

Durham Priory Cellarer's Accounts

Introduction

Ca. 1300-1535, but only 1443 and 1443-4 contain relevant material; all copies of these are of three membranes each except 1443C, a draft on six sheets of paper. Relevant rolls are 2107-1563 mm. long and 150-342 mm. wide. At this period, Cellarer's Accounts are single-column, divided into continuous subsections according to subject matter; however, these rolls are untypical, since they date from the brief period (1438-45) during which the Cellarer and the Granator assumed parts of the normal responsibilities of the Bursar – see Introduction to the Bursar's Accounts. Most Cellarer's Accounts have expenses divided according to the provisions bought each month. The terminal dates in 1443 are from the start of the numerical year (25th March) to Michaelmas, and in 1433-4 they are Michaelmas. The Cellarer's main responsibility was to procure food.¹

Texts

1443 (25th March – 29th September)

Durham Priory Cellarer's Account DUL
fol.6d

Dona & Xennia: *Item episcopo puerili* xx d. . . .

1443-4 (29th September – 29th September)

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Dona & Xen: *In primis Episcopo puerili* xx d. . . .
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Textual Notes

- 1443: From C (draft on paper); A and B (fair copies on parchment) are substantially identical.
- 1443-4: From B, a copy without amplified balance, possibly a final draft; A (fair copy) is substantially identical.

(No End Notes)

¹ See Fowler, *Surtees Soc.* 103, Introduction xxxiii-xxxv; Dobson, *Durham Priory* 262-63; *The Rites of Durham*, *Surtees Soc.* 107, 99.