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<Text: Letters and lease>

<fol. 9v>will nott desyr~ And forthermoore Such behestes and promysse
 ar~ made by the priour~ att laste was and his brether afor
 tyme to right notabill and grett estate³ for certeyn clerte³
 of thare³ whilke promysse we may nott goo fro our treuth
 and wirshipp savyde so that the next avoidaunce we may
 nott graunte yow in no wyse wherfor when it please
 your said Ladishipp to name to vs ann habill personn of goode gouernance
 and honeste conuersaconn whe sall so doo what
 tyme as we may that whenn a benefice of our~ patronage
 falle³ woid acordyng for hym@ your~ goode and gracieux
 Ladishipp sal+be pleaside vppon@ reson@ with godde³ grace
 who haue yow euermoore in hir gracieux kepyng~ and sennde
 yow mich wirshipp and hertes ease for his mercy . Writenn
 at Durham the iij day of Nouembr@ <blank line>
 Ryght wirshipfull and with all my hertt welbelouyd sir J
 recomende me to yowe in my moste especieell wyse thankyng
 yow of your kynde gentill trewe and stedefaste hertt shewid to
 me att all tyme³ and to my full entierly welbelouyd brother~
 Daun John@ Ell priour of Coldyngham and for all your grett labour
 and besynesse that yhe haue alway hadde for the righte³
 of Seynt Cuthbertt nott withoutyn@ grett parell of your
 body besekeyng yow at our~ synguler~ trust is and has been@
 in yowe of your~ goode contynuaunce . And for as+mykill as
 it is nott vnknowyn@ to yowe How my said brother~ John@
 Ell is purposte for certeyn@ cause³ movyng both me and hym
 to leefe the Prioury of Coldyngham . J and my brether~ beseke³
 yowe as oure trust is moste in yowe befor all other~ that
 yhe will supportt and Soccour~ Daun Thomas Nessbytt
 whame my brether~ and J ar~ purpost to be sett att
 Coldyngham both with your~ wyse counsell and goode

helpp. Like as yhe haue doonn to the forsid Daun John Ell
 for as he has reportt to me and our~ Chapter~ yhe haue
 trewly dewly and iustly doonn att all tyme³ for his
 case and the righte³ of the place And also that
 it please yow to sennd me your~ goode avice how yhow
 semys that the said Daun Thomas Nessbitt sall be gouernde
 and rewlide towchaunde his admysyon by the
 kyng~ and the Bisshopp of Seynt Andrews Moor-ouer
 J beseke yow hertly that yhe will support Daun Jonn
 <fol. 10r>pencher~ in such maters as he has a-doo within ScottLaunde for my brother~ Daun John
 Ell aforesaid as his trust
 and affeccionn has beenn syngulary in *your* personn And that knowe³
 our~ Lorde Jhu@ who haue yow in his gracieux kepyng
 and *preserve* yow fro all ^[your] Aduersare³ and in especieell for *your*
 familiar~ enmyse that thay haue neuer~ power~ to betraysse
 yowe for his endlesse mercy For J and *your* goode
 frenndes with vs ar~ full ferde tharfor writen att
 Durham the xvijj day of Nouembr <lat><30 lines></lat>
 <fol. 10v><lat><13 lines></lat> Wirshipfull and my right goode lorde J recommede me to
 yowe in my moste humble wyse thankyng~ *your* goode lordshipp
 whilke yhe haff at all tyme³ effectualy shewide
 to the kirke of Seynt Cuthbertt and his mynisters besekeyng~
 yow of *your* goode contynuance . And as for the
 mater~ concernyng~ vicar of Engleswike for whamm
your said lordshipp late by the said vicar sennde *your* letre³
 to me please it yow to consave that my predecessour and
 the Chapter~ his brother~ att the grett instaunce and
 prayer~ of the right wirshipfull . *sir* Thomas Percy
 knyght grauntyd and promyste that thay wald haue
 recommede *sir* Richard Falthorpp a chapeleyn@ of his
 to the vicary of Engleswike what tyme somm<?>euer~
 the said vicar att now is incumbent wald resigne
 or leve his vicary aforsaid whilke promysse and g^[r]raunte
