

Durham Priory Hostillar's Accounts

Introduction

1302-1529, but only 1348-1481 contain relevant material; one or two membranes, total length of complete rolls 254-1503 mm., width 182-315 mm. Mostly single column, but *Dona et Exennia* are usually in double columns from 1404-5 until 1416-7 and again in 1423-4. Income and expenses are divided into subsections according to subject matter. At first there is a separate line for each item, but in the 1390's accounts tend to group more than one payment in a single line, and this tendency appears sporadically thereafter (see 1414-5 and 1418-9). From 1442-3 there is a tendency towards continuous subsection paragraphs, and after 1450 these become usual.

Early terminal dates are variable, but until 1378 Ascension Day is most usual; other are:

1348-9 – Monday after Ascension

1349-50 – Michaelmas

1350-1 – Michaelmas to Monday after Ascension

1351-2 – Monday after Ascension

1354-5 – two rolls, with a change of Hostillar during the Octave of Easter

1358 – Ascension Day to Pentecost

1358-9 – Pentecost to Monday after Ascension

1360-1 – Two rolls run from Monday after Ascension to Ascension Day, with a change of Hostillar at St. Cuthbert n September (4th September)

1367-71 – Monday after Ascension

1373-5 – unknown (see Textual Notes).

From 1378-1403 there is no fixed terminal date, though Monday after Ascension is common and there are clear indications of a two-term year. Other dates used are:

1379-80 – two rolls, with a change of Hostillar at Michaelmas

1381 – Monday after Ascension to Friday before Michaelmas (27th September)

1381-2 – Michaelmas

1382-4 – half-yearly accounts at Ascension and Michaelmas

1384-5 – Ascension Day

1387 – Monday after Ascension to Michaelmas

1387-8 – Michaelmas to Friday before St. Matthew (18th September)

1388-9 – Friday before St. Matthew

1389-90 – Friday before St. Matthew to Monday after Ascension

1391 – Monday after Ascension to Michaelmas

1391-3 – Michaelmas

1393-4 – Michaelmas to Monday after Ascension

1394-5 – Pentecost

1395-6 – two rolls run from Pentecost to Monday after Ascension with a change of Hostillar at Michaelmas

1397-8 – Pentecost to Monday after Ascension

1398-9 – Monday after Ascension to SS. Nereus and Achilleus (12th May)

1399-1400 – two rolls run from SS. Nereus and Achilleus to Pentecost, with a change of Hostillar at SS. Simon and Jude (28th October).

After 1403 the usual terminal date is Pentecost, with the following exceptions:

1405-15 – each year runs from Pentecost to Monday after Ascension, with a six-day gap before the beginning of the next account

- 1415-6 – Pentecost to Monday before Ascension
 1442-3 – two accounts, with a change of Hostillar at Martinmas (11th November)
 1448-50 – Ascension Day
 1450-1 – two accounts, with a change of Hostillar at Martinmas.

The chief responsibility of the Hostillar was for the welfare of guests.¹ Because he derived part of his income from his lordship of the manor of Elvethall, which was in the parish of St. Oswald's Elvet, he makes a number of contributions to the parish Boy Bishop known as the 'Bishop of Elvet'.

Texts

1348-9 (2 nd June – 25 th May)		
Durham Priory Hostillar's Account	DUL	
mb2		
Expense:		
Donorum &: . . .		
oblacionum	Et Episcopo Elemosinarie	xij.d.
1349-50 (29 th September – 29 th September)		
Durham Priory Hostillar's Account	DUL	
mb1		
Expense Donorum: . . .		
& oblacionum	Et Episcopo Elemosinarie	xij d.
	. . .	
1350-1 (29 th September – 30 th May)		
Durham Priory Hostillar's Account	DUL	
mb1		
Expense Donorum: . . .		
& oblacionum	Et Episcopo Elemosinarie	xij d.
	. . .	
1351-2 (30 th May – 21 st May)		
Durham Priory Hostillar's Account	DUL	
mb1		
Expense donorum: . . .		
& oblacionum	Et Episcopo Elemosinarie Dunelmi	xij.d
1353-4 (2 nd May – 22 nd May)		
Durham Priory Hostillar's Account	DUL	
mb2		
Expense donorum: . . .		
& oblacionum	Item Episcopo Elemosinarie	xij.d.
1354-5 (22 nd May – 11 th April)		
Durham Priory Hostillar's Account	DUL	
mb1		

¹ See Fowler, Surtees Soc. 103, Introduction xxxi-xxxiii.

