BACON MSS.

NO. 45—

A

68 Enclosure and Its Results

1972 Bacon exhibit

The usual form of enclosure in sixteenth century England was by express consent or agreement. Permission was granted for some kind of piecemeal division of the previously subdivided fields, provided that they were thrown open after harvest, or as in the case of eastern England, that the enclosure did not interfere with the sheep courses operating in the community--be they those of the lord or of his farmers. The manorial court had a part to play in the ratification of such actions, especially if customary land was involved. As to the effects of such changes on the lives of the poorer tenants or cottagers in the community, one could assume that they were not deprived of resources necessary for sustenance as they rarely held livestock that would have suffered from reduced pasturage. Depopulation, sometimes the partner of enclosure in Midland England, did not occur in association with these developments in eastern England. Far from losing people over the period, the population of eastern England grew in absolute numbers.

In the Redgrave count of 1549, the richer tenants of the time undertook a review of the progress of this type of enclosure.

A *Jurors*

Robert Debenham — *William Debenham*
John Corbold — *Robert Crane*
Edwardus Saunder — *Johannes Cryspe*
Thomas Ffyssher — *Johannes Purdy*
Robertus Sewe — *Johannes Ffyssher senior*
Edmond Stegell — *William Wyte*
Robertus Sloe — *Wiliam Hoberd*

A verdict of certain instructions given to the homage by the lord

B *The homage of the lord on the parte of Redgrave do say uppon their othes that the lord of the said Manor before grantying oute of his demean landes in the ffelde of Redgrave by copye of courte Rolls was accustomed to kepe ccc shepe which were fedd always ffower dayes in the weke in the ffeldes and comen pasture of Redgrave Except that the said shepe were yerely accustomed to be kept owte of Southffen and Westherne ffrom the ffest of the Puryficacon of our lady untyll the ffest of All Seyntes And that the Tenantes of the said Manor had then certen shepe goyng in the said fflock they payeng to the Lord yerely for every shepe ij d.*

Item the said homage do also present that aboughte xxti yeres nowe paste John Harvey gent, Edmund Purdy, William Sterre and John Hemmyng did the Warren of the Lord to fearme and payd therefore to the lord by yere vj s. viij d.

Item they say that dyverse of the tennants are ynhabytantes of Redgrave aforesaid have of late yeres ynclosed parte of their londes as well ffre as that they hold by copye of courte Rolle of this manor owte of the grett ffelde of Redgrave and also lefte some of their said londes lying in the said ffelde enclosed The number of akeres with the names of the said person hereafter ffolowth

ffirst Thomas Bugges hath ynclosed owte of the said ffelde iiij akeres and iij Roodes of copyholde and hath styll in the said ffeld onclosed iiij akeres and iiij Roodes

Item Robert Dewe hath ynclosed iij akeres and unius Rood of copye and ij akeres of ffre lond

Item Edmond Steyell hath ynclosed vij akeres of Copye and hath styll xiiij akeres enclosed

Item Margaret Chirche Wydowe hath ynclosed xvj akeres of copye londe and xix akeres of copye enclosed

Item Robert Debenham hath ynclosed xvj akers of copy and iiij akeres of ffre londe and hath styll xix akeres and a Roode enclosed

Item John Creetyng hath ynclosed ij akeres dimidiam of copyeland

Item William Debenham hath xvj akeres dimidiam ynclosed of copye and iij akeres dimidiam of ffre and ij akeres dimidiam onclosed

Item John Ffyssher hath xviij akeres of copy ynclosed and two akeres onclosed

Item William Whighte hath xiij akeres of copy ynclosed and two Roodes onclosed

Item Thomas Bukkenham hath viij akeres of lond ynclosed in the Woodffelde

Item Robert Langham hath ynclosed vj akeres in the same ffelde

Item Thomas Bukkenham hath in the same ffelde onclosed xxx akeres

Item Robert Brawe hath ynclosed ij akeres j Roode of copye and hath ij akeres iij Roodes onclosed

Item William Dowe hath j aker of copy ynclosed and iij roodes onclosed

Item Edward Saunder hath ix akeres dimidiam of copy xij akeres of ffre ynclosed and x akeres dimidiam onclosed...

