

*Membrane 7—cont.*

1437.

June 14.  
Westminster.

Licence, for 6 marks paid in the hanaper, for John Merbury, Walter Mybe and John Dandeseie to grant to Richard de Bello Campo, earl of Warwick, and Isabel his wife and the heirs of their bodies, the castle, manor and lordship of Snodhull, co. Hereford, held in chief; with remainder to the right heirs of the said earl.

July 8.  
Westminster.

In the Parliament held at Leycestre in 4 Henry VI, a petition was received from the burgesses and tenants of Melcombe, co. Dorset, complaining of poverty and shewing that the burden of their ancient fee farm of 8 marks a year and of tenths and fifteenths for which they are assessed at 9*l.* 15*s.*, was excessive; whereupon with the assent of the lords spiritual and temporal and at the request of the whole commonalty of England in the same Parliament assembled, the bishop of Bath, William Cheyne and John Juyn were appointed by the king's commission to survey the said town and the destructions and defects thereof and to make inquisition touching the sum which the said petitioners could pay, saving their contentment; and they accordingly made survey and inquisition at Melcombe on Thursday next before Michaelmas, 9 Henry VI, whereby it was found that for the reasons set forth in the petition and other misfortunes they could not pay more than 20*s.* for their yearly fee farm and no more than 13*s.* 4*d.* for tenths and fifteenths; nevertheless they are being distrained by process out of the Exchequer for payment at the old rates, for which reason they are fully purposed to desert the town altogether and seek their living elsewhere. The king in consideration thereof grants them the said town to hold during pleasure, rendering 20*s.* a year in place of the ancient fee farm and 13*s.* 4*d.* only, for each tenth and fifteenth to be granted the king; and pardons them all arrears of the ancient farm and assessment for tenths and fifteenths up to the present day. By p.s.

March 6.  
Westminster.

Licence, with the assent of the lords spiritual and temporal and of the commonalty of the realm of England in the present Parliament, for Humphrey, duke of Gloucester, and Eleanor, his wife, to impark 200 acres of land, pasture, wood, heath and furze at Grenewyche, outside the metes of the forest; notwithstanding that 40 acres of pasture, heath and furze out of the said 200 acres are parcel of the manor of Grenewyche, granted to the prior and convent of the house of Jesus of Bethlehem of Shene by its founder, Henry V, and now granted by the said prior and convent to the said duke and duchess in exchange for other lands. Licence also for the said duke and duchess to crenellate their manor-house or mansion of Grenewych, and to build and crenellate a tower within the said park. By pet. in Parl.

Aug. 10.  
Nottingham  
Castle.

Grant, for life, to Thomas Scargyll, yeoman of the crown, of the office of keeping the park of Haveryng, to hold himself or by deputy, with the accustomed wages out of the issues of the lordship of Haveryng by the hands of the occupiers of the same, and the issues, fees and profits, together with the herbage and pannage of the park for which he is to pay 8*l.* a year as heretofore; notwithstanding that he has 6*d.* a day for his fee of the crown; in lieu of a like grant of the premises during pleasure, surrendered. By p.s.

June 1.  
Sheen Manor.

Grant, during pleasure, to the king's servant, William Say, groom of the buttery, of the offices of keeper and porter of the manor of Eltham with 2*d.* a day wages out of the issues of the manor, and of the keeping of the king's wardrobe there with 4*d.* a day out of the same issues, to hold