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A COMPUTUS ROLL OF THE RECEIPTS OF GLASTONBURY ABBEY IN THE YEAR 1515.

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Computus fratris Ricardi Whityng¹ Receptorum Casualium (Domino Abbatu de) Glastonia provenientium a festo Sancti Michaelis Archangeli Anno Regis (Henrici) septimo Et anno Domini Ricardi Beer Abbatis xxiii^{tio} usque ad (idem) festum tunc proxime sequens. Videlicet per unum Annum integrum.

Nota. De remananto nihil causa patet in Rotulo Compotus Anni precedentis.

		<i>li.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Recepta denariorum pro Baroniis.	De preposito Glastoniæ -	xxiiij	v	i
	De preposito de Weston ³ -	xij	v	ij
	De preposito de Othery -	vij	x	vij
	De preposito de Myddelsoywys	vij	iiij	xi
	De preposito de Mells -	xxiiij		
	De preposito de Wryngton -	xxviiij	xviiij	
	De preposito de Southbrent	xviiij	xiiij	
	De preposito de Lympleshame	viiij	ij	vj obq
	De preposito de Burghes -	xi	xj	ij
	De preposito de Estbrent -	xxix	viiij	iiij
	De preposito de Asshecote -		xxx	viiij
	De preposito de Storminster	xxv	viiij	viiij
	De preposito de Strete -		lv	
	De preposito de Baddebury		xx	
	De preposito de Asshebury	vi	iiij	xj
	De preposito de Uplyme -	xv	xij	vi
	De preposito de Kyngton -	xiiij	xvj	i
	De preposito de Buclond -	xix	ix	i
	De preposito de Cristomalford	xv	vi	v

¹ Richard Whityng, the last Abbot of Glastonbury, whose execution in 1539 is so well known, appears to have been at this time the Bursar, or *Thesaurarius*, under his predecessor, Richard Beer.

² Richard Beer was installed in 1492. Thus Michaelmas, in his 23rd year, *i.e.*

1515, would synchronize with Henry VIII's 7th, ending April 21, 1516.

³ All these manors are easily recognized by any one acquainted with the topography of Wiltshire, Somerset, and Dorset.

	<i>li.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
De preposito de Nettelton -		ciiij	ix
De preposito de Graynton -		xli	xi
De preposito de Idmyston -	xiiij	ix	ij
De preposito de Hame -	iiiij	iiiij	
De preposito de Withies -		v	
De preposito de Grutelyngton		vij	xi
De preposito de Wynterborne		vij	v
De preposito de Myddleton		xxiiij	iiiij
De preposito de Domerhame	xlij	xv	xi
De preposito de Markesbury		xxxvi	i
De preposito de Walton		cij	ix
De preposito de Northelode		xxij	x
De preposito de Shapewyke	xviiij	vij	vij
De preposito de Estpennard		lix	iiij
De preposito de Godenhay		liiiij	iiiij
De preposito de Baltonsbrugh	xi	xix	x
De preposito de Badecombe		xxxvj	x
De preposito de Pulton -	xxx	xvij	ij
De preposito de Doultynge		lvij	iiij
De preposito de Buddeceleghe	iiiij	ix	ij
De preposito de Dychesyate		c	vj
De preposito de Marnhull	xvj	xiiij	vij
De preposito de Westpennard	vij	xviiij	iiiij
De preposito de Mere -	vj	xij	
De Ballivo Villæ Glaston -	vi	xvij	v
De Ballivo Villæ de Newton		cviij	vj
De Ballivo Villæ de Whiteleigh	ix	iiiij	xj
De Ballivo Villæ de Whitstone	xi	iiij	vj
De Ballivo Villæ de Brente -	vij	vij	ix
Sum' ccccej ^h xv ^d q. ¹			
Exitus personatum. De exitu personat' de Soway	lxxij	iiiij	ob
De firma personat' de Budcleigh -	xij		
De firma personat' de Baltonsbrugh	viiij	x	
De firma personat' de Doultynge	xviiij	xiiij	iiiij
De firma personat' de Domerhame & Merton -	xxij	vj	viiij
Sum' cxxxiiij ^h xiiij ^s ob.			

Recepta foris. De Laurencio Dovell pro 52 pellibus }			
boum pretium cujuslibet 3 ^s }	7	16	0
Et de eodem pro 13 pellibus Boviculorum }			
pretium cujuslibet 2 ^s }	1	6	0
Item de eodem pro 73 pellibus Vitulorum }			
pretium cujuslibet 2 ^d }	12	2	
Item de Thoma Mayow pro 14 duodenis & 3 }			
pellium ovium a festo Sancti Michaelis Arch. }	2	4	2
usque festum Carniprivii pretium duodenæ }			
3 ^s 1 ^d			

¹ The sum total of these figures, as they stand here, does not quite come out accurately; but there are some so faint in

the original that probably they may have been mistaken.

