1373.

July 20. Grant for life to Bernard Brocas, 'chivaler,' of the manor of Compton Basset, co. Wilts, to hold of the king by the services due of ancient time, in lieu of annuities of 40l. and 10l. at the Exchequer granted to him by letters patent dated 2 August, 34 Edward III, and 8 February, 37 Edward III, surrendered. By p.s.

Membrane 31—cont.

Aug. 3. Although the king by letters patent lately appointed William de Basynges, master of the hospital of St. Mary, Strode, to be chief master and clerk of the works at the castles of Quenesburgh, Rouchestre and Ledes, and the manor of Gravesende, and to make all payments for the works by view and testimony of John Barler, clerk, controller and surveyor of the works; in view of the too onerous duties thus required of him he has discharged the said master from the payment of wages for the works of Quenesburgh castle, the letters remaining in force for the other two castles and the manor, and has appointed Master John de Welton to be master and clerk of the works at Quenesburgh castle, as well as to make all payments for wages and for necessaries for the works and carriage during pleasure, by view and testimony of the said John, to bring back labourers who have withdrawn from the works without licence, to imprison all contrariants or rebels until they find security to serve on the works, to find by inquisition whether stone, timber, or other necessaries bought for the works have been elogined and have such brought back again, and to have the branches and other residues of trees bought for the works sold and answer to the king for the proceeds of the sale.

By letter of the signet.

Sept. 5. Whereas Thomas Baker acquired for life a messuage, 1 acre of land and 2 acres of meadow in Frome Braunche, John Giffard acquired for life two messuages there, Matthew Honycod acquired for life a messuage there, John Byde acquired for life a messuage there, Geoffrey Kateryne acquired for life a messuage and 2 acres of land there, and Richard Wayte acquired for life a mill there, from Stephen Wynslade, who held the same of the king in chief; and John Giffard and the others named after him granted to the said Thomas Baker their several estates in the premises; and whereas all the said persons entered into the lands and tenements aforesaid without the king's licence: the king, for 40s. paid by Thomas Baker, has pardoned the trespasses in this and given back the lands, and has also granted that he may re-grant to the said John Giffard and those named after him the several tenements specified above to hold for life.

July 8. Grant to Henry, lord of Percy, for 760l. paid at the receipt of the Exchequer, of the keeping of two parts of the castle and manor and of Mitford and all other lands in the county of Northumberland and liberty of Tyndale late of David de Strabolgi, earl of Atholl, who held in chief, to hold from Midsummer last until the full age of Elizabeth and Philippa, daughters and heirs of the earl, with the marriage of the heirs. If any lands pertaining to the said inheritance be recovered at the suit and costs of the said Henry during the wardship,