



**Charter of Merton concerning a common way.**

Let all know that this is the covenant made between the lords R the Abbot and the convent of Westminster on the one part and E the Prior of Merton and the convent of the same place, and the lord W de Mara on the other, on the day of the Blessed Apostle Andrew in the tenth year of the reign of King Henry son of King John, namely that the said Abbot and convent of Westminster have granted to E the prior and convent of Merton and the lord W de Mara and his heirs in perpetuity, a common way for all riders and pedestrians and for carts direct from the northern and western corner of their court of Morden to the southern corner of their tenement in the same vill next to the house of William son of Sweyn on the west side, extending just as straight and best as possible, behind their court of Morden, going across their meadow that is there to the least harm, not only to the said Abbot and convent of Westminster, but also to the Prior and convent of Merton and W de Mara and his heirs, having in its breadth twelve feet, if the said Abbot and convent, on both sides, wish it to be ditched, or if indeed they do not wish it to be ditched, by breadth of ten feet. Thus for this covenant and concession, the said prior and convent of Merton and W de Mara have resigned and quitclaimed to the Abbot and convent of Westminster the road that they required from them going across their court of Morden and the pathway going across their meadow. Yet the said prior and convent of Merton and W de Mara, by reason of the same way and path that is required of them, henceforth are able to require from them another way. And in witness whereof, to one part of this writing that shall reside with the Prior and convent of Merton and W de Mara, has been affixed the seal of the convent of Westminster. To the other part that with the Abbot and convent of Westminster shall reside, has been affixed the seals of the convent of Merton and of W de Mara. Witnesses to this covenant are Gilbert de Edinton, Master Phillip de Hammes, Master William de Cheiham, John de Bedington, John de Gatesdene, Geoffrey de Mora, Roger de Northbroc, Alexander de Wicford, Ypolitus servant of sheriff Geoffrey Motier.

*Morden Iste Willno de Mara fuit domino de Ravensbury.*  
Morden: the same William de Mara was lord of Ravensbury.