassal.

From the land of Aldhelm de Burgate, 10s.

At Scaldwell (Northants.), 40s. shillingsworth of land.

At White Colne, half the tithe of the demesne.

At Bures, all the tithe of Richard son of Adeline and Gilbert his neighbour, except the priest's portion.

At Gt. Canfield, a third of the tithe of Alured Sheriff, and two thirds of the tithe of Ralph.

The charter ends with a male dictation on all who oppose, upset, or disregard this decree, and a blessing upon all benefactors.

10. 1148–1161.

Confirmation by Theobald, archbishop of Canterbury, to Colne

¹ This item is not included in the original charter.
Priory of a third part of the church of Little Waldingfield (Suff.) together with 20ac. of land, the whole tithe of the demesne of Roger de Vere, and two thirds of the tithe of the demesne of Ralph son of Adam. This grant had already been confirmed by Everard, bishop of Norwich.

Theobald styles himself primate of all England and papal legate; the legatine office was not conferred upon him until 1148.

Foremost of the witnesses to this charter is Thomas of London, chaplain to the archbishop, and better known as Thomas Becket. He succeeded Theobald as archbishop in 1162.

11. 1148–1161.

Although headed 'Confirmation by Theobald, archbishop of Canterbury, of the possessions of the church of Colne,' this charter is a confirmation by the archbishop of Aubrey de Vere's grant to Abingdon Abbey of land taxed at two hides, which the said Aubrey gave together with the church of Kensington, with the assent of Henry I and in the presence of Maurice, bishop of London.

12. 1148.

Confirmation by archbishop Theobald of remission of sins to all who come to the dedication of the priory-church of Colne. Twenty days' penance is to be remitted for each year that they come to this commemoration.

13. 1123–1136.

Confirmation by William de Corbeil, archbishop of Canterbury, to the monks of Abingdon, serving God at Colne in Essex, of all the gifts made to them by Aubrey de Vere, Beatrice his wife, and their children and other faithful supporters. The archbishop repeats the curse uttered by his predecessor, Ralph, upon all who do them harm, while assuring to all benefactors a share in the benefits of the fraternity both at the chantry and at Abingdon.

14. 1091–1119.

Confirmation by Herbert de Losinga, bishop of Norwich, to Abingdon Abbey of the various grants made to that house by Hubert de Montchesney, viz., the church of Edwardstone (Suff.) with 2ac. of land adjoining the church, two thirds of the tithe of the demesne of Staverton and Stanstead and two thirds of the tithe of the mills and of pannage in the woods, also at Staverton the whole tithe of turf.
This charter has been compressed into the left-hand margin of the folio, and is without heading. Stanstead is a hamlet in Halstead. Staverton Park is about four miles East of Woodbridge in Suffolk (cf. no. 64.).

15. 1146–1161.

Although headed ‘Confirmation of Theobald, archbishop of Canterbury, of the possessions of the church of Colne’ this charter is actually a notification from the archbishop to William de Turbe, bishop of Norwich, that a dispute between Ralph son of Adam and Bernard, the clerk, concerning the tithes from Ralph’s demesne at Little Waldingfield (Suff.), has been happily settled. Bernard, who is presumably the rector of Little Waldingfield, has received a mark of silver and undertaken to waive all rights to the said tithe.

The name of the fourth witness to this charter is contracted as Spe. The peculiar contraction-mark here used occurs only in one other place, where it stands for at. This name has therefore been extended to Spate.


Confirmation by Everard de Montgomery, bishop of Norwich, to Colne Priory of the grant from Roger de Vere of a third part of the church of Little Waldingfield, together with 20ac., and all the tithe of Roger’s demesne. The monks are to find a priest to serve the cure for one third of the year. The bishop also confirms to the monks two thirds of the tithe from the Suffolk manors of Lavenham and Aldham.

17. c. 1180.

Headed ‘Confirmation by Gilbert, bishop of London, of the possessions of the church of Colne’ this is really a notification by Gilbert Foliot, bishop of London, that the controversy between Hugh, the prior, and the monks of Colne and Alexander, rector of Aythorpe Roding, about tithes has been settled. Alexander has agreed that the tithes in question belong to Colne Priory, and has undertaken not to make any further claim to them but to leave the monks in peaceful possession.

H. the prior is no doubt the Prior Hugh of no. 46, but can hardly be the same as Hugh the prior at the time of the dedication in 1148.

Of the witnesses, Gilbert Foliot, archdeacon of Middlesex, and Ralph, archdeacon of Colchester, were both in office c. 1180–1190. Ralph de Chilton was prebendary of Rugmere and Hugh de London prebendary of Ealdland about the same time. Richard de Storteford
was master of the schools; both he and John Witeing occur in a
grant of archdeacon Gilbert Foliot, Newcourt, I. p. 151.

18. 1152–1162.

Confirmation by Richard de Belmeis II, bishop of London, of
grants made to Colne Priory by various benefactors.

Of the witnesses, Master Hugh is Hugh de Marini who became dean
of St. Paul’s c. 1160. He is also witness to a confirmation of this
same bishop to Thoby Priory about the same date as this charter.
Petre MSS. A. 1471.

The grants confirmed comprise the following: —

At White Colne, half the vill, half the mill, and the church.

At Earl’s Colne, the church, the tithe of the demesne, the tithe
of foals in the park, and the mill.

The churches of Dovercourt, Belchamp Walter, and Kensington.

At Little Waldingfield (Suff.) two thirds of the church, and all
the tithe from the demesnes of Roger de Vere and Ralph son
of Adam.

At Castle Hedingham, two thirds of the tithe of the demesne and
the vineyard.

At Aldham (Suff.), Lavenham, and Beauchamp Roding, two thirds
of the tithe of the demesne.

At Aythorpe Roding, the church, and all the tithe of the
demesne.¹

At Takeley, two thirds of the tithe from two fields of Hubert
Despenser.

At Bures, two thirds of the tithe of William de Bures.

At Toppesfield, two thirds of the tithe of Hawke’s Hall of
William son of Richard.²

At Wold and Wadenhoe (Northants.), half the tithe of the
demesne.

¹ Charter no. 99 includes the grant to Colne Priory of the church of
Aythorpe Roding, and this is renewed in no. 100. In 1236 an agreement
was made between Richard, prior of Colne, and William son of Eytrup by
which the advowson was shared, each party presenting to the benefice
alternately, Essex Feet of Fines, Vol. I., p. 114. In 1250 the patronage was
in the lord of the manor and so continued. De Banco Roll, no. 128, 27
Edw. I., contains a plea de patronatu de Eythorp Roding.

² Havechesha’ seems to be Havecheshale, i.e. Hawke’s Hall in Toppesfield.
At Aldham (Essex), half the tithe of Thiel the knight.

At Sible Hedingham1, one third of the tithe of Ernald de Toppesfield, Warin Grosvassal, and Ralph de Hosdenc.

From Ash Mill (Suff.) 20s., from Aldham mill (Suff.) 10s., from Sible Hedingham mill 20s., from Stephen de Beauchamp 20s., from Adhelm de Burgate 15s., from Roger de Montchesney 14s.-3d. and 2½ ac. of meadow, from Roger son of Gunter 10s., from Richard son of Picard 4s., from Robert son of Maurice and his mother 4s., from Liveva at the ford 3s., from Sudbury 4s., from Aythorpe Roding 32d., from Colchester 16d., from the land of Algode 5s., from Alward the priest and Atselm 18d.,2 from Geoffrey de Vere 40s., from Robe the countess 40s., from Richard de Essartis 8s., the tithe of the mill of Polhey, and 4 ac. in Pehmarsh, from William son of Otto 34d., and from Ernald Anglicus an acre of meadow in Gt. Tey, from Hervey de Vaux3 3 ac. in Belchamp Otton, from Peter de Aldeston one acre.

19. 1159-1174.

Confirmation by William de Turbe, bishop of Norwich, to Colne Priory of the church of Edwardstone, granted to them by Hugh de Montchesney, with the assent of abbot Walchelin and the convent of Abingdon.

Walchelin was abbot 1159-1164.

This charter is printed in Monasticon.