<i>Expense donorum:</i>	...	
<i>& oblacionum</i>	<i>Item Episcopo Eleemosinarie</i>	xij d.
	...	
1355 (12 th April – 14 th May)		
Durham Priory Hostillar's Account	DUL	
...		
<i>Item Episcopo Eleemosinarie</i>		xij d.
1355-6 (14 th May – 2 nd June)		
Durham Priory Hostillar's Account	DUL	
mb2		
<i>Dona & oblaciones:</i>	...	
	<i>Item Iohanni Rotour in auxilium redempcionis sue</i>	iiij.s.iiij.d
	...	
	<i>Item Episcopo Eleemosinarie per tempus compoti</i>	ij.s.
	...	
1356-7 (2 nd June – 18 th May)		
Durham Priory Hostillar's Account	DUL	
mb2		
<i>Dona & oblaciones:</i>	...	
	<i>Item Episcopo Eleemosinarie per tempus compoti</i>	ij s.
	...	
1357-8 (18 th May – 10 th May)		
Durham Priory Hostillar's Account	DUL	
<i>Dona & oblaciones:</i>	...	
	<i>Episcopo Eleemosinarie per tempus compoti</i>	ij.s.
	...	
1358 (10 th May – 20 th May)		
Durham Priory Hostillar's Account	DUL	
<i>Expense:</i>	...	
	<i>Item Episcopo Eleemosinarie</i>	ij.s.
	...	
1360 (18 th May – 4 th September)		
Durham Priory Hostillar's Account	DUL	
<i>Dona &:</i>	...	
<i>oblaciones</i>	<i>Episcopo Eleemosinarie</i>	ij.s.
	...	
1361-2 (6 th May – ?26 th May)		
Durham Priory Hostillar's Account	DUL	
mb1		

Dona & oblaciones mb2	...		
	...		
	<i>Item Episcopo Elemosinarie</i>		ij s.
	...		
mb2d			
	<i>Item petro crudere ex curialitate</i>		xx.d.
	...		
	<i>Item vni viro ludenti in vno loyt & vxori eius cantanti apud bewrpayre</i>		ij.s.
	...		

1363-4 (11th May – 2nd May)
Durham Priory Hostillar's Account DUL

Dona:	...		
	<i>Item Episcopo Elemosinarie</i>		ij s.
	...		

1364-5 (2nd May – 22nd May)
Durham Priory Hostillar's Account DUL

mb2			
Dona:	...		
	<i>Item Episcopo elemosinarie</i>		ij s.
	...		

1365-6 (22nd May – 14th May)
Durham Priory Hostillar's Account DUL

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Dona & exhennia:	...		
	<i>Item episcopo Elemosinarie</i>		ij s.
	...		
	<i>Et in alio quartario ordeij dato Thome Rotour precepto prioris</i>		v.s.
	...		

1366-7 (14th May – 27th May)
Durham Priory Hostillar's Account DUL

Dona:	...		
	<i>Episcopo Elemosinarie</i>		ij s.
	...		

1367-8 (31st May – 27th May)
Durham Priory Hostillar's Account DUL

Dona:	...		
	<i>Item Episcopo Elemosinarie</i>		ijj s. iiij d.
	...		

1368-9 (22nd May – 14th May)

Durham Priory Hostillar's Account DUL

Dona & ex: . . .

hennia *Item Episcopo Elemosinarie*

iiij s. iiiij d.

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1369-70 (14th May – ?27th May)

Durham Priory Hostillar's Account DUL

Dona & exennia: . . .

Item Episcopo Eleimosinarie

iiij s. iiiij d.

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1370-1 (?27th May – ?19th May)

Durham Priory Hostillar's Account DUL

Dona & exennia: . . .

Item Episcopo Elemosinarie

iiij s. iiiij d.

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1373-4 (? - ?)

Durham Priory Hostillar's Account DUL

Dona & exennia: . . .

Item Episcopo Elemosinarie

iiij s. iiiij d.

1374-5 (? - ?)

Durham Priory Hostillar's Account DUL

Dona &: . . .

Exennia *Item Episcopo elemosinarie*

iiij s. iiiij d.

. . .

1376-7 (22nd May – 7th May)

Durham Priory Hostillar's Account DUL

Dona et: . . .

Exhennia *Item Bartholomeo Wright luctatori ex curialitate hostellarii in festo Sancti Oswaldi*

iiij.s. iiiij d.

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Item Episcopo Elemosinarie

iiij.s. iiiij d.

. . .

1377-8 (7th May – 17th May)

Durham Priory Hostillar's Account DUL

Dona & Exennia: . . .