 J and my brether~ moste of honesty and trewth kepp
 and fulfill . And wheer~ *your* Lordshipp desire³ that
 the vicar myght haue the kirke aforsaid boundenn to
 hym vndre our~ commonn Seall for oonn annuell pensionn
 Duryng his lyffe . trewly we haue noonn auctoritee
 no power~ by the commonn lawe to bynnde the kirke

<ill><1 word of 2 letters></ill> ony sich pension : bod att the reuerence and contemplacon
 of your~ goode lordshipp we will as patrons
 of the said kirke giff our~ consenntt and goode will
 vndre our~ commonn Seall that our~ right wirshipfull
 <fol. 11r>Lorde Cardinall of yorke by hys auctoritee ordinary~ Assigne
 to the said vicar~ a competent porcon~ yherly to be resavide
 of the frute³ and reveneux of the said kirke and also to
 bynnde the said kirke and the vicars therof for tyme beyng~
 to the trew and hale payment of the said pension@
 als lang~ as the vicar aforsaid leve³ And if J and my
 brether~ myght doo ony moor in this mater~ by the commonn
 lawe to the plesaunce of your goode lordshipp we wald be
 full gladde to fulfill your entennt and that knowe³ our
 lorde Jhu@ who haue yow in his gracieux kepyng~ and
 giff yow mykill wirship lanng to endour~ for his mercy
 wreten@ att Durham the vj day of Decembr@ <lat><23 lines></lat>
 <fol. 12v>And noghtgaynstandyng~ thay apperyd att the laste and passide
 tharvppon . yhit isshue³ and green wax renne³ vppon~ thaym@
 in the Cheker~ this day to thair~ grete hurtt And forthermoor~
 this laste yhere paide we - xvj s~ to the shereffe of
 yorkeshir~ for green@ wax that than rann vppon~ vs and we
 cann nott weete why . wherfor J pray yow as hertly as
 J cann that yhe make Serch in the Cheker~ wherfor such
 isshue³ rynne³ vppon@ vs and also apon~ the gentilmen
 aforsaid And sennde me worde in all haste with your goode
 counsell and avyse Also J sennde to your place by a
 seruantt of myn~ a taill contenyng~ - lxiiij li@ Delyuerde
 to . [me by] my lorde of karlell aponn whilke taill J payde
 hym@ lxiiij li@ xvij s~ v d / for the halfe dyme byside
 my lorde of duresme parte commys to no moor~ att
 this graunte by cause of certeyn~ excepcions . J sennde
 yow your fee of Martynmesse Anno xlv^{to} vj s~ viij d
 and of Wittsonday and Martynmesse Anno xlvj^{to}
 xiiij s~ iiij d with the berer~ of this / And god haff <a couple of blank lines>
 yow in hys gracieux kepyng
 Wretyn@ att Durham the iij day of Febr@ <one blank line>
 Wirshipfull Sir and my right goode frennde J recomende
 me to yowe with all my hertt thankyng~ yow of all
 kyndnesse and fortheraunce doon~ to me and myn~ at all

tyme³ bese kyng~ yowe of your~ goode and effectuall contynuaunce
 . And for as+mich as certeyn~ catell of myn@
 warr~ drevyn~ in to riddesdale wher~ yhe haue gouernaunce
 and kepyng~ and borovd agayn@ by certeyn@
 frenndes of myn@ withoutyn~ *your* knowlege . agayns
 the Freedomm and Fraunchiesse of your said kepyng~ J
 pray yow als hertly as J *cann* that yhe be nott displeside
 for no thyng~ att is doonn to the tyme yhe and
 J *commonn* to-gedre . att what tyme if thar bee fun
 ony defalte doonn to yowe J sall amende it with
 godde³ grace to *your* awen@ plesaunce And forther~mor~
 J beseke yowe that yhe will att the reuerence of god
 and Seynt Cuthbertt and my *prayer*~ charge straitly
 and *proclame* that no mann within *your* saide gouernaunce
 <fol. 13r>and kepyng~ take no dryve ony catell of myn~ or ^[my] brether~s
 ne of our~ tenante³ vndre payn~ of the lawe to be
 execute vppon~ thaym@ without ony grace or redemptionn
 what tyme thai be fun defaltes tharin . And this itt
 please yow to doo for me and J sall deserue it to yowe with
 godde³ grace who haue yow in his kepyng~ and sennde