20. c. 1180.

Headed ‘This charter is written on the preceding folio.’

The scribe has inadvertently begun to copy into the chartulary the agreement arrived at before Bishop Gilbert by Hugh, the prior of Colne, and Alexander, rector of Aythorpe Roding, which already figures as no. 17 in the chartulary. By the time he has completed the page he discovers his error and stops abruptly.

1 Ernald de Toppesfield is also called Ernald de Blois. ‘Bloys’ in Sible Hedingham takes its name from this family, as does ‘Grasshales’ from the family of Grosvassal.

2 This rent was for the land given by William de Chennei, i.e. William de Chesney, sheriff of Norfolk, see no. 97.

3 Lord of the manor of Vaux in Belchamp Otton.
21. c. 1180.

This charter is without heading, due to the faulty insertion of no. 20. It is a notification from the Countess Juliana to Gilbert Foliot, bishop of London, of her gift to Colne Priory of the tithe of all the fruits of her marsh at Dovercourt, and also pasture in the same for a hundred sheep, in accordance with a charter of her father.

The grantor was a daughter of Aubrey de Vere, the king’s chamberlain; she married Hugh Bigod, earl of Norfolk, and brought to him in marriage the manor of Dovercourt. Morant states that she was daughter to Earl Aubrey, but the charter referred to in Juliana’s grant is evidently no. 32, a charter of Aubrey the chamberlain. See Rotuli de dominabus, p. 71, where Juliana’s first husband is stated to have been Walchelin Maminot, who attested nos. 36 and 87.

22. c. 1165.

Confirmation by William de Turbe, bishop of Norwich, to Colne Priory of the church of Little Waldingfield, granted to them by the charters of Roger de Vere and Ralph son of Adam. The bishop announces that he has instituted Master Edward as perpetual vicar of that church on the presentation of the rector, the prior of Colne.

Oger Dapifer was sheriff of Norfolk 1163-1169.

23. 1142-1148, probably 1148.

Confirmation by Robert de Sigillo, bishop of London, to Colne Priory of all their rents, etc.

The bishop announces that on the day on which he consecrated the priory-church in honour of God, St. Mary, and St. John the Evangelist, he asked with a loud voice several times whether anyone claimed or disputed the possession of the various lands and rents belonging to the priory, and pronounced a curse upon anyone defrauding the monks of their property (cf. no. 26).

The list of possessions is practically identical with that in no. 18. The church of Kensington is mentioned as a gift solemnly made by Ingulfus, abbot of Abingdon (1130-1158).

Of the witnesses, Hugh was abbot of St. John’s, Colchester, c. 1132-1148, Ailward was archdeacon of Colchester in 1142 and 1150, William was abbot of Coggeshall in 1148.

24. c. 1155.

Confirmation by Richard de Belmeis II, bishop of London, to the monks of Colne of two thirds of the tithe from the assarts of Stanstead.
As the mandate is addressed to the rural dean of Hedingham and his chapter, these assarts, or enclosures from the waste, must be in Stanstead, a hamlet of Halstead, which was in the Hedingham deanery, and not in Stansted Mountfitchet.

A marginal note in an eighteenth-century hand, possibly Cole’s, states ‘This Ricd., Bp. of London, was Ricd. Beauvers, K. Stephen’s reigne.’

Walter, dean of Hedingham, is Walter de Middleton, a frequent witness in this chartulary.

25. c. 1145.

Although headed ‘Confirmation by Robert, bishop of London, of the tithe of the demesne of Thiel the knight,’ this charter is really a composition or settlement by Robert de Sigillo, the bishop, according to which the tithe from the demesne of Thiel the knight of Aldham (Essex), is to be equally shared by Colne Priory and Aldham church.

The charter begins at the foot of the verso of folio 9 and is continued at the head of folio 11; a footnote, added when folio 10 was inserted, directs the reader to turn over the following leaf.

In 1315 the church of Aldham was given to the college of Stanstead Thele (Herts.). The name suggests that there may have been some earlier connection between these two parishes.

26. 1148.

Notification by Robert de Sigillo, bishop of London, that he has consecrated the priory-church of Colne and dedicated it to St. Mary and St. John the Evangelist. He has called upon any claimants to the possessions of the priory to come forward, and no claim has been entered. He has then pronounced a most comprehensive curse upon anyone who shall rob the monks of their possessions or disturb them in the enjoyment of their property, consigning them to the fate of Dathan and Abiram and to that of Judas Iscariot. The document ends with Fiat III, either meaning ‘let it be repeated thrice,’ or else ‘let it be done!!’

This charter is in a hand of about the middle of the thirteenth century and is without heading. The folio on which it is written has been inserted between the seventh and eighth folios of the first quire, the stub just showing between the first and second folios. The verso is blank.

It is printed in Monasticon from Cole’s transcript.
27. c. 1170.

Declaration by Gilbert Foliot, bishop of London, that he has remitted twenty days' penance from all who visit Colne Priory on the feast of the Annunciation of St. Mary, the day upon which the priory church was consecrated by Robert de Sigillo.

28. c. 1160.

The heading, instead of indicating the contents of this charter, notes that it is entered again on the following folio. The charter is a confirmation by William de Turbe of the grant of the church of Little Waldingfield. Half-way through his task the scribe has broken off in the middle of a sentence and has proceeded to copy a charter of Richard Fitz-Neal which would naturally have followed upon no. 27.

29. c. 1190.

Declaration by Richard Fitz-Neal, bishop of London, granting remission of penance to all visiting and bringing gifts to Colne Priory on certain days of commemoration. He confirms the ten days granted by his predecessor Gilbert Foliot to all who come on 15 May, the day on which the monks' cemetery was dedicated, but has changed the date of that commemoration to Whitsuntide. Seven days' penance is to be remitted to all who come on the feast of St. Luke, the day on which the altar of SS. Peter and Paul was consecrated, and forty days to all who come at the feast of the Annunciation, when the priory-church was dedicated.

30. c. 1165.

Confirmation by William de Turbe, bishop of Norwich, to the monks of Colne of the gifts made to them by Roger de Vere and Ralph son of Adam, viz., the church of Little Waldingfield, and its appurtenances. A marginal note refers the reader to no. 22.

31. c. 1135.

Confirmation by Aubrey de Vere, the king's chamberlain, of the gifts made by his parents and others to the monks of St. Mary's, Abingdon, serving God at Colne. The gifts comprise: —

At Earls Colne, the church and the land of Ranulph the priest, the tithe of the demesne, the vill and the park, 120 ac. of the demesne, the brushwood beyond the fish-stew together with the fish-stew, Colneford mill, a pasture called 'the marsh'
beyond Colneford bridge, 1 ac. 1rd. of meadow in 'Broadmead,' meadowland in 'Kineburn' and 'Little-land' adjoining the said acre and rood, two woods called 'Dodepolemo' and 'Little­hey' with 20 ac., the lands of God, Edwin the brewer, Elmar Long, and Wulric Mucche, and all other lands which the monks hold outside the park. The monks are to pay one quarter of the royal service due from the vill.

At Belchamp Walter, the church, 3 ac. of meadow, the tithe of the demesne, the brushwood and the vill, with rights of common.

At Dovercourt, the church, the tithe of the demesne and vill and also of the fishery, pasture in the marsh for a hundred sheep, and one man with 5 ac.

The churches of Castle Camps (Cambs.), Gt. Bentley, and White Colne.

At Aythorpe Roding, the church, and all the tithe of the demesne, and 2s. 8d. annual rent.

From the manors of Castle Hedingham, Lavenham, Aldham (Suff.), and Beauchamp Roding, two thirds of the tithe of the demesne.

At Wold and Wadenhoe (Northants.) half the tithe of the demesne.

At Sible Hedingham, one third of the tithe from the lands of Ranulph Mengui, Robert Balcus, Guiumar, and William Gros­vassal, and the mill.

At Burgate (Suff.), 10 shillingsworth of land.

At Crepping, in Wakes Colne, 3 shillingsworth of land.

At Colchester, a rent of 16d.

This charter is printed in Monasticon from Cott. MS. Vesp. B. 15.

