
1400.  Nov. 5. Westminster. Whereas Ralph de Sotheworth, clerk of the king's kinsman the earl of Northumberland, of the ordinance of the treasurer of England by letters patent has the office of controller of the customs and subsidy of wools, hides and wool-fells and the petty custom in the port of Newcastle on Tyne and all ports and places from thence on one side to Berwick on Tweed and on the other side to Scardeburgh during pleasure, receiving the accustomed fee, provided that he execute the office in person; the king, in consideration of his good service to Richard II in writing in the office of the privy seal for six years and in Chancery for four years without reward and to the king in his two journeys in Wales and Scotland, grants that he shall have the said office during good behaviour, receiving the accustomed fee, with power to appoint a deputy.

By p.s.

1401.  Jan. 28. Westminster. Insperimus and confirmation to William de Gibthrop, 'chivaler,' kinsman and heir of Peter de Giphthorp, of a charter dated at Westminster, 10 February, 3 Edward II [Charter Roll, 3 Edward II, No. 16], granting to the latter and his heirs a market, a fair and free warren.

For 26s. 8d. paid in the hanaper.

1400.  Dec. 9. Westminster. Licence for the alienation in mortmain to the abbot and convent of Stratford by Thomas Moraunt, citizen and fishmonger of London, John Stodey and William Alkham of a messuage, a toft, 300 acres of land, 8 acres of meadow and 32s. rent in Alvethele and Upmynstre, not held in chief, worth 100s. yearly, as appears by an inquisition taken before Richard Baynard, late escheator in the county of Essex, and by William Forde and Edmund Mille of the reversion of a messuage, 100 acres of land, 4 acres of meadow, and 200 acres of marsh in Chaldewell, Westilbury, Estilbury and Little Thurrok, not held in chief, worth 100s. yearly, as appears by the said inquisition, which John Quynton and Joan his wife hold for her life, on her death, in full satisfaction of 50l. yearly of land and rent which they had licence by letters patent of Edward II to acquire.

For 40s. paid in the hanaper.

1401.  Feb. 6. Westminster. Appointment, with the assent of the council, until Easter, of John Brampton of Wyndesore to search out all spies within the realm and arrest them and bring them before the king and council.

By K. on the information of John Cheyne, 'chivaler.'