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<Text: Letters>

<fol. 142r>of *your* good continuance / And for als mekill as the ho
 norable lorde the lord of hayle3 nowe late has wre
 tyn to me and alswa Cornell the *seruant* of Coldyn
 gham has reporte to me at the said lord and yhe de
 sires to have preferred befor al+menn to the priore of
 Coldingham Daun Johnn Barlay for if ony othere
 suld come therto bod the said Barlay yhe thynke
 he suld nott opteyn@ . In the whilke mater J have
 commytt credence wretyn~ to my brothere Daun John
 Ell to shewe the said honorable lorde of hayle3
 and yowe to the whilke credence J pray yowe
 to giff audience and so at this tyme~ to shewe *your*
 good fauour as J and oure hous of Doresme tr.^[a]liste3
 in yowe And may be+haldyn@ to do for yow and
 yours in tyme~ commynge . And god almyghty have
 yowe in his kepyng / wretyn~ at Doresme the
 xij day of Auguste

Right honorable lord J commend me to yowr~ lordshipp
 thankand yowe of the goode grace and tendirnesse
 yhe have shewid till oure place of Coldingham pray
 and yowe att the reuerence of Saynt Cuthbertt of
 your~ graciouse continuance And lik hitt yowe to
 wete thatt J . have receyuyd *your* honorable Ire@
 in the whilke J conseyye thatt *your* lordshipp is
 enfourmed thatt no monke of Duresme can~ easely
 be accept to the priore of Coldyngham bot Daun John
 Barley in the whilke matere J have commytt cre
 dence wretyn@ to my brethere Daun John Ell

<fol. 142v>to shewe to your~ honorable lordshipp and prays yow

of graciouse audience and fauour in thatt at he sall
 shewe to yowe att the reuerence of Seynt Cuth
 bert as J and the house of Doresme and oure
 frende3 may be halden~ to yowe in tyme commyng
 And god almyghty have yowe in his kepyng wre
 tyn~ at Doresme the xij. day of August .
 This is the credence commytt be the *Priour* of Doresme
 to Dan~ John~ Ell Monk till shewe to the honorable
 lord the lord of hayle3 and to the wirshipfull *sir* . *sir*
 Davy Home knyght
 First that Seynt Cuthbert and the *priour* and the co
 uent of doresme hase been~ possessed . CCC / yheer~
 and mare of the house of Coldyngham wyth fre
 pouste there to putt the *priour* and Monke3 of Do
 resme efter thayre awen~ distrecion~ wythoutyn@
 restrenyng or artacion~ till ony speciall *persoun*
 Jtm~ for grett inconemente3 thatt afortym~ fell in
 Seynt Benett ordour be *promocion~* of *priour3* and offi
 cers att the request of secular men . the pape
 Gregory . ix . made a *constitucion~* thatt na Monke of
 Seynt Benett ordour be *mediacion~* of Seculer *perso*
ne3 suld be promote to priore dignite or office of
 payn~ of cursyng and inhabilitate the whilke con
 stitucion~ at all tyme3 hase been kepytt in the
 house of Doresme / sa ferfurth when@ the Nobill
 prynce Robertt kyng of Scotland graunsyre to the
 kyng att nowe is wrate to the *priour* and couent
 <fol. 143r>of Doresme to preferr to the Priore of Coldyngham And
 named Darn John lomley Monke of Doresme whann the
 kyng ne his wrytyng called his cosyn~ And alsa when@
 honorable lord George the Erle of March att last deid
 wrate to the said *Priour* and couent to preferr~ to the
 said priore of Coldyngham and willam Trolhop Monke
 of Doresme wham~ he called his cosyn~ . the *priour* and
 Couent att thatt tyme~ awnswerd the said kyng and
 Erle if thay suld admytt thayr~ request hitt suld
 turn~ thaym~ in *preiudice* of the fredom~ afore reher
 sid and contrary to dyuerse lawe3 *pertenand* to thayr~
 ordour of the whilke awnsver~ bath the said kyng

and Erle held thaym~ content and admytted fauo
 rably Maystre John@ Arley Monke of Doresme@
 Jtm~ like request hase been@ made in the reavme
 of Jngland and like awnswers gevyn@ where
 thay haffe . viij. Celle3 . sa that this . l . yheere
 in the whilke the Priour hase been in thatt religion
 was neuer~ Monke of Doresme promote to priore
 or office be request of seculer~ men~ bot be free
 disposicion~ of the priour and Couent of Doresme .
 and sa he and his brether~ desyre3 and prays
 hitt may be nowe .