 yow mykill wirshipp and lang~ liffe for his *mercy* wreten~
 att Durham the xiiij day of Nouembr@ . <1 blank line>
 Right wirshipfull *sir* J recomende me to yowe in my moste especieall
 wyse thankyng~ yow with all my hertt of your~ goode
 helpp supportt and effectuell fauour shewide and doonn to me
 what tyme J was abidyng~ with yowe in the North+cuntree
 besekande gode for his souerayn@ *mercy* to rewarde yow wher~
 J suffice nott . And please it yow to remembr@ how my brother~
 the Bourser~ shewide to yow att Norham certeyn@ Euidence
 of a *percell* of grounde lyand bitwix Norham and Shoresworth
 callide whiterig gevyn@ to Seynt Cuthbertt and his mynisters
 by hugh somtyme Bisshopp of Durham of whilke *percell*
 by the fre-halders of Norham whe ar~ agayns right ande
 goode conscience disturbild to our~ grett hurtt and noysaunce
 to *our* tenantt att Shoresworth aforsaide wherfor
 J beseke yowe as hertly as J *cann* and as my synguler truste
 is and ^[hase] been of lang tyme in yowe moste of ony knyght levande
 that it please yowe so to rewle and gouerne that
 mater~ as yhe beste may that Seynt Cuthbertt and his

mynisters may haue thayr~ right and our~ tenantt att Shoresworth
 in *our* name reioyse and occupy the *percell* of grounde
 before reherside . Senn whe haue right therto as *our* euidence
 opynly shewys and noonn other~ Forthermoour J beseke yow
 att what tyme yhe com to cuntree that yhe will dispose yow
 to vysitt Seynt Cuthbert that we may *common* to-gedre
 of this mater~ and other~ both for your~ hertys ease and
 myne as J truste fully to gode who haue yow *euermoore*
 in his gracieux kepyng~ and sennde yow mykill wirshipp
 in this world and hevynn blysse att your endyng~ writen~
 att Durham the vj day of March <1 blank line>
 Wirshipfull *sir* and my right trusty and welbilouyd frende J grett
 yow oftyme3 wele And please it yowe to vndirstande thatt
 the Stewarde to my Maistre Neuyll of his lordshipp of
 <fol. 18v><line 20> Trusty and welbelouyd brother~ . J grete yow oftyme3
 wele And J suppose itt be nott vnknawen~ to yowe
 the goode diligent frutefull and notabill coste3 and
 labour made in the courte of Rome for reducon@ of patronage
 of our Chirche3 within the diocesse of Seynt
 Andrew in Scotlande by my brother Daun John@ Ell
 Supprior late priour of Coldyngham . Whilke of lang~
 tyme to right grete ^[b] hurtt and ^[a] importabill likly to
 full to the said *priory* for dyuerse consideraconnns has
 been~ oute of oure possession~ For whilke our~ saide
 brother~ noght gaynstandyng~ grete labour and cost
 made in the courte of Rome and our~ euidence right
 pregnante and goode as the composiconn made bitwix
 the *predecessours* of the Bisshopp of Seynt Andrewe3
 and vs *proporte3* and opynly shewe3 . culde no way
 goo thogh with hym@ to haue his goode lordshipp
 and will . ^[or~] our~ saide brother~ your~ *predecessour* paide to
 <fol. 19r>hym~ Cl li@ of Scotte3 money whilke sovme he borowde
 of right notabill Marchauntt and Seynt Cuthbertt
 stedefaste and trew frennde George of Fullay dwellyng~
 in Edinburgh and bannde hym~ and his *Successours*
 in oonn obligacon~ to pay the saide George the forsaide
 Cl li att Seyntt John@ day Baptiste now late agoo
 For whilke payment he lefte att Coldingham beside
 the Stuffe of the saide place to pay the forsaide

sovme of . CCC^{ma} iiij^{xx} yowe3 and . xij kyn with the
 offall
 and all maner~ of profettes Commyng~ both of the
 yowe3 and kyn senn that tyme to now whilke goode3
 yhe haue tann to yow att this tyme as it is saide
 Therfor J consideryng~ dewly the notabill cause3
 and grounde how the said money was borowde and
 spennde for~ the grete wele of the said place of
