1438. Membrane 24—cont.

faithful departed. The site of the said college to be the messuage called 'Berford halle,' formerly 'Charletons Yn,' six shops and a vacant plot of land adjoining in Oxford, at the corner opposite the east end of the church of St. Mary the Virgin, in the streets called 'Castrestre' and 'Seint Marystrete,' 172 feet long and 160 feet wide, which site, by command of the said archbishop, was recently granted to the king by Thomas Chichele, archdeacon of Canterbury, Henry Penwortham, clerk, and Robert Davners, fofores, to the use of the said archbishop, who, with his successors in the archbishopric, is designated as second founder of the college, on account of the great costs which he has laid out and proposes to lay out on the same. As warden the king nominates Richard Androw, clerk, and as scholars, Thomas Lavenham, Robert Stephens, Robert Seborgh, William Overton, Thomas Eaton, Richard Warde and Richard Penwortham, chosen by the said archbishop, to be ruled, corrected, deprived and removed, according to the statutes to be made by the said archbishop and his successors. The king also grants that the warden and his successors, in accordance with the said statutes, may choose and admit more scholars to the number of forty persons; that, on the death or removal of a warden, the scholars may elect a successor without suing for the royal licence, to be admitted and confirmed by the archbishop of Canterbury and not by the king: on the removal of a scholar, by death, departure or deprivation, the warden may in like manner freely choose and admit the successor. The warden and scholars are to be called the warden and college of the souls of all the faithful departed, Oxford, and, under such style, they shall be capable of purchasing lands, rents, services, advowsons and possessions, temporal and spiritual, even though such be held immediately of the king by knight service; they shall have a common seal, and be capable of pleading and being impleaded. And further the king grants to them the said site in frank almon, and gives licence to the said archbishop, with the consent of the prior and chapter of Christchurch, Canterbury, to grant them the advowson of the parish church of Trange, in the diocese of Lincoln, in his gift as archbishop, and for them to receive the same and appropriate the church, and generally to purchase in mortmain lands, whether held in chief or not, to the yearly value of 800l. The king releases to them also any corrodies or pensions which as founder he might demand from them, and finally grants to them the profits of their possessions during voidances of the wardenship.

By p.s.

Inspeclorvm and confirmation, by advice and assent of the lords spiritual and temporal in the Parliament held at Westminster in the king's first year, to the prior and convent of St. Neots of the following:

1. Letters patent of Stephen as follows:—Stephanus, rex Anglorum,