1374.

William his son, Richard de Essen hull, John Grene, John Wexcombe and others, witnessing that William, prior of Kirkeby Monachorum, and the convent of that place, have demised to the said Walter all their manor of Copston Magna, with all the lands, meadows, woods, waters, feedings and pastures adjoining, and with rents, services, heriots, customs, fines and amercements of all their tenants there, also waifs and strays taken there and all other royal profits pertaining to the manor, saving two appearances yearly of all the said tenants at their view of frankpledge of Kirkeby, together with the amercements of the tenants at such views for their defaults; also the tithe of sheaves, hay, wool, lambs and all other smaller tithes of the said manor and town; to hold to him for his life and to his heirs or executors for 18 years after his death, rendering yearly to the abbot of St. Nicholas-lez-Angers 25 marks sterling at the feast of St. Botolph, and to the said prior and his successors 20 marks sterling at Michaelmas, saving to the said prior a heriot worth 20s. after Walter's death; on condition that, if either of the rents be wholly or in part in arrear for three weeks after each term, the prior and convent may enter and retain the manor until the rent with arrears be satisfied; and if it chance that any tenement in the manor be void by the death or withdrawal of a tenant and not owing to any default of Walter or another in his name, then the rent of such tenant shall be allowed in the rent due from Walter to the prior; and Walter grants that he will have built anew, at the costs of the prior and convent, to be deducted out of his rent, a hall with a chamber at the east end and a kitchen in the manor, and will repair and maintain the same and all other houses in the manor at his own costs during his term; and the prior and convent have granted that they will defend him against the king and against all manner of actions of Holy Church by reason of the said tithes in the town, and against all others from any charge of tallage demanded from him by reason of the manor or his chattels therein.

Aug. 4. Presentation of John Wengrave, parson of the church of Iwell, in the diocese of Worcester, to the church of Newenton, in the diocese of Canterbury, in the king's gift by reason of the voidance of the archbishopric of Canterbury; on an exchange of benefices with William Hauley.

July 8. Licence for the alienation in mortmain by Simon, parson of the church of Castre, and Nicholas de Massynham to the abbot and convent of Westerham of the advowson of the church of Grymeston by Geyton, not held of the king, and for the appropriation of the church by the abbot and convent. By p.s.

July 6. Whereas lately the king committed to his yeoman, Simon de Burgh of the county of Kent, the keeping of all the lands late of John de Vieleston, late sheriff of the county, deceased, in the king's hands for certain debts which John owed him, to hold by the extent at a farm of 9l. 3s. 6d. until the said debt should be satisfied; and afterwards, on 12 July in his thirty-ninth year, the king remitted 4l. 3s. 8d. of the said rent, and subsequently remitted the remaining 5l.; and afterwards Simon, having had a release, as he asserts, from the heirs of