

Court of Common Pleas, CP 40/751, rot. 553

Term: Michaelmas 1448

County: London

Writ type: Debt (bond)

Damages claimed: £20

Case type: Bond

Pleading: The abbot of Swineshead amerced for many defaults. William Badyngton of Boston and John Hamond, former servant of Joan, formerly the wife of Richard Hille, state that John Algarkyrk, former abbot of Swineshead, predecessor of the present abbot, and the convent of that house, by a document dated in the chapter house at Swineshead on 10 January 1441, and later acknowledged on 20 January 1441 in London, was bound to WB and JH, together with Joan Hille, in £14 10s, payable at All Saints 1442. However, the former abbot did not pay this sum during his lifetime, and nor has the present abbot, his successor, to their damage of £20. They show the bond dated 10 January 1441 in court.

Pleading: The abbot of Swineshead granted licence to imparl to quindene of Hilary, with assent of plaintiffs.

Pleading: [continued at Easter 1451, rot 338d] The Abbot states that he ought not be bound to this debt, as the former abbot and convent made a bond in this sum to WB, John Hamond and Joan Hille, sealed it and delivered it with a schedule to John Scryvener at Swineshead, under the condition that WB, JH and JH undertake to bring two new and good-sounding bells and another two bells to the monastery at Swineshead and hang them in the bell tower there within one year of the bond, at their own expense. However, JS delivered the bond without this condition being endorsed, and therefore this bond was not made of the former abbot and convent. Parties on country, jury here at octave of Trinity.

Postea text: 5 further licences to imparl, to quindene of Easter 1450.

Postea text: [on CP 40/757, rot 338d] 16 posteas, sheriff did not send writ, to octave of St John the Baptist 1454.

Case notes: Continued on CP 40/757, rot 338d