Licence for Henry Chichele, archbishop of Canterbury, or his heirs to found on soil of his within the town of Higham Ferers, co. Northampton, where he was born, containing three acres of land partly built upon, held by fealty of the king as of his manor of Higham Ferers, parcel of the duchy of Lancaster, a perpetual college of eight chaplains, of whom one shall be master and have the governance of the college, and four clerks, one of which chaplains or clerks shall be appointed to teach grammar and another singing, and six choristers, to celebrate divine service daily for the good estate of the king and his consort Katharine, queen of England, and the said archbishop and for their souls after death and the souls of Henry the king's father and Mary the king's mother and the parents and benefactors of the archbishop, to be called the master and college of St. Mary the Virgin, St. Thomas of Canterbury and St. Edward the Confessor, Higham Ferers, with power to acquire lands and other possessions and have a common seal and impale and be impaled, and to grant to them the said soil in frank almoins. Grant also to the said archbishop and William Chichele, archdeacon of Canterbury, and the heirs of the archbishop of the alien priory of Merseye, co. Essex, which Isabel late the wife of John son of William Doreward of the county of Essex holds for life of the grant of the abbot and convent of St. Ouen, Rouen in Normandy, by licence of Henry IV to Henry, late bishop of Annaghdow in Ireland, and the said John, both now deceased, and herself, with all its possessions; and licence for her to surrender her estate in the same to the archbishop and archdeacon, for these to grant the same in frank almoins to the master and college, and for the abbot and convent to surrender their interest. [Monasticon, VIII. 1425.]

By p.s. and for 300 marks paid in the hanaper.

Whereas Henry IV lately by letters patent granted to the king's brother John, duke of Bedford, by the name of his son John, constable of England, Thomas, bishop of Durham, by the name of Thomas Langley, clerk, and William, then prior of Okeborn, now deceased, the alien priory of Okeborn with the rectories, manors, lordships, lands, rents, services, fees, advowsons, portions, jurisdictions, possessions, liberties, franchises and other profits and commodities spiritual and temporal belonging to it to hold during the war with France, rendering nothing during the life of the king's said brother and afterwards as much as the said prior paid at the Exchequer for the farm of the priory, provided that they support divine services, tenths and other charges, and afterwards the bishop released his estate to the duke, and subsequently the latter by the name of John, son and brother of kings, duke of Bedford, earl of Richemond and Kendale and constable of England, considering that divers spiritual goods were annexed to the priory, the care of which was known to pertain to ecclesiastical persons, and those things which are of the church of God are ordered to be rendered to God and ecclesiastical persons, and those who sow spiritual things shall reap spiritual things, granted the said spiritualities, so far as they could be separated from the temporalities, to the warden and canons of the king's free chapel of St. George within the castle of Wyndesore, in honour of St. George and because of the military society to which the king's said brother was attached in the college, so that they should