March 28.

Eltham Manor.

Insperimus and confirmation to William Sutton of letters patent under the seal of Ireland, witnessed by Stephen Lescrope, knight, deputy of the king's son Thomas de Lancaster, steward of England, lieutenant in Ireland, at Dublin, 28 January, 5 Henry IV, granting to him for life the office of clerk of the common pleas of the exchequer of Ireland, receiving like fees, wages and rewards as John Penkeston, late clerk, had in the

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15 May, 10 Richard II, by charter granted the manor to Thomas, then bishop of Ely, now archbishop of Canterbury, and Richard Waldegrave, knight, who still survive, and William Bryan and John Gydesborough, knights, now deceased, and they were seised thereof, and the said archbishop and Richard on 22 November last granted the manor to the king and his heirs and assigns; the king, John de Appulton, the master, and the fellows of the college of the Great Hall of the University of Oxford, of the foundation of the king's progenitors and of the king's patronage, who are poorly endowed, may be bound to pray for the good estate of himself and Walter, bishop of Durham, and for their souls, after death, grants to them in mortmain the said manor with wards, marriages, reliefs, escheats and all other things pertaining to it, to hold in aid of their maintenance and for the support of certain charges according to the ordinance of the bishop, confirmed by the king and here recited as follows:

There shall be three fellows in priest's orders beyond the present number in the college, who shall celebrate specially for the happy estate of the king and the bishop and for their souls after death, and each of these besides their commons, chamber, servants and other necessaries as other fellows have shall receive yearly from the college 40s, in money, and they shall not receive from friends or strangers any stipends to celebrate divine service but in their masses and orisons they shall pray for the king and the bishop principally and for the founders and benefactors of the college, and if anyone of them shall refuse to fulfil the charge or shall accept any ecclesiastical benefice, chaplainship, office or stipend or bind himself to pray for anyone else his place in the college shall ipso facto be vacant and another shall be elected to it. In the election of these fellows there shall be no restriction to graduates as the statutes of the college wish, but non-graduates may be elected unless suitable graduates can be found. All the fellows of the college yearly on the day of the death of the bishop shall celebrate his solemn obsequies in the chapel of the college with placba and dirige and mass of the dead on the morrow, and they shall receive yearly on the day of his death 6s. 8d. (which during his lifetime they shall receive on the feast of All Saints) and 6s. 8d. on the day of St. Cuthbert in Lent, and they shall be bound to remember his soul in their daily masses and to pray for him as a benefactor of the college. The three fellows shall be chosen from students of Oxford or Cambridge born in the dioceses of York and Durham if suitable ones can be found and, if not, from those born in other places, and they shall be bound to all the observances and statutes of the college. The visitors of the college shall cause this ordinance to be publicly read and shall see that the promises are fulfilled, and all fellows of the college shall swear to observe the ordinance and cause it to be observed, saving the right of the bishop in his lifetime to modify it. Dated at his manor of Aukland, 27 December, 1403.