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Aug. 11. Appointment of the king's brother John, duke of Bedford, as keeper of the realm and the king's lieutenant in it while the king stays without it on his journey for the recovery of the inheritances and rights of the crown or until further orders. [Fœderæ.] By K.

Grant to the same of full power to summon Parliaments and councils and prelates, magnates and nobles and the commons of the realm and with their assent to do things necessary for the king and the realm, to grant licences for election to chapters of cathedral and conventual churches at vacancies, to give assent to such elections and to take fealties of lesser prelates after confirmation and restore their temporalities, and to take fealties due to the king for any lands and to restore these to those to whom they pertain, reserving homages until the king's return to England. He shall do all things with the assent of the council. [Fœderæ.] By K.

July 16. Licence, until Midsummer next, for the burgesses and merchants of the town of Newcastle on Tyne to buy 2000 sacks of wool, hides and wool-fells, reckoning one last of hides for two sacks of wool and 240 wool-fells for one sack, of the growth of the counties of Northumberland, Cumberland and Westmoreland and the bishopric of Durham, and take the same to the said town and ship them in the port to any foreign parts of the king's friendship after payment of the customs, subsidies and other moneys due to the king. By K.

June 26. Whereas the abbey of St. Werburga, Chester, of the foundation of the king's progenitors and of the king's patronage, by the bad governance of late abbots is charged with great annuities, pensions and corrodies and debts and its goods and jewels are wasted and many of its manors, lands and possessions improvidently demised at farm and otherwise alienated and the abbot and convent are troubled and divine worship and other works of piety are withdrawn; the king has taken the abbey with all things belonging to it into his hand during pleasure and committed the keeping of the same to Henry, bishop of Winchester, the chancellor, so that all issues beyond the necessary maintenance of the abbot and convent and their servants shall be applied to the relief of the abbey, and has granted protection. By K.

July 18. Inspectimus and confirmation to John Spertgrave of letters patent dated 28 October, 1 Henry IV [Calendar, 1399-1401, p. 45]; so that he be not retained with anyone else. By K. & for \(\frac{1}{2}\) mark paid in the hanaper.

Aug. 5. Inspectimus and confirmation of a writing of John, late abbot, and the convent of Schirborn dated in their chapter house on Friday after St. Valentine, 21 Edward III, manumitting Thomas West, their bondman at their manor of Thorneforde, with all his issue. By K. & for 20s. paid in the hanaper.

July 28. Grant for life to John Sutton of Catton, co. York, one of the yeomen of the chamber of the king's brother John, duke of Bedford, of the keeping of the stank of Fosse by the city of York with wages of 6d. daily from the issues of the county of York; in lieu of a like grant to Robert Hilliard by letters patent of Henry IV, confirmed by letters patent of the king, surrendered. By K.