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Since this volume went to press, two further original charters of Abbot Samson have been brought to my notice. The first (Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge, MS. 328) is the original of charter 26 and has the seal of the abbey in wax. Apart from some variant spellings, especially of place-names, the text and list of witnesses are as printed on pp. 89–90. The second (British Museum, MS. Egerton 2180), not printed here, is reproduced in facsimile in the *British Museum Quarterly*, xi. 62–3. It is a grant to Robert de Braybrooke of 2 virgates in Braybrooke (Northants) and is sealed with the seals of both Abbot Samson and the convent (probably c. 1208–11).

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