

APPENDIX IV

B/411 THE 'OLD BOOK'

inside front cover] Partial index. Pen trials. 'Old Book'

- f. i] Pen trials. Note concerning tenure of Sir Christopher Wray's two fellowships, 1600 x 1626
- Note of arrears given to Dr Palmer, late Master, as a gratuity, 5 July 1604 [*John Palmer, Master 1595-1604*]
Note that William Roberts of Winston, 'Norf.' [*recte* Suff.], gives £10 rent of the manor of Kirstead 'Minets', for maintaing scholars from Beccles, Suff., 1590/1
- Mr Hall of Higham nr Norwich pays rent here
Extract from the will of Sir Christopher Wray, 30 July 1580; giving to his son [-in-law] St Poll, his nephews Girlington and Yarborough, and Martin Brighowse [*his servant*], rent of £6 13s 4d from lands in Newball, Lincs., in trust, to be conveyed to Magdalene for maintenance of a Fellow; and to the same trustees £5 10s from the same lands for maintenance of an usher there
- Extract from the will of Sir John Woolley of Pyrford, Surr., 26 Feb. 1596; no mention of his estate or trust in Covent Garden
- Mr Hughes's scholars to have 4 marks p.a.; conditions of tenure
f. i verso] List of scholars, c. 1627 x 1634
- Measurement of the inner chapel of Clare College; the altar is enclosed, [early c. 17]
- Note of holders of Wray fellowships, [early c. 17]
- f. 1] Power of attorney from the Master and Fellows to Samuel Wright and George Floyde, Fellows, or either of them, to collect rents in the shires of Anglesey and Caernarvon, in Clynnog, Llangadwaladr, or any other place which John Hughes gave, 24 Apr. 1588
- f. 1v] Miscellaneous historical notes, [early c. 17].
1092 Picot, sheriff and councillor of Remegius, Bishop of Lincoln, established canons regular in Cambridge, and gave them St Giles's Church, where their house was founded.
1112 Paganus Peverell removed his 30 canons to Barnwell, by the King's licence
1343 No prior of students in Cambridge, so the monks of St Benedict had no hostel there
1423 John Bardney prior of students
1519 Edward, Duke of Buckingham, bought three buildings of the monks of Ely, Ramsey and Walden, and 'built Buckingham Hall'; cites Speed, p. 805. It was called 'Monkes College' and inhabited by monks of St Benedict's order. In 1519 the College was built by the Duke of Buckingham, and called Buckingham College where the monks studied; cites [C.] Reyner, *Apostolatus Benedictorum in Anglia* (Douai, 1626), app. 3, p. 302
- f. 2] The Master and Fellows to Mr Smarte of Ipswich, thanking him for contributing to the relief of poor scholars, 24 Apr. 1588 [*William Smarte, sometime bailiff of and M.P. for Ipswich*]
- ff. 3-3v] Letters patent of Henry VIII founding the College of St Mary Magdalene, 3 Apr. 1542 [*as at A/50/2/1*]
- ff. 4-4v] Letters patent confirming statute of 33 [*recte* 34 & 35] Henry VIII assigning pension of £20 to the Master and Fellows at the suit of Hugh Denys, 4 Mar. 1544; the pension having originally been assigned to Sheen Priory, since dissolved, by the will of Hugh Denys (d. 1511), great-uncle of the petitioner [*Letters & Papers, Henry VIII*, xviii, I, no. 66 c. 42 (p. 47). Cf. A/38/14; A/50/2/14]
- f. 6] Instrument of Benedict Spinola, merchant of London, granting that where the Master and Fellows by their indenture of 13 Dec. 1574 granted the Queen their garden called 'greate garden sive le Covent Garden de Christechurche' in the parish of St Botulph without Aldgate, London, at £15 p.a., and the Queen by letters patent of 29 Jan. 1575 granted the same to Spinola [*Calendar of Patent Rolls, 1572-5*, no. 2841 (p. 460)]; he now grants to them certain specified payments if the said £15 is in arrears, 8 Feb. 1575

f. 6v] Note of rents received:

Of the parish of Cree, for one year's rent. 1576. 18 Eliz. [1575-6] - £6 10s

Ralph Paris of Dullingham covenants to pay £28 to repair the chancel and discharge the cure, 1578

Let to Thomas Paris of Hitcham for 21 years from Michaelmas last, for £16, 4 qrs wheat, 4 qrs barley, 1581. 23 Eliz. [1580-1]

Let to Francis Baker in as ample a manner as to Ralph Paris or Jo. Scott, from Lady Day 1618 for 10 years, for £28, 14 July 1615

ff. 7-7v] Indenture between the Master and Fellows, and Ralph Parris of Dullingham; that where the Master and Fellows have procured Benedict Spinola to grant the parsonage of St Catherine Cree, London (which he holds in trust from them), to Parris for 31 years from Lady Day past, for £28 p.a., as by indenture of present date, Parris covenants to maintain an honest and sufficient minister, to repair the chancel, etc., 4 June 1578

ff. 8-8v] Tripartite indenture between the Master and Fellows; John Hughes, Chancellor of Bangor Cathedral; and the Dean and Chapter of Bangor; where Hughes has granted to the College certain lands on Anglesey and Caernarvonshire, the Master and Fellows have agreed that Hughes may during his life nominate one scholar to receive 4 marks p.a. from the Master and Fellows; to say daily for the souls of Hughes's friends and all Christian souls *De profundis*, and every quarter one *Dirige*; to vacate on proceeding M.A. or being beneficed; Hughes's kindred to be preferred, else those born in Anglesey, Caernarvonshire, Denbighshire, or other parts of Wales, 'where for lacke of learned men much ignoraunce hathe and daylie doth reign'; the Master and Fellows to keep an annual obit, at which shall be distributed 12d to the Master, 6d to each Fellow, and 4d to each of the four scholars if there are that many; on vacancy a new scholar to be elected within one year, 13 Aug. 1543 [= A/34/5/3]

f. 9] Indenture between the Master and Fellows and Thomas Evans *alias* Thomas ap Jenner ap Engen, of Caernarvonshire, granting the house called Tyddyn-y-Clomennod, in Llangadwaladr, Anglesey, the house or close called Eithin-Duon [*nr Llanrug*], and the house in 'Maynell Bangor' in the tenure of Lewis ap Madoc, all Caernarvons., from All Saints following for 21 years, for 16s p.a., 26 Sept. 1548

f. 9v *blank*] [f. 10] Indenture between the Master and Fellows and Thomas Morgan, granting a reversion of the same property from All Saints 1569 for 31 years, for 16s p.a., 10 Nov. 1553

