other chapels of the realm, this is the most devout and ancient, founded and endowed by the kings of England of their substance, and that it is placed in the most eminent part of the city of London and is furnished, by grant of popes and kings, with exemptions, privileges, liberties and other innumerable favours beyond the other chapels of the realm, and that the defects of the same could never be relieved of its own substance, restored the chapel and cloister of his own substance and at great expense with work of stone and wood, and erected it into a new form of wondrous beauty, adorned it with carvings of stone, began to erect the chapter house of the same, with a foundation deeply laid in the bosom of the earth, and intended to consummate the same in wondrous wise at his immense expense, and to decorate it with carvings skilfully wrought in stone, which without doubt could never have been done without his helping hand and other such helpers; and, aroused by his example, Joan de Hemenhale, relict of Edmund de Hemenhale, late citizen and mercer of London, while the light of life still shone for her, bearing in mind that it is a deceitful happiness and vain delusion to fix the heart on earthly things, which cannot long remain, and love too much what is transitory, and that it is the greatest happiness of men to change, before they come to the darkness of death, what is transitory to what is eternal for the salvation of their souls, bequeathed in her will, duly drawn up, proved and enrolled, all the tenements which she held in fee in Milkeestrete, London, partly in the parish of St. Laurence and partly in the parish of St. Mary Magdalene in Milkeestrete, by the dwelling-house late of Thomas, her brother, to the said chapel for a perpetual chantry to be newly founded in the same as her executors should wish to ordain; and moreover the king of England, patron and founder of the said chapel, granted two messuages and 9 shops with the tolls pertaining thereto in the parish of St. Nicholas, Gildaboye, London, which were acquired and bought of the goods of the said Joan to the intent that they should be assigned to the dean and college of the said free chapel to find a chaplain to celebrate divine service daily therein for the souls of the said Edmund and Joan, Henry Cheyner and Alice, his wife, the king and his preceptors, and all the faithful departed according to the ordinance of William de Wikeham and Master John de Linchelade, clerk, to the said dean and chapter to fulfil the intention of the said Joan; the said dean and chapter, therefore, accept the said tenements in Milkeestrete and the parish of St. Nicholas, Gildaboye, for founding one chantry in the said chapel and for the sustenance of one chaplain to celebrate divine service as above, and have unanimously ordained, with the consent of the canons of the said chapel, William de Wikeham, Master John de Lynchelade, and the other executors of the will of the said Joan, that the said chaplain shall have the name of perpetual vicar and the fourth stall in the choir after the stall of the residentiary canon on the north side of the said chapel, shall take 4l. sterling yearly of the goods of the chapel by name of stipend, and moreover, whether whole or sick, or absent by licence of the president of the chapter, shall take 18d. weekly for his table within the close of the chapel in the houses assigned for his dwelling, or, if he wish, at the common table of the vicars, shall be reputed in all things as one of the said vicars, and shall partake of all vessels, utensils, pittances, obits, residues and other emoluments pertaining to the commonalty of the vicars. Moreover they ordain,