	<i>li.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Item de Willielmo Edwards pro 12 duodenis & 6 pellium ovium a festo Paschæ usque festum Natale Sancti Johannis Baptistæ pretium duodenæ 10 ^d		10	5
Item de eodem pro 12 duodenis & ij pellium ovium A festo Nat. S ^{ti} Johannis Baptistæ usque festum S ^{ti} Mich. Arch. pretium duo- denæ 21 ^d	1	1	1½
Item de eodem pro 16 pellibus Agnellorum		1	0
De Incremento granorum in la Southend hoc Anno	23	0	5
De exitu Scabellorum (?) ¹ Glastoniæ hoc anno	1	3	4
De fratre Roberto Clerk pro redditu unius Hospicii in London infra Newgate ibidem vocati le Crowne, viz., pro termino nativitatis S ^{ti} Johannis Bapt. in Anno Domini Ricardi Beer Abbatis Glastoniæ decimo nono	1	5	0
De eodem pro redditu dicti Hospicii pro Annis 20 ^{mo} & 21 ^{mo} dicti Domini Abbatis, viz., pro duobus Annis integris	8	13	4
De exitu terræ et tenementi nuper Nicholai Baronis in Langleigh in manu ² domini exist- tentium eo quod heres ejus infra ætatem existit	1	10	0
De exitu terrarum et tenementi nuper Petri Knogle in Myddelton Podymore in manu Domini existentium ratione minoris ætatis Leonardi filii et heredis dicti Petri hoc anno	1	6	5
De exitu terrarum & tenementi nuper Johannis Gerard in Asshecote simili modo in manu Domini existentium hoc anno	7	4	
De exitu terrarum & ten ¹ nuper Johannis Basyng in Estpennard ratione minoris ætatis Willielmi filii & heredis predicti Johannis ultimi 13 ^o 4 ^d solutis Thomæ Hymerford pro quâdam annua pensione sibi per Cartam indentatam dicti Johannis concessam. Et ultra 13 ^d solutis militi de Templecombe, viz., pro capitali redditu	1	17	4
Et ultra 18 ^d quod Dominus perdonavit Johanni Adams de parte redditus sui hoc anno. Et ultra 8 ^d solutis ad hundredam de Whitestone pro secta sua ibidem boum ³ (?) per Annum relaxata			

¹ This word might be *Scabelli*, or *Scabellorum*. A conjecture has been made that it might be the *Shambles*. Du Cange, however, gives no such interpretation of the word: though he appears to identify it in one sense with *Scamellum*, a foot-stool. His main sense is, "Modus agri, quantum uno die excoli potest." Had the

Abbot anticipated the idea of Cottage Allotments?

² This word is a conventional abbreviation in the original, possibly for "custodia."

³ I am at a loss to decypher this word. Might it not be a service of so many days oxen for ploughing due to the Abbot?

		<i>li. s. d.</i>
De exitu terrarum et ten ¹ nuper Thomæ Samwell de Mells ratione minoris ætatis Johannæ filiæ & heredis ejusdem Thomæ. Viz: in Anno Dom ⁱ Ricardi Beer Abbatis 22 ^{do} 111 ^s 10 ^d	}	£ s. d. 5 6 10
Et non plus in illo Anno, quia per mortem Johannis Turner nuper Collectoris reddituum ibidem perduntur £4 8s 11d eo quod idem Johannes tempore mortis suæ non habuit bona nec Catalla alicujus valoris ad satis- faciendum, &c.		
Et de exitu terrarum et ten ¹ nuper predicti Thomæ Samwell ratione minoris ætatis Jo- hannæ filiæ et heredis ejusdem Thomæ hoc Anno.		10 0 6
De Johanne Foxe Custode ¹ Sygnorum domini apud Mere pro 5 Sygnis ibidem venditis pretium capitis 3s 4d hoc anno		16 8
De Camerario ² Glastoniæ et cæteris Officiariis ex parte Conventus pro Camera Domini, Cultellis, Speciebus, et aliis Domino debitis hoc Anno	}	10 6 8
De Johanne Hayward pro Anguillis provenienti- bus de exitibus Gurgitum de Haccheswere & Whitteswere venditis hoc anno.		14 0 0
De eodem pro aliis piscibus Domini Abbatis apud Mere venditis hoc Anno		5 0 0
De eodem pro Anguillis vocatis Snyggs ³ Ven- ditis ibidem hoc anno.		3 13 4

¹ There can be no reasonable doubt that this must be the Swanherd at Mere, but why cygnus should be spelt with an "S" I know not. ("C" is often put for "S," and so the converse may be the case).

² It is hard to understand why the *Camerarius*, who had charge of the dormitory, should pay the Abbot for its use,

or the *Cellerarius* for the knives, spices, &c.

³ Snyggs, I presume to be a smaller sort of eel. "Sniggling for eels" was a kind of fishing not unknown, at least to the last generation: Halliwell has, "Snig, a small eel, North." The text proves that it was "South," too.