16 HENRY VI.  PART 2.

MEMORANDUM 40.

1438.
Feb. 4.  Windsor Castle.

Exemption of the prior and convent of St. Bartholomew's, London, by Smythfeld, and their successors, upon their petition, from having to grant corody or sustenance to any person at the king's request; notwithstanding that the king lately commanded them by writ to give a corody to one George Assheby; since by letters patent of Henry I, confirmed by the present king, it was granted that the said priory should be a free chapel of the king, quit of all earthly service, as free as any church in all England; that no minister of the said king or his successors should meddle with its possessions, without the assent of the prior and convent; that all customs and exactions of royal and episcopal ministers should be released to lands subsequently given to the said church; and that no subsequent king should demand food (pactum) from its lands; and no corody has ever been demanded of them until that for the said Assheby; but some disputes have lately arisen as to the interpretation of the general words in the said grant of Henry I, which disputes the king desires hereby to settle.

By p.s.


Mandate to all admirals and others to permit the prior of Newburgh, for whom John Stafford of the county of York, 'gentilman,' and Michael Baxby of the same county, 'gentilman,' are sureties each in 50l., to buy 100 quarters of wheat and 100 quarters of barley in the counties of Lincoln and Nottingham for the victualling of his house, and to convey the said corn by land or water to the city of York and thence to his priory.

Grant, for life, to Edmund Hungerford, king's knight, one of the king's carvers, of the manor of Cossellam, with all lands, rents, services, meadows, feedings and pastures to it belonging in the county of Wilts, and also the two parks, warren and wood there, rendering nothing therefor; in lieu of a grant by letters patent dated 18 July last, of the manor and rectory of Cossellam for 10 years, surrendered; provided that he deduct 40l. from the fee which he receives, during pleasure, at the Exchequer, for his attendance on the king.

By p.s.


Inspecions and confirmation of letters patent dated 24 January, 9 Henry IV, granting to William del Halle, of the county of Carlisle, the office of forester of the upper ward of the forest of Ynglewode.

For ½ mark paid in the hanaper.

Vacated because surrendered, the king on 1 June in his twentieth year having granted the office to William Louther.

Presentation of John Muddleham to the church of Worth, in the diocese of Salisbury, in the king's gift by reason of the monage of the earl of Arundell; directed to the guardian of the spirituality of the bishopric.

By p.s.

April 21.  Windsor Castle.

Grant, for life, to Bernard Anceveyn, the king's chancellor and councillor in the duchy of Aquitaine, of the office of rector (officium scribendi) with the profits, of the king's court of Gascony, on surrender by Peter de Prieret, who has survived Lawrence his brother, of the grant made to them in survivorship by Henry IV and Henry V, which was confirmed by the present king by letters patent dated 10 June, 1 Henry VI.  By p.s.