Charter of Aubrey de Vere, the king's chamberlain, to his monks at
Colne, confirming to them the church of Dovercourt and granting them the pasture of a hundred sheep in his marsh of Dovercourt. He also confirms the grant made by his parents of the churches of Castle Camps and Gt. Bentley as soon as they are vacated by their present rectors, Thomas and Lancelin.

The church of Castle Camps does not figure amongst the priory's possessions after 1150. Apparently it was taken back by Abingdon Abbey. The patronage of Gt. Bentley was recovered by the earls of Oxford about the same time, but was once more acquired by Colne Priory in 1320.

33. c. 1180.

This charter is headed 'Charter of the same man concerning other possessions of the church of St. Mary of Colne.' The rubricator is however at fault. This charter is a confirmation by Earl Aubrey, son of the chamberlain, of gifts made to Colne Priory by Hugh, son of Geoffrey, and Aitrop his son, viz: At Barnston, 5s. a year which Ralph de Berners owes, and the land which Adam del Ac held of Hugh, with the homage of Adam and his heirs. This land is liable for royal service as much as is due from a virgate in Roding. At Aythorpe Roding, two shillingsworth of land which Hugh Clavier holds, free of all but royal service; the monks' men are to have the same privileges as the men of Hugh; he also grants the church of Aythorpe Roding and 4ac. of land. Hugh undertakes not to free the villeins or their chattels.

Ralph de Berners witnesses a grant of Geoffrey de Mandeville, 2nd earl of Essex, which must be prior to 1166, and also a confirmation by William de Mandeville, 3rd earl of Essex, Geoffrey de Mandeville. pp. 230, 231.

Adam del Ac, or 'at the oak,' is probably of the same family as Roger and Robert Cheney, Hatfield Regis Priory deed, no. 61.

Alan, the dean, who witnesses this charter, is also a witness to a grant to Colchester Abbey, Colch. Chart, p. 275.

There is a Fine of the year 1231 between the prior of Colne and Ralph de Berners concerning this rent of 5s. and foreign service at Barnston, Essex Feet of Fines, Vol. I., p. 88.

34. c. 1135.

Notification from Aubrey de Vere, the king's chamberlain, to his reeves and tenants at Aldham and Lavenham in Suffolk, and at Castle Hedingham and Beauchamp Roding in Essex, that he has confirmed to the monks of Colne the gift his father made them of two-thirds of the tithe from the demesne of those vills.
Reginald, son of Peter, a witness to this charter, attested a grant of Alice of Essex to the Knights Hospitallers, Nero. E. vi. f. 341.

35. c. 1148.

Grant by Aubrey de Vere, earl of Oxford, to Colne Priory, for the souls of his father and other relations, of half the vill of White Colne, half the mill, the church, and the land of Algode which pays 5s. He also grants to them the church of Horstede, but if he and his heir are unable to warrant this gift he will give instead a rent of 5 marks.

He also confirms his father’s gifts.

Of the witnesses, Robert de Sigillo was consecrated to the see of London in 1141; Hugh de Haya, abbot of Colchester, died in 1147 according to one account, but this is probably incorrect. Ailward was archdeacon in 1142, 1145, but it is not till 1150 that his archdeaconry is specified as Colchester (Newcourt I, p. 86). Ralph de Guisnes and Ralph son of Adam held knight’s fees of Aubrey de Vere.

Horstede may be Horstead in Norfolk.

36. c. 1160.

Charter of Aubrey de Vere, earl of Oxford, addressed to Richard de Belmeis II, bishop of London, and to his own tenants, notifying them that he has granted to Colne Priory rents to the value of 100s. viz:

From 2 mills at Aldham (Suff.), 40s.
From the mill of Chaltenhey in Earls Colne, 26s.
From the mill of Gt. Canfield, 16s.
From the land of ‘Little Frith’ in Gt. Canfield, 15s.
From the land of Aluric, the smith, in Gt. Canfield, 3s.

or from other lands or churches which he may give in exchange for these.

He also gives his body to be buried in the priory-church.

Of the witnesses, Earl Geoffrey is Geoffrey de Mandeville, 2nd earl of Essex; William de Vere was a brother of the grantor and a canon of St. Osith’s. For Walchelin Maminot see Round, Geoffrey de Mandeville p. 94, note; he appears on the Pipe roll of 1157. Peter de Kerteling witnesses P.R.O. Anc. Deed, A. 784, and also appears in Coles. Chart., p. 191.

Hubert the chamberlain grants land in Tey, P.R.O. Anc. Deed, A. 827.

Chaltenhey mill, later called Chalkney mill, is on the eastern border of the parish, adjoining Chalkney wood.
37. c. 1185.

Charter of Aubrey de Vere, earl of Oxford, confirming to the monks of Colne ten shillingsworth of rent from land in Wivenhoe, which Michael, the clerk, is to pay for life. After his death, or should he become a monk, that land in Wivenhoe is to become the property of Colne Priory in free alms.

He also confirms to the monks the land which Aluric at the grange held of him in Alphamstone. This grant and confirmation he makes in exchange for 20s. which the monks have from the mill at the ford by the gift of Alice his mother. This gift he has offered on the high altar in the presence of Osbert, the prior, and the monks of Colne.

The mill at the ford is presumably the mill at Ashbridge (Suff.), granted in no. 57.

Of the witnesses, William le Gros, and Moyse, dean of Tendring, witness a Gorhambury charter, vi. A. 58.

Robert de Cokefeld appears on the Pipe roll for 1172.

38. c. 1148.

Charter of Aubrey de Vere, earl of Oxford, by which he grants to Colne Priory half the villa of White Colne and the church of Horstede, and also confirms the gifts of his father. The charter is almost exactly identical with no. 35, to which a marginal note directs the reader.

39. c. 1175.

Charter of Aubrey de Vere, earl of Oxford, in which he notifies his men that Peter, the miller of Colneford mill, has been convicted of default of service due to Colne Priory and of seizing certain lands in spite of the charter by which they were granted to the priory, viz., a wood, a little field next to Chiffen, and a meadow next to Colneford mill. For all these misdeeds he is in mercy and is ordered to surrender Colneford mill and the land called 'the marsh,' and these are confirmed to Colne Priory. He is likewise ordered to surrender his charter.

Peter, the miller of Colne, is a party to a fine at Colne in 1202, Essex Feet of Fines, vol. I, p. 28.

One of the witnesses to this charter is Robert son of the recluse, or anchoress, of Colne. He witnesses several other deeds in this chartulary.

The name of another witness, William Handsex, is preserved in 'Hauncers hedge,' a wood on the border of Earls Colne and Gt. Tey.
COLNE PRIORY CHARTULARY

40. c. 1175.

Charter of Aubrey de Vere, earl of Oxford, granting to Colne Priory his wood at Earls Colne called Chiffen, and also the provision of two carts every day to carry lop-wood from his park of Colne, and one waggon to carry dead wood as fuel for the priory.

The concession of carts to carry fuel from the park to the priory was quit-claimed by Richard, prior of Colne, c. 1240, according to a deed enrolled on the dorsé of Probert MS. 136.

Chiffen lies some distance S.E. of the church near Chalkney wood.

Of the witnesses, William son of Fulk, a knight of Earl Aubrey, was afterwards sheriff of Essex in 1210, both he and Richard de Hispania are witnesses to a grant of William de Hispania, Hatfield Regis Priory deed, E.

41. c. 1175.

Charter of Aubrey de Vere, earl of Oxford, granting to Colne Priory half a thousand herrings which Thomas of Colchester owes for the fee which he holds of the earl.

42. c. 1180.

Charter of Aubrey de Vere, earl of Oxford, by which he grants to the monks of Colne Priory a buck in the season of grease, i.e., the late summer, and a doe in the winter, from his park of Colne, for the sustenance of weak and infirm brethren.

The park of Colne, mentioned also in nos. 18 and 31, comprised about one fifth of the area of the parish, occupying the south-west corner.

43. c. 1190.

Notification by Aubrey de Vere, earl of Oxford, to Richard Fitz-Neal, bishop of London, of his grant to Colne Priory of the mills at Aldham and Ashbridge (both in Suff.), the mill of Chaltahey in Earls Colne, and all his land at Sudbury between the two bridges, except for the rent paid by Richard, the goldsmith. He has also directed his body to be buried in the priory-church.