Jtm~ if seynt Cuthbert and the house of Doresme
 suld be spoylid of thayre possessionn continued sa mo
 ny yhere3 hitt is likly to turn~ bath the reawme3
 and dyuerse place3 of bath the marches to diseese .
 for in thatt case the whilke gode sheld suld fall
 the priour of Doresme muste of nede sewe to the
 <fol. 143v>kyng and lorde3 of Jngland and alsa to the [kyng and]
 lorde3 of Scot

land for remedy to be hadd and he suppose3 att that suld
 be fvn@ brekyng of treve3 in the whilke is contened
 thatt nane of the liege3 of the reawme3 be spoyled
 of thayre lande3 place3 and goode3

Jtm~ the priour prays Sir Davy home to remembr~ howe
 thatt he is brothere of the Chapeter of Doresme for
 the whilke thay triste he will be mare fauorable
 in savyng of thayre right

Jtm~ thatt hitt like hym~ to remembr~ howe afortyme grete
 instance hase been~ made to the priour to remove hym
 of his office of Coldyngham and ther to have sett sir
 Alexander home . and therto the Priour wald nott assent
 nor in will was is . nor sall be hym~ to change wyth
 outen~ gretter~ cause then~ he trowe3 to fynnde .

Jtm~ wheer~ hitt is report to sir Davy home att the
 priour of Doresme is infourmed att the said Davy wyth
 his repayr~ suld ouerlay the house of Coldyngham till
 grett hyndryng therof . the priour says he had neuer~
 slike informacion~ and prays hym~ nott to triste all
 langage3 nor reporte3 wyth ovt bettr~ probaconn . And

nowe to / shewe his sadd wysdome~ and fauour as
 he hase shewid afortym~ bath for the goode of bath
 the reavme³ and ease of all parties . And if he sa
 do the *priour* will see thatt whatt monke of Doresme
 occupie³ the *priory* of Coldyngham he sall reward
 hym~ sufficiantly wyth fauour in othere maters
 att may be shewid apon~ resoun .

<fol. 144r>Honorable *sir* and brother~ J comend me to yowe lettand
 yowe thatt J have receyuyd your~ lettre be the whilke
 J vndirstand thatt if yhe suld labour our entent as tou
 chand the *priory* of Coldyngham yhe desyre first to have
 graunt to yow thre thynges³ . oon~ is to haff your~ office
 for the terme of *your* liefve vndr~ our~ common@ seall . The
 secund is to haff *your* fee encresid . The thrid is to have
 graunt of Eschaunge of certaynn launde in the Barony
 of Coldyngham . As for the firste att dyuerse tyme³
 J have sennd yowe somtym~ wrytin somtym~ be mouth
 thatt neuere whe fynnd wretyn~ thatt ony man~ thatt
 occupied the office as yhe doo / hadd hitt for terme of
 liefve ne be the common seall bod the Erle of Douglas
 and att his request whatt tyme~ he relessid his gret
 fee of . C . marc~ Alexander *your* brothere . And if yhe
 suld have hitt in thatt wiesse hitt wald be exsamplill
 till all other thatt come eftre yowe till have the same
 wiesse . For whilke my mocion~ as hitt was report to
 me / yhe wald ^[hald] yow contennt for till have hitt for nota
 bill tyme of yhere³ whilke whare likly to endure
 as lang as *your* liefve the whilke J . can~ wele agree
 so att J . fynde thatt yhe do *your* diligence att this tyme
 like as J wrate to yow late and traiste yhe will do
 And this graunt to be endentid betwix vs and yowe
 thatt yhe sall supporte desemid and maynteyn~ the
 fredom~ and the righte³ of the kirke and the place of
 Coldyngham . both lande³ goode³ / *seruant*³ / to be ordand
 and disponed att ye *priours* will of Coldyngham be
 yng for tymme to the *profett* of the kirkes and place³
 <fol. 144v>both of durham and of Coldyngham . As for the secunde to
 encrese *your* fee . J . cann wele agree . As for the thrid the
 eschaunge to be made . J cann noght yhitt say yha ne nay

