Membranes 11 and 10—cont.

celebration of masses and not correct himself when warned by the ordinary his place shall be vacant and another promoted to it. No one shall be admitted to any place in the chantry unless actually in priest's orders and of good fame, and the chaplains shall be sufficiently instructed and shall keep schools, one in grammar and the other in song, in the city of Durham in places to be assigned by the said bishop or his executors, teaching poor persons gratis and receiving moderate stipends from those who are willing to pay, and the chaplain keeping the school in song shall be bound to be present and sing at the mass of St. Mary with chant in the church of Durham or the said chapel with any of his scholars in competent number, but the one governing the grammar school need only be present on Sundays and double feasts. In all their masses, principal feasts excepted, the chaplains shall say the collect Omnipotens sempiterna Deus for the good estate of the king and the bishop of Durham for the time being and for the said souls; and they shall dwell together in a manse or house to be assigned to them within the city by bishop Thomas or his executors and shall not pass the night outside it without just cause approved by the bishop or absent themselves from the city without licence of the bishop or his vicar general, nor for more than forty days in the year nor both at one time, and the absentee shall always have a suitable substitute to keep school, and they shall not have any women dwelling with them in the house, even though kinswomen, nor any women passing the night in the house, and they shall not frequent plays prohibited to clerks or taverns or dishonest spectacles but occupy themselves with their schools and services, and any delinquent shall be corrected by the bishop and his ministers. This ordinance shall be read to all chaplains before admission, and they shall have a copy if they ask for it and shall take an oath (in words given) on the Gospels, and shall have letters of the bishop expressly mentioning this. The ordinance shall be read before them every quarter of a year at least, and they shall have a copy with them in their house. If any of the chaplains be hindered from serving by defect or infirmity he shall not be excluded from the chantry or his stipend if be not through his own fault but he shall pray devoutly for the said souls and shall have a substitute at his own expense to keep school. The advowson of the chantry is granted to the king to grant to the bishop (as on m. 12). Any rents and obventions from the chantry in time of vacancy shall be reserved to the successor in it. The said bishop during his life may alter this ordinance, and this and any alteration shall be written and sealed in three parts, one remaining with the bishop, another with the prior and chapter and the third with the chaplains, and shall be written in the registers of the bishop, the prior and chapter and the archdeacon of Durham. Licence dated at Durham, 13 June, 1414, by Thomas, bishop of Durham, by his ordinary authority for the foundation of the chantry. Licence by the same at the same date by the hand of William Chancellor, his chancellor, for the foundation and endowment (as on m. 12) of the chantry. For 1 mark paid in the hanaper.

Membrane 10.

June 16. Appointment of Richard Bukley, clerk, and Richard Ryssheton Westminster to receive seisin in the king's name from John Neuton and John Thoralby, clerks, of a messuage, etc. (as above). By K.