For the land between the bridges at Sudbury see The Place-names of Essex, p. 626, and Essex Feet of Fines, vol. III., p. 122.

44. c. 1148.

Notification by Aubrey de Vere, earl of Oxford, to Robert de Sigillo, bishop of London, that as far as lies in the power of a layman he has
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granted the church of Aythorpe Roding to Colne Priory, together with 
an earnest request that the bishop will do what is necessary to com­
plete that gift.

Of the witnesses, Hubert, the earl's steward, witnessed a Messing 
deed of c. 1150, Gorhambury MSS. V.B. 4, together with Hugh, prior 
of Colne, Theobald, priest of Feering (nos. 23 and 79), and Robert de 
Merchesale (no. 31); Robert, the constable, witnessed a grant to 
Hatfield Priory made before 1141, Morant II, 506, and also a con­
firmation by Earl Aubrey of a grant to Hatfield Priory of land in 
Manuden, Hatfield Priory deed, no. 9.

45. 1163-1187.

Notification by Aubrey de Vere, earl of Oxford, to Gilbert Foliot, 
bishop of London, that as far as lies in the power of a layman he has 
granted to Colne Priory the church of White Colne, with a request to 
the bishop to confirm that gift. He further notifies the bishop that 
the monks have allowed Herbert of St. Edmunds, presumably the 
rector of White Colne, to continue to hold the church, paying to the 
monks an acknowledgement of 10s. a year. When the benefice becomes 
vacant, the monks are to enjoy it undisturbed.

46. c. 1180.

Charter of Aubrey de Vere, earl of Oxford, by which at the request 
of Hugh, prior of Colne, he has granted the land called 'the priest’s 
meadow' and 4ac. in 'Acstede' to Peter, the earl’s forester, for life, 
at the annual rent of 2s. to be paid to Colne Priory. On Peter’s death 
the land is to revert once more to the priory.

Hugh, prior of Colne, witnesses a grant of land at Takeley to 

For bracha presbiteri cf. quinque rodas prati iacentes in le Brache, 
Waltham Abbey cellarer's roll for Woodford, in 1501, Chelmsford 
Record Office; also a Fine of the year 1199 where a field at West Ham 
is called Brache, Essex Feet of Fines, vol. I, p. 16., and land at Horn­
church called le Braches, Hornchurch Documents, 339.

A William son of Hugh is a tenant of Aubrey de Vere at Belchamp 

Michelstow is an alternative name for Ramsey. Robert de Michele­
stowe and Alexander de Ramseye witness an Oakley deed, Colch. 

47. c. 1175.

Charter of Aubrey de Vere, earl of Oxford, granting to Colne
Priory, for the salvation of the souls of himself and his wife Agnes, three shillingsworth of land in Stoke, which he had in marriage with the said Agnes, and which Goding used to hold. This grant is to provide two lights to burn daily above the altar where the mass of St. Mary is celebrated.

Agnes appears to have been the earl's third wife. As her maiden-name is not known, and other evidence is lacking, there is nothing to show whether this Stoke is Stoke-by-Clare or Stoke-by-Nayland.

48. c. 1175.

Confirmation by Aubrey de Vere, earl of Oxford, to Colne Priory of the gift Norman de Tey made of a messuage in Great Tey called 'Broad Croft' paying 12d. rent.

Cf. a rental of Colne Priory, c. 1500. Tey Magna, of Thomas London for a croft called Broadcroft, xiiijd, Probert MS. 11.

49. c. 1160.

Confirmation by Aubrey de Vere, earl of Oxford, to the monks of Colne of his father's gift to them of the church of White Colne, for the salvation of the soul of his father who is buried in the priory-church, and of his grandfather, who is also buried there, and who founded the priory.

50. c. 1180.

Grant from Aubrey de Vere, earl of Oxford, to Colne Priory of the church of Messing, on condition that Michael, his clerk, holds that church paying to the monks annually 100s. Michael has sworn to keep faith with the monks and not to scheme in any way to rob them of their church or to contest their rights to it.

Michael, rector of Messing, witnesses Gorhambury deed, V.B. 33.
This charter is printed by Morant, vol. II, p. 178,n.

51. 1156–1166.

Charter of Geoffrey de Mandeville, 2nd earl of Essex, granting to the monks of Colne a piece of land lying between their own lands and paying a yearly rent of 8d., also confirming to them the gift made them by Aubrey de Vere of two thirds of the tithe from the demesne of Beauchamp Roding.

Richard de Berchereol who witnesses this charter is the Richard de Vercorol, who attests a charter of William de Mandeville to Westminster Abbey, Cottonian Charters, x. 1.
Charter of William de Mandeville, brother and successor of Geoffrey, confirming to Colne Priory, as in the preceding charter, two-thirds of the tithe from his demesne of Beauchamp Roding, granted to the monks by the charter of his grandfather, Aubrey de Vere, the chamberlain.

Of the witnesses, Hasculph, the earl's chaplain, and John de Rokella, his steward, witness many charters of Earl William, e.g., Westminster Charter no. 1231; Colch. Chart., p. 148; a charter of c. 1170, Feudal England, p. 504; and a Westminster charter, Geoffrey de Mandeville, p. 231, where there is a note on Hasculph. In the foundation-book of Walden Abbey, chapter xix describes how after the death of Geoffrey, 2nd earl of Essex, his chaplain Hasculph hastened to the countess Rohese to warn her that the earl's body was being secretly carried to Walden and to urge her to send an armed band to surprise the cortège and to carry off the corpse for interment at her new foundation of Chicksand. This plot, however, miscarried.

Grant by the countess Rohese, widow of Geoffrey de Mandeville, first earl of Essex, to Colne Priory of a rent of one mark from the mill at Belchamp Walter.

Among the witnesses are Asculph the chaplain, Jordan the chamberlain, for whom see Morant II, 534, n. and also Essex Feet of Fines, vol. I, pp. 11 and 21, and Bodin of Colchester, who witnesses a Colchester Abbey charter as Boidin the Fleming, Colch. Chart., p. 153.

Charter from the countess Rohese, by which she exchanges with the monks half an acre in the monk's field of 'Seldeford,' which Halulph, her swineherd, held, for the land of the sacrist where Payn and Hugh, the priests, had their manse.

Seldeford appears to be a field-name, perhaps in Little Waldingfield, where the land where Hugh the priest had his manse is mentioned in no. 77.

Grant from the countess Rohese to Colne Priory of a mill at Stebbing, rented at 32s., for the souls of her father Aubrey and her husband Geoffrey.

Of the witnesses, Alard de Werres witnesses the Walden Foundation-charter as Adelard de Gueres, and a Westminster Charter, no. 938, as
Aelarde Gwerris. He may well be the Aelard, the constable, of no. 51. Robert de Chandos appears on the Pipe roll for 1167 and 1172, and in Cartae Antiquae, no. 62.

This charter is printed in Monasticon from Robert Glover’s transcripts. There the witnesses include Richard de Belmeis, archdeacon; William de Vere; Alice de Vere; and Alice de Essex.

56. c. 1150.

Grant from the Countess Euphemia to Colne Priory of 100 shillings-worth of land in Ickleton (Cambs.), for the souls of King Stephen, Queen Matilda, and Earl Eustace their son. The land was given her by the king and queen at her marriage to Earl Aubrey, and she makes this grant with her husband’s assent.

An abbreviated version of this charter is printed in Monasticon from the Glover Collection. Glover’s transcript contains the words cum corpore meo sepeliendo. Stephen’s confirmation of this grant (no. 5) states that it was a death-bed gift.

57. 1148.

