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### <Tranche 1>

<fol. 264v><line 35>In þe name of god amen . yt ys to hafe in mynde þat whare þar~ ys a <ill><1 word></ill>

in þe crafte of Girdelers in þe Cite of york þat nane of þat crafte wirke <ill><1 word></ill>  
amang~ other~ metaille bot yf yt be in souldour for deceyuyng~ of þe kyngys <ill><1 word></ill>  
of perill of a certayn~ payne Apon thys ane of þe Sercheours sworn@ of þe <ill><rest of line></ill>  
come befor~ John aldestanemor~ Mair~ of þe kynges cite of york and other~ <ill><rest of line></ill>

be þe vertu of hys athe he present in a forfet of John Fysshe Girdel made in hys <ill><1 word></ill>  
for stuthes of XXXij gyrdels of mended metaille agayn þe ordenaunce<?> <ill><rest of line></ill>  
crafter and in deceyuynges of þe kynges poeple þe Whilk john Fysshe <ill><1 word></ill>  
befor~ þe Mair~ of þis trespasse sayd þat he boght þat metaille of þase <ill><rest of line></ill>  
lyllynges whilk was proued and founden fals for~ tyn and lede <sup>[was]</sup> mended <ill><rest of line></ill>

<fol. 265r>Als wyth this grete <ill><2 words></ill> sprang~<?> in the people þat þar~ was in cite of  
york now makers and vtterers

of .<sup>[fair]</sup> Osmundes and þat Barn@ Smyth in Bonthym and John Holgate Marsshall in the suburbe of  
walmegate in york suld make þam And so John Burnn<?> come before þe sayde mayr~ and be hys  
athe

made opon the haly euangell he sayde þat he cutted aboute xxvj peces of Jnglysh Jryn~ of John  
lyllyng of york mercer~ at þe byddyng~ of hym and made þam in shappe of Osmundes and als he  
sayde

<ill><beginning of line></ill> wald noght hafe had a pece of þam for a-nother wyrkyng And þay  
war~ made to blend with

<ill><1 word></ill> Osmo<?>ndes<blank line following>

And<?> þe sayd John Holgate come befor~ the sayd mayr~ and he sworn~ apon a buke sayd þat  
John lyllyng

sent hym with hys awen cariage iij<sup>C</sup> & d of landiren and iij<sup>C</sup> and mo peces of .<sup>[fals]</sup> drosseyren euery  
<linefiller>

hundreth of vj<sup>xx</sup><?> peces to make in Osmundes to munge with other~ for þe whilk þe sayd John

Holgate

when he had wrought he sayd <linefiller> he wald noght hafe gyfen iij d for iiij stane of þam he sayd forther

mar~ þat the sayd John lylyng delyuered hym a Osmund to make all other~ of the same shappe<blank line following>

Item þe sayd John lylyng~ when he was first exam<sup>i</sup>ined of thys mater~ he wald hafe sworn<?> apon a

buke befor~ þe sayd Mayr~ and other had noght Thomas Bracebrygg counseld hym nay and <linefiller>

lettid hym þat he gart make bot xxvj peces nor þat had na ma fals Osmundes in hys house and than þe sayd mayr~ after~ þe custume of þe Cite sent to þe Sercheours of þe Jrenmangers of the Cite of york þat John Stertauant Esquier the mayr~ Sergeant and thay suld wend<?> into þe house of the sayd John lylyng~ to serche what Osmundes he had with-in hym at þat <ill><1 word></ill> And so att þe

commandment of þe Mayr~ þai yode and serched and þai fand þar~ ij barels of new made Osmundes of drosse mengid with gude Osmundes and other fals Osmundes oute of barells And the mayr~ sent of þam to smythys to se be þayr~ crafte if þai war~ abill to putt in werk and þar~ þai myght noght abyde þe hamar~ bot<?> brake in small peces . And also þai fand *certein* smale peces

mylten~ Tyn mengid with other~ metall als wele is to shewe in þe chambr~<blank line following> And after~ this come William Kyam@ of york merchaunt and sayd to þe sayd mayr~ and other that he was

late at hull and come to John Bower~ stathe and thar~ John Bower *proferd* to sell hym a laste of Osmundes and þar~ this William Kyam~ saw ij barells of Osmundes market with with þe marke of John

