1350.

April 20.

Westminster.

Whereas among liberties granted to the burgesses of Oxford by charter of Henry III, confirmed by the king, it is granted that they shall have a gild-merchant, and the king lately by charter granted to them that no one shall expose for sale their merchandise on which custom is due until such custom be levied; and whereas the burgesses, reflecting that the town and its inhabitants as well by the pestilence lately reigning there as in other parts of England as by the withdrawal of foreign merchants who used to come in large numbers with victuals and other merchandise to sell but now do not come on account of divers prests of toll and other customs levied on things exposed for sale there, are so impoverished that the inhabitants will not long be able to bear the charges incumbent on them unless some remedy be speedily provided for them, appearing before the council by the mayor and some of their number, have of their own will granted that for ten years from this date the collection of toll and other customs on wools, wool-fells and hides and any kind of animal brought to their town by merchants, denizen or foreign, shall be stayed, and have undertaken to have this proclaimed in the vicinage; the king commending such stay as manifestly conducing not to their own but to the common profit of the people of the realm, has granted that they shall not in future be prejudiced by reason of the stay.

By C.

May 2.

Rotherhithe.

Grant to William de Hugate, king's clerk, of the prebend of Keten, in the church of St. Mary, Lincoln, the right of presentation to which the king, by judgment of the court of the Bench, has recovered against the bishop of Lincoln, as in his gift by reason of the late voidance of the bishopric.

By p.s.

Mandate in pursuance to J. bishop of Lincoln.
The like to the dean and chapter of the said church.

April 8.
Westminster.

Presentation of Thomas Larder, chaplain, to the vicarage of the church of Nether Stowey, in the diocese of Bath and Wells, in the king's gift by reason of the priory of Goldeleyve being in his hands on account of the war with France.

April 8.
Westminster.

Appointment of John de Sponlee, master of the stonemasons employed for the chapel in the king's castle of Wyndesore, to select masons and other workmen as required for the work and put them to work there at the king's wages.

By K. on the information of the treasurer.

April 9.
Westminster.

Presentation of William Dean of Leyghton, chaplain, to the vicarage of the church of Potesgrave, in the diocese of Lincoln, in the king's gift by reason of the late voidance of the abbey of St. Albans.

April 8.
Westminster.

Licence for the alienation in mortmain by John de Loudham, John Gobat of Ipswich, Benedict le Jay of Ipswich and Martin de Whityngton, 'chaplain,' to the prior and Carmelite Friars of Ipswich, in part satisfaction of the twelve plots containing 6 roods of land, which they had the late king's licence to acquire for the enlargement of their dwelling place, of two messuages in Ipswich, one 5 perches long and 8 perches wide, making a rood of land, and the other 8 perches long and 2 perches broad, making a fourth part, half a fourth part and a fortieth part of a rood of land, which are not held in chief and are of the value of 12d. yearly, as appears by inquisition taken by John de Colby, escheator in the counties of Norfolk and Suffolk.