come into his hands through non-payment of farms, surrender of letters patent, death of occupiers, inability of farmers, or general or special resumption by authority of Parliament; and licensed the said assignment to be made and the said religious persons, after the foundation of the said house, to hold the premises in mortmain; and also granted that the said premises, immediately on their coming into the possession of the said bishops, duke, Henry Fitz Hugh, Roger and the others, should be exempt from all tenths, fifteenths, subsidies, impositions or other ywula or tallages. By other letters patent the same king granted to the same bishops, duke, Henry Fitz Hugh, Roger and the rest and to John, duke of Bedford the reversions of all the manors, lands, tenements and possessions in the county of Sussex, or elsewhere in England, of the abbey of Fécamp, in Normandy, which John Cornwaille, knight, and Elizabeth his wife held for life, on the determination of the estate of the said John and Elizabeth, with all manner of hundreds, leets, courts, wapentakes, views of frankpledge, rents, services, suits, villeins, churches, portions, pensions, alms, knights' fees, advowsons, liberties, franchises and profits to the same intent as expressed in the first mentioned letters, with a similar clause of exemption from taxation. By further letters patent the same king granted to the said duke of Exeter by the name of Thomas, earl of Dorset, and to the said Henry Fitz Hugh, Robert Morton, esquire, and to John Rodenale, knight, since deceased, the manor, rectories and churches of Chilham, Moleshe and Treulegh, late of the abbey of St. Bertin in parts beyond sea, with the knights' fees, advowsons, fairs, markets, liberties, franchises, and other profits to them belonging, with a similar clause of exemption from taxation.

Also Thomas, bishop of Durham, John Stafford, treasurer of England and keeper of the privy seal to Henry V, William Sevenok, late mayor of London, and Henry de Chaderton being seised in the manor of Grauncortes, co. Essex, a messuage, a carucate and 2 virgates of land, 24 acres of meadow, 4 acres of wood, 20 acres of pasture, 18s. of rent, and pasture for 100 sheep in Istedwroth, Twykenham, Worton and Heston, co. Middlesex, propose in accordance with the will of Henry V, to grant in frankalmoin the same manor, lands, tenements, rents and services to the abbess and convent of the Holy Saviour and of SS. Mary the Virgin, and Bridget of Syon of the Augustinian order, but have not as yet obtained licence.

Now, therefore, the king, by advice and assent of the lords spiritual and temporal and of the commonalty of his realm of England in his present Parliament, confirms the said letters patent, except the clauses relating to exemption from taxation, and ratifies the respective estates of the said bishops, dukes and the rest in the same, licencing them to grant them in mortmain to the said abbess and convent; saving always to the mayor of London and his successors, and to any other persons and their heirs, their rights of search, survey and correction in the water of Thames previously granted to or lawfully used by them or other existing rights in the said lands.

By p.s.

Feb. 7. Grant, by advice of the council, to Thomas Multon of the office of Westminster, the custody of the foreign woods in Cawode, co. York, during the voidance of the archbishopric of York, with the usual fees. 

Membræ 19.

Undated. mens [and confirmation] of letters patent, dated 15 November, 7 Henry V, inspecting and confirming to the burgesses of Cambridge,