Nov. 11.

Appointment, during good behaviour, of the king's clerk Henry Merton as clerk of the works at the palace of Westminster, the Tower of London, the castles of Berkamsted, Walthamford, Vis. Bridges, Rokyngham, Notyngham, Odian, the manors of Kenyngton, Eltham, Claryston, Sheen, Sutton, Billete, Childermelangley, Wodestok, Esthamstedstede, Havering atte Bourc, Henley on le Heth, Cosham, Bekkele, Clippeston, Isteclwode, the lodge of Deckeswode and the lodge of Hathebergh of the New Forest, and for the works of the lodges, garderns, stanks, mills and houses and enclosures of parks pertaining to them, with power to take stone-cutters, carpenters, and other workmen and labourers and stone, timber, tiles, shingles, glass, iron, lead and other necessaries, to make payments by the supervision of the controller of the said works, to arrest and imprison all who depart without licence and to sell bounds, bark and other residues of trees.

By K.

Dec. 13.

Inscriptions and confirmation of the following:

1. Letters patent dated 31 May, 22 Richard II, granting licence for William Dalby of Exton to found at Okeham a hospital of two chaplains and twelve poor men and to grant the advowson of the hospital to the prior and convent of St. Anne of the Carthusian order by Coventr, and for these to grant in mortmain 40l. yearly rent to the warden of the hospital. [Monasticon, VII. 714.]

2. An indenture tripartite dated in the chapter-house of the said priory, 26 October, 6 Henry IV, witnessing that Robert Palmer, the prior, and the convent, for 577 marks paid to them by William Dalby of Okeham, founder of the hospital of St. John the Evangelist and St. Anne, Okeham, have granted in mortmain to Simon Thorpe, warden of the hospital, a yearly rent of 20l. with power of distraint on their lands of Ediweston, co. Rutland, and a payment of 100l. each time the rent is one month in arrear.

For 10s. paid in the hanaper.

Dec. 10.

Grant to the king's consort John, queen of England, of all castles, manors, towns, lands, lordships, commotes, cantreds, courts, leets, hundreds and other possessions pertaining to the king by reason of the minority of Humphrey son and heir of Edmund, late earl of Stafford, in England and Wales and the marches of the same and elsewhere, to hold with knights' fees, advowsons and all commodities, issues and revenues from the death of the said earl during the minority of his said heir, and so from heir to heir, beyond the possessions late of the said earl already granted to her in part deduction of 10,000 marks granted to her for life in dower.

By K.

Nov. 21.

Exemplification, at the request of the prior and convent of the house of St. Anne of the Carthusian order by Coventre, of the tenours of a petition (French) by them in Parliament at Coventre praying for restitution of the priory of Swavesey with all its possessions, from which they had been ousted by one Master John Judde, according to the form of letters patent of Richard II confirmed by the king, and the answer of the king (French) assenting thereto. [Rolls of Parliament, III. 551.]

Nov. 21.

Exemplification, at the request of John Cornewall, knight, and Elizabeth his wife, the king's sister, countess of Huntingdon, of the tenours of a petition (French) by them in Parliament at Coventre praying