Item Episcopo Elemosinarie

iiij s. iiiij d.

1379 (23rd May – 30th September)

Durham Priory Hostillar's Account DUL

Dona & . . .

Exhennia *Item Episcopo Elemosinarie* ij.s. iiij d.

Item Bartholomeo pro exequiis eius faciendis Caritative ij s.

. . .

1379-80 (?30th September – 7th May)

Durham Priory Hostillar's Account DUL

Expense: . . .

Item Episcopo Elemosinarie ij s. iiij d.

. . .

1380-1 (?7th May – ?27th May)

Durham Priory Hostillar's Account DUL

. . . *Item Episcopo Elemosinarie*

ij s. iiij d.

. . .

1383 (30th April – 29th September)

Durham Priory Hostillar's Account DUL

Dona & exhennia: . . .

Item Episcopo Elemosinarie ij s. iiij d.

. . .

1384-5 (19th May – 11th May)

Durham Priory Hostillar's Account DUL

Dona & . . .

exennia *Item Episcopo Elemosinarie ex curialitate* xl. d.

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1385-6 (15th May – 4th June)

Durham Priory Hostillar's Account DUL

Dona & . . .

exennia *Item Episcopo Elemosinarie ex curialitate* ij s.

. . .

1386-7 (4th June- 20th May)

Durham Priory Hostillar's Account DUL

Dona & exhennia: . . .

Item Episcopo Elemosinarie ex curialitate ij s. iiij d.

. . .

1387 (20th May – 29th September)

Durham Priory Hostillar's Account	DUL	
Dona & exennia	... Item <i>Episcopo Eleemosinarie ex curialitate</i> ...	iiij s. iiiij d.
1387-8 (29 th September – 18 th September)		
Durham Priory Hostillar's Account	DUL	
Dona:	... Item <i>Episcopo Eleemosinarie</i> ...	iiij s. iiiij d.
1388-9 (18 th September – 17 th September)		
Durham Priory Hostillar's Account	DUL	
Dona:	... Item <i>Episcopo Eleemosinarie</i> ...	iiij s. iiiij d.
1389-90 (17 th September – 16 th May)		
Durham Priory Hostillar's Account	DUL	
Dona & exennia	... Item <i>Episcopo Eleemosinarie ex curialitate</i> ...	iiij s. iiiij d.
1390-1 (16 th May – 8 th May)		
Durham Priory Hostillar's Account	DUL	
Dona & exennia	... Item <i>Episcopo Elimosinarie ex curialitate</i> ...	iiij s. iiiij d.
1391 (8 th May – 29 th September)		
Durham Priory Hostillar's Account	DUL	
Dona & Exennia	... Item [Episcopo] ² <i>Elimosinarie ex curialitate</i> ...	iiij s. iiiij d.
1391-2 (29 th September – 29 th September)		
Durham Priory Hostillar's Account	DUL	
Dona & exennia:	... Item <i>episcopo eleemosinarie</i> ...	iiij s. iiiij d.

² 'Episcopo' has been added in a different hand.

1392-3 (29th September – 29th September)

Durham Priory Hostillar's Account DUL

Dona & exennia: . . .

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Item Episcopo Elemosinarie ex curialitate

iiij s. iiiij d.

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1393-4 (29th September – 1st June)

Durham Priory Hostillar's Account DUL

Dona & exennia: . . .

Item Episcopo Elemosinarie

iiij s. iiiij d.

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1394-5 (7th June – 30th May)

Durham Priory Hostillar's Account DUL

Dona & exennia: . . .

d

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Item domino³ Episcopo Elemosinarie ex curialitate

iiij s. iiiij d.

. . .

1395 (30th May – 29th September)

Durham Priory Hostillar's Account DUL

Dona & exennia: . . .

Item Episcopo Elemosinarie ex curialitate

iiij s. iiiij d.

In Elemosina data per Estimacionem

ij s.

v s. iiiij d.⁴

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1395-6 (29th September – 15th May)

Durham Priory Hostillar's Account DUL

Dona & Exennia: . . .

Item Episcopo Elemosinarie ex curialitate

iiij s. iiiij d.

. . .

1396-7 (15th May – 4th June)

Durham Priory Hostillar's Account DUL

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Dona: . . .

Episcopo Elemosinarie ex curialitate

iiij s. iiiij d

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³ Text from B; A omits 'domino'.

⁴ This last figure is the sum of the other two.

1397-8 (10th June – 20th May)

Durham Priory Hostillar's Account DUL

Dona & exennia: . . .

