Prioratus de Dofford, in agro Wigorniens.

NUM. I.

Carta Regis Henrici Secundi Possessiones ejusdem confr."

[Hic testibus, domino Baldewino Cantuariensi archiepiscopo, Hierberto Cantuariensi archidiacono, Radulpho Herfordensi archidiacono, magistro Silvestro, Thoma filio Bernardi, Willielmo comite de Mandeville, Radulpho filio Stephani, et multis aliis, apud Merleberg. Nos legitur praeecessio successionem ratam et grant habentes pro nobis et heredibus nostris, cum praefato priori et praedictis fratribus concedimus et confirmamus, &c. Dat. &c. apud Wygorn. &c. die Juni anno, &c. xvi.]

NUM. II.

Carta Regis Edvardi Quarti, de unitate et consociatione ejusdem Dominii, Abbatis de Hales-O."

[Hic testibus, domino Baldewino Cantuariensi archiepiscopo, Hierberto Cantuariensi archidiacono, Radulpho Herfordensi archidiacono, magistro Silvestro, Thoma filio Bernardi, Willielmo comite de Mandeville, Radulpho filio Stephani, et multis aliis, apud Merleberg. Nos legitur praeecessio successionem ratam et grant habentes pro nobis et heredibus nostris, cum praefato priori et praedictis fratribus concedimus et confirmamus, &c. Dat. &c. apud Wygorn. &c. die Juni anno, &c. xvi.]

* Nash, Wescot. Collections, vol. i. pp. 174, 175, has printed these Charters. Turner refers to a Nutal of this Priory formerly in the possession of Sir Thomas Lyttleton of Frankley, bart.; also to MS. 916.8.6d. S. 8d.

At the Taxation of the Religious Houses in 1291 this Priory was exempted from burden in consequence of its poverty. The rents then amounting to no more than £ 16s. 8d.

Osbert was the first Prior of this House; Thomas Tyfnes the last, elected in 1463.

The lands of this Priory increased very much in value after they were appropriated to Hales-O. In the 15th Hen. VII. the annual rent amounted to 15s. 8d.

The Site was granted in the 50th Hen. VIII. to John Dudley; it was alienated in Queen Elizabeth's reign to the family of Fowmes.

The Walls of a Farm House now exhibit the only Remains of the Cell of Dofford."
This Cell was situated in the parish of Cottesbrook and Hundred of Guildsborough. The following is the Account of it given by Bridges, vol. i. p. 577, under Cottesbrook: “In a part of this Lordship, still retaining the name of Kalendar Meadow, was a place called Kaylend, given by William Buttevillian to the Abbatt and Convant of Sulby,” who placed here a Cell of Premonstratensian Canons, dedicated to St. John. This ground contained fifty-two acres and one rood of land. To this donation were added four virgates, three tofts, and two crofts in Thornby by Arnulf de Patti; with four virgates of land in Thornby by Peter de Goldington; and one virgate in Wathford by Eustachius the son of Eustachius de Wathford.” ¹ Of this Cell we find no distinct charge in any ecclesiastical Taxation; but by the Survey of the Revenues of Sulby Abbey in 1585, 26 Hen. VIII. their possessions in Kalendar and Sleaford’s Hill were valued at xxx. yearly. ²

In the 33d Hen. VIII. lands called Callandry, and Sleaford’s Hill in Cottesbrook, Navesby, and Thornby were granted to Francis Pygott with other possessions. ³ These lands, containing sixty acres of pasture, came soon after into the hands of Francis Catesby, Esq., from whom they descended in the 4th and 5th of Philip and Mary to Thomas his son, a minor three years old. ⁴ John Reade lord of Cotesbrooke manor died possessed of them in the 2d James I, and left them to his daughters. Large foundation stones have within these few years been dug up in Kalendar Meadow, and the Cell when standing appears to have been moated round. ⁵

The following Instrument is to be subjoined to those which have been already given in the Appendix to the Monastery of Newb in Lincolnshire.

NUM. V.
Carta Roberti de Acetria de duabus acriis terræ concassis Monasterio de Nobe vel Neubo in agro Lincolnesi.

Oxoniae sanctus maritus ecclesiae filius ad quos praesent scriptum personis, Robertus de Acetria salutem in Domino, Novetiri universitas vestra, me pro salutate unius meae et Hauiwei sponse meae, et omnium suorum meorum, dedisse, concessisse, et hoc presenti carti mandatae Decet et ecclesiae sanctae Mariæ de Nobe, et canonicii Premonstratensis ordinis ibidem Deco servientibus duas acrias terræ arable in campo de Knivetum, cum pertinentis suis, jacentes in his locis,

¹ See the Account of Sulby in the present Volume, p. 904. ² Ibid. ³ Ret. in Obl. Primit. n. 14. ⁴ Pat. 55 Hen. VIII. p. 2. ⁵ Esc. 4 et 5 Phil. et Mar. n. 9. p. 3. ⁶ Bridges’s Hist. was published in 1791.

END OF MONASTERIES OF THE PREMONSTRATENSIAN ORDER.