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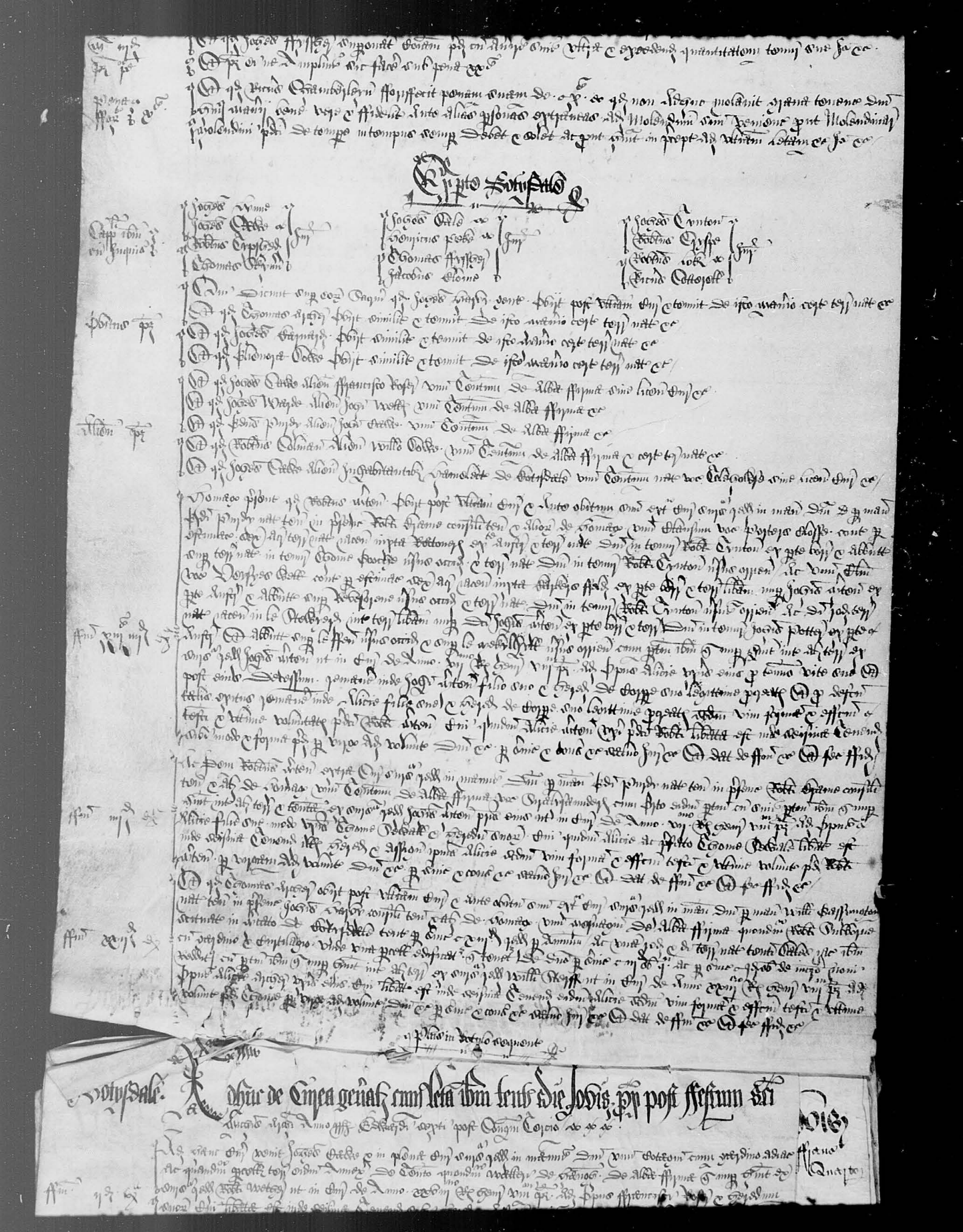

