

Whilst no archaeological evidence exists to prove that this is the site of the CHAS of Llandeuylldog historical evidence points to the likely sitting at the same spot as the later AUGUSTINIAN Priory of St. John. Llandeuylldog is identified as being the 6th of seven "Bishop-Houses" of Dyfed - and would therefore have been an important ecclesiastical centre. But the "Laws" do not state where Llandeuylldog is. For this we must turn to the LIBER LANDAVENSIS (2), written in the middle (12th) it contains grants purporting to have been made between the 6th and the year 1107 which are thought to be genuine. In this there are numerous references placing the CHAS in Carmarthen or in "CAER". Teuldyddog was a disciple of S. TEILO and it has been said (3) that there "can be no doubt that this church of Teuldyddog was located within the walls of the Old Romano-British Moridunum, and that he was the original patron saint of the town of Carmarthen, but had in Norman times to make room for S. John the Evangelist..." The connecting link between Teuldyddog and the priory comes sometime before 1125 when Henry I made a gift of "a church in Wales, in the city of Carmarthen, founded in honour of St Peter the Apostle, also another church in the same place founded in very ancient times in honour of St Iddo the Martyr" (4) Bishop Bernard (the 1st Norman Bishop of St. David) later installed the Augustinian order at the site (5) It would appear that in pre-Norman times this "Bishop-House" (EXOBTY) had become a foundation of special distinction, being ruled by an abbot-bishop and was possessed of a considerable enclosement in land. (3) If this is indeed the site of LLANDEUYLDDOG then it is quite in keeping with

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other settlements which were established on deserted Roman sites as at CAERHUN, CAER-WENT, CAERLEON and CAERGŷBI (6) There is no indication of its existence at the presumed site.

① "The Laws of Howel Dda" Ed Thomas Jones (1912) p. 33

② LIBER LANDAVENSIS on the Book of LLAN DŴ (Ed: T.H. Rees Oxon 1893)

③ "The Lives of the British Saints" Baring-Gould and Fisher Vol 4 p. 252

④ Quoted in Lodwick

⑤ "Carmarthen in Early Norman Times" J.E. Lloyd Arch Camb 1907

⑥ "Settlement of the Celtic Saints in Wales" E.H. Bowen p. 120.

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