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by other adversities, is so impoverished that there can be no prospect for a long time of relief of his estate and the rebuilding by him of the manse unless he be relieved from other quarters; the king, out of compassion, has pardoned him 102 marks, 13s. 3d. due by the prior of arrears of the said yearly farm as well as any other arrears of the same from the said seventeenth day. By K & C.

Whereas in the chapel in the Tower of London there is only one chaplain, called the rector of the same chapel, who celebrates mass there daily, and 60s. of rent in Candelweykstrete, London, were of old granted by the king’s progenitors for his sustenance, the king, for the increase of divine worship and the quiet of his officers and ministers and others dwelling in the Tower by the more prompt ministration to them of sacred rites and sacraments, has thought good to ordain that three chaplains shall stay with the rector in the chapel to celebrate divine service daily for the good estate of the king and the said officers, ministers, and others, and for their souls when they are passed from this light; and for their sustenance he has granted in mortmain to the rector and chaplain 31s. 8d. of rent which he used to take yearly out of a tenement on ‘la Tourhull’ and Little Wales, a rent of 5s. by the hospital of St. Katharine near the Tower which used to be paid to the king at the exchequer yearly, a custom taken from stalbotes, kiddles and other kinds of engines in the water of Thames and rendered yearly, as it is more or less according to the seasons, by the hands of the constable of the Tower, at the exchequer, and 10 marks a year at the exchequer, to hold with the said 60s. of rent. He has granted also to them, with the assent of the constable, 20s. yearly of the fee which he takes from the king for the keeping of the Tower, with the assent of William de Rothewell, clerk of the moneys struck in the Tower, 10s. of the yearly fee which he takes in the said office, with the assent of Henry de Brisele, master of the said moneys, 13s. 4d. of that certain sum which he takes in the office yearly, and with the assent of the workmen using the hammers (martellis) for striking the moneys and of the tellers (talliatorum) of the moneys, 1d. a week of the stipend of each of them.

By K.

Feb. 26. Grant to Robert de Maule of 18l. 13s. 4d. a year at the exchequer for life or until he have an equivalent of land or rent, in consideration of a like grant which Ellen wife of the said Robert, now deceased had. By p.s.

Feb. 28. Mandate to the sheriff of Norfolk and Suffolk, all takers and selectors of carpenters and other workmen for the service of the king and others, and bailiffs, ministers and others, to permit John Days, John Pondere, the elder, John Pondere, the younger, Seman Aylemer, Seman Writte, John Mauveysyn, John Osbern, Laurence Pondere, Robert Borward, John Borward, John Flit, John Lefichild, Robert son of John Borward, Robert Falcenam, Roger Tredgold, William Hoberd, Thomas Mauveysyn and Thomas Batalye, carpenters hired by Robert Tebaud, of Ipswich, who has begun to build in the port of Ipswich a ship for the king’s service, to finish the ship, without impediment, and not to take any of them to serve elsewhere in the service of to king or others, until the work be finished. By C.