Lylyng and he tuke vppe þe heued of a barell and yt semed gude abouen~ and he opend þe heued of þe other barell and yt was bot drosse in pecys and he come to John Bower~ and told hym lyke als he sayd and John Bower~ sayd hym þat he had sald sex barells of John Lylyng~ of þat same sorte *euery* barell for xij s~<blank line following>

Here-apon in þe vigill of Peter and Paule apostells in þe yer~ of þe regne of kyng~ henr~ sext after þe conqueste fyft the sayde John lylyng~ come befor~ þe sayd John Aldestanemore mayr~ of york Richard Russell newly mayr~ of þe Staple and Caly<sup>e</sup>s William Bowes~ John of moreton~ Thomas Gare Henr~ Preston~ Thomas Esyngwald Thomas Bracebryg <ill><1 word></ill> Ormesheued Piers Bukcy John Bolton~ Aldermen~ . Guy Ronclyff Recorder~ William

Gyllyngton~ ane of þe Shirrefes Thomas Doncastr~ Geffray Sauuage<?> Robert yarom~ Th Snawdon~ John lofthouse John Gascoyngne Thomas Aton~ Thomas kyrkham William Bedall William Gaytesheued Thomas Dauy William Crauen~ of þe xxiiij and thar~ he was empeched of forgeyng of fals Osmundes of drosse and of landyren~ and of vtte

ryng of þam~ in foule deceyte and ryght grete harme of þe kynges people and ryght gret<?>  
 sklaundre of þe Cite of york and agayne þe course of trewe marchandise And to this  
 he ans<ill><2 letters></ill>rd and sayd þat he *perceyued* wele þat Jren~ waxed skant and der~ and  
 he had mykyll  
 with-in hym of dross and landiren and tharfor~ he gart forge yt in shapp of Osmundes  
 <fol. 265v>for vtteryng of his jren so into jseland And so he gart þerof als he graunted ix<sup>xx</sup> peces &  
 <ill><1 word></ill>  
 and vtterd <sup>[man<?> of]</sup> þam at hull and oþer places And for this defaute he submit <sup>[hym]</sup> to abyde and  
 fulfill þe  
 iugement of þe mayr~ and þe counsell of þe chambr~ And be þe auyse of þe mayr~ and þe befor  
 sayd consell yt <sup>[was awarded]</sup> þat John lylyng suld fynd seurte of v<sup>c</sup> marke þat he suld <sup>[abyde]</sup> th+award  
 of þe Mayr~  
 an þe counseyll of þe chambr~ what tyme he war~ warned for the trespasses abouensayd als fer~<?>  
 als fell to þair~ power~ or auctorite And apon þis John Gascoigne and William Bedale become  
 pleges and seurte for þe sayd John lylyng þat he suld abyde and fulfill þe awarde of þe Mayr~ and  
 þe counsell what tyme he <sup>[war<?>]</sup> warned And als for a *percell* of þair~ iugement and þair~ awarde at  
 þat tyme þai chargid þe sayd John Lylyng þat fra þan furth he suld bere þe kynges pease to  
 John holgate mersshall and John Bren Smyth abouensayd wham he thret with bodily harme  
 for þai bar~ recorde agayne hym and to all þe kynges people of payn~ of v<sup>c</sup> marke to be raysed of þe  
 landes and tenementes of þe sayd John lylyng to þe oeps of our~ souerayne lorde þe kyng~ yf he did  
 any  
 thyng agayne þe kynges pease þat might be *proued* apon hym lawfully in tyme comyng~ And ouer  
 this  
 þe sayd mayr~ and þe counsell of þe sayd Cite discharged þe sayd John lylyng of þe counsell of the  
 chambr~ and of hys fredom of franchise of þe cite and charged hym þat he suld noght occupy in  
 bying nor in sellyng als a <ill><1 word></ill> citezin bot als a straunger~ nor þat he suld hald na  
 shopp of his opyn~  
 with-in þe fraunchyse of þe cite vn<ill><rest of word></ill> þe tyme þat þe mayr~ and þe counsell  
 of þe chambr~ war~ in oþer~  
 maner~ auysed <ill><1 word></ill> þat all hys fals<?> Osmundes in <sup>[his]</sup> house suld be broght in-to  
 þe chambr~ of counsell  
 of þe sayd cite<blank line following>  
 And wyth þis þe sayd John lylyng was accused and <ill><1 word></ill> amang~ mercers and  
 other~ men þat Girdelers  
 of þe Cite had in thar~ houses fals tyn mengyd with other~ metaiill þat was boght of hym and so the  
 Sercheours of þe Girdelers of þe said cite be *commandement* of þe mayr~ serched be *vertu* of þair~  
 office *after*  
 þe custume of þe cite and þai fond in þair~ crafte *certayn~* peces in shappe and fourme of harowes  
 multen