wythoutyn~ playnare informacionn thatt hitt warr~ not
 like to turne in hurtt till vs and our~ house of Coldyn
 gham . Wharfor J . pray and conselle3 yowe sa for to
 shewe yow a trewe brothere and our~ frennde att this
 tyme~ thatt all whe be mare willy to fulfill your~
 entente in *your* desyre abouen~ rehersid and in other~
 thynges thatt may fall in tyme~ *commynge* . And the
 haly trinite haff yow in his kepyng wretyn~ att
 Durham the . xx . day of Auguste . <lat><16 lines></lat>
 <fol. 146r><line 16>Right honorabill and wirshipfull lord J . *commend* me to your~
 lordshipp thankand yowe of the good grace . tendirneese . eese
 supportacionn and hertly affecciomn . whilke yhe haff doon~ and
 doose dayly till all my brether~ and our~ Celle of Coldingham
 besekyng yow *euer*moore of *your* graciouse continuance . And
 as touchand the Bailyery of Coldingham . for the whilk *your*
 lordshipp now late wrate to me fore . likhitt *your* said lord
 shipp to undirstand thatt diuerse of my brethere thatt has duel
 lid att Coldingham . has lattyn@ me weete thatt *sir* Davy
 home@ has hadd grett labour and diseese and oftyme3 has
 been@ in grett parell and doute of his life forthe forthe
 raunce and the righte3 of our~ Celle of Coldingham for the .
 <fol. 146v>whilke . gentilnesse and kyndnesse will thatt j and my brether~
 be more fauorabill till hym~ . and tharfor whe haff graunt hym~
 the office of the said Bailyery for certeyn~ yhere3 vndir cer
 teyn~ condicone3 And as *your* lordship wele knawe3 *sir* Alex~ home
 is mykill better endovid and gretter~ of lyueloode than is *sir* .
 Davy And the office of the Bailyery of Coldingham is a+grett
 help to the said *sir* Davy . and tharfor to take hitt fro hym~ hitt
 warr~ to hym~ grett hinderauce . Neuer the lesse if hitt like
 to *your* said lordshipp as to yowe the whilke is most worthy
 of thayre kyn~ to trete between thaim~ . thatt if *sir* Davy will
 wyth full hertt and will discharge hym~ selfe . and dely
 uere to me or to the *priour* of Coldingham the *common*~ seall
 and also my seall the whilke he has of the graunt of the
 said Bailyery J can@ wele agree for *your* sake and *your* request
 to graunt the said office of the Bailyery to *sir* Alex~ home
 for certeyn~ yhere3 like as hitt has been graunted afortym~
 And gode and his blessid modre and oure haly patron Seynt
 Cuthbert *euer*moore haff yowe in thaire haly kepyng wri

ten att Durham the xiiij . day of Octobr~
 Wirshipfull *sir* J commend me to yowe thankyng yow of your~ goode
 supportacion~ shewid to oure Celle of Coldingham besekand
 you of your~ good continuance And likhitt yow to weete
 thatt J . haff receyuid your~ lettre3 sennd to me be my brother~ .
 John~ Penchere . And as touchand the office of the Bailye
 ry of Coldingham . J . am right sary thatt ony heuynesse or
 debate suld be betwen yowe and your~ cosyn~ *sir* Davy for
 hitt . for in goode faith and J . warre nerhande yowe . J .
 wald labour~ wyth all myn~ herтт both wyth my goode
 and my body to make goode vnite and pece between yowe
 <fol. 147r>And yhe will att the reuerence of gode considir howe thatt gode
 has endovid yowe wyth gretter~ lyuelade thanн is *sir* Davy .
 and if the fee of the Bailyery the whilke is a grett help
 to his liveloode be+takyn~ fro hym~ hitt ware to hym~ grett
 loose and hynderaunce and to yowe litill encresse . Neuer~
 the lesse as J . haff wrytyn~ to the lorde of hayle3 who wrate
 to me for yowe for the office of the Bailyery a-forsaid .
 if the said *sir* Davy will of his awen@ fre will surrendour
 his patente3 of the said office of the Bailyery of Coldin
 gham and delyuere thaym~ to me or to the *priour* of Col
 dyngham J . canн wele agree me to graunte yowe the
 said office for certeyn~ yhere3 apon~ certeyn~ condicon3@
 And god haff yowe in his graciouse kepyng writyn~
 att Durham the xiiij day of Octobr~
 Wirshipfull *sir* J . commend me to yowe thankand yowe
 hertly of *your* good supportacionн and labour~ shewid till
 my brether~ and oure Celle of Coldingham prayand
 yowe of your~ good contynuance . And as touchande
 the office of the Bailyery of Coldingham . likhitt yow to vn
 dirstande thatt the lorde of hale3 has wrytyn~ to me fore
 Alex~ home for the office of the said Bailyery . and also
 the said *sir* Alex~ has writen~ to me rehersyng a certeyn~
 condicionн made betwix yowe and hym~ as touchand the
 said office . in whilke matere J haff wryten~ both to the
 said lorde of hale3 . and to *sir* Alex~ onн this manere thatt
 iff yhe will discharge your~ selfe onн *your* awen~ fre
 will and surrendoure your~ patent3 of your~ office to
 me or to the *priour* of Coldingham . J . can wele agre to graunt

