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died seised, and the king's brother Thomas, duke of Clarence, held the estate; the king confirms the estate and grants to him all lands which may descend to the said Thomas, and so from heir to heir during minority.

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May 6. Grant to the king's servants Thomas Grene and John Mede of the eschates of Jonyn and John Gentil, felons, if the escapes be adjudged to the king.

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April 12. Inspeiximus and confirmation to John Richard of letters patent dated 4 March, 11 Henry IV, exempting him for life from being put on assizes, etc.

By K. & for ½ mark paid in the hanape.

May 24. Grant to the king's knight and kinsman Richard Arundel, who has surrendered to the king all estate in the castle and lordship of Bamburgh, co. Northumberland, the free-farm of the town of Bamburgh and the said lordship, and the offices of the constableship and porter of the castle, that he may collect and distrain for if necessary and arrears of farms, rents and debts due to him before the surrender.

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Membrane 19.

May 12. Pardon to the burgesses of the town of Bevelchestr, co. Somerset, of all arrears of the farm of the town, and grant to them of the town with all liberties and franchises belonging to it at a rent of 8l. yearly Henry II by charter granted the town to the burgesses with diverse liberties and other profits for 30l. yearly at the Exchequer; and afterwards John granted a parcel of the town to one William the Dane in exchange for the park of North Petirton and took the hundred of Stone into his hands, and the parcel and hundred were appurtenances of the town and exceed the value of 24l. yearly, and he separated them from the town; and afterwards Edward III in his forty-third year, perceiving that the parcel and hundred were separated from the town and the town was so impoverished and desolated by fire and pestilence and other adversities that the burgesses were insufficient to pay the said yearly farm and arrears, pardoned to them all arrears due; and now the burgesses have complained that all profits from which the yearly farm can be levied do not extend beyond the sum of 8l. yearly, as is found by an inquisition taken in 1 Richard II before William Botreaux and others and another inquisition taken in 1 Henry IV before William Hankeford and returned in the Exchequer and they have paid the sum of 8l. yearly from 1 Richard II at the Exchequer but are distressed to render to the king arrears of the said yearly farm of 30l., and the greater part of the inhabitants have withdrawn from the town, and others now resident will have to withdraw unless succoured.

By p.

May 22. Grant to Thomas, abbot, and the convent of St. Peter's, Certesey of the manor of Westbedefounste and all lands, rents, reversions and services which the king has in the towns of Stanewell, Westbedefounste, Estebedefounste and Ruddenworth, co. Middlesex, late of Thomas, prior and the convent of St. Mary and St. Thomas the Martyr, Newam (de Novo Loco) by Guileford, co. Surrey, to hold in frank almost