Membrane 12—cont.

1483.

Grant, by advice of the council, to John, duke of Bedford, for twelve years, of all mines (mineræs) of gold and silver within the counties of Devon and Cornwall, he to pay therefor a fifteenth part of the pure gold and a fifteenth part of the pure silver. He and his deputies may prospect and dig such mines anywhere in the counties, except underneath houses or castles of the king's lieges, and he may take fuel and workmen and labourers as required; and he and his deputies and workmen, are to have the same liberties, privileges and franchises as the miners of Byer have been wont to have. He has surrendered a previous grant of such minerals in all England dated 24 February, 5 Henry VI.

By p.s.


Nicholas Carrewé, knight, staying in England, has letters nominating William Chever and Henry Tille as his attorneys in Ireland for four years.


Licence, by advice of the council, for the men of the mistery of fishmongers of the city of London to be one body and one commonalty; they are to elect yearly six of their number as wardens to survey, rule and govern the mistery and commonalty and all the men and affairs thereof; they are to have a common seal and are to be capable of acquiring lands, rents and other possessions, and the wardens, by the name of the wardens of the commonalty of the mistery of fishmongers of the city of London, may plead and be impleaded in any courts. Licence also for the said wardens and commonalty to acquire in mortmain lands and rents held in free burgage within the city and its suburbs and in the borough of Southwark, to the value of 20/. a year. Provided always that the said wardens and commonalty do not make any statutes or ordinances tending to damage the king or his people or to enhance the price of victuals.

By p.s. and for 60/. paid in the hamaper.


Writ of aid on behalf of William Ludlowe, whom Thomas Chaucer, the chief butler, has appointed to be his deputy in the port of Bristoll.

By bill of the butler.

July 29. Westminster.

Presentation, by advice of the council, of John Gerveyes, parson of Ludgershale, co. Buckingham, to the church of Buckeley, co. Northampton, in the diocese of Lincoln, on an exchange of benefices with John Abberbury.

By p.s.

July 17. Westminster.

Grant, by advice of the council, to Thomas Bolde, king's esquire, of the office of constable of Chester Castle to be discharged by him or his deputy for the life of William Venables son of Hugh Venables of Kyndyrto and, after his decease, during pleasure, with 13d. a day wages by the hands of the chamberlain of Chester, and all other profits and commodities which the said William had: the latter having surrendered his grant of the same from Henry V, when prince of Wales, which was confirmed on 9 February, 1 Henry VI. Notwithstanding that the said Thomas Bolde has, by grant of Henry V, 20/. a year for life out of the issues of the county of Cumberland, and, by grant of the present king, 50 marks a year during pleasure at the Receipt of the Exchequer.

By p.s.


Whereas Simon Catayn and his fellows, merchants of Genoa, now in the city of London, have a quantity of woollen cloths and tin in the port of Southampton, to be laden into certain caracks now there, but they dare not laden them because they cannot so suddenly find the quantity of bullion prescribed by the statute passed on 2 December, 8 Henry V, for the mint (minæta) in the Tower of London for exporting the merchandise; the king, considering that they will have to seek for the said bullion