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Historia et Cartularium Monasterii Sancti Petri Gloucestriae

The abbey of St Peter, which later became Gloucester Cathedral, had its origins in the seventh century and was re-established in the eleventh. It benefited considerably from Norman patronage, growing in importance, size and wealth. Henry III was crowned there in 1216, and it is where Edward II was buried. It subsequently became a place of pilgrimage, and received several benefactions from Edward III. Volume 2 of the abbey's records, edited by W.H. Hart and published in 1865, contains charters 424–908. They are arranged by location, rather than date, and are a valuable source of information on manorial landholding in the West Country in the twelfth and thirteenth centuries. It is clear that St Peter's had become an extremely wealthy establishment by this time.



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To render the work more generally useful, the Master of the Rolls suggested that the editor should give an account of the MSS. employed by him, of their age and their peculiarities; that he should add to the work a brief account of the life and times of the author, and any remarks necessary to explain the chronology; but no other note or comment was to be allowed, except what might be necessary to establish the correctness of the text.

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CORRIGENDA.

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Page 6, line 9, for pastura read pasturis.
  ,, 12, line 23, dele period after comprobatum, and carry the sentence on.
     18, line 14, for dictarum read dictarum [terrarum].
     38, line 10 of left-hand column, and line 1 of right-hand column, for
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            Sarum read Saresbiriensi.
      41, line 29, for deinceps read deinceps [eos].
      41, line 39, for appropriantes read appropriationes. The MS. has
            appropriantes.
      44, line 22, and last line, for tum read tantum.
      54, last line, for fatigetur read fatigentur.
     58, lines 1 and 30, for occasione read occasione [prædicta].
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     61, line 21, pertinebunt. So in MS. Query pertinebant.
      61, line 27, for incrementum read [ad] incrementum.
      65, line 16, Query some omission after scilicet.
      70, line 10, for Argentem read Argentein.
      75, line 7, for concedunt read concedant.
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      85, line 9, for habeat read habeant.
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      86, line 27, for Gloucestriæ read Gloucestriæ [ex parte una].
      87, No. DLXVIII., for Ysonda read Ysouda throughout.
      88, line 10, for neque read usque.
      94, line 15, for priores read priorem.
      96, line 1, for privilegii read privilegiis.
     96, line 27, præfatis. Query error for debitis.
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     106, line 13, dele apostrophe after autem.
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      111, line 25, for pronitissimum read promptissimum.
      118, line 15, for vulli read nulli, and for haur read hain.
      118, line 21, for boyre read boyvre.
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      119, line 30, for est read est [capiendam].
      120, line 2, for confectum read confectum [pertinere].
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      125, line 12, for capella read capellis. There is an apparent incom-
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            pleteness at the end of the charter.
      130, note 2, for DXLVI. read DCXLVI.
     135, line 31, for exigatur read [aliquid exigatur].
     138, line 18, for respondierint read responderint.
     146, line 11, for debent read debet.
     158, line 9, for idem read iidem.
      159, line 28, for terra read ecclesia.
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CORRIGENDA.

Page 161, line 2, for Englefende read Englefeude.

- " 164, line 5, for et de read et [ecclesiam] de.
 - " 172, line 21, for omni read [cum] omni.
 - " 194, line 29, for communicandam read communicandum.
 - " 195, line 35, for Galfridis read Galfridi.
 - " 203, line 14, for aquilonali read [ex] aquilonali.
 - " 204, line 16, for obtineat read obtineant.
 - ,, 205, line 24, insert comma after vixerit.
 - " 205, line 31, for volumus read nolumus.
 - " 216, line 34, for Canz read Cauz.
 - " 218, line 5, for de read le.
 - " 224, line 33, et aliquis. Query si aliquis.
 - ,, 230, line 17, for illas read illis.
 - " 230, line 26, for illam read illis.
 - " 230, line 30, hospitali. Query hospitalis.
 - " 232, last line, for abbats read abbatis.
 - " 233, line 27, for terram read terra.
 - " 249, line 13, for alius read alios.
 - " 250, line 8, for pro read de.
 - " 251, line 9, for et fænum read et [habeant] fænum.
 - " 252, line 33, for habendum et tenendum read habendam et tenendam.