The heading of this charter ‘Charter of Aubrey de Vere concerning the mill of Ash’ is erroneous. The charter is in fact a grant from Alice de Vere, widow of Aubrey the chancellor, to Colne Priory of this mill. It is addressed to William de Turbe, bishop of Norwich, and to Earl Aubrey her son. Glover’s transcript, printed in Monasticon, gives a different version of this charter, as follows:—Dominio et patri reverendo Willemo Norwycensi episcopo et comiti Albérico filio suo et omnibus amicis et hominibus et fidelibus suis Adeliza de Ver salutem. Notum sit universitati vestre me concessisse in dedicatone ecclesie de Colne ipsi ecclesie et fratribus ibidem deo servientibus in molendino de Asse decem solidos quod pertinet de Aldam in perpetuum alemosinam tenendum de me et hereditibus meis ita libere et quiete et honorifice sicut dominus meus et ego vel alius predecessor noster melius tenuit, quam donacionem et ego manu mea super altare dei genericos et sancti Johannis evangeliste ad maiorem confirmationem in presentia prioris Hugonis et multorum aliorum obtuli. Testibus his. Willelmo de Ver, filio meo. Radulfo de Hispania.

The mill here granted is at Ashbridge in Semer adjoining Aldham (Suff.). The Colne cartulary grant conveys the whole mill, not just 10s. rent from it.

In the Colne cartulary version the witnesses include two daughters of the grantor, Rohese, who married Geoffrey de Mandeville, and
Alice of Essex, for whom see *Geoffrey de Mandeville*, p. 391, also Albin the chaplain, who witnesses a charter of Alice of Essex in *Cott. MS. Nero. E. vi.*, f. 341.

58. 1141-1152.

Grant from Richard de Beauchamp to Colne Priory of the soke of Clare, which he held of Gilbert Fitz-Richard, of Richard his son, and afterwards of Earl Gilbert. In confirmation of this gift he has given to Mainard, the prior, this sealed charter.

The land here granted is in Bures Hamlet, and is described in the Colne Priory rentals as 'Bures in the soken of Clare,' see *Place-names of Essex*, p. lxi. In the Domesday survey Richard de Clare held in Bures 13 sokemen with 35 ac. of land, 11 of meadow, and some woodland.

Richard de Beauchamp's overlords were—

Gilbert Fitz-Richard, of Tunbridge.

Richard Fitz-Gilbert (d. 1136).

Gilbert de Clare (created earl of Hertford in 1139 according to Doyle, before Christmas 1141 according to Round; d. 1152).

59. 1141-1152.

Charter from Richard de Beauchamp repeating the gift of the soke of Clare, and also granting to the monks his church of Hedingham. as soon as the rector, Richard son of Hugh, vacates that benefice. Monasticon prints from Glover's transcripts a similar grant of the church of Larnash. There is nothing to show that either of these churches were ever in the patronage of Colne Priory. The Hedingham of this charter is presumably Sible Hedingham, though this is nowhere stated to have been in the gift of the Beauchamps; c. 1250 the patron was the heir of John de Cantelupe.

60. c. 1175.

Confirmation by Stephen de Beauchamp to Colne Priory of his father's grant of the church of Hedingham.

Stephen de Bello campo died in 1183, when Geoffrey de Bedesforde, who witnesses nos. 61 and 63, is named as one of his tenants, as is William, the priest (nos. 62 and 63), *Rotuli de dominabus*, p. 68.

Robert de Bello campo, his brother and a witness to this charter, is a party to a fine at Foxearth in 1198.
61. 1176–1183.

Confirmation by Stephen de Beauchamp to Colne Priory of his father's gift of the soke of Clare, held of the earl of Clare.

The witnesses include Peter, abbot of Coggeshall (1176–1194); Robert son of Turgis, who appears in a fine at Bures of the year 1197; Richard de Rey mes, for whom see Geoffrey de Mandeville, pp. 401, 402; and Richard de Bello campo, clerk, who may be the dean of Hedingham, Colch. Chart., p. 569, and is almost certainly the rector of Lamarsh, P.R.O. Anc. Deed, A. 6528.

62. c. 1180.

Grant from Stephen de Beauchamp to Colne Priory of rents to the value of 20s., viz., from Roger de Bergholt 7s., from Alexander de Sudbury 3s., from land at Halstead 3s., from Roger son of Sweyn 1s. 10d., from Algar Morild 2s. 2d., from Girard son of Thomas 1s. 4d., from Baldwin April 8d., and from Alfwin de Latheie 1s., to be paid at two terms, St. Andrew's day and Rogation-tide, by these tenants until Stephen can provide land or rents of the same value.

Alexander de Sudbury appears in a Suffolk fine of 1197.

63. 1190–1200.

Confirmation by Henry Longchamp to Colne Priory of Richard de Beauchamp's gift of the soke of Clare.

The grantor was brother to William Longchamp, bishop of Ely (1189–1197) and chancellor of England under Richard I. He occurs with Stephen de Beauchamp under Essex on the Pipe rolls for 1200 and 1204. William Longchamp purchased the wardship of Stephen de Beauchamp before 1191, and in 1200 Henry Longchamp paid to the king a fine for having custody of the land of Stephen de Beauchamp.

William, son of Randulph, who witnesses this charter, was a party to a Halstead fine in 1199, Essex Feet of Fines, vol. I., p. 21.

64. 1115.

Grant from Hubert de Montchesney to Abingdon Abbey of the church of Edwardstone (Suff.), together with 12ac. of his demesne, 2ac. next the church, and 4ac. in 'Mangaresdune,' with common of pasture for the monks' cattle; also of two thirds of the tithe of his demesne at Staverton (Suff.) and Stanstead (in Halstead), with two-thirds of the tithe of mill-rents and pannage, and all the tithe of turf at Staverton; also pannage for the monks' swine everywhere except
in his wood at Stanstead; also at Edwardstone the land of Richard de Vilers with the tenants.

In the following deed the wood is named Rachey, i.e., 'rook-wood'; in no. 91 Rae-hey in Hedingham is mentioned. It is a common name throughout Essex.

65. c. 1160.

Confirmation by Hugh de Montchesney of his father's gifts to Colne Priory, addressed to William de Turbe, bishop of Norwich, and the grantor's tenants. The gifts are those enumerated in the preceding charter, which with the consent of Faritius, abbot of Abingdon, have been transferred to Colne Priory. In addition Walchelin, a later abbot of Abingdon, has agreed to transfer the two monks, whom Faritius placed in the church of Edwardstone to maintain a chantry, to the priory-church of Colne. The land of Richard de Vilers is stated to have been given by the grantor's father to Abingdon Abbey when he became a monk.

66. c. 1180.

Confirmation by Stephen de Montchesney of the gifts which his grandfather made to Abingdon Abbey and which his father confirmed to Colne Priory. The charter is practically a repetition of no. 65.

Stephen de Montchesney appears on the Pipe roll of 1191.

Simon de Herlaue, who witnesses this charter, is a party to a Harlow fine of the year 1199, Essex Feet of Fines, vol. I., p. 20.

Roger de Leicester witnesses a charter from the bishop of Norwich to Colchester Abbey, Colch. Chart., p. 115.

67. c. 1155.

Notification by Roger de Montchesney and Maude his wife to Richard de Belmeis II, bishop of London, and the grantors' tenants of a grant to Colne Priory of land at Ashford and Wald with the homage of the tenant, William son of Walter. This gift they have laid upon the altar of St. Mary of Colne with the assent of William and his wife Godiva.

Ashford is in Halstead; Wald, so far unidentified, is probably in the same neighbourhood.

68. c. 1155.

Notification by Roger de Montchesney to the same bishop and tenants of his grant to Colne Priory of two-thirds of the tithe of his
demesne at Stanstead, in Halstead, and of his mill, and the pannage of his woods and his assarts.

69. c. 1155.

Grant from Roger de Montchesney to Colne Priory of a half-virgate in Stanstead called Faireye, free of all service except one ward-penny, and of the land of William Poidras subject to the same service, also of a field in his demesne called Bulnotealey together with the villein settled on it and paying a rent of 12d. The grantor also confirms his father's gift of a meadow called Kineburne, and 5ac. of land given to the monks by William de Merlebury.

Faireye occurs at Wethersfield and at Felsted, *Place-names of Essex*, p. 422. 'There is a 'Fairy croft' in Halstead close to Ashfords.'

Kineburne is the name of the stream dividing Earls Colne from the hamlet of Stanstead and gives its name to the adjoining meadows.

