

INDENTURE

26 February 1378

This indenture, made 26 February 1378, between the Prior and Convent of the Hermit Friars of the Order of Saint Augustine at Lynn, on the one side, and Geoffrey de Gadgrave, their servant, on the other side, testifies;

That the said Geoffrey shall remain with the said Prior and friars, as well present as future, to the end of his life, and shall well and faithfully serve them, according to his power, in all matters appertaining to the bake-house and mill, and shall, according to his ability and talents, do whatever is required for the reparation of the said offices; but at the expense of the Convent, they finding the necessary materials.

And the aforesaid Geoffrey shall receive annually from the aforesaid Prior and Convent in reward for his labour, as long as he shall be able properly to work at the aforesaid duties, thirty shillings in current coin, at the four usual seasons of the year, in equal sums, without delay.

And if it should so happen that the aforesaid Geoffrey should, by reason of debility or old age, be prevented from continuing to work in the aforesaid offices, he shall no longer receive his annual stipend, but shall be admitted, as before, to the table of the Convent; and the same portion of victuals as is usually allotted to each friar shall be served to him.

Moreover, if the repeatedly-mentioned Geoffrey should labour under such a weight of old age and infirmity as shall disable him from attending at the conventual table, he shall then receive weekly in his own chamber (which chamber the Convent is bound to keep for him) eight convent-loaves, and seven bottles of ale, and such allowance of food as may at that time be given to every friar in the Convent. Upon this condition, however; that the aforesaid Geoffrey shall apply the before-mentioned victuals exclusively to his own use, and shall in no case be allowed to sell them.

And as well the before-mentioned Prior and Convent on their part, as the before-mentioned Geoffrey on his, have faithfully pledged themselves to the faithful performance of this agreement.

In testimony of this, the seal of the said Geoffrey has been attached to the copy of the present indentures, remaining with the aforesaid Prior and Convent.