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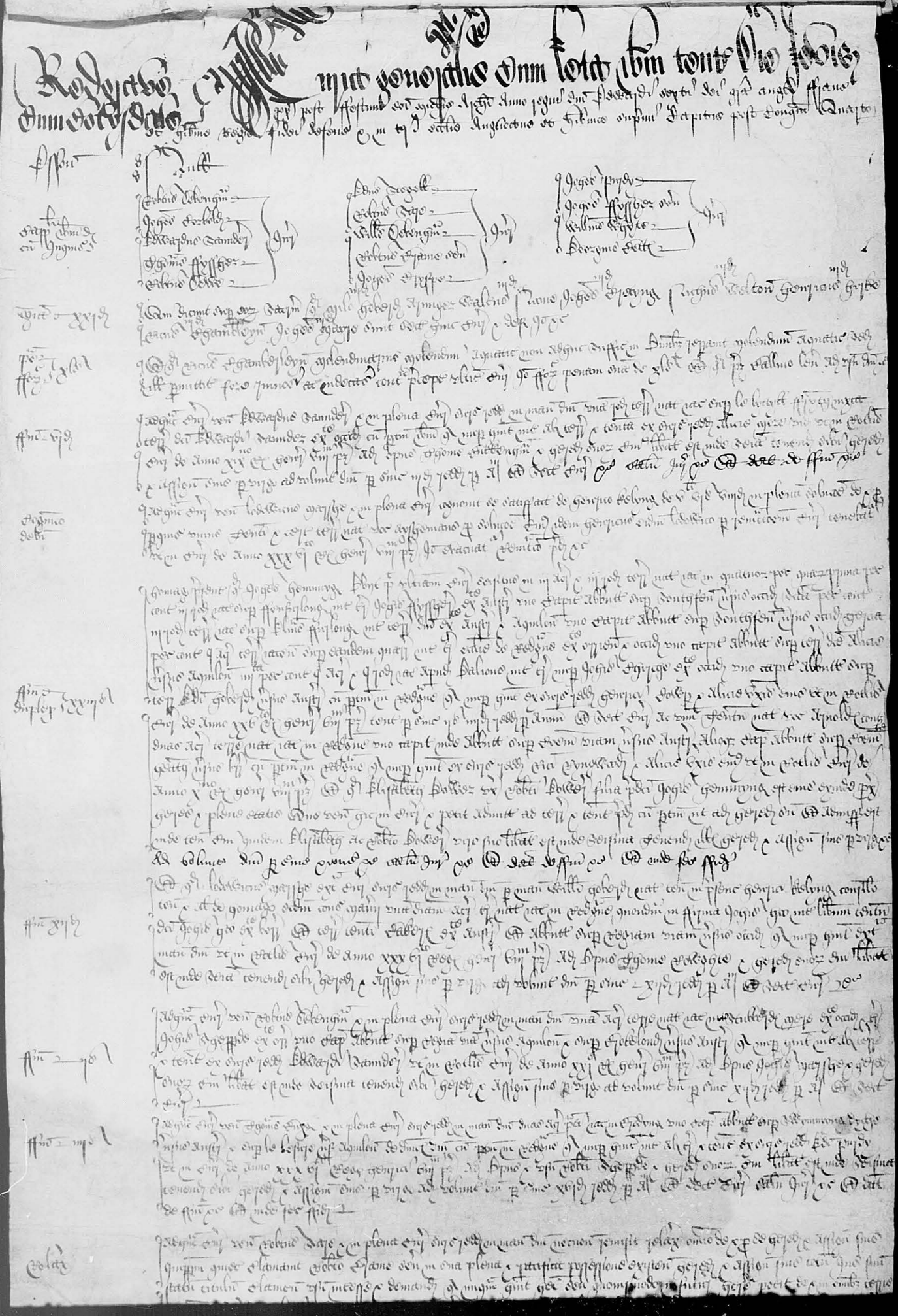

