

Staff. William Walters, of Pylatenhale, sued Richard de Onne, of Pencrych, for cutting down and carrying away his trees at Pylatenhale, to the value of 10 marks. Richard did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to arrest and produce him at the Quindene of St. Hillary. *m.* 466.

Staff. The Sheriff had been ordered to attach William Sewall, of Wolvernehampton, and produce him at this term to answer the plea of Richard Jurdan, of Wolvernehampton, that he had taken goods and chattels of the said Richard from Wolvernehampton *vi et armis* to the value of 100s., and the Sheriff now returned that the said Richard held nothing, etc., but made no return respecting the said William. The Sheriff, viz., Robert Maveisyn, was therefore fined 6s. 8d., and he was ordered to attach the said William for the Octaves of St. Hillary. *m.* 466, *dorso.*

Staff. Katrine Banner sued John Waylowe and Joan his wife, for forcibly breaking into her houses and close at Burton-on-Trent, and taking her goods and chattels to the value of 100s. The defendants did not appear and the Sheriff was ordered to arrest and produce them on the Quindene of St. Hillary. *m.* 515.

Staff. Philip de Strethay and John his brother, the administrators of the goods and chattels of William de Strethay, who, it was stated, had died intestate, sued Thomas de Fulfen, of Strethay, for taking *vi et armis* a horse which had belonged to the said William, and which was in the custody of the administrators, at Morwhale. Thomas did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to distrain and produce him on the Octaves of St. Hillary. A postscript shows that the Sheriff had made no return to the writ up to Michaelmas term, 21-R. II. *m.* 561.

Staff. Thomas de Ashton, chivaler, sued in person William atte Lowe, of Heywode, for treading down and consuming his corn and grass at Heywode with his cattle, to the value of £20. William did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to arrest and produce him on the Octaves of St. Hillary. *m.* 561, *dorso.*

Staff. Laurence Allerthorp, the Dean of the King's free chapel of Stafford, in his own person sued John atte Pyrie, of Hopton, for cutting his grass at Erberton, (Orberton), *vi et armis*, and carrying away hay to the value of 40s. John did not appear, and the same process was ordered as in the last suit. *m.* 561, *dorso.*

DE BANCO. EASTER, 20 R. II.

Staff. William de Caldon sued John Byron in a plea that he together with Richard le Wolf, of Lanton, and Thomas, son of William Roule, had beaten, wounded, and ill-treated him at Mefford, so that his life was despaired of. John did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to distrain and produce him on the Quindene of Holy Trinity. *m.* 63, *dorso.*

Staff. Thomas Swynarton sued John Pecchesay of Chorleton, Thomas Persones, and Thomas Hynde, of Staundon, for forcibly entering his free warren at Swynarton, and chasing and taking hares and rabbits and pheasants and partridges. The defendants did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to distrain and produce them on the Octaves of Holy Trinity. *m.* 63, *dorso.*

Staff. Peter de Legh sued John de Rudyert, Thomas, son of Alice de Padlegh, John Plont, Richard Plont, Edmund de Sutton, William Chaloner, John del Lowe, and John de Hardyngbothe, for treading down and consuming his grass to the value of £10 at Quernford, with their cattle.

The defendants did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to distrain John de Rudyert, who had found bail, and to arrest the others, and produce them on the Quindene of Holy Trinity. *m.* 64.

Staff. Edmund, the bishop of Exeter, in his own person sued William Aileston, for waste and destruction in the lands, houses, woods, and gardens in Busshebury which Richard Stafford his father, and whose heir he was, had demised to William for his life. William did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to distrain and produce him on the Octaves of Holy Trinity. *m.* 87.

Staff. John Mollesley of Bylston and Christiana his wife, who sued both for themselves and for the King, appeared against Roger Chaterley, of Shareshulle, in a plea that whereas they had lately impleaded the said Roger for a messuage and a toft and forty-two acres of land, two acres of meadow and ten acres of pasture in Shareshulle and Fethurston, the said Roger for the purpose of deceiving the Court and to put off the suit, had produced King's letters of protection whilst he was in the King's service in the suite of the Justiciary of Ireland, the King, both at that time and before, being in England, and by which the suit had been made a *remonet* to the great cost and injury of the said John and Christiana. Roger did not appear, and the Sheriff returned 2s. into Court as proceeds of a distraint upon him. The Sheriff was therefore ordered to distrain again and produce him on the Octaves of Holy Trinity. *m.* 89, *dorso.*

Staff. William de Hudlesdale, Nicholas, son of William Benet of Waterfall, and John de Bagenalt were attached at the suit of Thomas, taillour, of Chelmerdon, for beating, wounding, and ill-treating him at Oncothe on the Sunday after the Feast of St. Laurence, 4 R. II, so that his life was despaired of, and for which he claimed £20 as damages. The defendants appeared by attorney and pleaded that the plaintiff had insulted them on the day in question and had attempted to strike them, and that they had acted in self defence. Thomas denied this and appealed to a jury, which was to be summoned for the Octaves of Holy Trinity. A postscript shows that no jury had been assembled up to Hillary term, 21 R. II. *m.* 140.

Staff. Hugh de Aston in his own person sued Thomas Neven, chaplain, and John Fysher, of Rugeley, for forcibly breaking into his close and houses at Hondesacre and Ermitage, and taking his goods and chattels to the value of £20, and for treading down and consuming his corn and grass with their cattle to the value of 100s. The defendants did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to arrest and produce them on the Octaves of Holy Trinity. *m.* 151, *dorso.*

Staff. Richard Lagowe sued Thomas de Podemore, of Newcastle-under-Lyme, in a plea that he should render to him a reasonable account of the issues of lands and tenements in Sheperugge and vill of Newcastle-under-Lyme which were held in soccage, and of which he had held the custody whilst the said Richard was under age. Thomas did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to distrain and produce him on the Quindene of Holy Trinity. *m.* 204.

Staff. Thomas, Duke of Gloucester, sued John Bromley, for breaking into his free warrens at Madele¹ and Levereshed. and taking hares and rabbits, pheasants and partridges. John did not appear, and had previously made

¹ The Duke was custos of the lands of the Earl of Stafford during the minority of Edmund, the brother and heir of Thomas, Earl of Stafford. Earl Thomas died on 14 July, 16 R. II.