to *sir* Alex~ the office of the Bailiery of Coldingham for
 certeyn~ yhere3 noght gaynstandyng J consell yowe
 <fol. 147v>be wele a-wisid or yhe delyuere thaym~ fro yowe for hitt is
 noght ne has been~ myn~ entent to discharge yowe of your~
 office wyth-outyn~ othere couse than~ yhe haff gevyn~ or will
 giffe as J . suppoose . and thar-for putt no blame to me in
 tym~ commyng for yhe shall haff no cause . And god almygh
 ty haff yowe in his kepyng writen~ att durham the xiiij day of Octobr~ <lat><21 lines></lat>
 <fol. 148r><line 28> Right honorabill and wirshipfull lord J . commend me to yow
 thankand yow of your~ graciouse supportacion doonn to oure
 Celle of Coldingham and to my brother~ John@ Ell newly
 presennt to the said Celle besekand yowe of *your* gode con
 <fol. 148v>tinuance . And lik itt yow to remembr~ how att *your* request
 J graunt the office of the Bailiery of Coldingham to *sir* Alex~
 home for certeyn~ yhere3 . if so be *sir* Davy wald surrendour
 his *letre*3 of the said office to me or to the *priour* of Coldyn
 gham . And now late the the said *sir* Alex~ present *your* ho
 norabill *letre*3 to me as touchand the same matere . And
 as J wratt to *your* lordshipp befor so wrytt J yhitt . thatt
 J and my brether att *your* especiall request will graunt
 to the said *sir* Alex~ the office of the said Bailiery for lx .
 yheere . so thatt *sir* Davy will surrendour his *lettre*3 as
 J wrate to yow afore . And gode and our~ lady haff yowe
 euermoor in thayre graciouse kepyng . wretenn att Dur
 ham the xxiiij . day of Nouembr~
 Right honorabill an wirshipfull lorde . J . comend me to *your*
 lordshipp thankand yow of the goode grace / tendirnesse
 and supportacion~ whilke yhe haff doonn and dayly doose
 to oure Celle of Coldingham besekyng yow euermoor~ of
your graciouse continuance . And as touchand the office
 of the Bailiery of Coldingham to the whilke yhe de
 syre to be promote *sir* Alex~ home *your* welbelouyd co
 syn~ . lik itt *your* said lordshipp to vndirstande thatt before
 Michaelmesse last past *sir* Davy home~ was att Durham
 to wham J . and my brethere graunte the office of the
 Bailiery of Coldingham for . xl . yheere vndir certeyn~
 condiconn3~ . whe thatt tyme~ noght knawand na conande
 ne parte made betwix *sir* Alex~ and *sir* Davy . Neuerthe
 lesse if the said *sir* Davy home will discharge hym selfe



and surrendour his *letre* to me or to the *priour* of Coldin
gham J . can~ wele agree me for *your* sake and att *your*
<fol. 149r>requeste to graunt the said office of the Bailyery to *sir* Alex~
home for lx . yheere apon~ certeyn~ condicorn³ . And gode
and his blessid modre and oure haly patron Seynt Cuthbert
euermoore haff yowe in thayre haly kepyng^e writenn att
Durham the xxiiij . day of Nouembr~ .
<lat><22 lines></lat>