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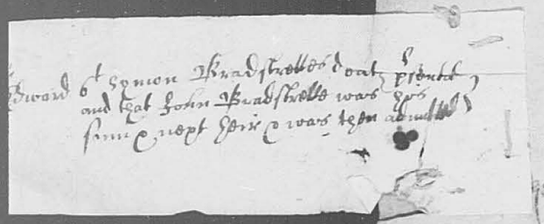

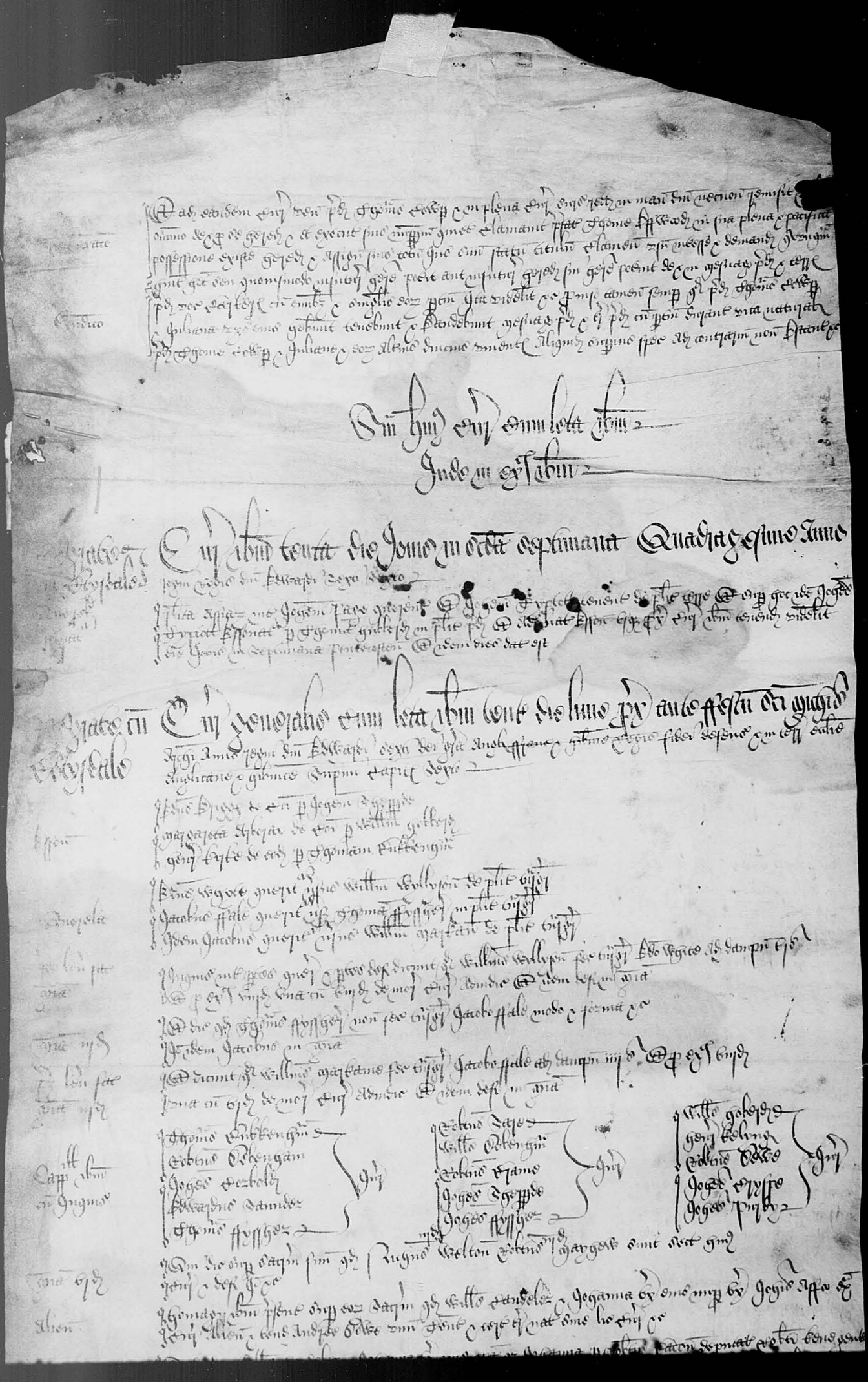

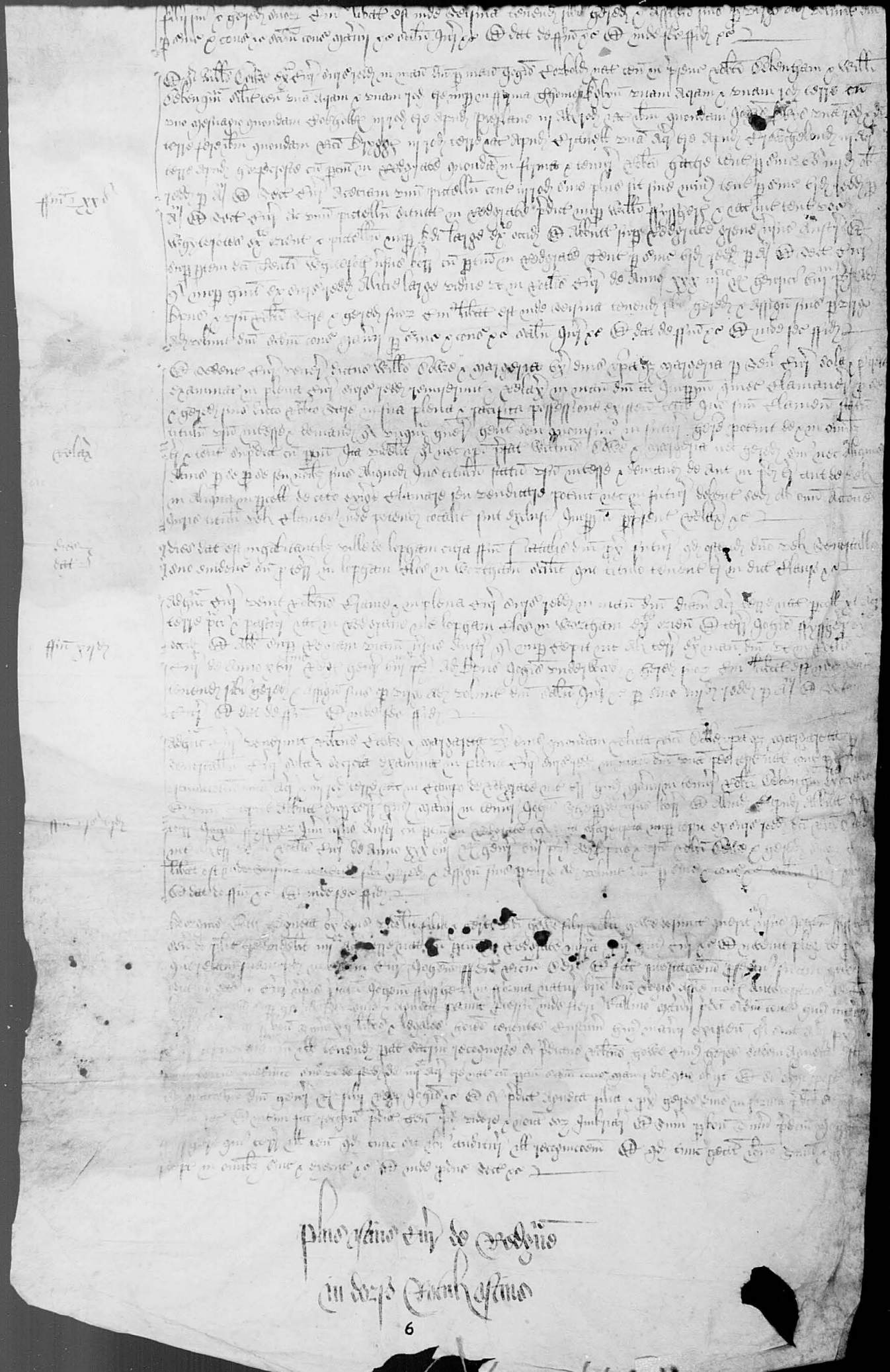

