MEMBRANE 22.

Whereas of late Peter de Vynan, admiral of the king’s fleet of Bayonne, falling in with a number of ships of Spain and other foreign parts off the islands of Gereseye and Gernereye, laden with wines in and of the land of enemies of the king and bound for parts of such enemies, as by many signs appeared to him at first sight, brought the ships, the masters whereof gave uncertain replies, to a port in England, constantly affirming that the ships, masters, mariners and wines were forfeit to the king; and whereas afterwards, by letters to the king of the burgomasters, advocates, échevins captains and great consuls of the good towns of Flanders, Ghent, Bruges, and Ypres, and of the commonalty (communi patrie) of Flanders, sent to him by their messengers, the king learned that some men of Flanders, named in the letters, claimed part of the wine: he enjoined on the justices dealing with such cases and others, sworn members of the council, that in the presence of the said Peter, the masters and the messengers, calling to them such vintners and others accustomed to buy wines in Gascony and the vicinage, for investigating the truth herein, as have greater knowledge of metes or signs of the merchants of the said parts. And the same justices assembling in London in the first instance, and afterwards others of the council of more importance, attending the king at the castle of Porchester about his passage, handled the whole deed with full cognisance of the cause and the most exact diligence and came to a final decision without any doubtfulness, by which decision they declared the wines at the time of the lading and arrest to be of the king’s enemies of France and to be forfeit. And although the masters and mariners of the ships for their fault incurred forfeiture of life, members and goods towards him, nevertheless, out of consideration for his kinsman, the king of Castille, the king has remitted their fault and commanded the ships and their own goods to be given back to them and the freight of the ships paid to them; giving the wines into the custody of the said admiral and his fellows until further order be given thereon.

By K.

June 28.
Porchester.

Licence for the alienation in mortmain by Thomas, earl of Warwick, to the prior and convent of Maxtstoke of a virgate and an acre of land in Yerchele and the advowson of the church of that town, and for the appropriation of the church by the prior and convent.

June 24.
Porchester.

Pardon to Robert son of Reginald le Jort for acquiring in fee from Reginald le Jort a messuage, a virgate of land and two parts of a messuage and a virgate of land, in Kynste and Badelive on Sore, held in chief, and entering therein without licence; and licence for him to retain the same.

By fine of 1 mark. Nottingham.

June 5.
Porchester.

Pardon of special grace to Roger Brykebek, late steward of Ralph, bishop of Bath and Wells, for all felonies, receiving of felons, procuring of felonies, trespasses and extortions, as well as of any consequent outlawries and issues forfeit for non-appearance to answer to the king the same (as above).

By p.s.

June 15.
Porchester.

By letters patent the king lately granted licence for the alienation in mortmain by Elizabeth de Burgo his kinswoman, to the dean and chapter of the church of St. Paul, London, of the advowson of the church of Grantesden, co. Huntingdon, said to be held in chief, and she has now made petition that, insomuch as that business has not been effected, she may grant the advowson to the master and scholars of the hall of Clare, Cambridge, and their successors. The king assenting to her petition has granted to her the said licence; and she also granted licence for her