Item Episcopo Elemosinarie ex curialitate iij s. iiij d.

. . .

1398-9 (20th May – 12th May)

Durham Priory Hostillar's Account DUL

Dona & exennia: . . .

Item Episcopo Elemosinarie ex curialitate iij s. iiij d.

. . .

1399-1400 (28th October – 6th June)

Durham Priory Hostillar's Account DUL

Dona: . . .

Item Episcopo Elimosinarie ex curialitate iij s. iiij d.

. . .

1400-1 (6th June – 22nd May)

Durham Priory Hostillar's Account DUL

Dona & exennia: . . .

Item Episcopo Elemosinarie ex curialitate iij s. iiij d.

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*Item fratribus versus cellas. videlicet. I. Swynesheued iij s. I. de Gisborne iij s. I. fischeborne iij s. W. quitby iij ^{'s.'} iiij ^{'d.'} W. Barry & I. lethum versus lethum iij s. iiij ^{'d.'} Iohanni Bolton versus Faryne iij d. iiij d. Euntibus cum vexillo prioris iiij pro eorum togis iij s. iiij ^{'d.'} Et pro eorum expensis iij s. –
xxij s. iiij d.*

1401-2 (16th May – 8th May)

Durham Priory Hostillar's Account DUL

Dona & exennia: . . .

Item Episcopo Elemosinarie ex curialitate iij s. iiij d.

. . .

1402-3 (8th May – 28th May)

Durham Priory Hostillar's Account DUL

Dona &:

Exennia *Item Episcopo Elemosinarie ex curialitate* iij s. iiij d.

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1404-5 (18th May – 7th June)

Durham Priory Hostillar's Account DUL

Dona &: . . .
exennia *Item Episcopo Eleemosinarij*
 ex Curialitate *ij s. iiij d.*⁵
 . . .

1405-6 (7th June – 24th May)
Durham Priory Hostillar's Account DUL

Dona & exennia: . . .
 Item Episcopo Eleemosinarie nichil
 quia non erat propter guerras eo
 *tempore – ij s. vj d.*⁶

1406-7 (30th May – 9th May)
Durham Priory Hostillar's Account DUL

Dona & exennia: . . .
 Item Episcopo Eleemosinarie *ij s. iiij d.*⁷
 . . .

1407-8 (15th May – 28th May)
Durham Priory Hostillar's Account DUL

Dona & exennia:
 . . . *Item soluti Episcopo Eleemosinarie* *ij s.*⁸

1409-10 (26th May – 5th May)
Durham Priory Hostillar's Account DUL

Dona & exennia: . . .
 Item Episcopo Eleemosinarie *ij s.*⁹

1410-1 (11th May – 25th May)
Durham Priory Hostillar's Account DUL

Dona & exennia: . . .
 Item Soluti Iohanni Horsele
 Armigero referenti Miraculum
 Sancti Cuthberti *vj s. viij d.*¹⁰

1411-2 (31st May – 16th May)
Durham Priory Hostillar's Account DUL

⁵ Section in two columns; this entry is in column a.

⁶ Section in two columns; this entry is in column a. The sum here seems to have been carelessly repeated from the item above – see End Note.

⁷ Section in two columns; this entry is in column a.

⁸ Section in two columns; this entry is in column b.

⁹ This entry is added at the end of the section in a different ink.

¹⁰ Section in two columns; this entry is in column a. Further on this entry, see End Note.

Dona & exennia: ...
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...
Item *Episcopo Elemosinarie*
ex *curialitate* iij s. iiij d.¹¹

1413-4 (11th June – 21st May)
Durham Priory Hostillar's Account DUL

Dona &: ...
exennia ...
...
Item *Episcopo Elemosinarie* iij s. iiij d.¹²

1414-5 (27th May – 13th May)
Durham Priory Hostillar's Account DUL

Dona &: ...
exennia ...
...
Item *Episcopo Elemosinarie* iij s. iiij d.

1415-6 (19th May – 25th May)
Durham Priory Hostillar's Account DUL

Dona &: ...
exennia ...
Item *soluti Episcopo Elemosinarie* iij s. iiij d.

1416-7 (7th June – 30th May)
Durham Priory Hostillar's Account DUL

Dona & exennia: ...
...
...
...
Item *Episcopo Elemosinarie* iij s. iiij d.¹³

1417-8 (30th May – 15th May)
Durham Priory Hostillar's Account DUL

Dona & exennia: ...
...
Item *soluti Episcopo Elemosinarie* iij s. iiij d.
...

