1436.

The same John Talbot
John Pouterell
Richard Veer
William Lunes

Sandwich.

Feb. 20. Westminster. Commission to John Fray, Philip Thornbury, knight, and John Hotoft, or Fray and either of the others, to enquire upon oath of the county of Hertford touching a petition to the king by John Arnold and Ellen, his wife, shewing that, by an inquisition taken at Ware, co. Hertford, on Monday the feast of St. Luke the Evangelist, 13 Henry VI, before Thomas Stokdale, then escheator in the county, by virtue of his office, it was found that Henry Cole of Colyngton, co. Cornwall, 'gentleman,' held in fee on the day of his conviction of a certain treason done to the king, a messuage called 'Aconys' in the town of Thele, of the value of 26s. 8d. a year, which messuage by virtue of the said office, the escheator took into the king's hands. Whereas, in fact, the said Henry, long before he did the said treason, by charter ready to be produced, dated 21 June, 7 Henry VI, granted the said messuage, by the name of all messuages, lands, rents, and services of bond tenants, meadows, pastures, ways, paths, hedges, ditches and other rights whatsoever in the towns and parishes of Thele, Amwell and Hoddesdon to the said John and Ellen in fee, and thereby they were seised and remained in possession until put out by colour of the said office, although the said Henry on the day of his conviction had nothing in the premises.

March 20. Westminster. Commission by advice of the council to John Kylberry, mayor of Dublin, James Cornewalsh, chief baron of the Exchequer in Ireland, and Richard Fitz Eustace, knight, to muster with all speed now and henceforth at convenient times and places the captains, men-at-arms, and archers retained with Thomas Stanley, knight, lieutenant of Ireland, or his deputy there. All men insufficiently arrayed or unfit to fight are to be cashiered, and their captains compelled to replace them by efficient men-at-arms or archers: all persons falsely representing themselves to be retained in the king's service, or personating others, or otherwise acting deceitfully are to be arrested and imprisoned until further command; the captains and men must from time to time declare upon oath before the commissioners for what period and at what wages they are retained. Names and other particulars are to be certified to the king and council in England within forty days of any muster being taken. Provided always that no officer or councillor of the king in the said land, nor any member of their households, except the households of the lieutenant or deputy, shall be retained as a soldier. These regulations are to be proclaimed before the muster is taken, any person obtaining himself to be mustered contrary to them to be liable to 20l. fine and imprisonment.

March 10. Westminster. Commission to Roger Liegh, alias Clarenseux king of arms, to provide himself with the horses required to take him to and from Scotland, on the king's business.

May 7. Westminster. Commission, by advice of the council, to Humphrey, earl of Stafford, Henry Bourghchier, Reginald West, knight, Reginald Cobeham, knight, Richard Waller, esquire, and Robert Whitgreve, to take at Wynchelse on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday or Saturday next, the muster of Richard, duke of York, and of 500 men at arms and 2200 archers who are about to proceed to France in his retinue.