A petition has been received from the abbot and convent of Melsa in
Hordinatesse, of the foundation of William, late earl of Alburnmarle,
ancestor of Avelina, late the lady of Hordinatesse and patroness of the
said abbey, on whose death without heirs in the time of Edward 1 the
lordship of Hordinatesse and the patronage of the said abbey escheated to
the crown, shewing that since that escheat the abbey has been charged
by the king’s progenitors as follows:—to wit, Edward I sent to the abbey
a certain idiot named Robert Fole, who dwelt there all his life without
letters patent or grant of the abbey and convent; and after him, one
Lucet de Gaynesburgh was received at the request of Edward III on a
letter missive, and had, by grant of the then abbey and convent, four
quarters of wheat, four quarters of barley, and one mark of silver a year;
then in 6 Richard II the abbey and convent were commanded to grant
such corrody to William Wyncelowe, yeoman of his chamber, such
as the said Lucet had, whereupon he was granted a yearly pension of
5 marks but the petitioners have no record of the terms of such grant;
afterwards Henry IV commanded the like sustenance for John Clerk,
formerly clerk of the crown in chancery, and after divers writs and much
trouble, he agreed with the abbey and convent for an annuity of 5 marks,
given him out of friendship and for his service to the said abbey. After his
death in 3 Henry V a writ was issued for John Burwell, clerk of the king’s
chapel, to have a like corrody, and to avoid the king’s wrath and
in obedience to his verbal command, an annuity of 5 marks was granted to
the said John Burwell, to have his aid and counsel; notwithstanding
that the house is not of royal foundation nor has any corrody in it granted at
the command or request of the said Avelina, or her ancestors, or at those
of any king except as abovesaid, and that in a statute of Edward III the
king promised for himself and his heirs not to ask for corodies unless
he had a right to demand them; and therefore the present king has
issued divers writs for such corrody to be granted to one John Hunt, clerk
of the chapel, as the said John Burwell had; and, the petitioners denying
that any corrody has ever been granted in the sense intended, the king
commissions Thomas Fulthorp, John Thwaytes, John Portyngton,
Christopher Daynton, Guy Roclyff, Guy Fairfax and the sheriff of
Yorkshire, to enquire upon oath of the county of York, into the facts of
the matter.

July 18.
Westminster
Appointment, during pleasure, of William Haukesworthe as surveyor of
the search in the port of London, with the accustomed fees and wages.
Vacated because within.
By bill of the treasurer.

Aug. 15.
Leicester
Commission to John Malpas, William Saxton, John Norhampton and
William Tandy of Peckenheim, co. Worcester, to impress carpenters,
stone-cutters, tile, labourers and other workmen to repair the manor
and enclosure of the park of Peckenheim, and to provide horses, carts,
timbers, lead, tile, shingles, stone, lime, nails, stakes and other requisites,
at the charges of Humphrey, duke of Gloucester.
By p.s.

Aug. 18.
Westminster.
Commission to Thomas Albowe, master of the ship called le Amygell of
Colchester, John Page and Richard Bayly, considering that the enemy is
besetting and invading the coasts and adjacent parts of England, to
impress mariners, labourers and workmen to navigate the said ship, at
the commissioners expense.