1418-9 (15th May – 4th June)
Durham Priory Hostillar's Account DUL

Dona & exennia: ...
...
Item *Episcopo Elemosinarie* iij s. iiij d.¹⁴

¹¹ Section in two columns; this entry is in column b.

¹² Section in two columns; this entry is in column b.

¹³ Section in two columns; this entry is in column b.

¹⁴ Text from B; entries in A are in a different order, but substantially identical. Two columns, with 'Dona & exennia' in column a.

1419-20 (4th June – 26th May)

Durham Priory Hostillar's Account DUL

Dona & exennia: . . .

Item soluti *Episcopo Elemosinarie* iij s. iiij d.

. . .

1420-1 (26th May – 11th May)

Durham Priory Hostillar's Account DUL

Dona & exennia: . . .

In *solucione facta Episcopo Elemosinarie* iij s. iiij d.

. . .

1422-3 (31st May – 23rd May)

Durham Priory Hostillar's Account DUL

Dona &: . . .

exennia Et in *solucione facta Episcopo Elemosinarie* iij s. iiij d.¹⁵

. . .

1423-4 (23rd May – 11th June)

Durham Priory Hostillar's Account DUL

Dona & exennia: . . .

In *solucione facta Episcopo Elemosinarie* iij s. iiij d.¹⁶

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1424-5 (11th June – 27th May)

Durham Priory Hostillar's Account DUL

Dona &: . . .

exennia In *solucione facta Episcopo Elemosinarie* iij s. iiij d.

1425-6 (27th May – 19th May)

Durham Priory Hostillar's Account DUL

Dona & exennia: . . .

In *solucione facta Episcopo Elemosinarie* iij s. iiij d.

. . .

1426-7 (19th May – 8th June)

Durham Priory Hostillar's Account DUL

Dona & exennia: . . .

In *solucione facta Episcopo Elemosinarie* iij s. iiij d.

. . .

¹⁵ Section in two columns; this entry is in column a.

¹⁶ Section in two columns; this entry is at the top of column b.

1427-8 (8th June – 25th May)

Durham Priory Hostillar's Account DUL

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Dona & exennia: . . .

In solucione Episcopo Elemosinarie

iiij s. iiij d.

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In donis datis Johanni lokwod ministrallo

xx d.

1428-9 (23rd May – 15th May)

Durham Priory Hostillar's Account DUL

Dona et: . . .

exennia Et pro solucione facta episcopo elemosinarie

iiij s. iiij d.

. . .

1429-30 (15th May – 4th June)

Durham Priory Hostillar's Account DUL

Dona & exennia: . . .

Item in solucione facta episcopo elemosinarie iiij s. iiij d.¹⁷

. . .

1430-1 (4th June – 20th May)

Durham Priory Hostillar's Account DUL

Dona &: . . .

exennia Item in solucione facta episcopo Elemosinarie

iiij s. iiij d.

. . .

1431-2 (20th May – 8th June)

Durham Priory Hostillar's Account DUL

Dona & exennia: . . .

Item in solucione facta Episcopo Elemosinarie

iiij s. iiij d.

. . .

1432-3 (8th June – 31st May)

Durham Priory Hostillar's Account DUL

Dona & exennia: . . .

Item in solucione facta episcopo elemosinarie

iiij s. iiij d.

. . .

1433-4 (31st May – 16th May)

Durham Priory Hostillar's Account DUL

¹⁷ Two columns, with 'Expense' in column a, and 'Dona & exennia' and 'Pensiones & Stipendia famulorum' in column b.

Dona & exennia: . . .
Item in *solucione facta Episcopo elemosinarie* iij s. iiij d.
. . .

1434-5 (16th May – 5th June)
Durham Priory Hostillar's Account DUL

Dona & exennia: . . .
Item in *Solucione facta Episcopo Elemosinarie et Episcopo De Eluett* iiij s.
. . .

1435-6 (5th June – 27th May)
Durham Priory Hostillar's Account DUL

dona & ex) : . . .
ennia) Item in *solucione facta episcopo elemosinarie et episcopo de Eluett* iiij s.
. . .

1436-7 (27th May – 19th May)
Durham Priory Hostillar's Account DUL

Dona et exen) : . . .
nia) Item in *solucione facta episcopo elemosinarie et episcopo de Eluett* v s.

1440-1 (15th May – 4th June)
Durham Priory Hostillar's Account DUL

Dona &) : . . .
exennia) Item *episcopo puerili Elemosinarie ac Episcopo de Eluett* iij s. iiij d.
. . .

