

praying you to accomplyshe the same accordinglie as I trust you.  
And this shalbe your discharge in that behalff. From London,  
this xxiiij<sup>th</sup> of Aprill, anno xxxij<sup>do</sup> H. viii<sup>j</sup><sup>vi</sup>.

Your lovyng ffrende,

RYCHARD RYCHE.

To my right loving ffrende Mr. Skidmore,  
receivour generall unto the kinges majestie of  
the dissolvild possessions in the countie of  
Salopp.

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The two next letters relate to Bordesley abbey ; the second gives some curious illustrations of the process of salt-making at that time.

CXXXIV.

SIR RICHARD RICHE TO JOHN SCUDAMORE.

[From MS. Add. No. 11,041, fol. 26.]

Forasmoeche as I am creadible advertised that the late monastery of Bordesley is defacid and pluckid downe, and the substance therof solde to dyverse persons without proffitt or lucre paide or aunswerid to the kinges majestes use for the same, thiese shalbe to requyre you, in the kinges hyghenes behalff, as convenyent oportunitie may serve you, as welle to enquire of theym that so hath defacid the said howse, and of their auctoritie in that behalff, as also of those persons that have bought or have hadd given any of the same, and what somes have ben paide therfor, and to whose use, not omytting to charge all and every of the said persons whiche heryn shalbe touched to apere personally at this next terme following before me at London, as they will aunswer at their perills, there to make aunswere to suche mattier as shalbe by me objectid agenst theym ; eftsones praying yow for my sake to graunte unto sir George Throgmerton, knight, the preferment of all suche stone, glasse, and iron as is at the said

late monastery lefte to be sold, he giving therfor as any other will, not faylyng herof as I may doo you pleasure. Thus fare ye well. From London, the last of Julie.

Your lovyng ffrende,  
RYCHARD RYCHE.

To my loving ffrendes, Mr. Sckidmore and Mr. Burgoyne, the kinges highenes officers of the dissolvid possessions in the countie of Worcestre, and to every of theym.

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CXXXV.

ROGER BEDULL TO SCUDAMORE AND BURGOYN.

[From MS. Addit. No. 11,041, fol. 48.]

Right worshypful masters, my dewty rememberyd, I have me commendyd unto yow, sertyfying yow that your servantes hathe demawndyd of me serten salte that the abbye of Bordysley hade yerly, for the whiche sawlte that was laste made I have payd to Mr. Thomas Evans, liij<sup>s</sup>. iiij<sup>d</sup>. Consytheryng the chargys therto belongyng, I thynke hyt be all payd, soo ther ys no more dewe to be payd as yet; for Bordysley salte ys wont to be made always betwene Estur and Pentycoste. Also I have recevyd your renterowle, and getheryd up the rent, and fownde more then ys there, as hytt aperythe by a rent-rowle that your clarke made owte of myne, as knowythe God, who ever kepe yow.

From Droytewyche, the iiij<sup>de</sup> day of Decembre.

By yours, ROGER BEDULL.

The chargys that belongythe to the salte makyng.

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| Item, for the cuttyng of the wod | . | . | . | ij <sup>s</sup> . |