Whereas by petition of the prior and convent of St. Oswald's, Nostell, in the diocese of York, of the king's patronage by reason of the duchy of Lancaster, the king has learned that they recently had to pay 2,800 marks, viz. 1,700 marks to settle an action brought against them on behalf of the church of St. Sixtus, Rome, and 600 marks to Robert Waterton for certain goods of his in a chest deposited with them for safe keeping and afterwards stolen, and that the church of Bamborough, appropriated to them, being the main part of their livelihood, has decreased in yearly value owing to the war from 500 marks to barely 100; and further that their priory church was lately in such danger of collapsing that they had to pull down the roof and the upper part, and now have to build them afresh; and that about three miles from the priory in the town of Pontefract there is a hospital, called the hospital of St. Nicholas in Pounfret, in the patronage of the king as duke of Lancaster, which for many years has been ruled by secular masters or wardens, some of whom hardly ever went there, that its possessions are close to and round about the priory, and that it could be well managed by the prior:—the king by letters patent under the seal of the duchy of Lancaster, granted to the petitioners the advowson of the said hospital, and the hospital itself with its possessions on the death or resignation of William Bóthe, the present master or warden, with leave to appropriate the same in mortmain; provided always that the king should receive in recompense within a year from the said petitioners revenues to the yearly value of 20 marks to be given to the duchy; and such recompense and more having now been made in land in the county of York conveyed by the petitioners, William Scargyll the elder, esquire, Thomas Wombewell, esquire, William Swyllington, esquire, William Halyday, John Flynt, Henry Lasey, chaplain, and John Wylykynson, by their several deeds now in the treasury of the duchy of Lancaster, the king, having had seisin, confirms the estate of the prior and convent in the said hospital with its lands, knights' fees, advowsons, reversions and profits.

By p.s. and for 10l. paid in the hanaper.

Grant for life to John Chetwynd, esquire, of the office of steward of the forest of Morff and Shirlet, co. Salop, to hold himself or by deputy, with the accustomed fees and profits; in lieu of a grant to him of the forest of Morff by letters patent dated 13 March, 15 Henry VI [not enrolled], surrendered as invalid through lack of correct information in his petition.

By p.s.

MEMBRANE 10.

Inspectimus and confirmation of letters patent, dated 20 April, 16 Richard II, inspecting letters patent dated 1 March, 1 Edward III (Calendar p. 31), in favour of the skinners of London; and incorporation of their guild; the master and wardens whereof must be skinners and freemen of London, and grant of a common seal and of power to acquire lands and rents in fee. The master and wardens, under the title of the master and wardens of the guild of Corpus Christi of the Skinners of London may plead and be imploed. No member of the guild or other person shall make furs for sale in London or England of seasonable and unseasonable fleece, in English of 'stage' and 'seson' in the same fur, except in the case of furs of 'Stranling,' in which 'stage' and 'seson' may be intermingled. No one within the city or its suburbs, who makes a business of selling new furs, shall sell old fur or expose such for sale in houses, shops, sheds, stalls, markets, fairs or other places.