of the church in the prior and convent was discontinued; the king has granted licence for them to hold the church appropriated to them and their successors, as their predecessors held it. By p.s.


Jan. 3. Licence for the king's widow, Elizabeth late the wife of Edward de Kendale, 'chivalier,' who held in chief, to marry whomsoever of the king's liege freemen she pleases. By p.s.

Jan. 12. Grant for life to John Knyvet, whom the king has retained for life as one of the council, of 200 marks yearly out of the issues of the hanaper of the Chancery. By p.s.

1376. Grant for life to John Nichole of the keeping of the king's great clock in Westminster palace, taking for the keeping 6d. a day for his wages at the Exchequer. By p.s.

Vacated because surrendered, king Richard II having on 22 December in his nineteenth year granted the keeping to William Wodeward, 'fundour.'

Oct. 13. Grant, for life or until other order, to the king's servant John Pays Westminster, of 100s. yearly at the Exchequer. By p.s.

Dec. 17. Whereas, on 22 March in his forty-seventh year, the king, understanding that John Dodeford, canon of the house, claiming to be prior of the priory of St. Frideswide, Oxford, intruded himself into the priory without due process, commanded the temporalities, lands and possessions of the priory to be seized into his hand by the escheator in the counties of Oxford and Berks, and, by several letters patents, committed the keeping of the priory, on 7 May following to Roger Elmrugg, now deceased, and John de Baldyngton, on 24 August in his forty-eighth year to William Coteshale and Richard Forester, and on 18 November following to John Hardy and Edmund Gyffard of Arnecote in place of the said Richard, with the said William, on condition that they answered at the Exchequer for the issues and profits of the priory beyond what was required for the sustenance of the house; and the said John Dodeford, who is now prior of the priory, has made petition that, whereas he in the last voidance of the priory was lawfully elected prior with the king's licence, and confirmed by the royal assent, the temporalities may be restored to him from the said 22 March to 9 February in the forty ninth year, on which day the king made restitution of them to him: the king, for 20l. paid by the prior, has pardoned the prior and convent all profits pertaining to him by occasion of the taking of the priory into his hand as well as by occasion of the voidance, and discharges them, as well as the said keepers and the executors of Roger, of the said issues and profits.

Oct. 6. Grant to the king's son Thomas of Wodestok, constable of England, Westminster, in satisfaction of 243l. yearly of 1,000 marks yearly granted to him by letters patent, dated 24 August last, of the keeping of the following, to wit, the castle, manor and town of Plessitz, as of the value of 106s. 8d., the manors of Hiestre, as of the value of 100l., and