Nov. 17. Richmond. 1345. Whereas the king lately granted to Thomas de Melchbourne and his fellows, merchants of England, the customs and subsidies on wool, hides and wool-fells from 24 June, in his seventeenth year, until three years after Michaelmas then following, in return for 50,000l. to be paid to him yearly during that term, and granted that 3,000l. should be allowed to them in the last quarter of the term in debts wherein the king was bound to them, whereof they would restore the obligations to him; and whereas subsequently, in recompense of the said 3,000l. and losses sustained by them because the passage of wool throughout the realm was prohibited for some time, as well as in allowance for other debts which they could require of him by covenants previously entered into between him and them, he granted to them 7,000l. out of customs and subsidies on wool to be taken from certain ports in England, on condition that he should have the third penny arising from such customs and subsidies and that one part of the cocket seal in all ports should remain with the collectors of his customs there under the seal of one of the said merchants or their attorneys in that behalf until they should be satisfied of the said 7,000l. by pretext of which grant they undertook to lend him 10,000 marks, and he to facilitate the loan granted them licence to take two thousand sacks of wool to foreign parts in the time when the export thereof was prohibited; the king, because they have released to him 1,000l. out of the said 7,000l. has discharged them from having to lend him the 10,000 marks, but all other covenants and conditions contained in the indenture as well for him as for them shall remain in full force.

By p.s. Grant, on testimony that he is too infirm and broken by age to labour, to Thomas de Whelesbergh that he shall not be distrained by the king or his ministers to take the order of knighthood or to go in person on the king’s service to France, Gascony, Brittany or elsewhere without the realm, and that he shall be exempt from assizes, juries, inquisitions or recognitions and from appointment as mayor, sheriff, escheator or other bailiff or minister of the king against his will; pardon to him also of any trespasses in not having the order of knighthood pursuant to proclamations made before these times.

By p.s. Grant to William Beaufou of the keeping of the castle of Taunton now in the king’s hands among other temporalities of the bishopric of Winchester, to hold for such time as the same shall remain in the king’s hands in like manner as Ralph de Restwold held it.

By p.s. Whereof John Cundy of Sandwich, who held the bailiwick of Sandwich in fee has departed this life, leaving his heir in his nonage, the king, not being as yet fully informed whether the said John on the day of his death had such estate in the bailiwick as is said, for the safe keeping of the same in the meantime has committed it to John Darumde of Sandwich, during pleasure, or until it shall have been discussed whether

Dec. 25. Westminster. Inspectimus and confirmation of letters patent of queen Philippa (in French), dated at Westminster, 10 October, 19 Edward III, granting for life to John de Ravenscholm, king’s yeoman, the agistment of the herbage of Eydale in the forest of High Peak, at the rent of 20l. yearly at her exchequer, saving sufficient pasture for the wild beasts (saragine) there without charging other places adjoining the forest, and saving common for the commoners; saving also all things pertaining to the castle and honour of High Peak.

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