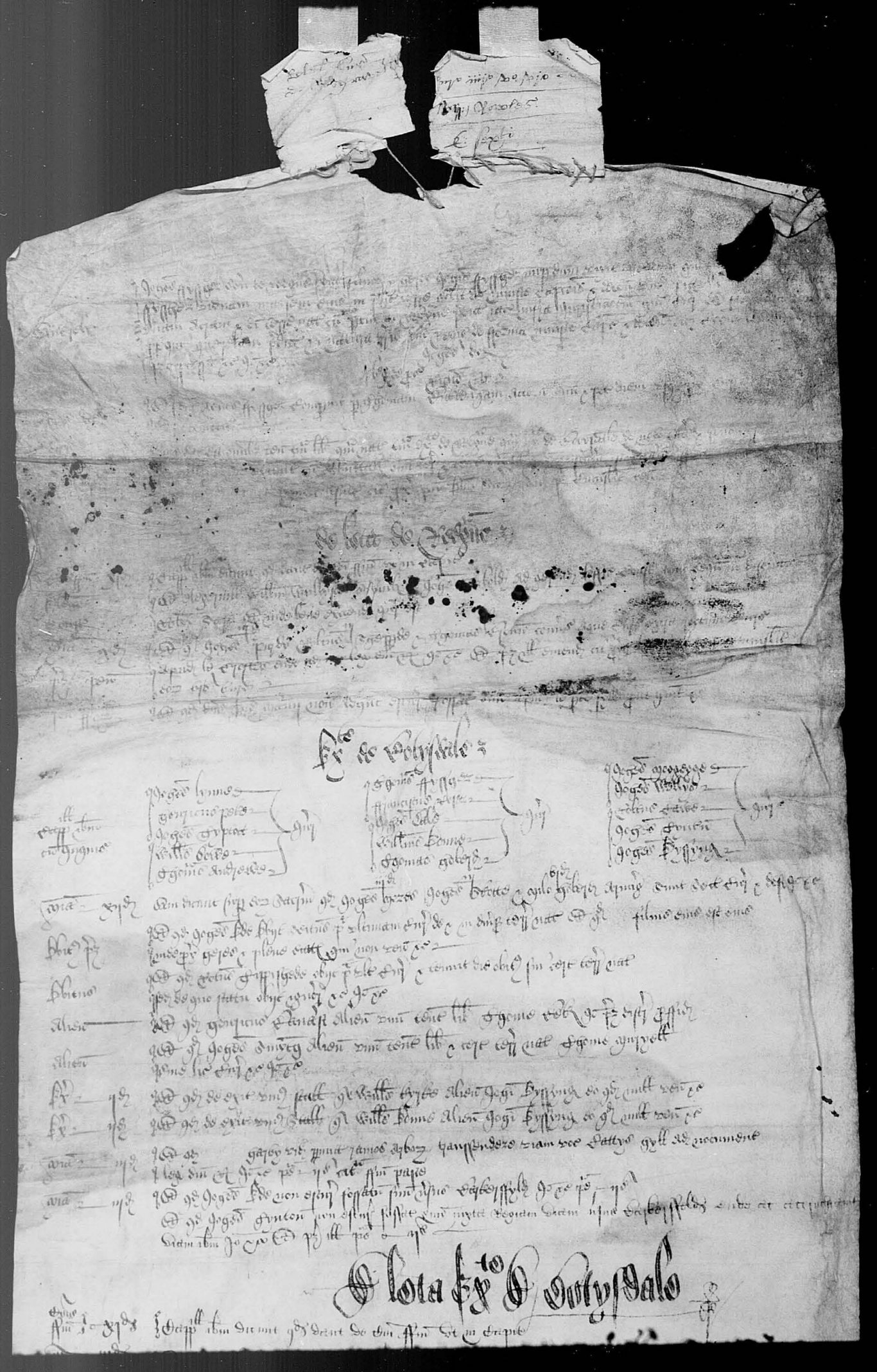

