

Malton priory 1732 repairs

"A petition for a faculty, to pull down the north side and the two eastern sides of the nave, says:

'that the North Isle and other parts are very ruinous and in decay...praying that the said North Isle may be pulled down and a wall built betwixt the Pillars on the North Side of the Nave of the Church with Proper Windows and also that 36 feet in length towards the East End of the Nave may be Cutt off by building a New handsome east Window and that the Old Ruinated Roofe of the Middle Isle of the church may be pulled downe and a new one covered with Lead put on not so high as the Old one by Eight Feet...

That the East End the Middle or Cross Isle and the Middle Tower with the South Isle at the West End...are all taken down or fallen and only standing the Middle and North Isles of the West End with a Steeple att the South West Corner.'

A counter-petition said:

'..that the Roofe of the Middle Isle contains 16 Roomsteads, 8 about 12 years and 3 about 20 years since were substantially repaired in the Timber boards and the Roofe as also well covered with new Cast Lead and are now in very good repair and condition. That the North Isle is in Good Repair in the Walls Roofe Stone Arch and heads...That at the East End of the Middle Isle is a very handsome carved screen...ten Yards Westward are the Burying Places of Lord Eure's and Mr Palme's familys, an Ancient Tomb of one of the Priors...if the North Isle be taken down, breadth of the remainder would only be Ten yards, and if short'ned 12 yards at the East End it would be only 23 yards long...' "

Wentworth Woodhouse Monuments schedule p47, Box 31, bundle 57, quoted in Hudleston p141