1441-2 (4th June – 20th May)
Durham Priory Hostillar's Account DUL

Dona & exennia: . . .
Et *Episcopo puerili elemosinarie* ij s.
. . .

1442-3 (11th November – 9th June)
Durham Priory Hostillar's Account DUL

Dona & ex: Et in *ij ludis domini prioris* – xx s. Et in *vino dato in eisdem* – xvij d. Et in
ennia *solucione facta Clerico Infirmarie* – xx d. Et *Episcopo puerili elemosinarie* – ij
s. Et *Cantoribus ad festum natale domini ex curialitate* – iij s. iiij d.
Summa – xxviiij s. vj d.

1443-4 (9th June – 31st May)
Durham Priory Hostillar's Account DUL

Dona &: . . .
Exennia) Et *Episcopo puerili Elemosinarie* ij s.¹⁸
. . .

1444-5 (31st May – 16th May)
Durham Priory Hostillar's Account DUL

Dona & ex): . . .
ennia) Et *Episcopo puerili Elemosinarie* ij s. iiij d.
. . .

1445-6 (16th May – 5th June)
Durham Priory Hostillar's Account DUL

Dona & exen): . . .
nia) Et *Episcopo puerili Elemosinarie* ij s. iiij d.

1446-7 (?5th June – 28th May)
Durham Priory Hostillar's Account DUL

DonA & ex): . . .
ennia) Et *Episcopo puerili Elemosinarie* ij s. iiij d.
. . .

1447-8 (28th May – 12th May)
Durham Priory Hostillar's Account DUL

Dona &:
exennea) Et *Episcopo puerili Elimosinarie* ij s. iiij d.
. . .

1448-9 (2nd May – 22nd May)
Durham Priory Hostillar's Account DUL

Dona &): . . .
exennia) Et *Episcopo puerili Elemosinarie* ij s. iiij d.
. . .

1449-50 (22nd May – 14th May)
Durham Priory Hostillar's Account DUL

Dona & ex): . . .
ennia) Et *Episcopo puerili Elemosinarie* ij s. iiij d.
. . .

1450-1 (11th November – 13th June)
Durham Priory Hostillar's Account DUL

¹⁸ Sum added in a different ink.

Dona & exen): . . . Et *Episcopo puerili Elemosinarie* iij s. iiij d.
nia)

1451-2 (13th June – 28th May)

Durham Priory Hostillar's Account DUL

Dona & ex: . . . Et *Episcopo puerili Elemosinarie* iij s. iiij d. . . .
ennia

1452-3 (?28th May – ?20th May)

Durham Priory Hostillar's Account DUL

Dona &): . . . Et *Episcopo puerili Elemosinarie* iij s. iiij d. . . .
exennia)

1453-4 (20th May – 9th June)

Durham Priory Hostillar's Account DUL

Dona &): . . . Et *Episcopo puerili Elemosinarie* iij s. iiij d. . . .
exennia)

1456-7 (16th May – 5th June)

Durham Priory Hostillar's Account DUL

Dona &): . . . Et *Episcopo puerili Elemosinarie* iij s. iiij d.
exennia)

1457-8 (5th June – ?21st May)

Durham Priory Hostillar's Account DUL

Dona &): . . . Et *Episcopo puerili Elemosinarie* iij s. iiij d.
<E>xennia)

1458-9 (21st May – 13th May)

Durham Priory Hostillar's Account DUL

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Dona &: . . . [~~Et *Episcopo puerili elemosinarie* iij s. iiij d.~~] . . .
exennia

1461-2 (24th May – ?6th June)

Durham Priory Hostillar's Account DUL

Dona &): . . . Et *Episcopo puerili Elemosinarie* iij s. iiij d.
Exennia)

1467-8 (17th May-5th June)

Durham Priory Hostillar's Account DUL

Dona et): . . . Et *Episcopo puerili* iij s. iiij d.

exennia)

1468-9 (5th June – 21st May)

Durham Priory Hostillar's Account DUL

Dona &): . . . Et episcopo puerili iij s. iiij d.
exennia)

1469-70 (21st May – 10th June)

Durham Priory Hostillar's Account DUL

Dona et): . . . Et *Episcopo* puerili iij s. iiij d.
exennia)

1471-2 (2nd June – ?17th May)

Durham Priory Hostillar's Account DUL

Dona et): . . . Et *Episcopo* puerili iij s. iiij d.
exennia)

1472-3 (17th May – 6th June)

Durham Priory Hostillar's Account DUL

Dona et): . . . Et *Episcopo* puerili iij s. iiij d.
exennia)

1479-80 (30th May – 21st May)

Durham Priory Hostillar's Account DUL

Dona et): . . . Et *Episcopo* puerili iij s. iiij d.¹⁹
exennia)

1480-1 (21st May – ?10th June)

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Dona &): . . . Et *episcopo* puerili iij s. iiij d.
exinnia)

Textual Notes

1361-2: Heading damaged but closing year legible; opening date from close of preceding account, and closing date is assumed also to be Ascension Day.

