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and two little florins were then taken for the assay by fire, and when taken from the fire were found sufficient in pure gold and of just alloy according to assay made by the touchstone.

Calais. Assay of silver made at Westminster on 7 July, 6 Henry VI, in the presence of the same persons of the five kinds of silver money made in the town of Calais between 25 February, 2 Henry VI, and 31 January, 6 Henry VI, both days included, that is to say while Richard Bokelou was warden of the king’s exchange in Calais and Bartholomew Goldbeter was master and worker of the money. On the pix being opened there were found 12 seesche containing 12l. 4s. 10d. taken from 67,745 lbs. 4 oz. 10 dwt. of silver by weight minted and delivered out of the Exchange during the said period. There were 73s. 4d. in grutes, 73s. 4d. in half-groutes, 72s. 4d. in sterlings, 12s. 11d. in half-pence, and 12s. 11d. in farthings. On the coins being mixed and assay of them made in weight with the standard of the pound of the Tower of London by John Deslyngton, changer and assayer of the king’s money in the said Tower, sworn thereunto, 30s. agreed in weight with the same standard according to the convention enrolled in the Originalia Roll of 1 Henry VI, roll 21. A great, a half-graut, a sterling, a half-penny and two farthings making 8d. were then taken for assay thereof to be made by fire, and the money was found as regards alloy to be good and lawful.

Assay of the gold money made in the said town between 24 January, 2 Henry VI, and 24 December, 6 Henry VI, both days included. On the pix being opened 20 seesche were found containing 29l. 3s. 4d. in gold by tare, taken from 2,134½ lbs. 9 s. 7 dwt. of gold by weight, minted and delivered out of the Exchange during the said period, viz. 30 nobles, 58 half-nobles, and 114 farthings of gold; and 25 pieces of the said nobles, or 50 pieces of the half-nobles were found to agree in weight with the standard of half a pound-Tower, and 100 pieces of the little florins slightly exceeded the same standard. A noble, a half-noble, and two small florins were then assayed by fire, and after being taken from the fire were found to be of pure gold, and of just alloy according to assay made with the touchstone.

Nov. 12. Westminster. Signification to P. bishop of Ely, of the king’s assent to the election of brother John Chateriz, sub-prior of Bernewell, to be prior of that house.

Nov. 19. Westminster. Writ of aid on behalf of John Emery, whom Thomas Chaucer, the chief butler, has appointed to be his deputy in the port of Southampton.

Nov. 23. Westminster. Pardon to Ralph de Blakeburn, late of Penwortham, co. Lancaster, alias Ralph do Blakburn of Walton, co. Lancaster, ‘yoman,’ for the death of John de Kererdale of ‘Walton in the Dale,’ whereof he was charged, because it appears by the record of William Babyngton and his fellows, justices of the session hold at Lancaster, that he killed him in self-defence.

Nov. 20. Westminster. On 9 July last, for 500 marks, the king by letters patent under the great seal granted to John lord Tiptoft, the custody of all the manors and lands of John Inglethorp, knight, and Elizabeth his wife, tenants in chief of Henry V, and of the present king respectively, which came to the king’s hands by reason of their deaths, and of the minority of Edmund, son and heir of Thomas, their son and heir, the said Thomas having died in the ward of Henry V, except certain manors in the coun-