

GLOSSARY

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abaten	<i>v.</i> to stint, lessen, decrease (534)
abaycche	<i>adv.</i> back, behind, further away (551)
accusen	<i>v.</i> to charge, impugn or blame (1035)
adradde	<i>adj.</i> fearful, terrified, full of dread (897)
ancre	<i>n.</i> a ship's anchor (268)
and	<i>conj.</i> if (1023, 1085, 1316)
answeren	<i>v.</i> justify, give an account (1075)
agayne	<i>prep.</i> facing, towards, opposite, against, in the direction of (in order to greet, receive, welcome) (236, 1272)
also	<i>adv.</i> as, likewise, to the same extent (1288)
apelen	<i>v.</i> to accuse, to make a formal charge, to impeach, to appeal to a higher authority (1080)
arste	<i>adv.</i> before, previously (1295)
assent	<i>n.</i> mutual agreement, unanimity (671)
astate	<i>n.</i> state, condition; <i>in</i> ~ in a manner fitting or appropriate to high rank, on occasions of state (840)
ato	<i>adv.</i> asunder, in two parts (1019)
[a]vyse/avise	<i>n.</i> judgment, opinion (23, 449, 657, 722, 935)
ay	<i>adv.</i> continuously, in each instance, again and again (530)
bade	<i>n.</i> delay, hesitation (44)
barm	<i>n.</i> lap, breast, bosom (1008)
baronage	<i>n.</i> the nobility, the peers of a realm, the body of nobles or retainers (622)
batayle	<i>n.</i> a body of warriors or division of troops (457)
begon	<i>ppl.</i> covered, trimmed, ornamented (987)
beme	<i>n.</i> a trumpet, esp. used in warfare or hunting; a trumpet blast (1221)
bent	<i>n.</i> field, battlefield (38); a patch of open, uncultivated or wild grass (90)
besyde	<i>adv.</i> set aside, put away from (521)
bethinken	<i>v.</i> to think hard or carefully, reflect, meditate, ponder (1043)
betoken	<i>v.</i> to entrust or appoint (857)
botlere	<i>n.</i> the chief servant or steward, tasked with serving or supervising the keeping of wine; sometimes a nobleman at the royal court with that duty. Also an occupational term or personal name (1199)
boode	<i>n.</i> delay (1209)