1363-4: Heading badly damaged, but Ascension Day visible as opening date. The year and closing date are established from the balance of this account, which is taken up as the opening balance of the account for the following year (see note for 1364-5).

¹⁹ This entry is added at the end of the subsection in a different ink, but in what is probably a rather careless form of the same hand.

- 1364-5: Heading damaged, but Ascension Day legible as the opening date; year and closing date are established by the closing balance of this account being taken up as the opening balance of the account that begins on Ascension Day 1365.
- 1369-70: Heading badly damaged, but opening date legible under u/v light. The total of arrears in this account is taken up as the opening total in the account for the following year (see note for 1370-1); closing date is assumed also to be the Monday before Pentecost. Subsection heading completely legible only under u/v light.
- 1370-1: Heading lost, but payment for William of Lumley's visit to Holy Island also appears in the Almoner's account for 1370-1, and Thomas of Corbridge's first mass, noted here, must have closely followed his ordination as priest on 14th December 1370 (see Bishop Hatfield's Register f. 109 v.). Opening and closing dates are assumed to be, as usual, the Monday before Pentecost.
- 1373-4: Heading lost. The Sergeant of the Manor of Elvet Hall in this account is Richard de Wodland, who was replaced during the year 1375-6. The last year for which arrears are mentioned in this account is 1373, so as this is not a duplicate of the surviving account for 1374-5 (on which see the following note), it must be the account for 1373-4. Terminal dates are unknown.
- 1374-5: Heading lost, but the closing balance here is taken up in the account opened in 1375 **NOT FOUND – CHECK THIS**, and *Pensiones et Stipendia* are for only one year.
- 1376-7: Heading damaged, but opening and closing dates are Ascension Day, and closing year is '137*', but the closing balance of this account is taken up at the opening of the account for 1377-8.
- 1379-80: Heading damaged, but the opening date is a Friday in 1379 and the closing date Monday after Ascension; as the account clearly covers less than a whole year, the opening date is assumed to be the close of the preceding account.
- 1380-1: Heading and section heading lost, but the total of receipts taken up at the beginning of this account corresponds (with a discrepancy of one penny) to the total balance plus Exonerations for the account closed on 7th May 1380. The account is clearly for a full year, and the closing date is assumed to be the opening date of the account for 27th May – 29th September 1381.
- 1383: Text from A (complete version); B (incomplete version) substantially identical.
- 1390-1: Text from A; B substantially identical.
- 1391: Draft with many corrections.
- 1394-5: Text from B (incomplete draft); for variant in A, see Textual Note.
- 1399-1400: Text from A; B substantially identical.
- 1411-2: Heading slightly damaged and closing year not legible, but the account is clearly for one year.
- 1418-9: Text from B; A substantially identical, but with items in a different order. Two columns, with 'Dona & exennia' in col. a and 'Pensiones & Stipendia' in col. b. The same layout also appears in the accounts for 1419-20 and 1420-1.
- 1446-7: Heading damaged, but opening and closing years legible, and closes at 'same feast'; this account takes up the balance of the account closed at Pentecost 1446, and the account for 1447-8 also begins at Pentecost.
- 1447-8: Text from A; B substantially identical.
- 1448-9: Terminal dates switch from Pentecost to Ascension. Text from A; B badly damaged, but substantially identical so far as legible.
- 1450-1: Account for one term only; closing date switches back to Pentecost.

- 1451-2: Text from A (complete version, with damaged heading); B (incomplete version with heading intact) is substantially identical for this entry.
- 1452-3: Heading lost, but this account takes up the balance of the account closed on 28th May 1452, while its closing balance is taken up at the beginning of the account that opens at Pentecost 1453.
- 1456-7: Heading damaged, but legible as ‘Pentecost 145* to same feast 1457’; the account covers a single year.
- 1457-8: Heading damaged, but opening date is Pentecost, and this account takes up the closing balance of the account closed at Pentecost 1457; closing date from the opening of the following year’s account.
- 1458-9: Text from B (draft on paper), where the item is deleted; it does not appear in A (fair copy on parchment). Further, see End Note.
- 1461-2: Heading damaged, but opening date is ‘Pentecost 146*’ and closing year is 1462; this account clearly covers one year, and its closing balance is taken up as the opening balance of the account that begins at Pentecost 1462.
- 1467-8: Text from A; B substantially identical.
- 1471-2: Heading damaged, but closing year and opening date at Pentecost are legible. The account covers one year, and the closing date is taken from the opening date of the account for 1472-3, which takes up the closing balance of this account.
- 1472-3: Text from A; B substantially identical.
- 1480-1: Heading damaged, but opening at Pentecost and closing year are legible. The account covers one year, and the closing date is assumed to be Pentecost, as is usual for this period.