of tyn~ . [&] lede and ~~pewtr~~ to-geder~ þat was selled for clene tyn~ agayne course of clene  
 marchandise whilk  
 was boght of John lylyng~ and þase peces þai broght to þe mayr~ in-to þe Chambr~ And þat was  
 wele  
 fynden and *proued* þ<sup>t</sup> John lylyng~ had salde mykell swylk decyuable Tyn to Bellemakers in-to þe  
 Cun  
 tre and other~ men~ whar~thurgh þe cite was gretely greued sclandered and þai<?> harmed<blank  
 line following>  
 And her~ apon~ þe sayd John lylyng was examynd befor John Aldestanemore Mayr~ Richard  
 Russell  
 William Bowes John Moreton~ Thomas Gar~ Henry Preston~ Thomas Bracebrygg william  
 Ormesheued  
 Piers Bukcy Aldermen~ Guy Ronclif recordour John brounflēt William Gyllyngton~ Shirrefe John  
 <ill><1 word></ill>  
 Thomas Doncastr~ Thomas More Thomas Snawdon~ Robert yarom~ Th Dauy Thomas Aton~  
 Thomas  
 kyrkham William Bedale William Gaytesheued John Gascoigne William Caruen~ Richard  
 louthe<?> of þe xxiiij  
 þe last day of juyll in þe yer~ of þe kyng~ beforsayde bathe of fals Osmundes makyn~ and <ill><1  
 word></ill>  
 of castyng~ of fals Tyn@ menged with lede and power~ and sellyng~ of yt deceyuabely for gude  
 Tyn~  
 to Girdelers and to Bellemakers and other persons and to þis poyntes John lylyng~ sayd þat he  
 b<ill><rest of word, ?bade></ill>  
 John Holgate mersshall make hym Ploghstrakes of drosse and landyren~ þat he sent hym and na  
 osmundes  
 And þat John Holgate beyng~ thare *present* befor þe sayd Mair~ and counsell in *presence* of John  
 lylyng~  
 swor~ apon~ a buke and sayd þat John lylyng~ bad hym þat he suld make hym Osmundes of þe  
 drosse  
 and landyren~ þat he sent hym and na plughstrakes and delyuered hym a Osmund to make <ill><rest  
 of line></ill>  
 And the same John Holgate sayd þat þe same day he was arested John lylyng~ come <ill><rest of  
 line></ill>  
 prompted hym and bad hym say þat he cutt hym bot a hundreth of landyren~ þat he <ill><rest of  
 line></ill>  
 bot yf he sayd so he myght na langer~ abyde in þe sayd citee And þat this was trew þe sayd John<?>  
 Holgate *proferd* to *proue* yt wyth hys handes apon~ John lylyng~ yf he wald agaynsay this

## <Tranche 2>

<fol. 266v>Chambr~ and þar~ att þat tyme come Maistr~ John Selow Chanon~ residenciar~ of þe  
 <ill><rest of line></ill>

Maistr~ John Carleton~ Th~ Haselay Clerk of þe crown~ and Robert Manfeld Marsshall in york<?>  
 hostell and þar~ made grete instance and prayers to þe mair~ and gude men~ to doo <ill><rest of  
 line></ill>

fauour to þe sayd John Lylllyng~ at þe reuerence of our~ souerane lady þe quene and of þe Ar<?>  
 chibisschopp of york wham þe quene had spoken to first and sythen writenn vnto for þe  
 same mater~ and als at þe reuerence of þe lord Beaumont whilk had writen~ to maister Jo<?>

Selowe to pray in his name for ease of þe sayd John lylllyng And þar~ þe maire  
 gude+men~ abouen-sayd gaf : þam to answer~ þat þis mater~ touched all þe gude men of þe  
 consell of ye Chambre and þe comialte of þis Cite and many of þe consell of þe chambr~<?>