'Bulnotesley is perhaps preserved in 'Bullockswood Field,' between Stanstead Hall and the Kineburne.'

70. c. 1155.

This charter is a duplicate of no. 67, with but one or two trifling variations. The tenant is described here as William, son of Walter the dean. The witnesses are identical.

71. c. 1140.

Notification by Roger de Vere to Everard, bishop of Norwich, of his gift to Colne Priory, as far as lies in the power of a layman to make it, of one-third of the church of Little Waldingfield, with 20ac. of land, and the tithe of the demesne, on condition that the monks provide a priest to serve that church for one-third of the year.

72. c. 1180-1190.

Grant by Hubert de Montchesney to Colne Priory, for the souls of himself, his son Roger, and his wife Antigone, and all his relatives, of the land which Fribearn *curtillarius* holds of him in Stanstead, to provide a light at the priory-church.

*Curtillarius* means the holder of a curtilage, *cf.* 'a messuage in the suburbs of Colchester which Thurstan *curtillarius* held,' *Essex Feet of Fines*, vol. 1., p. 23.

Round in his introduction to *Rotuli de dominabus*, pp. xliv, xlv., makes this Hubert to be son of Stephen and grandson of Hubert de Montchesney. The entries in this chartulary shew him to be brother of Stephen, son of Hugh and grandson of the first Hubert.
Quitclaim from Hubert de Montchesney to Colne Priory of all his right in Richard son of Wulward and his wife and progeny. In return Reginald, prior of Colne, has given the grantor a mark of silver.

Reginald de Boseville, who witnesses this charter, is associated with Aitrop son of Hugh as a witness to an agreement made with the abbot of Colchester about land in Aythorpe Roding, *Colch. Chart.*, p. 242.

Grant from Hubert de Montchesney to Colne Priory of an acre of meadow adjoining Ashford bridge, which Richard Harold holds.

Ashford bridge, now known as Blue bridge, is in Halstead in Stanstead hamlet, and is not to be confused with Ashfords, which lies some two miles to the North.


Confirmation charter of Hubert de Montchesney to Colne Priory of all his father's gifts.

Of the witnesses, the first five are knights; one of them, Hubert son of Ralph held fees at Dedham and elsewhere in 1212, *Rotuli de dominabus*, p. 70, note. Robert de Essex cannot be the husband of Alice de Essex as he was dead long before this time, but it is possible that he was her son; Peter de Austede, corrected by the scribe to Hausted, was son of Richard de Haustede lord of the manor of Halstead, and sold that manor about the end of the reign of King John to Abel St. Martin, Holman's *History of Halstead*, p. 95. He occurs in a charter to Colchester Abbey, *Colch. Chart.*, p. 227.

Grant from Ralph, son of Adam, to Colne Priory of all the land in Middleton which Ernold the clerk held. This gift Ralph with his wife Maude and his son William offered on the altar of St. Mary on the feast of her Nativity immediately following the return of King Henry from his expedition to Wales. The land is to be free of all service except one ward-penny.
The expedition here referred to must be the invasion of Anglesey in 1157 after the rising of Owen, prince of North Wales.

Of the witnesses, Richard son of Maurice is party to an agreement with Colchester Abbey, *Colch. Chart.*, p. 229; Alexander son of Hugh witnesses a Messing deed, c. 1180, Gorhambury MS. V.B. 8.

77. c. 1160.

Grant from Ralph, son of Adam, made in the presence of William de Turbe, bishop of Norwich, to Colne Priory of his share in the church of Little Waldingfield, together with two-thirds of the tithe of his demesne, and 2ac. of land next the church, where Hugh, the priest, had his manse.

Of the witnesses, Hubert, priest of Eye, together with Hugh de Muncanesi, witnesses a charter to the monks of Colchester, *Colch. Chart.*, p. 169; he also appears on the Pipe roll, 1172-1173.

78. c. 1160.

A further grant from Ralph, son of Adam, to Colne Priory of the 2ac. of land next the church of Little Waldingfield, where Hugh, the priest, had his manse.

The grant is made to God, SS. Mary and Laurence, and the church of Colne. That church was dedicated to SS. Mary and John, the Evangelist, but the church of Little Waldingfield was dedicated to St. Laurence.

79. c. 1148.

Grant from Ralph, son of Adam, as far as lies within the power of a layman to make it, to Colne Priory of a third of the church of Little Waldingfield, and two-thirds of the tithe of his demesne.

This gift was probably made at the dedication of the priory-church.

Amongst the witnesses are Robert de Sigillo, bishop of London, Ailward the archdeacon, Alice de Vere, William, the priest of Stisted, and Theobald, the priest of Feering.

80. c. 1148.

Grant from Ralph, son of Adam, to Colne Priory of two-thirds of the tithe of his demesne, and his share of the church of Little Waldingfield, whenever Hugh, the priest vacates it.

The witnesses are practically identical with those who attest no. 79.
81. 1163–1174.

Confirmation charter of William, son of Ralph, addressed to Gilbert Foliot, bishop of London, and William de Turbe, bishop of Norwich, of the following gifts which his father made to Colne Priory: —

Four shillingsworth of land in Sudbury.
The church of Little Waldingfield, with the tithe of the demesne, and 2 ac. of land by the church.
The land Gilbert holds in Middleton, and the land Arnold, the merchant, holds in Alphamstone, free of all service except scutage, viz., 20d. when scutage is levied at 20s.

Among the witnesses are the chaplains of Earls Colne and Colne William Kenney, i.e., Colne Engaine; also the grantor’s uncle, Warin son of Adam, who also witnesses the lease of Wickham, _Domesday of St. Paul’s_, p. 124.

Walchelin, chaplain of Pebmarsh, is probably the same as Walchelin, the priest, who witnesses a grant of Adam son of Warin to the Hospitallers, _Cott. MS. Nero E. vi._, f. 332.

82. 1175–

Quitclaim from Gilbert de Waldingfield, with the consent of William, his heir, and his other sons, to Colne Priory of all right in the church of Little Waldingfield. This charter is addressed to John of Oxford, bishop of Norwich (1175–1200).

83. 1148, or earlier.

Grant from Richard de Essartis to Colne Priory of the land of Harang in Nailinghurst (a hamlet of Braintree) which Ralph son of Robert held of him, free of all service except that it will defend itself against the king and the earl for 10 acres, i.e., when scutage is levied it will pay the amount due from 10 acres.

Harang, or Hareng, is a personal name.

84. 1148, or earlier.

Grant from Richard de Essartis to Colne Priory of the land of Godelief in Alphamstone to maintain a light in the priory-church, free of all service except two ward-pence; also the land which Godwin senior, the reeve, holds in Pebmarsh, and the tithe of the mill of Polhey (in Pebmarsh); and also the land of Harang in Nailinghurst (as in no. 83).
85. c. 1160.
Grant from Richard de Essartis to Colne Priory of the land of Godelief in Alphamstone to maintain the lights in the priory-church, free of all service except two ward-pence; also the land of Godwin senior, the reeve of Pebmarsh, to keep the commemoration of his parents; also the tithe of the mill of Polhey, for the monks' table. All these gifts he makes for the salvation of his soul, and the souls of William, earl of Warenne, and of his parents.

William, earl of Warenne, a natural son of King Stephen, died in 1160, which is probably about the date of this charter, confirming the previous charters, nos. 83 and 84. These latter must be at least as early as 1148, for the property conferred by them is included in a charter of Robert de Sigillo; possibly the gifts were made at the dedication in 1148.

Two charters of Richard de Essartis, which may profitably be compared with these, are contained in the Fray chartulary, P.R.O. Misc. Ch. lxii, f. 12.

William, earl of Warenne, held Polhey, in Pebmarsh, and manors in Arkesden, Sheering, Matching, and Wendon at the Domesday survey; of all these the de Essartis family were tenants either then or later. They are probably descended from the Richard who held these manors under Earl William at the time of the survey.

