1428.

May 17. It has been shown to the king and council by Thomas, earl of Salisbury, that the custody of the New Forest, in the county of Southampton, was granted to him for life, by letters patent dated 10 July, 6 Henry V, with all fees, wages, profits, commodities and rewards accustomed, in the same manner as Edward Courtenay, knight, then deceased, who held the same custody by grant, dated 20 November, 3 Henry V, in the same manner as Edward, duke of York, then deceased, who had the same, by grant, dated 13 May, 20 Richard II, in the same manner as Thomas Holland, sometime earl of Kent, then deceased. Now in 7 Henry IV, process issued for the said duke to account before the barons of the Exchequer for the issues of the manor and park of Lyndhurst and of the hundred of Redbruge, and for 40s. yearly rent, which the abbot of Redding pays in the said forest, because the foregoing issues and rent were not specially mentioned in the grant of Richard II, although the said late earl of Kent had them to his own use all his life in the said office without rendering anything for them at the Exchequer, and the said late duke had hitherto had them: but by letters patent, dated 5 April, 7 Henry IV, reciting the said letters patent of Richard II, the said duke was pardoned all such issues and rent from the said 30th [13th, see above, and Chancery Warrant No. 1833] day of May, 20 Richard II, until the said 5th day of April. Accordingly the king, by advice of the council, and considering that the said earl of Salisbury has duly discharged the office and had the issues and rent in question to his own use by colour of his grant, according to the meaning of the late king, has pardoned the said earl such issues and rent so received, and grants him, during pleasure, the office of keeper and of the custody of the said forest, manor, park, hundred and rent with all liberties, privileges, rights, fees, profits, rewards and commodities to the same office, manor, park, hundred and rent belonging, except deer, to be discharged by him or his deputies, without rendering anything therefor.

By p.s.

June 20. *Inspeximus* and confirmation, by advice and assent of the lords spiritual and temporal in the Parliament held at Westminster in the king’s first year, to the merchants of England, dwelling in the parts of Prussia, Denmark, Norway, the Hanse and Sweden of letters patent dated 6 June, 5 Henry IV [Fiedera], licensing such merchants to elect governors.


May 10. Pardon, for 20s. paid in the hanaper, to John Hevenyngham, William Paston of Paston, William Burnham, clerk, Thomas Stodhah and Catherine his wife, John Stodhagh and Catherine his wife, and Richard Crispyn of Happesburgh, for acquiring to themselves and their heirs from John Croce of Bishop’s Lynn, and entering without licence, a fourth part of the manor of Hampsted, co. Norfolk, held in chief.

June 16. Licence, by advice of the council, for John, earl of Huntingdon and Anne his wife, to be absent from Ireland for three years, but to receive the issues of their lands there, any statute or ordinance against absentees notwithstanding.

By p.s.

July 28. Appointment of John Styward to be steward of all the rents, issues, and profits in the town of Framesden and elsewhere in the county of Suffolk, belonging to the king as of the honour of Chester, receiving for performance of the office, as Richard Wythermers, late steward, did, 13s. 4d. by the hands of the bailiff there.

By bill of the treasurer.