þat tyme war~ absent with-oute wham þai myght gif þam nane answer~ at þt tyme  
 and þar~for~ þai wald gedir~ to-gedir~ mare fully þe counsell of þe citee and gif þam a<?>  
 answer~ and þat þai suld send vpon~ monday next folowyng certen~ gude men of þe<?> chambr<?>  
 to Cawod to commonn with þe Archibisshop for þis mater~ and be his consell and þe <ill><rest of  
 line></ill>

of þe Citee þai suld so doo þat our~ souerayn~ lady þe quene and þe Archibisshop and <ill><rest of  
 line></ill>

Beaumont and <ill><c. 2 words></ill> suld wele vnderstand and for þt þair~ praiers suld <ill><1  
 word></ill> John lylllyng<?>

to auail

<ill><20 lines></ill>

or in dede he wilfully and openly confessed þat he was gylty and coulpabyll of all þe trespasse  
 abouen-sayd þat he was impeched of befor~ and for~ þas trespasse he besoght þe <ill><rest of  
 line></ill>

þe gude men of ease of his payment<sup>3</sup> And þar~ þan he was asked yf he couth<?> <ill><rest of  
 line></ill>

say or compleyne þat þe mayr~ and þe counsell of <sup>[þe chambr~]</sup> had done hym any wrong~ in  
 þis<ill><rest of line></ill>

and he sayd nay nor þat he couth noght nor wald noght say þat þe mair~ and þe consell of  
 þe chambr~ had done hym any maner~ of wrang~ in þis maner~ bot þt he is wele <ill><1  
 word></ill> of

all þat þai had done and so þe sayd John lylllyng~ was voided And þan Thomas haseley and  
 Robert Manfeld made grete prayers for~ lessenyng of þe sumes of þe payment<sup>3</sup> of þe sayd John  
 lylllyng And her~ apon~ avyce takenn þt was gifen þam for~ answer~ at þat tyme <ill><rest of  
 line></ill>

Mair~ and þe gude men~ sulde send certeyn~ menn of þe chambr~ to þe Archibisshop <ill><rest of

line></ill>

onn monday þan nexte commyng~ to commonn with hym in þis mater~ and take his consell

<ill><rest of line></ill>

þar~in And after~ þat þai suld so doo þat þe perties þat melled for John lylyng~ suld hald <ill><1 word></ill>

<fol. 267r><ill><beginning of line></ill> And her~ apon~ þai chesed Richard Russell Thomas Bracebryg Aldermenn Gui Ronclyff

<ill><beginning of line></ill> Will Crauenn Thomas Atonn to wend to Cawod for~ þat cause to commone w<sup>t</sup> þe Archi

<ill><beginning of line></ill>op on monday þan next folowyng~ and in þe mene-tyme þe mair~ and þe gude men

<ill><beginning of line></ill> enfourmed þat .<sup>[bat]</sup> monday þe Archibisshop myght nought be at Cawod for~ other~ occupacions

<h?>e had to doo vtteward and þerfor he assigned þam þe wednesday next after to be befor~ .<sup>[hym]</sup> at <ill><beginning of line></ill> wod At þe whylk wednesday Richard Russell and oþer persones next befor~ neuend þay war~

<ill><beginning of line></ill> C<?>awd for~ þis mater~ and .<sup>[pai]</sup> war~ þar~ honorabely receyued be þe Archibisshop and commond wyth him

þe maters abouen~sayd Apon whylk commonyng~ when þai come hame was done afterwarde

<ill><beginning of line></ill> her~ fast folowys

<ill><beginning of line></ill> xxj day of August þe yer~ of þe kyng~ befor~--sayd fifte John Aldestanemor~ Mair~ Richard

<Ru?>ssell William Rowes John of Moreton~ Henr~ Preston Thomas Esyngevald Th~ Bracebryg~

<ill><beginning of line></ill> Bukcy John of Bolton aldermen Guy Ronclyf Recordour John Brounflete William

<G?>illyngton shirrefs John Hewyk Thomas Mor~ John Waghen Robert yar John Gascoigne William Crauen Thomas Aton Thomas kyrkeham William Bedale William Gaytesheued John Warde of þe xxiiij war~ assembled her~ in þe chambr~ of counsell whar~ þe sayd

Richard Russell Thomas Bracebryg Guy Ronclif William Crauen and Thomas Aton declared

