1343.
May 18. Westminster. 

*Inspeccimus* and ratification of an indenture, dated at London, 1 May, 17 Edward III, between Guy de Brian, the younger, of the one part and John Gordon, mayor, and Thomas Kyngesmay, Gilbert de Pole, Thomas Swete, John Hauley, John Mather, John Scoce, Henry de Whiteley, William Bacoun, William Hemmyng, John Cotte and Richard Swete, burgesses of the borough of Clifton, Dertemuth and Herdenassse, plenipotentiaries of the said commonomy to treat with the said Guy of matters in debate between them, witnessing that whereas the king by charter dated 9 February, in his fifteenth year, granted to the said Guy that that part of the lordship and profit which the king had of the grant of Nicholas de Teukisbury in the said borough and which Joan de Carreu held for life by grant of the king should remain to him and his heirs, and the said Joan on 14 February then next attorned to him in respect of all services due from the borough, and afterwards, by a writing dated 12 July, 16 Edward III, released to him and his heirs all her estate and title in the borough; and whereas the king, by charter dated 14 April, in his fifteenth year, granted to the burgesses and their successors divers liberties; subsequently because Guy asserted that these liberties for the most part would be prejudicial to him and his lordship and were contrary to the charter of the king to him therein, an agreement has been made between Guy and the mayor and burgesses, to wit the latter grant that Guy and his heirs should hold for ever the whole lordship, rent, services and amends of breaches of the assize of bread and ale and all other profits of the borough, except amercements of plea of land by writs or plaints of possession within the borough, which Guy grants shall remain to them: the mayor and burgesses grant that he and his heirs may have a steward at their will within the borough: Guy grants that the commonalty shall in every year elect a mayor and bailiffs to be sworn before him or his steward; the mayor and burgesses grant that the steward for the time being with the mayor shall hear and determine all pleas real or personal emergent there or affecting the liberty of the borough, and the steward and the mayor shall make all executions, and in case they cannot agree it shall be lawful for the steward to proceed as used to be done in the time of Nicholas de Teukesbury, and all amercements of such pleas shall be taxed by the steward and estreats thereof sent by him to the bailiff of the borough to be levied by them for the use of Guy; in case of infraction of this agreement by the mayor and burgesses they shall be held to Guy and his heirs in 20l. and the king’s charter of liberties to them shall be null and void unless amends be made within three months.

By p.s.


Exemption for life of Bartholomew Bateman from being put on assizes, juries or recognitions, and from appointment as mayor, sheriff, escheator, coroner or other bailiff or minister of the king, against his will. By p.s.

May 31. Havering atte Bower.

Grant in recompence of his immense losses and labours in the king’s war in Ireland, to Fulk de la Freygne of the custody of all lands late of Thomas de Demne, knight, tenant in chief, in the counties of Waterford and Cork in Ireland, to hold during the nonage of the heir. By p.s.

Mandate in pursuance to Roger Darcy, escheator in Ireland.

The like to John Darcy, justiciary of Ireland, or to such as supplies his place.


Grant at the request of Walter de Mauny, to Henry de Traford, of exemption from knighthood for life.

The like, of exemption from assizes, juries or recognitions, and from appointment as mayor, sheriff, coroner, or other bailiff or minister of the king, against his will. By K.