f. 10v] Indenture between the Master and Fellows and Robert ap John ap Meredith, of Caernarvons., granting lands called Maesog Isaph, Caernarvons., and lands called Bryn Hafod and others in Clynnog, Caernarvons., from All Saints following for 40 years, for £2 6s 8d, 6 July 1544

f. 11] Indenture between the Master and Fellows and Thomas Cawthorne, burgess and fishmonger of Cambridge, granting all their pondyard, containing 7 ponds, between the College ground to the west, Chesterton common to the east, the river to the south, and the highway to Chesterton to the north, from previous Michaelmas for 3 years, renewable every 3 years to 21 years, for rent of one pickerel worth 4d weekly, towards the Fellows' commons, and to provide a convenient boat from time to time as the Master and Fellows have occasion, 30 Nov. 1577

ff. 11v-12] Indenture between the Master and Fellows and John Wyn ap Robert, granting a reversion of the properties at Maesog Isaph, Bryn Hafod and elsewhere in Clynnog, from All Saints 1584 for 70 years, for £2 6s 8d, 24 July 1554

f. 12v] Note that this year, 1586, the trees in the backside called the Grove were sold to Harry Flamson, baker, of Cambridge, for £9, which the Master bestowed towards making a great 'lover' [*louvre*] for the College hall

ff. 13-14] Tripartite indenture between Sir Christopher Wray; the Master and Fellows; and the Dean and Chapter of Lincoln; where Wray has lately erected a portion of building in the College, now for the increase of learning and support of the Fellows and Scholars (hitherto but six Fellows and one Scholar), he grants the rectory of Grainthorpe, Lincs., the tenement adjoining called the Grange, and other land there and at Wragholme and Ludney, purchased from Matthew Sutcliffe, LL.D., to support two Wray Fellows at £6 13s 4d each, four Wray Scholars at £3 6s 8d each, two scholars for Thomas Parkinson, B.D. at £3 6s 8d each, and one scholar for Edmund Grindal at £4, and 20s given by Grindal at Wray's request; Wray during his lifetime to nominate his two Fellows and six scholars; the 7th scholar to be nominated and the stipend to be bestowed by agreement to be made between the Master and Fellows and the governors of Grindal's grammar school at Kirkby Peacock, as the archbishop's executor shall appoint; after Wray's death the six scholars to be nominated by the Dean and Chapter of Lincoln and Wray's heir, to be chosen from the free school of Kirton in Lindsey, or that of the city of Lincoln, 16 July 1587 [= A/17/1]

ff. 15-15v] Letter of attorney from the Master and Fellows for William Fenymor to take possession of the above properties. 17 July 1587

ff. 16-17] Indenture between Sir Christopher Wray and Thomas Bradlye of Louth, Lincs., granting to Bradlye the rectory of Grainthorpe, and other lands there, for 21 years from previous Easter, for £40 p.a., 1 May 1587

f. 17] Note of evidences received from the Lord Chief Justice for the rectory of Grainthorpe (17 items). Memorandum of enquiry made about houses on the property. Nov. 1639

f. 17v] Note of evidences found in the College chest. 17 March 1596 (16 items: deeds relating to St Catherine Cree, the Hughes bequest, etc.)

f. 18 *blank*] [f. 18v] Notes on benefaction of John Spendluffe (d. 21 May); Cumberworth, Bonthorpe, and members, taken from inquisition *post mortem* (London, 23 Sept. 1589) by Humphrey Robinson, 3 May 1636

ff. 19-21v] Indenture between the Master and Fellows and John Spendluffe of Farlesthorne, Lincs.; for his care to have some of his neighbours' children brought up in good learning by maintenance of 2 scholars from the free school of Alford, Lincs., and one Fellow, and of a preacher at Alford; he covenants before 10 October following to convey to Peregrine Bertie, Lord Willoughby d'Eresby, Edward son of Robert Dimoke, Robert son of William Fitzwilliam of Mablethorpe, Richard Gedney, Edward Merburie, Francis Merburye, John son of Charles Bolles, John Touthbie, Richard Touthbie and Edward Knightsbridge, all his property in the manors of Bonthorpe and Cumberworth, Lincs, sometime the inheritance of Viscount Welles, 27 May 1584

f. 22] Memorandum that where the Master and Fellows (as appears in the Register) granted to John Bradley, B.D., sometime Fellow, the farm of lands in Bonthorpe, Cumberworth and Hogsthorpe, Lincs., the gift of Spendluffe chiefly by procurement of Bradley, and because Bradley died before the lease could be made, yet because of his confidence in the Master and Fellows he bequeathed his benefit to John his second son, in trust to his brother Thomas Bradley and Henry Skinner; the Master and Fellows promise to make Thomas or Skinner a lease on behalf of the orphan, for 21 years at reasonable rent, 11 March 1593

Memorandum by the Master and Fellows of promise to Richard Williams, gent., of Anglesey, of the farm of all their lands in Wales given by Hughes, 12 March 1593

ff. 22v-23] Indenture between the Master and Fellows and Richard Williams, of 'Rodgodie', Anglesey, granting Maesog Isaph in Clynnog, all lands called 'Jeavan ap Hulkan' there; Bryn Hafod and other lands in Bodylgyfarch, in Lanfaglan, Eithin-Duon in Llanrug, Caernarvons., Tyddyn-y-Clomennod in Llangadwaladr, Anglesey; for 10 years from date of lease for £2 2s 8d p.a., 5 May 1593

ff. 23v-24] Indenture between the Master and Fellows and William Roberdes, esq., of Winston, 'Norf.'; at the instance of Sir Christopher Wray and other considerations, Roberdes grants to the Master and Fellows a yearly rent of £10 from the manors of Kirsted 'Mynetts' in Kirstead, Langhale, Seething and Brooke, Norf., for the support of three Roberts scholars at £3 6s 8d p.a. each; to be chosen from poor scholars born in Beccles, Suff., or within the hundred of Wangford, 25 June 1591 [= A/38/6]

ff. 25-25v] Indenture between the Master and Fellows and Thomas Smithe, minister, of Cambridge, granting the manors of Bonthorpe and Cumberworth, and lands there and at Hogsthorpe and Sloothby, for 10 years from previous 10 May, for £22 6s 4d, 16 qrs 7 strikes of wheat, 22 qrs 1 strike of malt, 22 July 1594

ff. 26-26v] Indenture between the Master and Fellows and Henry Roberdes, gent., of Clynnog, granting Tyddyn Lewys ap Madogh and Bryn Rudd in Bodylgyfarch, Eithin-Duon in Llanrug, Caernarvons., Tyddyn-y-Clomennod in Llangadwaladr, Anglesey, for 10 years from All Saints 1599. for 16s of which 5s 4d to be paid in wheat and malt, 10 Aug. 1598

f. 27] Extract from the will of Martha wife of Richard Barrett, citizen and mercer of London, giving to the Wardens and Commonalty of Haberdashers of London £100, to pay £5 p.a. to one of the poorest scholars in Magdalene College studying divinity, to be chosen by the Company, 25 Sept. 1584.

