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lieu of a grant to him by letters patent dated 3 March last, surrendered because invalid because there is no mention of the wages in them. By p.s.

April 30. Revocation of letters patent dated 23 April last, granting protection with clause *volumus*, for one year, to John Elam of Rykmeresworth going on the king's service in the company of the king's brother John, earl of Somerset, captain of the town of Calais, on the safe-keeping of the same, because he delays in the county of Hertford, as appears by certificate of the sheriff.

May 1. Commission, during pleasure, to James Oele of the office of tronage and poundage in the port of Berwick on Tweed, receiving the accustomed fee. By bill of the treasurer.

April 26. Revocation of letters patent dated 4 October, 1 Henry IV, granting Westminster. for life to William Pountfreit the office of keeping the writs and rolls of the Common Bench; as at the suit of the king's clerk Robert Manfeld, to whom the office had been granted for life by letters patent dated 8 February, 20 Richard II, the king directed the sheriffs of London to summon the said William to appear before him in Chancery at a certain day now past to show cause why the letters should not be revoked and the said Robert restored to possession, and they returned that they had summoned him by John Selby and Stephen Godsonde and he appeared in person but could say nothing and judgement was given against him.

April 27. Pardon to Robert atte Fen of Trunch, indicted of having with Westminster. others on the night of Monday before SS. Peter and Paul, 8 Henry IV, at Trunch in a place called Southwode of malice aforethought and conspiracy murdered one John Selot and carried off 6 marks of gold and silver of his in money. By p.s.

April 28. Commission, during pleasure, to the king's brother Henry, bishop Westminster. of Winchester, of the keeping of the abbey of Beaulieu, of the Cistercian order, which is of the foundation of the king's progenitors and of the king's patronage, and its manors, lands, rents, possessions and faculties, as the abbot and convent are impoverished and indebted by the bad governance of certain late abbots and their possessions are charged and their live stock wasted and there are other inconveniences by excessive sales of their great wood and the dilapidation of their houses which cannot be repaired with 1000*l.* so that all issues beyond the necessary maintenance of the abbot and convent and their household and officers and servants shall be expended in aid of the relief of the house; and grant of protection for the same. By p.s.

Exemption for life of Richard Birle from being put on assizes, juries, attainments, inquisitions or recognitions and from being made mayor, sheriff, escheator, coroner, collector of tenths, fifteenths or other subsidies, assessor, controller, taxpayer, arrayer of men at arms, hobelers or archers or leader of the same, bailiff, minister, commissioner or officer of the king. By p.s.