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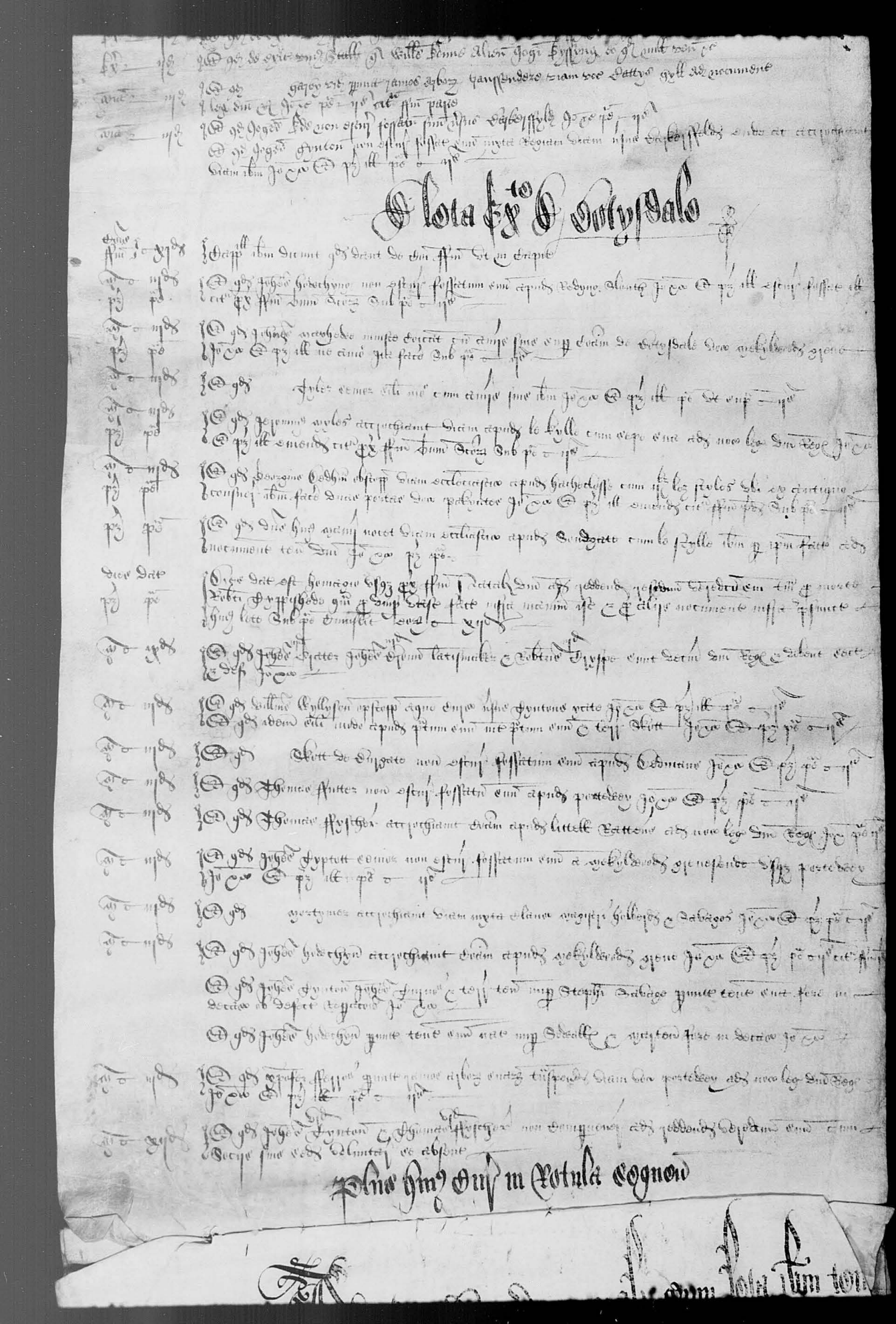