With query about the £5 pension which various scholars subsequently held

f. 27v] Note (10 Dec. 1634) of properties to value of £30 given by the Countess of Warwick: the mansion house of Alkborough, and 10 acres adjoining, part of the dissolved monastery of Spalding. Further notes on the property. Report of the Countess's response when Mr [Nicholas] Hamerton said he would erect buildings in Magdalene if her ladyship would go half with him ('Boast not of tomorrow') [Cf. *Coll. Hist.*, p. 104]

f. 28] Indenture between the Master and Fellows and James Hardie of Grainthorpe, Lincs., granting the rectory of Grainthorpe etc. from previous Easter for 10 years, for £33 6s 8d, 25 qrs wheat, 33 qrs barley, 2 bushels or strikes & 3 pecks of malt of barley, 17 June 1619

ff. 29-29v] Indenture between the Master and Fellows and Robert Hastings of Bilsby, Lincs., granting lands in Farlesthorne, Bonthorpe, Cumberworth and Hogsthorpe, 300 acres (*specified*), reserving the advowson; from Michaelmas following for 10 years, for £20, 30 qrs wheat, 40 qrs malt of barley, and £20 to the preacher at Alford, 22 Oct. 1620

f. 29v] Note (10 Sept. 1628) of Edward Hutchinson's lease of the same property, for 10 years from Michaelmas 1626

Note (Sept. 1635) that Mr [Edmund] Windam and Mr Savage of the Privy Chamber, commissioners for depopulation and conversion of arable into pasture at Louth, and the constable of Willoughby, presented Daniel Hornesey for depopulation; note of his landholding

Note that during the tenure of John Hutchinson, 1626 to 1637, and that of his father, the College never received the full rent of £60

Note (16 Dec. 1637) that W. Comins had lease for 10 years from Lady Day 1638, for £64 to the College and £20 to the preacher at Alford; notes on his obligations

Note (1642) that W. Comins brought Mr. Boulton, parson of Well, to take 5s p.a. for his part

f. 30] 'Status collegiorum' [*to which a later hand adds '1575'*]. Income of the colleges, headed by King's (£1,010 12s 11 1/2d); Magdalene has the lowest of the totals given (£43 3s 4d)

f. 30v] Statement of the College's annual income (£43 7s 7d) and expenditure (£47 0s 8d), n.d. (but contemporary with preceding entry)

f. 31] Note of lease to Thomas Glynne of Glynliffon, Caernarvons., of the Welsh lands for 10 years from All Saints following, for £10 10s 4d, 18 Aug. 1624; that Mr [*Francis*] Deering had power to seal the lease, and did so

Note of various places and their relative distances

Note of various incumbents and other persons in Wales, and their residences; including Dr [*Robert*] White, Archdeacon of Merioneth, Sir Richard Wynn, Treasurer to the Queen, and his cousin 'Guinn' of the Middle Temple; Sir Jo. Botville married Sir Richard's sister

ff. 31v-32] Lease to Thomas Glinne (*as above*) for 10 years from All Saints following, for £12 2s, 18 Aug. 1624

f. 32] Notes on effect of statute 18 Eliz. I c. 6, requiring colleges, in all subsequent leases, to specify receipt of 1/3 rent in corn; with queries as to interpretation

f. 32v *blank*] [f. 33-4] Indenture between the Master and Fellows and the churchwardens of St Catherine Christ Church *alias* Cree Church, Aldgate, granting the parsonage and tithes from Lady Day following for 10 years, for £60; the Master and Fellows covenant to renew at the end of the term, 6 March 1628; with notes on same

f. 34] Petition from the Master and Fellows to the King that, following His Majesty's order for payment of tithes in London, they may receive a proportion of any improvement, n.d. [*but in or after 1638, when Charles I settled a tithe of 2s. in the £ of house rent*]

Receipt by William Bryant of Cambridge, confectioner, of £30 from the parishioners of Cree Church; with note of adjustment between Bryant and the College

ff. 34v-35] Notes of indenture between the Master and Fellows and John Spendluffe, 27 May 1585; with queries and opinion as to effect thereon of statute 18 Eliz. I c. 6 (corn rents)

f. 35v *blank*] [f. 36] Letter from the [2nd] Earl of Suffolk, Visitor, requiring the College to observe the statutes established by his grandfather the [4th] Duke of Norfolk, 10 May 1631; read to the company after dinner 31 May

Memorandum that on 15 Aug. 1635 the original statutes of the College were read in Chapel; afterwards the scholars were exhorted to study, to use caps in Hall and Chapel, to refrain from hunting, coursing, and haunting the town; four Latin prayers set down in the statutes were read

Letter from the Earl of Suffolk to the Master and Fellows. ratifying the election to a fellowship of Dr Henry Smith, the Master's son, to which two only of the Fellows disagreed, the Master himself not willing to judge in his son's own case, n.d. [*Henry Smith jnr admitted Fellow 23 Feb. 1637: B/421, f. 219b*]

f. 36v] Note, 3 July 1635, of complaint against the writer by Healy and Gunton his chamber-fellows; denies scandalous words; read by Abell; apologies accepted [*Richard or Robert Abell, B.A. 1632; Symon Gunton, B.A. 1631, later canon and historian of Peterborough Cathedral; John Heley, B.A. 1632 or Thomas, B.A. 1631*]

Note of words between Abell and Gunton/Healy, he saying he had dined with Puritans but they with Arminians and Papists 'that will doe any thinge'.

