Membrane 28—cont.

1437. Westminster.

Whereas in the last Parliament, the commonalties (communitates) of England, with the assent of the lords, granted the king a subsidy payable at certain rates by every person having freehold of 100s. or over [Halls of Parliament, Vol. IV, pp. 486-487] and on the motion of certain of the council, and in the expectation of being answered of such subsidy within the liberty and county of Durham and Sudberg, the king directed letters to certain persons to collect it in those parts; and whereas these letters have not taken effect, but the men of the said liberty and county, seeing the great love for the king of his people shown elsewhere in his realm, have rendered at the Receipt of the Exchequer of their free will a sum much exceeding what the said subsidy would have amounted to, if levied; the king, not wishing them to be prejudiced or the liberty of the bishopric injured, has granted that the gift as aforesaid shall not be drawn into a precedent, and that Thomas, now bishop, and his successors and the persons to whom the king's letters were addressed and the men and inhabitants of the liberty and county aforesaid shall not be troubled by reason of the grant or levy of such subsidy or any parcel thereof.

By p.s.


Amended grant, during pleasure, to Hugh Warton, yeoman of the crown, of the keeping of the artillery in the castles of Chester and Caernarvon from 1 February last, to hold himself or by deputy, with the wages anciently accustomed, in lieu of a grant of that date, surrendered because it was not stated therein that he should have the keeping of the artillery of all the king's other castles in North Wales and that his wages for Chester should be paid by the chamberlain of Chester, and for Caernarvon and the other castles, by the chamberlain of North Wales; notwithstanding that he has 6d. a day for his fee as a yeoman of the crown.

By p.s.

March 15. Westminster.

Revocation of the protection with clause volunns for one year granted on 18 November last to Richard Ely, citizen and draper of London, alias of London, 'gentilman,' to go in the company of Thomas Kyriell, knight, captain of the castle and town of Gourney: because he travies in the city of London and the suburbs thereof, as the sheriffs have certified.

MEMBRANE 27.


Presentation of John Shaby, chaplain, to the church of Berkyng with the chapels of Dormston and Tenham, in the diocese of Norwich, void by the death of John Preston.

By p.s.


Whereas Robert Geffray, Thomas Feld and Hugh Kene lately purchased in fee from William Short a messuage and a moiety of a virgate of land in Bourchentou, co. Somerset, held in chief, and entered therein without licence; after which Thomas Feld died, Robert Geffray released to Hugh Kene, and the said Hugh granted in fee to Thomas Loomes, Thomas Garde and Thomas Wyllys and their heirs, who, being seised, granted again to the said Hugh Kene and Agnes his wife, William his son, Elizabeth, William's sister, and the heirs of the said Hugh and Agnes, wherein the premises were again entered without licence; the king for one mark paid in the manaper has pardoned these trespasses.