

Priory of Chirbury, in Shropshire.

"THERE was at Snede or Snet, in this County," says Tanner, "a Priory of Black^a canons founded by Robert de Boulers, in the beginning of the reign of King Henry the Third, which before the eleventh of that King was translated to Chirbury, where they seem to have continued till the Dissolution. Under this name the Priory was valued in the 26th Hen. VIII. and 20th Edw. I., and

is so styled in all the intermediate charters, notwithstanding the licence which Dugdale has preserved, of the 9th Edw. Ist, to remove back to Snede.^b The total of the value of this House in the 26th Hen. VIII. will be found below.^c

Tanner's references to Records concerning Chirbury are also below.^d

No SEAL of Chirbury has been discovered.

Chirburiense Coenobium, in agro Salopiensi.

NUM. I.

Charta Regis Edwardi, de Prioratus Chirburiensis Translatione ad Snede, ubi primum institutus.

[Pat. 9 Edw. I. m. 19.]

REX omnibus, &c. salutem. Cum nos in hiis quæ ad cultum divinum pertinent, ministros et professores cultus illius, ad laudem et honorem omnipotentis Dei, in locis congruis ad hoc confovere teneamur, et illos præcipuè qui sub nostro speciali regimine ad hoc vacaverint. Ac dilecti nobis in Christo prior et conventus de Chirebir. qui primò apud la Snede suæ professionis et devotionis inchoaverunt originem, exinde postmodum usque Chiresbir. translati, ibi locum non invenerint adeo congruum divino ministerio celebrando, ob varia impedimenta quæ eis ibidem occurrunt, ut accepimus. Nos ipsorum prioris et conventus tranquillitati in hac parte prospicere volentes, ut commodiùs et liberiùs contemplationi divinæ valeant vacare, concedimus eisdem, quod ad prædictum locum de Snede, absque calumpnia et occasione nostri vel hæredum nostrorum, ad vota et professionis suæ debita ibidem complenda, regredi et morari valeant, et ea ibidem perpetuò consummare, proviso tamen quod animabus illorum qui in prædicto sacro loco de Chiresbir. requiescunt, non minus per prædictos priorem et conventum in prædicto loco de Snede ministeriis divinis super hoc suffragetur imposterum, quam ibidem temporibus retroactis fieri consuevit. Ita etiam quod præfatis religiosi nihil juris sui deperat seu decrescat apud Chiresbir. occasione translationis suæ prædictæ, &c. T. R. apud Westm. xxj. die Maii.

NUM. II.

COMPUT' MINISTRORUM DOMINI REGIS temp. HEN. VIII.

[Abstract of Roll, 28 Hen. VIII. Augmentation Office.]

PRIORATUS DE CHIRBURY.

	£.	s.	d.
Com' Mountgom'			
Mountgomery—Redd' mes', &c.	0	2	0
Mountgomery—Maner', &c.	2	6	8
Mountgomery—Pens' sive portio	1	10	0
Salop'			
Hopton—Portio x ^{mar}	0	8	0
Snede—Redd' ten' ad vol'	2	16	8
Snede—Redd' mobil'	1	10	0
Snede—Firm' un' mes'	0	13	4
Marton—Redd' terr'	0	1	0
Churchstoke—Redd' ten' et terr'	0	5	0
Brompton—Redd' un' croft'	0	2	0
Churchstoke—Firma mol'	2	0	0
Ryshton—Pastur', &c.	0	4	0
Dudston—Mes' et terr'	0	1	0
Stockton—Terr' et prat'	0	1	0
Prestweston—Mes' terr', &c.	0	9	0
Mykelwyek—Terr' et ten'	1	2	8
Tyretiff—Terr' ten', &c.	0	6	8
Chirbury—Scit' et terr' dnical'	9	15	4
Chirbury—Rector'	31	6	10
Churchstoke—Capella	21	10	0
Fordyn—Capella	13	14	11
Snede—Capella	2	8	0

Wolinchmere or Shulbred Priory, in Sussex.

