Chapter 7 - *St Kenelm* (South English Legendary) complete folio and transcription
Vij kinges here were fulke tyne • in Engeland ido
For Engeland was god and long • & somdel brod þerto
Aboute é oste bondred mile • Engeland long is
Fram þe souw into þe norþ • and to bondred brod iwis
Fram þe est into þe west • and also þere inne bëô
Mantie wateres god inow • as 3e alday iiseô
Ac þreo waters principals • þer beóp of alle iwis
Homer and Ìteme • Seuerne þe priddi is
To þe norþ see Dumber goþ • þi is on of þe bëte
Þ temeç into þe cëft þee ? seûne bi wëste
Þis yvf kynges of engeland • þi weèr bi olde dawe
Hadde her ðt ech bi hë silue • as ræt was þ lawe
Þe kyng þe was of þe marche • hadde þo þe bëte
Mochedel he hadde of Engeland • þi on half al bi wëste
Wincecfrechire and Warewykcfírë • þÞ also Gloucëtre
þi is ne3 al o bëchopriche • þe bëchopikes of Wircefrë
He hadde also þi to chestrêcfiire • þ? Derbypcfírë also
? Staffordcfiire • þi beóp alle • in o bëchopriche ido
In þe bëchopriche of chestrë • ant 3ute he hadde þi to
Schropcfiire sum þ? haluendel • Warewykcfírë also
Þis kyng hadde also herefordcfírë • þi o bëchopriche is
? Schropcfírë haluendel • þi falþ to fulke bëchopriche iwis
? sum of Warewykcfírë & and of Gloucestre cfírë also
3ut hadde þe king of þe marche • more lond þi to
Norh'mptescfírë • bokingh'mcfírë • þ? þe schire of Oxenford
Leicestre cfírë • þ? þe schire of Hereford
? þi is o bëchopriche • þi of Lincole is
þi while was at d?kçe tre • biâde Oxenford iwis
3ut hadde þe kyng of þe marche • Notingh'mcfírë þi to
In þe bëchopriche of ðu'wýk • ac þo nas hit nozt so
Al þe lond was while icliped • þe march of Wales
? of al was scet Kenelm • þ? his fader kyng iwis
Non of alle þo'pene kynedom • a3en his non nas
7 Winchecumbe of al his lond • þ? þe chief cite was
Þþe vif kinges þi werë þo • þi on was of Kent iwis
7 þi oþer as i' seide er • of þe march of Walis
Of Weftex • of humberlond • þ? of ðlond also
þi vif kynges werë þo • in Engeland ido
Þþe king of Weftex hadde þo • al Wiltecfírë iwis
? Dorfete • baroccfírë • þi al o bëchopriche al is
þe bëchopriche of Salesbury • ac so nas it • þi nozt
for þe chief of þe bëchopriche was • at Shireburne ibrozt
3ut was þe kynges of Weftex • al Soppex also
þe Weldeof al þe bëchopriche • Cicefrë þi to
? Souph'mptcfírë • Soupereye • þi o bëchopriche is
þe bëchopriche of Wincecfëtre • þi 3ut is þi iwis
To þe norþ see Humber goþ; þat is on of þe beste
And Temese into þe est see; and Seuerne bi weste
Þis yvf kynge of Engelond; þat were bi olde dawe
Haddre here part ech bi him silue; as rìȝt was & lawe
Þe kyng þat was of þe Marche; hadde þo þe beste
Mochedel he hadde of Engelond; þat on half al by weste
Wircrestreschire and Warewykshire; and also of Gloucestre
Þat is nei al o bischopriche; þe bischopes of Wircestre
He hadde also þerto Chestreschire; and Derbischire also
And Staffordschire þat beo alle; in o bischopriche ido
In þe bischopriche of Chestre; and þute he hadde þerto
Schropschire sou and haluendel; Warewykshire also
þis king hadde also Herefordschire; þat o bischopriche is
And Schropschire haluendel; þat fal to þulke bischopriche iwis
And sum of Warewykshire; and of Gloucetreschire also
3ut hadde þe king of þe Marche; more lond þerto
Norhamptreschire and Bokinghamschire; and þe schire of Oxenford
Leicestreschire and Lyncolneschire; and þe schire of Hereford*
And þat is o bischopriche; and þat of Lincolne is
Þat wile was at Derchestre; biside Oxenford iwis
3ut hadde þe king of þe Marche; Notinghamshire þerto
In þe bischopriche of Euerwyk*; ac þo nas it noȝt so
Al þe lond was while icliped; þe March of Wales
And of al was seint Kenelm; and his fader kyng iwis
Non of alle þe oþrene kyndom; æzen his non nas
And Winchecombe of al þis lond; þe chief cite was
þe viþ kinges þat were þo; þat on was of Kent iwis
And þat oþer as ich seide er; of þe March of Walis
Of Westsex and of Humberlond; and of Estlond also
þiise viþ kynges were þo; in England ido
þe king of Westsex hadde þo; al Wilteschire iwis
And Dorsete and Barocschire; þat al o bischopriche al is
þe bischopriche of Salesbury; ac so nas it þo noȝt
For þe chief of þe bischopriche was þat at Schireburne ibroȝt
3ut was þe kinges of Westsex; al Souþsex also
þe Welde of al þe bischopriche; of Cicestre þerto
And Souþhamteschire and Souþereye; þat o bischopriche is
þe bischopriche of Wynchestre; þat 3ut is þere iwis
*Hertford
*York

And Somersete þat to Wells; þulke tyme drou

Nou it is þe bischopriche of Bafe; þe witeþ wel inou
3ute hadde þe king of Westsex; al Deuenschire iwis
And Cornwale þat in þe bischopriche; of Exetre is