Note, 23 Apr. 1636, of a squabble over seating in Hall in the absence of the Fellows (one of the commoners offering a cobbler's boy standing by the Buttery hatch 1d to read grace), ending in a brawl [Cf. *Coll. Hist.*, pp. 114-15]

f. 37] Extract from the foundation by Sir Christopher Wray of two fellowships and 6 scholarships, the latter tenable for one year after proceeding M.A.. Memorandum that this was perused by the Master and Fellows 20 July 1637, and ordered that, in keeping with the provision, Mr Eland might retain his scholarship for one year after he was M.A.; the Steward to make restitution of all allowances which had been detained from him; with assent by Edmund Lincoln 27 July [*Edmund Eland adm. Wray scholar 14 Feb. 1626: B/421, f. 174b; M.A. 1633*]

f. 37v] Note of rent payable for lands in Saltfleet Haven and Skidbrooke by Richard Hardy, n.d.

f. 38] Note of power of attorney granted under seal to James Clark and William Ballard to survey all lands, 1634/5

Note of like appointment of Robert Kelk and Jo. Smith, Sol. Fale and W. Rule, to survey lands in Saltfleet Haven, Grainthorpe, Bonthorpe, Cumberworth, Farlesthorne, Hogsthorpe, Alkborough, etc., Lincs., 2 Apr. 1635. With note that the College was a fearful it would get no tenant to give £80 for what Mr Hutchinson held, and desired them to conclude with any man who would give that sum

f. 38v] Note of letter of attorney sealed to John Phillips, B.D., late Fellow, Vicar of Aylesham, Norf., to receive £23 rent unpaid from the manor of Kirstead 'Minets', Norf., 1 Feb. 1637. With subsequent note that this sum was paid to the writer in part of money laid out for the College; note of further sum owing to the writer

f. 39] Note of the gift in the will of Sir James Fuljambe, 1558, of an estate from the rectory of Atterborough, Notts.; George Fuljamb and Godfrey Fuljamb, grandson and heir of Sir James, gives £13 6s 8d p.a. to Magdalene from the same; enjoyed since 1604.

Note that by statute all accounts and rents begin their year at Michaelmas

Note of rents received/unreceived from Mrs Ireton 1634x7; with note on dispute over days of payment

f. 39v] Note of Fellows' meeting, 28 Jan. 1637; a month of days [*leave of absence*] granted to Mr Smith and Mr Healy, to the first week in Lent; with assents 27 January

f. 40] Agreement by the Fellows that Dr Smith, Master, having agreed that all 'punishments' [*finis*] of Fellows and officers which pertained to him as Master be shared among the Master and Fellows, the Master having a double portion; that he should detain to himself £80 from the arrears of Covent Garden due to the College, 30 June 1633

f. 40v] Note of clauses of oath to be ministered by a Justice of the Peace, and of which cases and what persons he may commit to the house of correction

f. 41] Note, 22 Jan. s.a., that, in the absence of the writer [*the Master*] attending the King at Newmarket on university business, Mr Smith and the Fellows granted the graces of masters and bachelors of this house; which being done without his assent were void by university and college statutes; which being read to the Fellows 23 January. he then pronounced the graces of the masters void; then 'for peace sake' propounded all such graces as they had propounded before

Note that John Smith, late Fellow, by his will gave £100 to be kept by the Fellow chosen Bursar of the Bakehouse and Brewhouse, for provision of wheat and malt. Memorandum that at a meeting of the Master and Fellows for election of Smith's Bursar to have this £100, the Master declared he would not prejudice himself or his successors to suffer the Fellows to appoint the Bursar of the Bakehouse and Brewhouse, which was ever peculiar to the Master; the Fellows agreed, and Edward Rainbow, B.D. was elected; on 26 Sept. 1638 he was bound in sureties of £200. [Cf. *Coll. Hist.*, pp. 112-13]

f. 41v *blank*] [f. 42] Note that by fine, 27 Feb. 1625, Barnaby Goche, LL.D., conveyed lands in Alvingham and Cockerington, Lincs., part to the use of himself for life, with remainder to Barnaby Goche his cousin and heir for life, with remainder to Pascha wife of Barnaby and their subsequent heirs; reserving a charge on his lands in Alvingham of an annuity of £24 to Magdalene College, on condition if his heir Barnaby did not pay the same, he gave all his lands conveyed all his lands conveyed in jointure to Elizabeth his (the Doctor's) wife College. Query: what course is the College to take to bar the entail? Opinion of Nicholas Cholmeley that the College may exhibit a bill in Chancery against Elizabeth and Barnaby if Barnaby refuses the rent to the College. Query: whether subsequent heirs may use any means to bar cutting the entail? Reply by Cholmeley that the next heir may dispose of the lands at pleasure

f. 42v] Note decreed by Henry Jones of St Giles's parish, of 5 tenements taken into Magdalene College from the parish, with sums allegedly lost thereby to the parish, the minister, and the poor of the parish, 1628.

Note of sum contributed by Gonville & Caius College to St Michael's Church and its clerk; but nothing to the poor

f. 43] Note of benefaction of Hugh Denys to the priory of Sheen, where he lies buried, for two priests to pray for his and other souls for ever; which priory being dissolved, the heir of Denys procured an act in 33 or 36 Henry VIII [*recte* 34 & 35: *see above*, ff. 4-4v] that he should enjoy all the lands, and instead £20 p.a. be given to Magdalene College from the manor of Purleigh, 20 nobles to the College and 20 marks to two such Fellows as the King nominates, to pray for the souls of Henry VII, Henry VIII, and those mentioned in Denys's will; that they never had more than the 20 nobles during residence, and in their absence nothing. Lately, when other revenues increased, the Master and Fellows of their free gift allowed them equal diet and provision with the rest, during residence; but during absence none of that foundation had above the bare pension of 20 nobles, save by special grant

f. 43v] Nomination by the Governors of Alford School, and William Bennett, Schoolmaster, of John Skegness, scholar there, to one of the scholarships on the foundation of John Spendluffe, then vacant: Alford, 21 Apr. 1636. Endorsed by the Master and Fellows [*Skegness admitted 'pro. magistro Spendluff' 16 July 1636: B/421, f. 189a]*

Letter from Henry Smith, Master, to [John] Bridgeman, Bishop of Chester, late Fellow [*inadvertently calling him by his son's name Orlando*]; recalling the bishop's offer to obtain the patronage of Crowton [*Ches.*] for the College, and his propositions to the Earl of Suffolk, Visitor; is now induced to translate the favours of his lordship and other friends and collegiates towards some buildings in the College, which is not able to lodge all students and members 'with conveniency'; one late Fellow has given £200, and others that have been students have given hope of charity to follow, 16 Aug. 1640

f. 44] Letter from the Master and Fellows to the Bishop of London [*William Juxon*]; the rectory of Cree Church was appropriated to a monastery in the parish, and the cure served by one of the monks. After the dissolution, the rectory was given to the College, since when their predecessors demised all the profits to some of the parishioners, for yearly rent of £28, with covenants from them for discharge of the cure and all issues. On 6 Mar. 1628, when the parishioners told them they would bestow £4,000 or £5,000 in new building the church and chancel, they sealed another lease with like covenants for £60 rent, whereby they [the College] have no legal right of nomination of the curate; but by their letters they entreated them to afford competent allowance to the bearer, Nicholas Metcalfe, one of the senior Fellows, 'an orthodoxall and canonicall man', whom they beseech the Bishop to admit, with the consent of the parishioners, 10 Oct. 1636

