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provoest and chaplains and their successors and their men be for ever quit of toll, pavyage, pontage, quayage, murage, passage, paage, lastage, tallage, carriage, pessage, picage, terrage, scot and geld, hidge, scutage, works of castles, parks and bridges, building of royal houses, suit of counties, hundreds and wapentakes, aids, view of frank-pledge, murder, amerceament and the like, that they be quit of aids, contributions and tallages by reason of the manor and other lands, tenths of clergy, and sums granted by the commonalty of the realm for array of men-at-arms, hobelers, archers or footmen for the king's service; that their lands shall be under the king's special protection and that they shall have free warren in their lands at Cotherstok, and all their demesnes, if these be not within the forest.

April 12. Joan de Mortuo Mari, countess of March, staying in England, has letters nominating John de Staunton and Walter Colyn her attorneys in Ireland for three years. John de Watenhull, clerk, received the attorneys.

April 11. Whereas John Giffard, late vicar of the church of Bassyngbourn, built some houses upon a parcel of the churchyard, adjoining the highway there and pertaining to the church time out of mind, for his dwelling, and Nicholas de Bokelond, king's clerk, parson of the said church, and John de Welweton, late vicar thereof, entered upon the same, without any licence obtained herein, and whereas the houses have been taken into the king's hands because in building them the said John Giffard committed a purprespure on the highway; the king of special grace has pardoned the trespasses in that behalf and restored the houses to the said Nicholas and John de Welweton, and their successors, parsons and vicars of the church.

By p.s.

April 20. Exemplification under the seal now in use of letters patent dated Westminster. 8 January, 3 Edward III., exempting for life Geoffrey Beaufou from being put on assizes, &c.

April 12. Whereas John le Smale, king's clerk, acquired in fee from Nicholas de Quenton a virgate, 10½ acres and 21 selions of land at Pyrleye, with a meadow adjoining, in Alvechurch, which Nicholas acquired from Richard Aucher, and Richard acquired from Godfrey, late bishop of Worcester, who held the same of Edward I. and 66½ acres of land in Sanden and a plot of land called 'Eraldescroft,' in Pynyon, in Alvechurch, which the said Nicholas had acquired from Walter Reynald, late bishop of Worcester, who held the same of Edward II. and whereas the said John, Nicholas and Richard entered into the premises aforesaid without licence of Edward I. Edward II. or of the present king; the latter of special grace has pardoned these trespasses and granted licence for the said John to retain the lands.

By p.s.

April 20. Presentation of Reiner de Aston Somervill, dean of Saunford in the Westminster, diocese of Norwich, to the church of Borleye in the diocese of London, on an exchange of benefices with Master Robert de Stokes.

April 19. Grant for life to Hugh de Whethamstede of 3d. a day at the Exchequer.

By p.s.

Be it remembered that these letters were surrendered and he has other letters of 3d. a day out of the issues of the counties of Essex and Hertford, on the Patent Roll of 24 Edward III. dated 30 April.

Membrane 13.

April 12. Protection for one year, at the instance of the commonalties of the towns of Ghent, Bruges and Ypres, for merchants of Spain, Catalonia and Majorca. [Fœdera.] By K. & C.