

LIST OF THE TENANTS AND FREEHOLDERS OF THE HONOR OF CLITHEROE AD 1443

(Duchy of Lancaster, *Inquisitiones post mortem*, vol I No 51)

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Henry the V, sometime before the end of his reign – for what purpose I have not been able to ascertain, - granted, *inter alia*, his lands in the county of Lancaster, parcel of the Duchy of Lancaster, to Henry, Archbishop of Canterbury, and others, to be Feoffees in trust and to receive the rents and revenues arising from the said lands.

By authority of Parliament, in the Session 20 Henry VI, the said Feoffees re-granted the said lands to the King, whereupon the following Writ was issued to the Stewards, Receivers, and Feodaries of the said lands, dated at Westminster 25 May, 21 Henry VI, 1443, commanding them to take possession of the said lands on the King's behalf and accept the attornment¹ of his tenants there. In this document we have a complete list of the tenants and freeholders of the Honor of Clitheroe before the end of the first half of the fifteenth century:-

“HENRY, by the grace of God Kyng of Engelande and France and Lord of Irland, To our Right trusty and wellbeloued Cosyn Richard, Erl of Sarum [Salisbury], Stuard of oure Duchye of Lancastre, in the Countie of Lancastre, and Robert [Thomas] Urswyk, Receivo^r or y^e Lordshippis of y^e sane Duchie in the said Countie, wiche was now late in feffees handis, these, or ells to yew deputies in yew absence, gretyng. ffor asmoche as we by auctorite of our last parlam^t holde at Westm['], as wele as by agreem^t and assent of certeyn feoffes made by our lord and fadre y^e Kyng, whom God assoile, in certen Lordshipps and lands, with y'appourtenances of y^e said Duchie, haue resumed and take in to oure owne handis all y^e said lordshipps and lands, with y'appourtenances, to haue unto us and oure heirs as pleynely, holy, and in y^e same man' and fourme of enheritance and estate as our said fadre had and helde yem whan yey were in his owne handis byfore y^e time of y^e saide ferffament, and after y^e fourme of an act made in yat behalf ate said parlem^t. Wherefore we wol and charge you yat y^e in alle haste entre and take possession in oure name of and in th elordshipp and landis, with y'appourtennces, yat were in y^e said feoffes handis in y^e said Shire; and receyue atto^rnemt of tenntes, al oyer thyng y^e do for us and in oure name that for oure said possession, in man'e aforesaid shal be necc'ie, or behoueful in yat behalf, sendyng agein unto oure said Conseil theas same lires, with full answeere wreten of yo^r bihauyoure in this pyte, atte Outas² of Saint John Baptiste next comyng [July 1]. We wo also and charge you Receyou^r for to make leue of y^e duytees of y^e said lordshipps and landis, with y'appotennces, so yat ye do bringe y'of unto oure

¹ Attornments is the acknowledgement of a new lord made by a tenant upon a sale, feoffment, or a re-grant of lands. By feoffment of a Manor, the services of the tenants do not pass without Attornment. – *Jacob's Law Directory*.

² Octave, the eighth day following a term or feast.

Receyou^r gen'al of our said Duchie, by mydsomer next coming ate ferthest, a
couenable and reasonable some, withoute faylyng herof in any wise.
Yeven under our seal of oure Duchie above said, at oure Paloys of Westm[inster],
ye^e xxv day of May, the yer' of our Regne xxj [1443].

ROSSYNGDALE

James de Radclif of Radclif

Richard de Barton

James Banastre

Edmund (*Edus*) de Wadyngton

Ralph de Cowhope

Richard Mersden

Gilbert Risshton

Hugh Riley

Ralph Riley

James Banastre

Nicholas Brounlawe

James Ryley

John del Holt

James Haworth

Richard Haworth

Laurence Haworth

Adam Lorde

Roger Pillyng

Richard Bretwysell

James Stansfield

John Hargreves

Richard Tatersall

Henry Wordell

Robert del Bothe, *miles*.

William Haworth