April 25. A petition was presented to the king by the commonality of England in Westminster in the last parliament on behalf of William Elmeden, knight, showing that Henry V, by letters patent, granted to him the constabulary of the castle of Bamborough, co. Northumberland, by the march towards Scotland, for life, and by other letters patent, appointed him general receiver of the castle and lordship of Bamborough, and of the lands thereto belonging, and that immediately after his entering into possession, war broke out between the realm of England and the Scotch, and the Scotch being well-informed of the want of repair of the castle, and of its want of stores, and of armed men and archers, the said William from 8 September, 7 Henry V, for two years, found within the castle, besides his own establishment (commensales propriis), six men-at-arms, and twelve archers, paying 12d. a day to each man-at-arms, and 6d. a day to each archer; and but for such order taken by the said William, it is said that the town would have been burnt, but he did not know at the time that he ought to have had warrant for the said men-at-arms and archers, and never sued out any warrant of allowance for them. He also during the said war, made several payments for the repairs of the walls, gates, and houses of the castle, and although such payments were made for the king’s advantage and for the safe custody of the castle, he cannot have allowance of them before the barons of the Exchequer without special warrant. Such allowance being now craved for him, the king, by advice and assent of the lords spiritual and temporal in parliament, commissions Thomas bishop of Durham, and Henry earl of Northumberland, to enquire by inquest of the said county, as to the facts alleged, and certify the result in the Chancery. [Cf. Ancient Petition, No. 5423.]

By pet. in Parliament.

April 28. Commission to William Goodrede, Thomas Rolf, William Alyngton, esquire, John Symond, and Robert Wrytele, and to any two or more of them, including either Goodrede or Rolf, to enquire by sworn inquest of the county of Cambridg, as to wards, marriages, reliefs, escheats, and other dues conceded from the king.

April 28. Commission to John Juyn, knight, Roger Lyveden, mayor of Bristol, and Richard Neuton, and to any two of them, to enquire by sworn inquest of the said town as to treasons, felonies and trespasses done within the same.

May 3. Commission de wallis et fossatis between the bridge of Bodyham, co. Sussex, and Smalhyde, co. Kent, to Roger Fenys, knight, Henry Hoorne, Robert Oxenbregge, Thomas Auger, Richard Wakeherst, Adam Ywode, Thomas Horden, William Fynch, and William Edward, and to any two or more of them, including either Hoorne, Oxenbregge, Wakeherst, Ywode, or Horden.

By pet. in Parliament.

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May 10. Commission to John Clynk, sergeant at arms, and to John Haexham, clerk, to take up in the port of London, and in all ports of the counties of Sussex and Kent, all ships and vessels of from 20 to 90 tuns burden and their masters and mariners, for the passage of John Radclyf, knight, and of the men at arms and archers retained in his company from the port of Sandwich to France; the vessels to be at Sandwich before 26 June next.

By C.