86. c. 1175.
Grant from Simon de Beauchamp to Colne Priory of one mark from the rent of his mill at Belchamp Walter, for the salvation of his soul, and the souls of Rohese his mother and Earl Aubrey his uncle. Should the tenant of the mill for poverty or other reason fail to pay this rent, the mark is to be received from Richard, son of William, the physician of Eston, viz., from the land of Bainard. The gift is made for the roofing of the church of St. Mary and for other works at the same church. It is to be remembered that the monks cannot claim anything in the mill or the land of Bainard beyond the one mark's rent.

Simon was the son of Payn de Beauchamp, who married Rohese, sister of Earl Aubrey, and widow of Geoffrey de Mandeville. This charter is a confirmation of his mother's gift, no. 53.

Eston is Eyston Hall in Belchamp Walter, see Essex Feet of Fines, vol. I., pp. 17 and 89.

87. c. 1150.
Notification from William de Burgate to William de Turbe, bishop
of Norwich, that his grandfather Adhelm gave ten shillingsworth of land and his father William five shillingsworth, for the salvation of their souls, to Colne Priory where their bodies are buried. These gifts he now confirms, granting to the priory all the land in Palgrave belonging to his father, and all the land at Thrandeston belonging to his father, which Edric, the leech, used to hold, together with the tenants, and also 10ac. of his demesne, free of all service except the service due to the earl, his lord, for scutage; when that is assessed at one mark, the land at Palgrave is to pay 6d., and the land at Thrandeston 3d., unless the earl is willing to forego it. Further he guarantees not to free any of the villeins or their chattels.

Palgrave and Thrandeston adjoin Burgate; all three villages are on the northern border of Suffolk, just south of Diss. In the Domesday survey Adhelm held Burgate and also lands in Essex under Aubrey de Vere.

For Robert son of Ailric, witness to this charter, see Morant II, p. 534, and Essex Feet of Fines, vol. I., p. 21. He appears with Aubrey, earl of Guisnes, Geoffrey Arsic, Robert son of Humphrey, Ralph son of Adam, Ralph de Guisnes, Geoffrey de Ver, Robert de Cokefeld, and Adam de Cokefeld, who all figure in this chartulary, in a charter of Ording, abbot of St. Edmunds, Geoffrey de Mandeville, pp. 189, 190. Philip de Gerardville appears on the Pipe roll for Norfolk and Suffolk in 1158.

88. c. 1180.

Grant from Henry, son of Reginald, son of Godfrey, to Colne Priory of all the land which was once of Pecche in Nailinghurst (in Braintree), free from all service except royal service, viz., a shilling when scutage is levied at a pound, and also a rent of 3s. to Robert de Wateville. He also gives for the salvation of his soul and the souls of his mother, his son Reginald, and his brother Walter, and his other relatives, a rent of 2s. from the tenement which Roger de Alwude holds of him.

Robert de Wateville occurs c. 1180, Colch. Chart., p. 526, and in an Essex fine of the year 1208. He was lord of the neighbouring manor of Panfield.

89. c. 1180.

Grant from John Trezgoz to Colne Priory of the church of Messing. This is a companion charter to no. 50, in which Earl Aubrey makes the same grant in identical words. Aubrey was John Trezgoz's over-
lord. In each draft Michael, who is to continue as rector of the church, is described as 'my clerk.' Actually he was clerk to Earl Aubrey, but the scribe in drawing up the charter for John Trezgoz has failed to alter Michael clericus meus into Michael clericus comitis.

Reginald Harsiche, a witness to this charter, appears on the Pipe roll of 1191.

90. 1148, or earlier.

Grant from William de Bures to Colne Priory of two-thirds of the tithe of his demesne in Bures, which grant his father had already made. This tithe in Bures is included in the Priory's possessions listed by Robert de Sigillo in 1148 (no. 23).

Among the witnesses are Silvester de Bures and William his son; William, son of Silvester, appears on the Pipe roll for 1200.

91. 1148, or earlier.

Grant from Roger, son of Gunter, of ten shillings worth of land in Hedingham, viz., from the land of William, the potter, 4s., from the land of Brihtric, 18d., from 10 ac. in Rachey, 4s. 6d.

This, like the preceding grant is listed by Robert de Sigillo in 1148.

92. c. 1160.

Grant from Geoffrey, son of Walter, to Colne Priory of the tene...ment which Edmar, son of Hardgar, holds of him in Beauchamp Roding for the same service which Edmar used to render. The grant is made for the souls of the grantor, his wife, and his ancestors.

Westminster charter no. 1231 is a grant from William de Mandeville, earl of Essex, to Geoffrey, son of Walter, of all Roinges. It is attested by Earl Aubrey, Ralph de Berners, John de Rocilla, Gilbert de Ver, Asculph the chaplain, and Alexander the clerk.

93. c. 1180.

Grant from William, son of Geoffrey, to Colne Priory of the land which Adhelm holds of him in Tilbury. This must be Tilbury-juxta-Clare, which was a de Vere manor.

William, son of Geoffrey, made a grant to the monks of Hatfield Regis of land in Roding, Hatfield Priory deed, no. 27, and also witnessed a grant of land in Aythorpe Roding by Ralph Morel to Earl Aubrey, Hatfield Priory deed, F.

From him Beauchamp Roding at one time took its distinctive name, see no. 104.
Grant from Robert, son of Humphrey, to Colne Priory of three acres of arable land in his manor of Colne, free of all service including royal service; also confirmation of the gift of an acre of meadow made by Robert son of Walter, for the soul of his lord Earl Eustace, son of King Stephen. Robert Fitz-Humphrey was lord of Pentlow; the manor here mentioned has not been identified. Earl Eustace at the time of the Domesday survey held a minute manor in Colne Engaine, and this may be the manor in question. Robert's grant of an acre of meadow is not included in this chartulary, but is probably referred to in no. 97.

Of the witnesses, Walter, son of Alan, attests a charter, probably of the year 1141, Geoffrey de Mandeville, p. 123, note.

Grant from William, son of Otto, to Colne Priory of the rent of Ralph the priest, 15d., and of Syward, 19d., for the redemption of his soul, and the souls of his parents, and of his wife Maxima. The grant is witnessed by certain men of the vill, including Edmund, the dean, and Payn, the forester. Payn was the forester at Earl's Colne, but the family of Fitz-Otto, the well-known goldsmiths, is chiefly associated with Belchamp Otton, Gestingthorpe, and Gosfield. The amounts of the rents are curiously expressed j.xvjd. and j.xxd., i.e., 16d. less one and 20d. less one; perhaps in each case one penny out of the rent is retained as a ward-penny.

Of the witnesses, Edmund, the dean, attests another charter of William, son of Otto, in which William confirms an agreement made...
by Earl Aubrey with Warin Morel about his mill; here too the name of the village is omitted, Hatfield Priory deed, D. Syward and Richard Morel are witnesses to a grant from Oliver de Roinges to Colchester Abbey, Colch. Chart., p. 241. Jordan Baard appears with William son of Otto on the Pipe roll of 1130.

97. c. 1155.

Grant from William, sheriff of Norwich, to Colne Priory of 5ac. of arable land in his vill of Colne, also of an acre of meadow which his father gave to the monks, and which he now confirms to them. William de Chesney was sheriff of Norfolk from 1157 to 1163. He died in 1174 and left a daughter Sarah, married to Richard Engaine, to whom this manor of Colne passed. In no. 81 this vill is designated Colum Willemi Kenney, taking its distinctive name from the sheriff, from the end of the twelfth century it has been known as Colne Engaine.

William, sheriff of Norwich, made a grant to the monks of Colchester in the time of William de Turbe, bishop of Norwich, Colch. Chart., p. 172.

William’s father, referred to in this charter, was Robert son of Walter, see no. 94.

98. c. 1190.

Grant from William Wallis to Colne Priory of the rent from his messuage in Pleshey, which William Bonior holds of him, viz., 4d. a year. The said William Bonior and his heirs are to continue to hold the messuage of the priory at the same rent, for all service save the service due to the lord of Pleshey.

William Walensis appears on the Pipe roll for 1191 as Willelmus (de Plesseiz) Walensis.

99. c. 1175.

Grant from Hugh, son of Geoffrey, to Colne Priory of 5s. rent in Barnston and the land of Adam del Ac, two shillingsworth of land in Aythorpe Roding, and the church there, together with 4ac. of arable land.