THIS Priory was also called Silebrede or Shulbred. Tanner says it was founded by Sir Ralph de Ardern.^e Leland, Collect. tom. i. p. 86. calls him Ralph Ardent. Dugdale in his Baronage says that William de Percy purchased the patronage of this Priory in the 24th Hen. III. of this Sir Ralph Ardent or his heirs.^f A short time before the Dissolution here were five Black canons.^g The House was dedicated to the Virgin Mary. Its value in the 26th Hen. VIIIth amounted in the gross to 79l. 15s. 6d.: the clear value was rated at 72l. 15s. 10½d.

Dallaway says this House was founded before the reign of Henry the Third.^h

^e In the former Edition of the Monasticon this House was placed among the Benedictine Monasteries; but two charters in Madox's Formulæ Anglicanum, pp. 29, 48, Leland, Itin. vol. vii. p. 18, and a Benet MS. quoted by Bishop Tanner, say they were Augustines; so also cart. 22 Edw. I. See Tanner's Note.

^b See the Append. Num. I.

^c "Prioratus de Chirbury.

"Oliverus Middulton Prior ibidem.

"Summa totalis tam Temporalium quam Spiritualium dicti Prioratus per annum de claro 87l. 7s. 4d.

"Summa Repris' 20l. 18s. 8½d.

"Summa clare remanet 66l. 8s. 7½d."

^d "Claus. 9 Hen. III. m. 5 et 15. Cart. 11 Hen. III. p. 2, m. 2 et 6. pro decimis in Montgomery. Plac. de banco, 34 Hen. III. Trin. rot. 26. de terris in Cheluwe. Cart. 7 Edw. II. n. 23. Pat. 9 Edw. II. p. 2, m. 24. pro capella de Husington approprianda. Cart. 6 Edw. III. m. 15. Pat. 23 Edw. III. p. 2, m. 5." See also, Taxat. P. Nich. IV. pp. 162 b, 163. Rot. Hundred. vol. ii. pp. 60, 61. Plac. de Quo Warr. pp. 680, 823, 824, 838.

THOMAS HINTON occurs Prior in 1299.ⁱ

JOHN occurs Prior of Shulbred in an Instrument of the 32d Edw. III. in the Cottonian Register of Lewes Priory.^k

WILLIAM HAREWELL occurs in 1402.

THOMAS CLUNE, 1478.

WILLIAM BURRELY, 1534.^l

GEORGE WALDERE, or WALDEN, was the last Prior.^m

The Site of this House was granted in the 29th Hen. VIII. to Sir William Fitzwilliam; and 36th Hen. VIII. to Anthony Brown.

There is a Paper Survey of the Demesnes of Shulbred,

^e From Dugd. Baron. vol. i. p. 271.

^f Ibid.

^g Tanner, from MS. in Ben. Coll. Lib.

^h Western Sussex, vol. i. p. 301.

ⁱ Ducar. Excerpts from the Lamb. Reg. vol. iii. p. 147.

^k MS. Cotton. Tib. A. x. fol. 138 b. Tanner's References to MSS. and Records concerning Wolinchmere are, "Vide Inter Collect. MSS. cl. Dodsworth, vol. lxxiv. fol. 70. Cartam Roberti de Harnes conced. servitium tertie partis feodi militis et advoc. Prioratus de Wlinchmere Willielmo Percy, fol. 75. Cartam Henrici de Percy, pro molendino de Curteis dato canonicis ibidem. A Survey of the Lands belonging to this Priory, 6 Jac. I. MS. penes Petrum Le Neve arm. Appropriationes eccl. de Midlavent fact. A.D. 1358. in Registro episc. Cirestr. C. fol. 67. et de pensionibus ex eadem ecclesia episcopo, &c. solvend. ibid. R. fol. 176 b. Claus. 4 Edw. III. m. 37. Pat. 14 Edw. III. p. 2, m. 27. de eccl. de Upmerden. Pat. 23 Edw. III. p. 2, m. 1. pro advoc. eccl. de Midlovente, ex dono Edvardi de Sancto Joanne, et appropriatione ejusdem. Pat. 3 Ric. II. p. 2, m. 3. de eccl. de Midlovent approprianda."

^l Dallaway, Western Sussex, vol. i. pp. 302, 303.

^m Speed, probably from the Compendium Compertorum, asperses the character of this last Prior. Hist. of Gr. Brit. p. 1027.