

## INVENTORY OF STANLOW.

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I HAVE been so fortunate as to find among the miscellanies of the Exchequer in the Public Record Office an Inventory of Stanlaw, at once the parent and cell of Whalley Abbey, the inventory of which was printed by the Historic Society of Lancashire and Cheshire in 1867.

This Abbey was founded in 1173, by John, Constable of Chester, who desired that it should be called no longer Stanlawe, but Blessed Place. Henry de Lascy, Earl of Lincoln, transferred the community to Whalley, owing to the frequent inundations of the sea, on the feast of St. Ambrose, 1296. (*Monasticon*, 906.) The bull of P. Nicholas IV, giving the pontifical sanction, was dated in 1283; the interval, no doubt, being occupied in erecting conventual buildings. The parish church was granted in the latter year. The Abbey held the church of Eccles and a moiety of Blackburn.

[“Near unto Poole we see also Stanlow, now a farm of the said Mr. Poole’s. But there was a Monastery founded by the famous Lacy, constable of Chester, about the year 1173, taking the name from Staney hill; but for the unruliness of the Mersey water they misliked their seat there, and found means to be translated from thence to Whaley in Lancashire.” *Webb’s Itinerary*, cir. 1601.]

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*The Inventory of the Gudds and Cattalls at the Sell of Stanelawe, belonyng to the late Monastery of Whalley, taken and examyned before Rychard Snew, Esquyer, and Thomas Burgoyne, audytors, the xvii day of Aprell,\* in the xxviii yere of the reign of Kyng Henry the Eght.†*

THE CHAPELL. A vestment of rede sylke bawdykyn,‡ with all thyngs§ thereunto belonyng for the prest, without any deacon or subdeacon.

another vestment of olde dornyxe,|| with all thyngs therunto belonyng for the prest.

one challes of sylver with a patton parcell gylt the vale¶ of liijs. iiijd.

on other olde vestement to serve for lent, cheked without an albe.

ij old alter clothes.

an alter table of allyblaster with a blewe clothe hangyng before the same.

on image of our *Lady of Grace*, olde gylte, with playte of sylver opon the ffeyte, and xv pens naylled abowte the tabernacle.

Image of wode of Saynt Michell.

on lytyll image of allyblaster of Saynt Katryn.

on other image of allyblaster of Saynt John Baptist.

ij crewets.

ij sacryng bells [rung at the elevation of the host.]

on old dyoper towell

at the ende of the sayd alter an almery\*\* of wode.

on candylstyk of ierne.††

ij alter candylstyks of latten.

ij newe tapers of waxe lettyll wastyd.

dyverse other small candylls of waxe hangyng before the sayd image of our Lady.

on lampe hangyng in brasse.

ij new trenells‡‡ of wax lytylle wasted.

on alter clothe to hange before the alter ffrenge with rede sylke bawdykyn.

\* Whalley was examined March 23rd, in the same year, or twenty-five days before, by the Earl of Sussex and others of the King's counsell.

† Cotton. Titus F. iii, 6.

‡ Cloth stiff with gold, supposed to have originated in Babylonia or Bagdad. Hence in Italian, *Baldacchino*, a canopy of state from Bagdad.

§ The appurtenances, *i.e.* albe, amice, fanen (maniple), stole and girdle. (*Sacred Archaeology*, 37.)

|| Coarse damask, so called from Doornix or Tournay. (*Ibid.* 229.)

¶ *i.e.* Value.

\*\* *Armarium*, for holding the sacred plate and books, [also the chrism used in baptism and confirmation, and the holy oil for the sick.]

†† Iron.