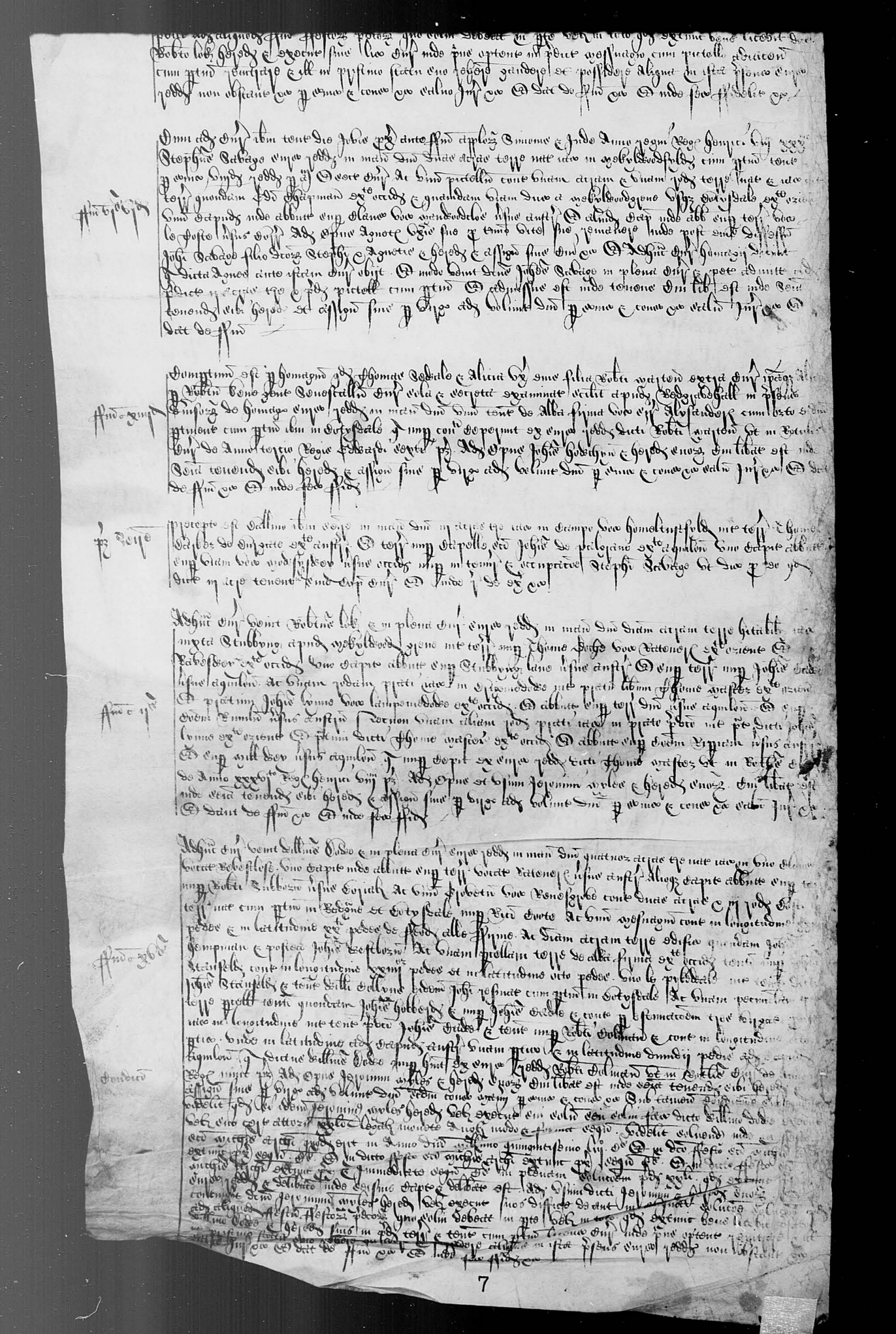
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