This is a companion to the charter of Earl Aubrey, no. 33, and is attested by nearly the same group of witnesses.

Hugh, son of Geoffrey, appears on the Pipe roll of 1165.
100. c. 1175.

Notification from Hugh, son of Geoffrey, to Gilbert Foliot, bishop of London, that he has restored to the monks of Colne the church of Aythorpe Roding, which he had wrested from them. By way of recompense he has also granted to them 4ac. of arable land. He requests the bishop to confirm his grant and to do what is necessary to render it secure.

101. c. 1175.

Confirmation from Aitrop, son of Hugh, son of Geoffrey, of his father's gifts, as in no. 99.

The witnesses are identical with those attesting no. 99.

From this Aitrop, Aythorpe Roding derives its name.

102. c. 1190.

Grant from Robert, son of Walter, to Colne Priory of two of his villeins Salomon and Andrew, with all their progeny. In return the prior has given to him 20s. These villeins were perhaps attached to his manor of Great Tey.

Robert, son of Walter, ancestor of the famous family of Fitz-Walter, was grandson of Gilbert, earl of Brion, from whom descended the family of Clare. He must not be confused with the Robert, son of Walter of no. 94.

Of the witnesses, Robert, son of Maude, occurs in a fine of the year 1202, Essex Feet of Fines, vol. I., p. 25, and Richard, son of Baldwin, in one of 1219, ibid, p. 56.

103. c. 1190.

Grant from Robert de Quincy to Colne Priory of his villein Henry, son of Peter, with all his progeny. In return Reginald, prior of Colne, has given him 5 marks.

Robert, son of Saier de Quincy, was lord of Colne Quincy, afterwards called Wakes Colne; from this family were descended the earls of Winchester. The Pipe roll of 1192 notes that Robert de Quincy has gone on crusade.

104. 1197, or 1198.

This charter and the three which follow are in different handwritings to the rest of the chartulary and evidently the work of one or more continuators. Although provision has been made for rubrication the headings have not been filled in, and the initial letter of no. 104 is missing. The handwriting is not of the formal type adopted by
the original scribe, but in cursive hands such as are frequently found in deeds of the reign of King John, suggesting that these later entries were made c. 1210.

The first of these additional entries is a transcript of a charter of Richard Fitz-Neal, bishop of London; of this the original is extant and is deposited at Chelmsford among the Probert MSS.

In this charter the bishop confirms to Colne Priory the following gifts:

The churches of Dovercourt and Belchamp Walter, of the gift of Aubrey de Vere, with power to appropriate the same provided a suitable vicar is appointed, presented to the bishop of London, and allowed at least 40s. a year out of the emoluments of the benefice.

Annual pensions customarily received out of the churches of White Colne and Aythorpe Roding, of the gift of Earl Aubrey.

Half the vill of White Colne, half the mill, 100s. rent from mills and other property, also 2s. from the land of Thomas, the clerk, in Colchester, of the gift of Earl Aubrey.

Gifts of land and tithes from Roger de Montchesney and Richard de Essartis.

Further gifts of Aubrey de Vere, viz., the tithe of foals in the park of Earl's Colne, Colneford mill, two-thirds of the tithe from the demesne at Castle Hedingham, two-thirds of all tithe from the demesne at Beauchamp Roding; the whole tithe from the demesne at Aythorpe Roding, two-thirds of the tithe from the land of Hubert Despenser at Takeley.

A rent of one mark from the mill at Belchamp Walter, of the gift of Simon de Beauchamp.

Two shillings rent of the gift of Henry, son of Reginald.

The soke of Clare, which Richard de Beauchamp granted and Stephen, his son, confirmed.

Of the witnesses, Peter de Blois was archdeacon of London from 1197; Master Alard is Alard de Burnham, who was later archdeacon of London and dean of St. Paul's; Richard de Windsor was prebendary of Oxgate, c. 1192; William de Ely was prebendary of Caddington Minor, c. 1192.

Most of the witnesses to this charter witness a confirmation by the same bishop to Thoby Priory, Petre MSS. A. 288, and a charter to Colchester Abbey, *Colch. Chart.*, p. 88.

*Here called Roding of William Fitz-Geoffrey; it is so-called in a fine of the year 1200, *Essex Feet of Fines*, vol. i., p. 23.*
Confirmation from Aitrop, son of Hugh, of his father's gifts to Colne Priory, viz., the church and advowson of Aythorpe Roding, with 4 ac. of land; the rent of 5s. which Warin Triket owes for the land he holds of the grantor in Barnston, besides the land which Adam del Ac held, with the homage and service of the tenants; also the land which Hugh Claviger held in Aythorpe Roding. These lands are to be held free of all service, except that when the king levies scutage the monks will pay 16d. for a scutage of 20s. and proportionately if the scutage is higher or lower. The tenants are to enjoy the same liberties under the monks as they did in the time of the grantor's father.

No names of witnesses are appended to this charter, which is substantially the same as no. 33. Warin Triket has however taken the place of Ralph de Berners. The Triket family held Barnston under the de Berners till the reign of Edward III.

Grant from Aitrop, son of Hugh, to Colne Priory of a messuage, 12 perches x 7 perches, in Aythorpe Roding, on the eastern side of the messuage of Gilbert de Baalun in the field called Sicagre, at the annual rent of 5d. In return the prior and monks have given him 12s. The name of only one witness is appended—Hamon, son of Hugh. Eutropius, son of Hugh, and Hamon his brother witness a Roding deed, c. 1200, D. & C. of St. Paul's charters, no. 514.

Gilbert de Baalun appears on the Pipe roll for 1198.

Grant from Aubrey de Vere, earl of Oxford, to Colne Priory of the following rents in Belchamp Walter: 12d. which Gilbert Pecche owes for the land once of Warin Elbic, 28d. which Roger, the reeve of Belchamp Walter, owes for 6 ac. in Godrichescroft and 2 ac. next to his house, also all the lands held of him by Hugh, the forester, Adam Skinner, Stephen Underwood, Wimer, Richard Fulk, Edward, and Ralph de Hineburt, in exchange for the mill of Hedingham and the land belonging to that mill. He also grants 12s. 6d. rent from William Avis in Belchamp and 5s. rent from Payn, son of Ralph de Barle, with his tenement, and in the vill of Colne all the land which

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1 Barle—Borley.
William Curt\(^1\) held as far as the river, all the land which William, son of Adam, held for a rent of 4d., and the land Pikot held in the same vill for 2d., in exchange for the mill of the aforesaid Earl Aubrey and the land belonging to it. He also grants the land Ralph, son of Andrew, held of him for 18d., and the land he holds in the field of William, son of Peter, for 6d., in exchange for 2s. rent which the monks used to have in Colchester from the house of Vivus;\(^2\) the Jew; also all the meadow which Robert de Slate\(^3\) held next the monks' meadow, in exchange for the land of Bainard and for 1ac. 1rd. which Walter,\(^4\) son of Turstan, used to hold and which the grantor has taken into his park of Colne.

This charter is possibly to be attributed to Aubrey de Vere, 2nd earl of Oxford, the witnesses are consistent with a date c. 1200. Of these, Geoffrey Grossus witnesses a charter of Ralph de Hosding, together with Aubrey de Ver, William son of Fulk, and Nicholas the chaplain, *East Anglian*, vol. vi., p. 346.

The lower half of folio 35 has been cut out; on the verso of the upper portion are faint traces of a charter of Aubrey de Vere.

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\(^1\) A tenement later called Curds.

\(^2\) Vivus, the Jew, appears on the Pipe roll of 1165-1166, and Vivus son of Jacob on the Pipe roll of 1192.

\(^3\) Robert de Slate probably is Robert at Slade. A field at Earl's Colne near the Kineburne is called 'The Slade.'

\(^4\) Walter, son of Turstan, occurs in a fine of 1195, *Essex Feet of Fines*, vol. i., p. 16. He also witnesses a Gorhambury deed (vi. A. 58), a Petre deed (A. 120), and a Colchester deed, *Colch. Chart.*, p. 193.
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