The Master and Fellows to Mr Bond and other parishioners of Cree Church. Being informed of the death of Rhodes their curate, commend the bearer, Nicholas Metcalfe, one of the four senior Fellows who concurred in sealing their lease, to enjoy the cure, n.d. [*but as previous*]

The Master and Fellows to the Earl of Holland, Chancellor of the University. Have received his letters requiring them in His Majesty's name to certify what fellowships are of royal foundation and in H.M.'s power to dispose. Upon search of the records they find not any of royal foundation, but there are two Fellows of a bye-foundation endowed with a bare pension of 20 nobles apiece out of lands of Hugh Denys, ratified by act of Parliament, which are paid yearly to two such Fellows as the King nominates, whereof Mr Levingston and Mr Leech are in possession, n.d. [*Alex Levingston adm. Fellow 'pro domino rege' 31 July 1623; William Leche likewise 5 Mar. 1631: B/421, ff. 244b, 247a]*

f. 44v] Notes on a bequest of 40s to Cree Church by A.B. in 1417/18; whether this now belongs to the rector, churchwardens and parishioners, or to the rector alone

f. 45] Ordered, 22 Apr. 1638, that the minister of every parish church assisted with an alderman or his deputy shall make a value of every house worth to be let, and to certify the Council table 3 June 1638; the proprietors to have what they formerly enjoyed by law, but 'no pennie of increase' to them, but to whom the King shall dispose

Note that Magdalene is founded to be a member of the University, and ought to enjoy tax benefits of other college

Query if Henry VIII gave the whole monastery of Christ Church [*Aldgate*] to Lord Audley; if it were in his hands (whether St Catherine Cree be a chapel, or mother church) all tithes must be paid according to Audley's will ? Reply: Audley, by his will 19 Apr. 1544 gives Magdalene all the rectory of St Catherine Cree, Aldgate, with all tithes and profits (except tithes to be paid for the mansion house where he dwells, tithes of house in tenure of Lord Clinton, and house late in tenure of Lady Burgh, and all other houses in the churchyard adjoining the mansion house, whereof he wills no tithe to be paid

ff. 45b-47v *blank*]

f. 48] 7 Sept. 1636. Mr Healy desired to know by what right Dr Greene claimed to hold a fellowship now he was LL.D. [and practised law *deleted*], the statute being that he should be priest within 3 years on pain of losing fellowship, if it seemed good to the Master. Greene answered that at the time Mr Phillips took orders he intended to; but that the Earl of Suffolk and the Master diverted him from taking orders, to profess the law.

Mr President, at a meeting with Greene, agreed that at 6 or 7 years' end he should commence LL.D. Mr [*John*] Howorth said that the Master called a meeting wherein he dispensed Greene to study law, but that it should be no pretence to him to loiter or be idle, or to such effect; but [*Howorth*] does not remember the writer said anything about his degree. [Cf. *Coll. Hist.*, pp. 115-16. William Greene was elected to the next vacant fellowship 1 June 1625; LL.D. 1636; Thomas Healy was elected to the second vacant founder's fellowship

13 Nov. 1633; John Phillips was ordained Dcn & Pr. (Pet.) 9 & 10 Mar. 1628: B/421, f. 245a; Venn, ii. 159, 354; iii. 355]

ff. 49-49v] 19 Sept. 1636. Queries by Mr Healy to Dr Greene. 1. If he be in orders ? Answered no. 2. If he had anything to allege why his place should not be pronounced void ? Being ten times questioned by the Master to answer whether he had any dispensation to hold his fellowship, so many times he delayed answer, but craved time to consult counsel. The 11th time answered that he had a grant. 3. Healy moved to know the words. He answered he had a grant from the Earl of Suffolk, but whether in writing, or words only, he knew not; he had never spoken with his lordship, but had a letter signifying that his lordship would write to the Master; referred proof to Lord William Howard and Mr Pildrin his secretary, Mr Witherinton and Sir Edmund Sawyer. 4. Greene said that at the same meeting when he desired the Master to propound his grace to be LL.D., the Master dissuaded him from commencing that year, and advised him to commence B.D. the next year, and that he had but a short time in his fellowship. Greene said he had a dispensation under the hands of two Fellows, but does not remember that the Master said if he commenced LL.D. he would have a short time in his fellowship. Greene denied not the Master to be the judge, nor to delay answer out of contumacy, but only to be cautious, because Dr Eden told him that he gave counsel to Healy

20 Sept. Dr Greene exhibited certificates, one from John Smith, President, that at a meeting of the Fellows he had leave to study civil law, and was directed to that profession by the Master, the Master only then requiring that he should commence Doctor at his time, which he had done

Certificate by John Howorth: At a meeting in the Master's parlour, Dr Smith dispensed Greene from entering holy orders, giving him leave to study civil law

Certificate by Theophilus Harrison and John Phillips: When Greene was with Mr Phillips, Fellow, about to enter holy orders, in the morning of their journey Dr Smith dispensed Greene, and declared it lawful for him to study civil law as Dr Parry his predecessor had done [*Sir George Parry; Fellow 1619*: Venn, iii. 314]

Certificate by [*Richard*] Madden: Greene had a dispensation by means of Lord William Howard to study civil law all his life long if he pleased. Minuted: But Madden since said that he cannot say of his own knowledge that Greene had a dispensation, but only from Greene's own speeches

Certificate by Henry Smith, Vice-Chancellor, 13 Nov. 1635: Greene has among us, and throughout the whole university, the opinion of a very honest man, and has given great experience in dispute for entertainment of foreign ambassadors accompanied by our Chancellor, and in many other scholastical exercises. Minuted: Greene made and framed this certificate himself, and entreated Smith to subscribe, as means to obtain Dr Porter's place of Regius Professor of Civil Law, then on his deathbed

Further minute that Madden, since making his certificate, cannot say of his own knowledge that Greene had a dispensation; that Mr Phillips said since his subscription that he could not depose that the Master gave [Greene] power to profess law and hold his fellowship during life, neither did the Visitor move Smith to dispense him; neither did Dr Smith dispense at all, but gave way till he commenced Doctor of Law or Physic.

