1417.

Aug. 8. Westminster. Whereas the king lately founded a perpetual reclusory of a reclusory chaplain perpetual and incorporate on a soil or parcel of land within the precinct of the house of Jesus of Bethlem, Shene, of the Carthusian order, and decreed that it should be called the reclusory of Bethelmen of Shene and appointed John Kyngeslowe, chaplain, as reclus of and ordered him to be inducted by the prior of the said house, and, that he and his successors might be provided with suitable food and clothing and a sufficient habitation and so be more free for orisons and divine praises and holy contemplation, endowed the prior and convent with more ample possessions and privileges to the effect that they should support the charge of the reclusory and reclus with his two servants, which the king estimates at 20 marks to be paid yearly to the reclus with repair of the reclusory when needed at their expense; the king grants licence for them to grant to him in frank almoin a yearly rent of 20 marks from their alien priory or manor of Lenesham and Grenewich, co. Kent, and 100s. by the name of a penalty whenever the rent is forty days in arrear, with power of distraint.

By p.s.

July 15. Southampton. Ratification of the estate which Robert Kyrkeman, chaplain, has as parson of the church of Northwhynfeld, in the diocese of Coventry and Lichfield.

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July 23. Winchester. General pardon to the king's uncle Henry Beaufort, bishop of Canterbury. [Fœdera.]

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July 14. Southampton. Grant for life to Charles, son of Charles de Beaumont Alferiz of Navarre, of an annuity of 250 marks yearly at the Exchequer; in lieu of a like grant to his father at the receipt of the Exchequer by letters patent, surrendered. [Fœdera.]

By p.s.

July 20. Portocheaster. Appointment of the king's kinsman Edmund, earl of March and Ulster, as the king's lieutenant at sea to take all ships and vessels going with the king on his present voyage to England immediately after the king has put into a port of safety in the parts beyond the seas and to bring back as quickly as possible the same ships and vessels and the soldiers and others coming in them afterwards to the king to the said parts; with full power to hear complaints touching the office of admiral and to do justice and punish delinquents, take mariners and others when necessary, and do all other things pertaining to the office of admiral. This shall not be to the prejudice of the estate or right which the king's uncle Thomas, duke of Exeter, has in the office of admiral of England. [Fœdera.]

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July 17. Titchfield. Whereas the priory of Torkesey, co. Lincoln, of the foundation of the king's progenitors and at present in the king's hands as of the king's patronage by reason of the minority of Philip, lord of Darcy, is oppressed by the improvident governance of the priors, by damaging demises of its possessions at farm and by excessive fees, annuities, pensions and corrodies granted to divers persons for life, and so its revenues scarcely extend to 20 marks yearly, and the prior and convent are so troubled that divine worship ceases and alms,