<ill><start of word></ill>ar~ commyng to Cawod and þe fourme of þar~ commyng þar~ wyth .<sup>[to]</sup> þe Archebisshop and of þar~

departyng fra hym And apon þis declaracion~ made þe consell of þe<?> chambr~ tuke þar~ auyse what þam semed and lykyd best to do in þis mater~ And þar~ þe mair~ and þe consell tenderly considred þe letres and prayers of our~ soueran lady þe quene whilk sho had sent to þe Arche-bisshop

for~ John lylyng~ and þe bysy prayers<?> of þe archebisshop and als of haseley and of Robert Manfeld þai assented þat ane obliga<cion?> of <ill><2 words></ill> John lylyng and of John Gascon~ of xl marc~

whylike suld hafe ben payed at þe fest<?> of seint hillare next comyng and Also an~ obligacyon~



of a statute merchant of fyfe <ill><c. 3 words></ill> þe whilk þe forsayd John lyllýng was bunden~  
 to Richard Russull William <ill><c. 3 words></ill> to be payed at þe fest of Michelmes þan next  
 folouyng~ and a defesance <ill><c. 5 words></ill> John lyllýng fra þan~ furth suld be  
 of gude gouernaunce and trew<?> <ill><c. 2 words></ill> hys bying and his sellyng wyth-outen any  
 gylery  
 fraude or+deceyt als falle3 <ill><c. 2 words></ill> merchaunt to doo a<sup>[n]</sup>d by and sell after treu  
 course of mer  
 chantdyse suld be delyuerd to haseley and Robert Manfelde and so John lyllýng be quyt of þam  
 And her~ apon euen <ill><c. 3 words></ill> ij obligacions an. <sup>[d]</sup> þe defesance was taken and  
 delyuerd  
 to haseley and Robert Manfeld and cancelled and þai thanked þe Mayr~ and all þe gude+men  
 hertly for þ<sup>t</sup> pay had done <ill><1 word></ill> of þe quenes prayers & þe Archibisshop and þairs  
 and <ill><1 word></ill> sothely þat þai suld make relacion~ to þe quene and þai suld wele see and  
 knawe þat þe quene suld <ill><1 word></ill> þe quene sulde thanke þam~ þerfor~ in tyme comyng  
 And  
 her~ apon John of bolton alderman <ill><1 word></ill> his firste commyng fra þe parlement  
 delyuered a letre fra  
 þe quene to þe mair~ in þe whilk letre sho thanked þe Mair~ and all þe gude men of þis  
 Citee of ease and fauour þai <ill><2 words></ill> at þe reuerence of hir~ pr<sup>[a]</sup>yer to John lyllýng~  
 Merc~<?> of  
 york<blank line following>  
 Vnto his Wirshipfull Mayr~ and þe Aldermen~ and all þe wirshipfull counsell of þe cite of  
 york shewes if it lyke vn-to your~ wirshipfull and wyse discrecion~ your~ concite3in John lyllýng~  
 þat it was neuer my wyll for+to affend ne for+to attempte any thyng þat lange3 to þis wirshipfull  
 Cite and wirshipfull sires what at has bene done or sayd touchyng my person~ it is noght  
 vn <ill><1 word></ill> vnto you bot j put na defaute in nane þat langes to þis wirshipfull Citee ne  
 noght wyll bot neuer-þeles þe charge is to me full heuy and greuous for+to ber~ þat is put  
 vnto me after þe grete losses þat j haue had and sustened be diuerses ways als it is wole  
 knawen~ to diuerses gude men~ of þis Cite wha~for j pray you and besekes you for þe grete  
 merce of god þat yhe will deme þis matier~<?> after gude conscience and as yhe trow  
 þat god wyll þerof be most plesed for j am hee þat wyll noght offend your~ wyll  
 <fol. 267v>ne your~ ordinance nor na nother~ suyte make be fully for+to be demed be you in hegh  
 and <ill><rest of line></ill>  
 besekyng you alway wyth al my hert to be gude maisters and frendes to me and gif<?> <ill><rest of  
 line></ill>  
 your~ gude worde and to graunt me your~ gude hertes for~ þe werke of þe <ill><rest of line></ill>  
 Jn þe witnes of þe whilk thyng to þis byll J haue put to my seal writen <ill><rest of line></ill>  
 day of Januar~ Jn þe yer~ of þe reigne of kyng~ henr~ sext After þe conquest of  
 Ingland sext