for soe powere a thyng that you shalbe contentyd and pleasyd, be-sechyng you to be as good to me hereyn as you may be, as my most trust ys in you, as knowythe the blessyd Trinite, who long preserve you. Wryttn at my powere howse, upon owre Lady day.

Your owen assuryd,

THOMAS LAWARR.

As was before stated, the latter part of lord Lawarr's request was granted, and he obtained both the property and even the furniture of Boxgrave priory. The priory church afterwards became the parish church of the town, and the tomb of his father is still preserved. It is rather singular that in the following letter, which must have been written at this time, Cromwell is addressed by the title of *lord*: this however may have been a mere piece of flattery from an inferior, as a compliment to his political station.

LIII.

JOHN MORISE TO CROMWELL.

[From MS. Cotton. Cleop. E. iv. fol. 234*.]

Right honorable and my synguler goode lorde, I humbly recomende me unto yowe; this shalbe to advertyse your lordshippe, that syr John Dawtree, master Palmer, and I, according to the kynges commyssion and instruccions, have dyssolved the pryorie of Boxgrave in the countie of Sussex. The besenes of dissolucion therof was fynysshed the xxvjth. day of this present moneth, at which tyme I receved your lordshypps lettre in ffavor of my lord Lawarre, which according to your lordshypps commaundment by that sent of other joynt commyssioners wyth me I have folowed, so that my seyde lord Lawarre, as I trust, is contented. The valure of the goodes that he hath bowght cummys to cxxv^{li}. xiijs. iiij^d. wherof he hath payed xli^{li}. and for the rest I have taken his owne bond to the kynges use to be payed at suche dayes as he hym self hath desyred, that is to sey, Myghelmas next and Ester ffolowing,

wherwyth I trust the kynges grace wilbe pleased by meanes of yowre good lordshyppe, and the rather for that his grace, by the vygylant circumspectyon and dylygent dewte of the seyd lord Lawarre, hath more proffett there then in any other howse dissolved in Sussex. And, as I verely thynke, the kyng is not better answered nor more trewly of the goodes apperteynyng to his highnes by reason of any howse dyssolved in Ingland, then he is also there, as almyghty God knowith, who long preserve your lordshippe with the increase of honor to his pleasure. From Boxgrave, the xxvijth day of Marche.

Att your comaundment glad to do serves,

JOHAN MORES.

To the right honorable
and my synguler good
lord, the lorde preve
Seale, yeve this.

The following letter is another suit for a grant of abbey lands. The priory of Fineshed, or (as it was more anciently called) Castel Hymel, in Northamptonshire, was founded by Richard Engayne the elder, who died in 1208. After the dissolution it appears to have been retained for some time in the king's hands, and it was finally granted to John lord Russell. The last prior was Christopher Harpeworth. This, as well as the priory of Worspring in Somerset, was one of the smaller houses. The latter was founded in 1210 by William de Courteney. The last abbot or prior of this house was Roger Thorynton.

LIV.

HUMPHREY STAFFORD TO CROMWELL.

[From MS. Cotton. Cleop. E. iv. fol. 209.*]

Right worshipfull, yn my most humblyst wise I can I comend me unto your good mastership, thanckyng your mastership ever for the great kyndenes and ffavour shewed unto me always, and where it may please your mastership to call to your good remembrauns that ye promysed me to be good master unto me when