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maintenance. Although all the goods of Jews who are converted to the faith pertain to the king fully of right and custom, willing nevertheless to do them special grace after they have become sons and faithful members of the church, the king grants them for their maintenance a moiety of the value of all their goods whatsoever in the realm; but, as to the other moiety of their goods, and as to the goods of Jews henceforth condemned or forfeited for any cause whatever, the king's alms called 'deodands' (after the expiration of the grant thereof to the Friars Preachers), and the chevage of the king's Jews of England, the king wills that all these shall be collected and taken to the Exchequer for the maintenance of converts of honest conversation, and decrees that these shall be set apart for them until the end of seven years, to be fully assigned to them by the treasurer and barons of the Exchequer and the principal warden of the said house. And as the care of the said house requires that a discreet man should continually reside there, the king wills that a fit priest be deputed thereto, who in the king's chapel there, with a fellow-priest, whether a convert or not, and a needful clerk or clerks, shall personally serve there and continually reside, who shall collect the rents of the house, receive the above-mentioned goods, alms and chevage at the Exchequer, and distribute their portions amongst the converts, and conduct the affairs of the house in all things, within and without, with the advice of the warden. Those converts who are skilful to learn secular handicrafts or misteries are to be set to them by the warden, and are to be maintained by their portions until they are able to support themselves by their work, when their portions shall be withdrawn and assigned to the fabric and repair of the chapel or to the support of other converts at the will of the chief warden; with the proviso that the surplus of the goods aforesaid which may remain over and above the portions assigned for the support of the converts be applied to the fabric of the chapel and the necessary uses of the same. The said priest shall receive out of the aforesaid goods and chattels his reasonable support yearly, and that of his fellow-chaplain and of his clerk or clerks. If in the house aforesaid there be a chaplain, a convert, fit and honest, who can serve the chapel, the priest is to retain him in preference to any stranger. The priest shall maintain the burdens ordinary and extraordinary of the chapel at the cost of the house, and shall render to the treasurer and barons a yearly account of his receipts and expenses in pursuance.

Protection with clause volumus, until Christmas, for the prior of Montacute, going beyond seas.

Presentation of John de Radener to the church of Lauvyays by Bregenogh in the diocese of St. Davids, in the king's gift by reason of the voidance of the see.

Licence, notwithstanding the recent statute in mortmain, for the warden of the chapel of St. Catherine, Wamerge, founded by Emelina, sometime countess of Ulster, in her lifetime, who assigned rents and possessions to it for the maintenance of five chaplains, and who left in her will a great part of her goods to buy rents and possessions to the value of 10£ yearly in order to keep up hospitality, lights, ornaments, and other things pertaining to the praise of God there—to buy lands and possessions to that amount accordingly, on condition that neither the king nor the lord of the fees lose anything in this behalf.

May 27. Letters for Guy, prior of Montacute, going beyond seas, nominating William de Burewardeslegh, his fellow monk, and Humphrey le Cael his attorneys until Christmas.

The like for G. de Gyenvill, going beyond seas, nominating Robert Bruyn and Robert de Staunton for three years.