1 July 1636. When Greene desired to have his grace for LL.D. propounded in the College, Dr Smith dissuaded him from taking that degree because if he did his fellowship was in the Master's power to pronounce void, and advised him rather to commence B.D., and to stay a year longer and consider it better. The Master then told him he had reported (as he heard) that the Master should urge him to commence LL.D., which he did not deny, but said that he knew that Mr Proctor Oley had told the Master so

[Nicholas] Metcalfe said he well remembered that at a meeting in the Master's parlour near Whitsunday, Greene entreated his dispensation, which the Master refused to grant; about three days after, Greene, being with the Master and others in his chamber, came to Mr Gooche's chamber and told him and Metcalfe that the Master was more kind to him than he expected, and that he gave him liberty to peruse law, physic or divinity, and to commence in any of those faculties

f. 50] Petition from William Greene, LL.D., to the King. Has spent 10 years in study of civil law, being by the Earl of Suffolk, Visitor, and Dr Smith, Master, dispensed from entering orders, as in the annexed testimonies. Yet because his fellowship is now urged as void by some who question the Visitor's and Master's dispensatory power, prays H.M. will confirm their act, and will grant him (being now Doctor, and having no preferment besides his fellowship) absence to follow his profession, with all profits due to him out of his place as if present, except commons, n.d.

The Earl of Holland to the Master and Fellows. Sends copy of the above, put into his hands. [Greene's] degree in the university, and testimonies shown to him were sufficient to invite his help; but finding the business already in question among them, and to rise from collegiate proceedings according to the statutes and practices of the house, he would not interpose in it without receiving from them the truth of the case.

Oatlands, 18 Sept. 1636

21 Sept. The petition of Dr Greene was read to the Fellows, and acknowledged by him as his, and by Mr [William] Erskine that he was employed in it by Greene

f. 50v] The Master and Fellows to Lord Holland. Thank him for deferring to prefer Greene's petition to the King until informed by them of the truth of the case. 1. He alleges he has a dispensation from the Visitor and Master; they have no such act on record. 2. He alleges his place is urged as void by some who question the Visitor's and Master's dispensatory power; they do not find the same questioned by any but Mr Healy, who is pre-elected to the next place. 3. He sues for a dispensation of absence, yet to enjoy all profits, commons excepted. As it is contrary to the statutes for any Fellow to sue for such dispensation, if granted it might prove great impairing, if not undoing, of their small college; therefore desire him to prevent same, n.d.

ff. 52-4 *blank*]

f. 55] Indenture between the Master and Fellows and George Mud, of Skidbrooke, Lincs., granting tithe and interest in 2 tenements in Saltfleet Haven, late in tenure of Byron Mudd, 7 acres in 2 parcels at Goodwin's Gate, 4 1/2 acres pasture called 'Marges' close, 2 1/2 acres arable called 'Busshy' close, 10 acres meadow in Skidbrooke 'ingres'; all which were purchased by Lady Wray and by her given to Magdalene; from 12 December following for 10 years, for £5 6s 8d, 4 qrs wheat, 5 qrs 2 bushels 3 pecks malt of barley, 7 Oct. 1610

ff. 55v-56 *blank*] [ff. 57-58v] Indenture between the Master and Fellows and William Comyns, of Claythorpe, Lincs., granting all lands in Farlesthorne, Bonthorpe, Cumberworth and Hogsthorpe, 30 acres or more (specified), from Lady Day following for 10 years, for £20 to the preacher at Alford and £16 to the College for maintenance of one Fellow and two scholars of Spendluffe's foundation; and £14 more to the College, viz. 14 marks and in lieu of 14 nobles more, 12 1/2 qrs wheat, 2 qrs malt of barley, and so much as shall make up the residue, 16 Dec. 1637.

With (f. 58v) memorandum on rent charges on the property

f. 59] Terrier of houses belonging to the rectory of Well iuxta Alford, made by John Gray, rector, and others, 1577. The copy showed by W. Boulton, rector, 18 Nov. 1638

20 Jan. 1559. Jo. Gray instituted to Well by virtue of grant of advowson by Richard Bertie and Katherine, Duchess of Suffolk; vacant by death of Thomas Wray

27 May 1587. Thomas Williamson alias Fowler admitted to the church of Well, vacant by the death of R.

Turpin, on presentation of Peregrine, Lord Willoughby d'Eresby

Memorandum on properties there certified by Boulton, on which Mr Comins refuses to pay rent

Query: for certificate from Mr Sandon, rector of Halton

f. 59v *blank*] [ff. 60-1] Indenture between the Master and Fellows and Thomas Glynn, of Glynliffon, Caernarvons.; granting Tyddyn Bryn Hafod, Clynnog, Maesog Isaph, Eithin-Duon, and lands in Llangadwaladr, from date of lease for 10 years, for £10 10s 4d, £1 6s 8d and 15s, 18 Aug. 1624.

Memorandum (f. 61) that the College seal was fixed by Francis Deering, Fellow, authorized by letter of attorney

f. 61v *blank*] [ff. 62-3] Indenture between Nicholas Hamerton, of Sawcliffe, Lincs., and Frances, Dowager Countess of Warwick; Hamerton, in consideration of £100, grants the Countess the mansion house of Alkborough, Lincs., and adjacent property, 20 Sept. 1624

ff. 63v-93v *blank*] [ff. 94-9 *entries upside down; here treated in reverse*]

[ff. 98-96] Extract from the memoranda of the Exchequer, Trinity Term 1627. Re property held by Dr Barnaby Goche and Elizabeth his wife in Alvingham, Conisholme, Cockerington, and Yarburgh, Lincs.; on 7 May 1627 Elizabeth Goche, widow, and Barnaby Goche, kinsman and heir of Barnaby, and Pascha his wife, said that Barnaby [senior] was seised of the premises by fee, and the same Barnaby by tripartite indenture 27 Feb. 1625 covenanted before Pentecost following to convey the same to George Parrye and William Cranmer in trust to Barnaby [junior] for life, and then to Pascha and subsequent heirs; Charles I by letters patent 10 February 1626 pardoned Barnaby for all transgressions before previous 27 March; Elizabeth, Barnaby and Pascha now sought judgment to enter the premises, which was granted

f. 95v *blank*. ff. 95-94] Will of Barnaby Goche, LL.D., of Exeter, 29 Oct. 1624, proved before the Prerogative Court of Canterbury 27 Apr. 1626

ff. 98v-101 (*resuming forward order*)] Memorandum that John Smith, Fellow, gave by will £100 to be kept in that Fellow's hands which shall be chosen Bursar of the Bakehouse and Brewhouse. In September 1638, on a meeting for election of Smith's Bursar, the Master declared he would not prejudice himself or his successors to suffer the Fellows to have any power in the nomination, which was proper to him alone. The Fellows (not claiming any interest) agreed with the Master to elect Edward Rainbow, B.D., Fellow