 Coldingham for euermoor~ me semys goode reson~ and
 acordyng~ the same place bere the charge senn the
 waill and profett bide3 therwith wherfor~ J pray
 yow effectually thatt yhe dispoose yow in all goodly
 haste thankfully to pay and seith the saide
 George of the Cl li@ aforesaide as right and
 reson~ will thatt my brother~ late your~ *predecessour*
 trewth be keppide and that no disturbilaunce
 fall to the place for~ the nownpayment therof
 And moor~-ouer~ in Supplement of the forsaide
 Sovme it is my will and my brother~ afor reherside
 that yhe take the heuede3 of the Arrerage
 of his tyme thatt is vnrayside of Daun Richard
 Wrake whilke Arrerage yhe haue stoppide as
 it is saide agayns right And my brother~ afore
 saide has exhibitt abd shewide to me a Bill
 of notabill coste3 charge3 and expense made
 by hym~ in the tyme he stode *priour* thar~ whilke
 is no feende thyng~ as he referys hym~ to his
 <fol. 19v>brether~ that was with hyme and hase knowlege therof as
 he will prooffe in tyme and place requiryde in that party . And
 as for the dimission made to the Abbot of Melrosse of corte
 yne teende3 J will the said dimission~ be keppide to hym~ like
 as the writyng~ *proporte3* and opynly shewe3 . And what
 yhe purposse to doo in this mater~ yhe will certify me by
 your writyng~ in goode haste And our~ lorde preserue yow
 fro all aduersitee3 writen~ att Durham the firste day of
 Julij . <a blank line>
 Right trusty and welbelouyd *sir* J grett yow oftyme3 wele
 with all my herte And wheer yhe desyre in your *letre* late
 delyuerd to me to haue respite and sufferaunce to our~ lady

Day Natiuite next *commynge* for~ payment of certeyn~
 money whilke yhe aw for~ teende³ of Charltonn and
 halfe Lowyke and also to be fermoor~ of the said teende
 of Charlton~ for~ this yheer~ / *sir* for~ your~ goode tendirnesse
 and gentilnesse whilke yhe haue doon~ and shewid to me
 and my brether~ att all tyme³ J agree me wele to
 your~ entent so that yhe kepp your~ day of paymentt
 and also seale ann obligaconn whilke the berer~ of this
 letre sall shew to yowe in like wyse as other~ menn doos
 in your~ countre for~ teende³ whilke thay haffe to ferme
 of vs And wher~ yhe thynke yhe ar~ strangely doon~
 to . that the halfe teende of Lowyke is lattyn~ fro
 yowe to other~ menn trewly *sir* J was enformede by
 the officere my brother~ att that tyme that yhe
 dispoiside yow to occupy itt no langer~e ne noght sett
 therby in no degre and ther vppon~ be cause J walde
 nott be desolate of a fermour J made dimission~ therof
 to oonn other~ mann . trustyng~ veraly in goode faith that
 yhe ne noonn other~ mann . ^[walde] haffe been@ displeaside thar~
 att And that knawe³ our~ lorde jhesu@ who haue
 yow in his gracieux kepyng~ and giffe yow mych wirshipp
 wreten@ att Durham . the . vj day of August
 <fol. 22v><line 19> Thys indentur made betwix Willam the priour~ of Duresme
 of þ^t part . And John@ Bron~ of Tudhowe / Bertrame
 Gaythird Alex~ Belfelde Willam Lethom~ Rallyn~
 Bronsmyth of Midelham & Willam Bron~ of Duresme
 Flesshewer~ / onn that part witnesse that þe said priour~
 has graunted and to ferme letyn~ to the said John@ Bertrame
 Alex~ Willam Rallyn~ / and Willam / a wast tofte
 & xxviiij acr~ of land with yappurtenant³ in Trillesden@
 & with a Colepit in the same lande / therin to w<?>rke<writing smudgy here> &
 wyn~ Cole euereday onerable with thre pikkes & ilk pike
 to wyn~ euerday onerable lx scopes to haue and to halde
 the said toft & land with þappurtenant³ / & with þe said
 Colepите fra þe fest of Seynt Cuthbert in Septembr~
 next *commynge* / for *terme* of a yeer~ then~ next folowyng~
 gevyng~ to the said Priour~ for þe said toft and lande .