‡‡ Trendles, long wax tapers. (*Sac. Arch.* 588.)

on other dyoper towell.

on olde hangyng for lent, to hange before the alter.

on lytyll pyllowe to ly the boke opon, at the mast tym.

on old maseboke of parchment.

on old processyonor crosse of brasse.

on lytyll bell hangyng in the ende of the Chapell.

on pyxe of brasse with a canopy.\*

CATELL xxij<sup>l</sup>; whearof iiij of on yere olde; v of ij yers hold; v of iij yers old; and other iij of iij yers hold called efferes; and v kyen.

ij oxen claymed by Antony Derwen [Derwent.]

on horse ij mares and on colt wyche mares and colt are claymed by Antony Derwete [Derwent] and John Whyttacar. [Marg. sold for xxxijs. iiijd.]

v score sheype and xxxij lambes.

vij swyne.

an olde baner clothe of old tuyke.

in the BERNE by estymacyon on vj thrayf† of unthrashen barly corne.

in the GARNER by estymacyon iij hopers of barly and peyse together; on bushell of grene peyse claymed by Willm. Whyttell; on busshell of whete.

xvj busshells of barly by estymacyon.

Owt of the SERVANTS CHAMBER j crowe‡ of yerne; j spade.

on teyme§ of yerne; ij yokes; iiij payer of old trase; on payer of canvas sheyts; on blankett; ij coverletts; on bedecase; now layde into the Chapell.

in the sayd chamber, on camale|| or tubbe.

In the MADENS CHAMBER on payer of canvas sheyts; on coverlett; on blanket; on matteres verrey old; nowe broughte into the Chappell.

Owt of the BUTTERY on measelen¶ bason, and an ewer verrey olde and broken; on chaffyngddyshe; ij counterfettis\*\* otherwyse called potengers†† of pewter, whereof on olde; ij candylstykkys of latten brought into the Chappell.

In the seyd buttery an old caunle|| or tube; on old almerly; on old cofer, and iij stands.

\* A tent-like covering for the pendent pyx. (*Ibid.* 111.)

† Twelve sheaves. [In some parts of the country, twelve sheaves make a shock or "stook," and twenty-four sheaves or two stooks a *thrave*.]

‡ A gavelock, or crow-bar.

§ An ox-chain.

|| Kimmel a tub generally; Kemming in *Lincol.* a brewing vessel; Chaucer has Kemelin a tub; *North of Ireland, Kimlin*.

¶ Maslyn, brass.

\*\* Imitations, perhaps, of silver.

†† Poringers with ears; the word is still used in Devonshire.

Owt of the KECHIN iij brasse potts ; ij brasse posnets\* ; on old brasse pane ; on ffrying pan ; vij pewter dyshes ; on chaffyngdyshe ; ij old cobyernes† ; iij spyttts ; on brandyerne‡ ; brought into the Chappell.

In the BREWYNG HOUSE on brewyng leade ; iij tubs ; on troughe ; ij old stands.

In the WAYNHOUSE§ ij carts ; on ladder ; ij newe plowes. out of the same waynhouse, on payr of plowyernes, sett into the chapell.

In the same waynhouse on plowe ; and on harrowe. [*Marg.* sold for iij*s.* iii*d.*]

within the compase of the hole house xiiij bedstocks. ij bukketts fallen in to the well.

In the HALL on lay borde ; on ffourme ; on lytyll counter|| ; iij queshens ; ij charis ; and glasse in the ij wyndowes of the same hall, by estymacyon xviiij ffeyte.

on croft¶ called.....sawen\*\* with peyse conteyng by estymacyon.....

ij crofts at the COWHOUSE sawen with ots, by Jamys Bushell and Willm. Daymar for half parte.

MEM. That Willm. Whyttell is admytted to the possessyon, custody, and keyng of the sayd Sell, with the appurtenaunces, and all the gudds and cattalls afforesayd, to the Kyngs use untyll the Kyngs pleasor be further knowen.

\* Little pots.

† Dogs for the spit.

‡ Andiron.

§ Wain, *Sax.*, a cart or waggon ; a cart drawn by oxen.—*Bailey.*

|| A coverlet for a bed.

¶ A small enclosure.

\*\* Sown.