f. 101v *blank*] [f. 102] 26 Apr. 1598. Decrees by the Master and Fellows. The President, in the absence of the Master, not to be absent save for gravest cause. Not more than 3 Fellows to be absent simultaneously. Fellows, scholars and pensioners not to remain in the University otherwise than in College without approval of the Master. None to be admitted Treasurer before giving satisfaction to the Master. Fellows to pay 50s on admission. Offenders not to be punished or beaten except for gravest cause, with prior approval of the Master

ff. 102v-103] 'Statuta Collegii Magdal.', n.d. [*but same hand as previous entry*]. 26 articles. Not in fact a text of the formal Statutes, but a set of internal regulations

ff. 103v-104] Continuation of the above; select items (nos 13, 19, 20, 22-5, 32, 34, 42, 46, 49, cap. 4 only)

f. 104v] 28 Sept. 1636. Memorandum that there was read to be meeting of all Fellows letters from the Earl of Holland, Chancellor, concerning Dr Greene's petition [*above*, ff. 50-50v]

Disturbances created by [William] Erskine, junior Fellow; admonished to be more respectful, to forbear coursing with greyhounds and all hunting, especially near Newmarket or Royston

Note of his further contempt of the Statutes in being absent without leave 18-22 Oct. 1636, and without surplice in Chapel on 3 November. [Cf. *Coll. Hist.*, pp. 116-17]

ff. 105-6 *blank*] [f. 107] Extract from the Junior Proctor's book, f. 18, 'De Juramento scholarum in primo suo adventu', n.d.

ff. 107v-108 *blank*] [f. 109] Extract from same, f. 139.2. Considering the paucity of sacred ministers in Cambridge churches, Fellows may assist there, Statutes to the contrary notwithstanding, n.d.

2 June 1636. Memorandum that Henry Smith, Master and Vice-Chancellor, permits John Howorth, B.D., Fellow, to officiate in Holy Trinity church

23 Feb. 1637. Permission to Edward Rainbow to possess Childerley rectory with his Fellowship. [*Admitted to this living 1637*: Venn, iii. 415]

14 June 1637. Permission to John Smith, Fellow, to have 3 years longer for taking priesthood. [*He died Aug. 1638 before taking orders*: Venn, iv. 101]

10 Feb. 1638. Permission from the Master for Henry Smith, B.A., to defer taking orders till aged 26. [*Dcn (Linc.) 20 Dec. 1640*: Venn, iv. 99]

[*Blank*] May 1641. Consent from the Master that Mr Healy may hold his benefice in Lincs. with his fellowship, for one year after induction.

2 June 1642. The Master gives Healy until Easter following to hold his fellowship with a living

2 June 1642. The Master gives Mr Dacres until 27 June to take orders. [*John Dacres, M.A, 1641*: Venn, ii, 1]

ff. 109v-110v *blank*] [f. 111]. 12 Jan. 1625. Agreed that from henceforward whatever on the Steward's accounts remains 'in excrescence', to be divided among the society.

Steward's account for '1624' [*presumably year to Michaelmas 1625*]

f. 111v] 10 Apr. 1629. Meeting of the Master and Fellows, reviewing decree and accounts preceding;

desired Mr Smith to make a full account for the year 1624

Settlement of account

f. 112] Further notes on accounts for 1623-4

13 Apr. 1630. Note of Steward's settlement of accounts; note of final discharge for year ended Michaelmas 1630, signed John Goch

f. 112v *blank*] [f. 113] 12 Sept. 1589. Appointment of Thomas Wodde, pewterer of London, as attorney to receive [*unspecified*] sum given by Sir Francis Walsingham, Secretary to the Queen, and other citizens of London, towards maintenance of a catechist, a Greek lecturer, and relief of poor scholars in the College; which yearly sum had usually been solicited by some trusty friend

f. 113v *blank*] [f. 114] 11 Dec. 1585. The Master and Fellows to the Bishop of Peterborough [*Howland*] on behalf of Samuel Wright, M.A., Fellow, to be admitted to orders. [*Dcn & Pr. (Pet.) 12 Dec. 1585*: Venn, iv. 477]

22 Feb. 1586. The like to the Bishop of Chester [*Chaderton*] on behalf of George Fludd, Fellow. [*Fludd, alias Lloyd, was subsequently himself Bishop of Chester; no date of orders*: Venn, iii. 94]

f. 114v] 11 July 1586. Testimonial [*of unspecified address and purpose*] from the Fellows, in the absence of the Master, on behalf of Henry Barrowe, M.A. [*He was admitted Vicar of Islesham this year*: Venn, I. 97]

7 July 1635. Declaration by Nicholas Metcalfe that he will not make use of the College letters for obtaining any fellowship in the College. [*M.A. 1626*: Venn, iii. 179]

f. 115] 11 Dec. 1585. The Master and Fellows to the Bishop of Peterborough on behalf of Roger Bristowe, B.A., to be ordained. [*Dcn & Pr. (Pet.) 12 Dec. 1585*: Venn, i. 220]

28 Mar. 1586. The like to the same on behalf of John Torksay, M.A. [*Pr. (Pet.) 5 Mar. 1587*: Venn, iv. 254]

12 Aug. 1590. The like to the Bishop of Lincoln [*Wickham*] on behalf of Henry Thurscros. [*Vicar of Witherwick, Yorks., 1592; no date of orders given*: Venn, iv. 123]

f. 117. The Earl of Holland to the Master and Fellows. His Majesty being informed there are two fellowships of royal foundation at his absolute disposal, desires confirmation. Oatlands, 2 Sept. 1634

Reply by the Master, President and 5 Fellows, n.d. Have received his letter of 2nd. There are no fellowships founded by any of H.M.'s predecessors, nor any of blood royal; but 2 endowed by Hugh Denys for 20 nobles apiece, to be paid yearly as the King nominates; Levington and Leech in present possession

The [*10th*] Earl of Suffolk, Visitor, to [*Robert*] Foulkes, President. Has examined the Statutes on the appeal of Mr Thompson against the Master for declaring void his fellowship. Required him to call a meeting of the Fellows to acquaint them that he confirms the Master's act. Audley End, 5 July 1737

Memorandum that this was read at a meeting of the Master and Fellows in the Master's Lodge, 5 July. Signed William Beaty, registrar. [*Cf. Coll. Hist.*, p. 165; Venn (iv. 228) must be in error by identifying the Fellow (Thomas Thompson) as curate of Chapel Allerton, Yorks., dying 1734]

ff 118-118v] Extract from the will of John Spendluffe, of Farlesthorpe, Lincs., 12 Apr. 1588. Gives lands in Strubby, Woodthorpe, and Withern, to the Governors of Alford School, for distribution of alms; with memorandum on subsequent history of the property, n.d.

