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Dear Stephen,

Report to Medium Ævum following the award of a travel bursary

The travel bursary enabled me to spend a week in Norwich Record Office from 29 February to 4 March 2016, consulting the manuscript register of John Salmon, bishop of Norwich 1299-1325. I am making a calendar edition of Salmon's register for publication by The Canterbury and York Society. I needed to travel to the archive to check readings in the original manuscript which are uncertain in the microfilm version which I am using here in Oxford. The majority of the uncertain readings were those in the margins of the text. The marginalia were used mainly by the compilers of the register to provide a ready finding aid to the benefices to which clergy were appointed. Apart from the intrinsic importance of rendering these exactly as they are in the original manuscript, the spellings are of special interest as evidence of East Anglian place names. I was also able to decipher the text of writs which had been bound into the spine of the volume, and to verify uncertain readings in the selected entries which I am transcribing in full in the edition. I am delighted to say that I was able to complete all this checking work, and took photographs of the binding and of folios containing material of special interest, including headings and ornamentation.

My costs were as follows:

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I am tremendously grateful to have been awarded this grant, and grateful too that you allowed me to defer my visit from January when I had originally planned to make the visit to Norwich. I will of course be very pleased to present Medium Ævum with a copy of the calendar when it is published.

With all good wishes.

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