

Merchant

They do call me Johan de Vere. See here is my seal on this scroll. I am a merchant in this great town of Dunwich. I have travelled the wool markets of the eastern part of the realm of King John. I have searched for the finest fleeces from the great flocks of the region.

Now have I come to this busiest port to trade with merchants from kingdoms across the sea. Touch this wool I have bought from Edmund Leverich of Lavenham. Is it not the softest you have ever felt? The wool I sell in this busy market here will be dyed with many colours and woven into the finest cloth by the skilful Flemish weavers. I daresay this cloth will come back to our market here and end up on the shoulders of an important lord or lady of this realm.

See the coins I hold from the sale of my wool. With these coins I will help to build the magnificent new church of All Saints, in praise of our Lord this day (insert date) of the year 1260. Now I must make haste to lock and bar my storehouse as I fear a storm is blowing up.