ff. 119-20. Inquisition *post mortem* on John Spendluffe: Louth, 23 Sept. 1589. With note on lands given to the College. Table of descent

ff. 120v-121v] 14 July 1637. Mr Kelk granted absence until Michaelmas, on certificate from physicians that he could not safely continue here this summer. Other Fellows granted specific weeks' leave: Greene, Healy, Smith jr (6); Leech (1)

26 July 1637. Like order for Mr Erskine. No more that 5 to be away at once

f. 122v *blank*] [ff. 123-123v] Extract from the will of William Holmes, of Exeter, upholsterer, 2 Apr. 1656. Having formerly given £400 to the burgesses of Wisbech to maintain 2 children at Cambridge, to be placed at Magdalene; now wills that the burgesses pay the Master and Fellows 20s every 26 December

ff. 124-5] Extract from the will of Drue Drury, of Riddlesworth Hall, Norf., 7 Apr. 1697. Gives the perpetual advowson of his vicarage of Steeple Ashton cum Semington, Wilts., now in the incumbency of Bartholomew Martin, to the College, meaning one of the three senior Fellows by seniority to be presented; gives rectory of the same to his nephew Robert Wake, M.A., Fellow of Trinity College, Oxford, for life; thereafter to Magdalene, to establish the Norfolk Travelling Fellowship, for a gentleman's son of Norfolk recently commenced B.A.. and intending to profess divinity

f. 125] Cornelius Yeates, one of Drury's executors, to the Master and Fellows: Marlborough, 30 Oct. 1698. Encloses the above extract. Asks for receipt to ratify with his fellow executors

ff. 125-125v] Robert Wake to the Master and Fellows: Trinity College, Oxford, 16 Mar. 1699. Proposes that will of his uncle Drury be removed from the Bishop of Salisbury's court to Chancery, this being usual where land is given away from their heir at law

f. 126 *blank*] [ff. 126v] Account of money given to the new building when Dr Duport and Dr Peachell were Masters [1668-90]; includes [3rd] Earl of Suffolk £100, Sir Robert Sawyer £50, Secretary Pepys £50; total: £945;

the like when Dr Quadring was Master [1690-1713]; includes Pepys £10; total £170 14s.

Towards stripping and repairing the old building when Quadring was Master; total £75 5s

[Cf. *Coll. Hist.*, p. 155; though figures there said to be from this MS cannot be identified]

f. 127v *blank*] [ff. 128-9] The state of Magdalene College as presented to Parliament, temp. Charles II [= A/27/18]

ff. 129v-132] Will of Thomas Milner, of Bexhill, Suss., 5 Sept. 1721, with codicil 4 Sept. 1722. Gives £50 apiece to the S.P.G. and S.P.C.K., or in default to Magdalene for augmenting the scholarship subsequently mentioned; for this he gives, after his sister's decease, £1200 for purchase of an estate to found 4 scholarships of £15 p.a., to carry his name; the codicil restricts the sum to £1000; to be given to pensioners residing in the College, from Heversham School [*Cumb.*], from Westminster, or from Halifax or Leeds

ff. 132v-133] Will of Mary Milner, sister of Thomas. 30 June 1733. Bequeaths a further £200 to Magdalene according to Thomas's original intention

ff. 133v-149 *blank*] [ff. 149v-150] Indenture between the Master and Fellows and Thomas Glynne, of Glynliffon, Caernarvons., granting Tyddyn Bryn Hafod in Clynnog, Maesog Isaph there, Eithin-Duon in Llanrug, and lands in Llangadwaladr, from date of lease for 10 years, for £10 10s 4d, £1 6s 8d, and 15s 6d. Memorandum of signing and sealing 24 July 1639; the writer and others desired to reserve rent corn, but no man would take it up on such uncertainty

ff. 150v-153 *blank*] [f. 153v] Will of John Smith, Fellow, 1 Apr. 1637. Gives land in Longstanton, let for £25 p.a., and the Half Moon, in lease for £20 p.a., for maintenance of two Fellows, to be chosen by majority vote (the Master having only one); to be ordained after 3 years

ff. 153v-154] Codicil [*so described*] to the above, 14 Aug. 1638. Having sent for Dr Greene and Mr Howorth, Greene understanding that Smith intended to give £200 towards the building of lodgings for the Fellows, asked if this were still his mind; Smith agreed. [*But not in fact a codicil, and Smith's eventual legacy was but £100: Coll. Hist.*, pp. 112-13]

- f. 154] Note of effects left for Mr Howorth
Notification by Ralph Brownrig, D.D., of probate of the will of John Smith, M.A., 3 Sept. 1638
- f. 154v] Account of legal fees, 28 Sept. x 14 Dec. 1638
- ff. 155-7 *blank*] [f. 159] List of plate, made by John Smith, Steward, 16 Apr. 1630
- f. 159v *blank*] [f. 160] Agreement by the Master and Fellows, 10 May 1594, to grant to Thomas Smith, Bedell, a lease of lands in Lincs., given by John Spendluffe, for 10 years from the present date, for £50 in money and corn
- f. 160v] Memorandum, 28 July 1591, of acceptance of conveyance from William Robardes, of Winston, Suff., of a yearly rent of £10, and the counterparts sealed
Draft letter to Robardes; have heard from [*Sir Christopher Wray*] of his disposition to learning in the College, and express grateful acceptance of his gift, 5 Aug. 1591
- f. 161] Appointment by the Master and Fellows of Thomas Pilkington, rector of Wold Newton, Lincs., farmer of lands in Saltfleet Haven and Skidbrooke given by Lady Wray, at £8 p.a., and constituting him attorney there, 12 May 1594
- f. 161v] List of plate, 19 June 1637
- f. 162] Inventory of plate with which the Butler is charged, 23 Jan. 1598; one additional item 14 February.
Collated by Humfrey Metcalfe, 25 Jan. 1604
Further list of cloths etc. in the Buttery
- f. 162v] Inventory of the kitchen [*continuation of preceding document*]
- f. 163] Inventory of plate with which the Butler is charged, 25 Jan. 1604. List of cloths etc. in the Buttery.
Signed: Humphrey Medcalf, Butler
- f. 163v] Admission of Henry Smyth, D.D. as Master, 8 Feb. 1626. Signed: John Smith, President, and 7 Fellows
- f. 164] Butler's charge in plate, n.d.
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