

John Flete OSB, De fundatione ecclesiae Westmonasterii. Chronicon episcoporum Eliensium

Joh. Flete, etc.

Codicology: Vellum and paper, mm 251 x 170 (10 x 7 in.), ff. cir. 140, 31-34 lines to a page. Cent. **xvi**, in several fairly good hands.**Foliation:** ff. a-c + i-iv + 1-135 + d-f**Language:** Latin.**Contents:****1.****ir-iv***Breve excerptum ex historia Iohannis Marii Belgici^d de schismatibus**Breve excerptum ex historia I. Marii Belgi^d de schismatibus de Helena^d matre Constantini magni^d*1r *Rubric:* Ex historia J. Marii Belgi^d de schismatibus p. 416ir *Incipit:* Cum Cleo^d rex Britanniae^d
(The reason why the Kings of England^d wear the Imperial crown)**2.****iiir-iiiv***Letter of Michael Renniger^d to Matthew Parker^d, 25 October**Epistola Michaelis Renigeri^d ad Mattheum Cantuariensem^d cum prefatione de autoritate argumento et summa libri sequentis*iiir Letter of Michael Renniger^d (Reniger) to Parker^d, dated Lambeth^d, **25 October**. <<He says of the book: Erat in arca quadam libraria longe a me dissita inter alios domini Hugonis Latimer^d libros retrusus. (See Robinson, p. 32^[Armitage Robinson 1909a].) Renniger or Rhanger^d died in **1609**>>

Preface, of the same date: signed in full. Both these are copied out more clearly on ff. iiir-iiiv: the signature here is only M. R.

The above are on a vellum leaf which has been folded into four

3.**1r-60v***John Flete OSB^d, De fundatione ecclesiae Westmonasterii^d**Liber breuiter compilatus de fundatione et erectione ecclesiae Westmonasteriensis^d, prout in chronicis et scriptis authenticis inuenitur, autore Iohanne Flete^d**[Nasmith:]* Continet historiam monasterii et abbatum qui ibidem praefuerunt a prima fundatione ad annum **1386**.*“XIXo Junii Anno 1572. Hic liber transcriptus ex veteri quodam libro scripto de fundatione ecclesiae Westmonasteriensis^d, qui liber jam remanet in custodia D. Goodman^d decani ejusdem ecclesiae”*1r *Rubric:* Incipit prohemium libri breuiter compilati, etc.1r *Incipit:* Quoniam utile est et honestumOn f. 1v is a reference in the text to 'Cronica que liber Regius appellatur': a footnote says: Cronica Regia ideo dicitur quia Rex Richardus secundus^d eam scribi fecit a monacho quodam cenobii Sancti Edmundi de Burye^d. See MS 251^[CCC251]

Text ends

59v *Explicit* per tria quarteria anni et duas septimanas et amplius

f. 60r-60v blank

The manuscript of Flete^d's History from which this is copied is still at Westminster in the Library of the Dean and Chapter^dSee the edition by Dr J. Armitage Robinson, Dean of Westminster (1909)^[Armitage Robinson 1909a]**4.****61r-101r***Chronicon episcoporum Eliensium ab Harvaeo^d primo episcopo ad mortem Philippi Morgan^d episcopi XXIII, anno 1434**Historia episcoporum Eliensium^d ab Harvaeo^d primo episcopo ad mortem Philippi Morgan^d episcopi XXIII, anno 1434*

Another hand begins

61r () *Rubric:* Herueus I Episcopus^d61r (62) *Incipit:* Post mortem Richardi abbatis^d mittitur a rege henrico^dEnds on Philip Morgan^d

101r (142) *Explicit* Sedit **annis ix Sept. xxvj dies quatuor**

5.

101v-101v *List of Bishops of Ely*

Catalogus episcoporum Eliensium ab *Harvaeo* ad *Ricardum Cox*

101v (143) A list of Bishops with duration of their pontificates from *Herveus* to *Richard Coxe*

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102r-131v

Nigel Witeker OSB, *Contra curiales et officiales clericos siue De eruditione praelatorum (prose version)*
Epistola Nigelli [Wireker] monachi Cantuariensis ad Gulielmum de Longocampo
episcopum Eliensem de abusu rerum ecclesiasticarum

102r (144) *Incipit*: Reuerendo patri et domino *Willelmum*, etc. frater *Nigellus*
ff. 179, |119r|-202, |135r| are paper
Ends

131v (204) *Explicit* negligencia securi
Versificator quidam Cantuariensis qui scripsit carmine Archiepiscopos Cantuarienses sic
desinit in *Richardo*.
Richardus. Inde gradu functus est pre consortibus unctus Presul *Richardus* vir mitis et ad
mala tardus etc. Sic miserando tamen ut quod dedit auferat. Amen.
Hic uir timuit ne *Nigellus Wireker* monachus succederet ad Archiepiscopatum Cant. post
Richardum. *Baleus*^[Bale 1557] de eo scribit, p. 245
See *Wright's Satirical Poets of the twelfth century*, *Rolls Series I*^[Wright 1872a] 153

CCC: space available for notes on the current status of the encoding

- text: copied from James.txt SP
- markup: SP
- markupCheck: checked by SP, CF
- msCheck: NJC 3.12.07; KW July 2008
- remarks: Silently omitted remark about foliation turning to pagination.