which he had seized on the ground that an abbot of the house had acquired the same in mortmain from the earl of Chester without licence, it having been found by an inquisition taken by him at the king's mandate, issued on the petition of the present abbot shewing that such acquisition was made long before the statute of mortmain, that the earl founded the abbey sixty years before the publication of that statute, and at the foundation granted in frank almon to the abbot and monks there the manor of Leek, and they have since peacefully possessed the same.

Nov. 25. Exemplification under the seal now in use in England of letters patent, dated 14 February, 12 Edward III. appointing Walter de Manny to the custody during minority of John, the son, or other heir, of the lands late of Edmund de Bereford, tenant in chief, with the marriage of the heir.

Nov. 25. Power for five years to the chancellor of the university of Oxford and the mayor of the town to distrain all persons having tenements in the town and suburbs, clerks and laymen alike, for repair of the pavements before their holdings. If the mayor be remiss herein and will not act with the chancellor, the latter shall act without him that the king may hear no more complaints in the matter. By C.

Nov. 25. Whereas the king by letters patent lately appointed John de Balscote, king's clerk, to the office of chief engrosser of the Exchequer of Dublin, during pleasure, and afterwards as a further grace granted first that he should hold the office during good behaviour and subsequently that he should hold it for ten years from Easter, 11 Edward III. he confirms the last grant. By C.

Nov. 29. Whereas William son of Swetemannus de Alyythelegh and John Spillecok by fine levied before John de Stonore and his fellows, justices of the Bench, lately acknowledged the manor of Alyythelegh, a messuage and a carucate of land in Horndon, and the advowsons of the church of Somersete London and the chapel of the said manor, to be the right of Thomas de Bradeston, and surrendered the advowsons to him, quit-claimed in fee to him two parts of the manor, and granted that the third part of the manor, held in dower by Margery late the wife of John Brianzoun, and the said messuage and land, now held for life by Robert de Wauton, should remain to him and his heirs, and whereas the said Thomas entered upon the said two parts of the manor and the advowsons, which are said to be held in chief, without licence; the king, for good service done by the said Thomas on many occasions, has pardoned the trespasses herein, and has granted that he and his heirs may retain the two parts of the manor and the advowsons and have the said reversions as they fall in. By the Keeper & C.

March 20. Appointment of the mayor of the town of Cambridge and Thomas Powys to acquire in the king's name, and receive seisin of, all such houses and places in the town of Cambridge as shall appear to be necessary and convenient for enlarging the manse of the warden and clerks supported by the king's alms in the King's Hall, which are for sale. By C.

Nov. 18. Confirmation to Rees ap Griffith, Joan his wife, and Rees their son of,—

(1) Grant by Griffin ap Meuric Vuchan, David Goch ap Cadog' ap Meuric, Jevan Noel ap Jorc ap Cadog', Gwil ap Jorum ap Cadog', Meuric Vachan ap Meuric ap Cadog', Howel ap Jevan ap Gwil, Gwil ap Meuric, Jevan ap Meuric, Jevan ap Howel ap Gwil, Gwenllian daughter of Gwil Vachan, Eva daughter of Llewellin Goch, Lengu daughter of Oweny Goch,