End Notes

- 1355: This account covers a period of only slightly over a month, and provides evidence that by 1355 the Durham Almonry Bishop ceremony was held between the Sunday after Easter and Ascension day; cf. also the Hostillar’s Account for 1405-6 and End Note.
- 1361-2: For Peter Cruder (or Crowder) see also the Bursar’s accounts for 1358-9 and 1359-60; as the other payments to him are for performing at the Prior’s manors (Bearpark and Pittington), this payment may also have been for a performance at one of those manors. The lutenist and his singing wife may be the same couple who appear in the Bursar’s account for 1363-4, again performing at Bearpark.
- 1365-6: Thomas Rotour is otherwise unknown, and it is not certain that he was a performer, but the fact that this is an isolated gift suggests a one-off musical performance.
- 1376-7: The payment to Bartholomew Wright the wrestler is dated to 7th August 1376. It seems probable that he is also the Bartholomew for whose funeral the Hostillar pays in 1379; if so, his occupation was evidently a dangerous one. The word ‘caritative’ suggests that the priory was not under any obligation to pay for his funeral, and hence that he was probably not its employee – no such expression is used for the burial of Thomas Fatuus, the Prior’s fool (see Bursar’s account 1356-7, Prior’s Expenses 1357).

- 1400-1: For the visit of the Banner of St. Cuthbert to Scotland in August 1400, see Bursar's account 1400-1, Feretrar's account 1400-1 and end notes to both. The names and identities of the four men who accompanied it are unknown.
- 1405-6: This entry appears self-contradictory because the sum has been mechanically repeated from the line above, although both are included in the total sum for the paragraph. The intended statement is clearly that there was no Almonry Bishop ceremony in this year because of the wars at that time – which can only refer to Archbishop Scrope's rebellion in May 1405. Further, cf. the Chamberlain's account for 1404-5, where the Almonry Bishop payment is deleted, and Appendix D on the Boy Bishops at Durham.
- 1410-11: As John Horsley was evidently a secular knight, this can hardly have been a lecture about a well-known miracle, which would normally have been delivered by a monk, or a minstrel performance or dramatic *miraculum*, which would have been performed by someone of lower social status, so it seems most likely that he was paid for narrating a new miracle of which he had personal knowledge. However, there is no way of knowing whether his narrative was delivered in public or not, and we have not been able to identify him or his miracle, though Horsley was a fairly common Northumberland surname, and at least two John Horsleys of the right general period and status are known – see W. Percy Hedley, *Northumberland Families*, Newcastle, 1968, I, 148, 219.
- 1427-8: For John Lokwod, see also the Bursar's account for 1433-4.
- 1434-5 (and following years): On the 'Bishop of Elvet', see Appendix D, on the Boy Bishops at Durham.
- 1458-9: The only two accounts for this year that include Almonry Bishop payments, those of the Hostillar and the Prior of Finchale, both have it cancelled, and there are no payments for the next two years. It seems probable that there was no Almonry Bishop of Durham during the period 1459-61; no account gives any reason for the abeyance of the custom, but the most likely explanation is probably civil war, which was imminent in the summer of 1459, was in progress with a Yorkist invasion in the summer of 1460, and was at its height in Durham in the summer of 1461, when the city was in Yorkist hands but was the object of an unsuccessful Lancastrian attack in which at least one local noble family, the Nevilles of Brancepeth, took part (see Jacob, *The Fifteenth Century*, 515-29). Curiously, payments to the 'Bishop of Elvet' in the Elvethall accounts continue during this period; perhaps the parish ceremony was on such a small scale that it could continue despite the disruptions of war.
- 1480-1: This payment is confirmed in the list of Boy Bishop payments received by the Feretrar in his account for 1480-1. It is the last payment of this kind from the Hostillar; from the next surviving account (1485-6) onwards, the Hostillar seems to have been excused from making this payment. Further, see Appendix D, on the Boy Bishops at Durham.