CXXXIX.

ROBERT BURGUYNE TO JOHN SCUDAMORE.

[From MS. Addit. No. 11,041, fol. 35.]

Right worshippffull, I commend me hartely unto you, and I pray you that I may be the same to my good mistres your wyffe, assertenyng you that I have perused the copie off the councelles lettres which you sente unto me, wheruppon I have sente you an abstracte off such arrerages as have growne in the laste audite for such rentes and ffermes as werre dewe betwene Michaelmas anno xxxij^{do} H. viij^{vi}. and Michaelmas anno xxxiiij^{tho} *ejusdem regis*, that ys to wytt such as I thynk to be good and trewe debtes, requyryng you accordyng unto your lettres to use some diligence in thaccomplisshyng off the councelles lettres theryn, as yt shall beste seme your wysdome. And as to the kynges lede lyng in the kynges castell at Worcester, yff the walles theroff be close, then I thynk the same well enough, and yff not, I thynk yt myght be layed verrey well into the great belfrey within the newe college in Worcester, where I suppose yt might lye verrey sauffe. I thank you right hartely for my ij. baked salmons, which werre verrey well carried and well baked, and lykewyse seasoned, and came to me in verrey good tyme. And, sir, as for the table at Worcester, which I thought to have hadd home to me, I am right well contented that my mistres your wyffe shall have the same; neverthelesse I thynk I shall not bye soche anothere for money; at my commyng to London I shall so; neverthelesse, I wold yt werre so good as I cowlde fynd in my harte yt werre for her. I muste pray you to take no displeasur with your servaunte for his long tarryng; his horse dyed at Dunstable, and I tarryed hym tyll Mundaye after the xijth. daye for the makyng off the seid abstracte off arrerages, etc. You muste send to Mr. Brougham my lettre herwith sente, when you send for the seid table; as

knoweth God, who send us merye metyng. From Watton at Stone, the ixth. daye off Januarie.

Yours assured to his power,

ROBERT BURGOYN.

To the right worshipfull Johan
Scudamore esquier, be this delivered.

The next letter relates to the abbey of Augustine Canons at Lilleshull, in Shropshire. This house was founded by Richard de Belmeis in 1145. The last abbot was Robert Watson.

CXL.

WILLIAM CHORLTON TO JOHN SCUDAMORE.

[From MS. Addit. No. 11,041, fol. 51.]

Jhesus.

Right wourshipfull Mr. Scudamor, in my hartiest maner I commend me unto you, ever more thankyng you for your kyndnes shewid unto me, trystyng to God that ye be amendyt of your fever, wiche shuld be gret comforthe unto me and many other, and so long to contenew to Godes pleasure. Sir, where hit pleased you to wryt your letter to Bostok and to Byst, that they shuld pay suche money as was in ther handes for the payment of the late abbott of Lilleshull and the brether ther for ther pencious unto my handes, and farther your pleasure was that I shuld pay them, hit was so that Bostoke promysed to come unto me, but truthe hit ys that sythe the tyme of his promyse makyng he ys to London about besenes of his maysters, and he hathe recevid part of the rent and other part dothe remayne styll in the tennance handes ungedrede; and also as yet he ys not come home, nor no knolage ys to be had wat tyme he wyll come home. Moreover William Byst saythe that at his beyng with your mastership he payd all that he had to pay by your appoyntment, and hathe no more in