 <fol. 23r>with þappurtenant³ / xxiiij s~ . and for þe said Colepите x marke
 of goode Jnglissh money at þe feste³ of þe Jnuencon~ of þe

haly croce & þe Natiuite of Seint John@ Baptiste next
 commyng~ be even~ porconns / And þe said John@ Bertrame
 Alex~ Willam Rallyn~ & Willam sall wirke þe said myn@
 werkmanlike to save þe feld standyng~ be þe sight of
 certeyn~ vewers assigned be þe said Priour~ als oft as
 hym~ likes to lymet tham~ within þe same yeer~ to serche
 þe same myn~ . <gap> Also þe said Priour~ has graunted
 & letyn to ferme to the said John~ Bron~ Bertrame .
 Gaythirde Alex~ Belfolde Willam Lethomm Rallyn~
 Bron~smyth & Willam Bron~ A Colepit in þe Northside
 of Spenyngmore therin to wirke and wyn~ Cole with
 thre pikke3 euere day onerale & euere pike wynnyng~ euere
 day onerale . lx scopes of Cole3 . to have & to halde
 þe said Colepite in Spennyngmore / fra þe fest of Seynt
 Cuthbert in Septembr~ next commyng~ efter~ þe date
 of þis indentur vnto þe end of A yeer~ then@ next folowyng~
 payng~ therfor to þe said Priour~ at þe feste3
 of þe Jnuencon@ of þe haly croce & þe Natiuite of Seynt
 John@ Baptiste above wretyn~ be even~ porconns xx li@
 of goode Inglish payment And þe said John@ Bertrame
 Alex~ Willam Rallyn@ and Willam sall werkmanlike
 wirke þe same myn~ att save þe felde standyng~ be þe
 sight of certeyn@ vewers þerto assigned be þe saide
 Priour~ als ofte as hym~ likes to lymet tham~ with
 in þe same þeer~ to serche þe same myn~ Also þe said
 John Bertrame Alex~ Willam Rallyn~ and Willam
 sall of thare awen@ costage3 and expenser / labour~
 & wyn@ a watergate for wynnyng~ of Cole in þe
 same Colepit of Spennyngmore / And þe same watergate
 like as þai wyn~ itt þai sall leefe it in þe
 yeer~ ende by sight of þe said vewers And þe said
 <fol. 23v>Priour sall warrant to þe said John@ Bertrame Alex~
 Willam Rallyn~ and Willam þe said toft & lande with þappurtenant3
 & with þe Colepite in trillesden@ and also þe
 Colpite in Spennyngmore for~ þe yeer~ aforsaid Jn witnes
 of þe whilke þe partyes aforesaide has entrechaungeably
 to this indentur sett thair~ seales Wreten~ þe
 last day of August þe þeer~ of our~ Souereyn~ and gracious
 lorde Jhesu@ M^l CCCCxlviij . <lat><27 lines></lat>