in Hampton, which the same William previously held of the bishop according to the custom of the manor of ancient hearth (de antiquo astro), a water mill with a rood of meadow adjacent (prinus adiacente), 34½ acres of arable land of the bishop's demesne there and 9½ acres and 1 rood of meadow lying in the bishop's meadows there called 'Brodemede,' and 'Redemede' of 'Overland,' at the yearly rent of 78s. 3d. for all services: to wit, 6s. for the said tenement, 14d. for the churchscot (churchet') thereof, 4d. for its works, 20s. for the mill, 34s. 6d. for the arable land and 16s. 8d. for the meadow; saving to the bishop suit of his courts and hundreds and the heriots on the deaths of the said William and Richard; provided that they keep the premises in repair, the bishop having the right to detain should the rent, payable quarterly, be 15 days in arrear.

2. A deed inspecting and confirming the above by John Forest, the dean, and the chapter of St. Andrew's, Wells, dated in the chapter house at Wells, 29 September, 17 Henry VI, A.D. 1438, so far as concerns the affixing of the seal.

3. A like confirmation by William, prior of the cathedral church of Bath, and the chapter of that place, dated in the chapter house at Bath, 13 October, 17 Henry VI, A.D. 1438, as above.

For ½ mark paid in the hamper.

Dec. 21.
Kenilworth Castle.

Mandate to the escheator in the county of Lincoln to deliver the temporalities of the Benedictine abbey of Elnestowe to Rose Waldegrave, nun of that house, whose election as abbess has been confirmed by William, bishop of Lincoln, and whose fealty the king has commanded to be taken by the prior of Newenham.

The like to the escheators in the following counties:—
Northampton.
Bedford and Buckingham.
Oxford.
Norfolk and Suffolk.

Writ de intendiendo to the tenants of the abbey.

Nov. 19.
Windsor Castle.

Grant to John Hampton and Edward Hull, esquires of the body, of the ship called the Nicholas of Saltash, forfeited to the king for breach of certain statutes made in the Parliament at Westminster, and taken away from English rivers; on condition that when they be in possession thereof they make true report of her value, and the king will suitably reward them.

By p.s.

Dec. 22.
Kenilworth Castle.

Commission to Stephen Broun, mayor of London, to provide at his own expense 2,000 quarters of corn in the counties of Sussex, Kent, Lincoln and Northampton for the sustenance of London; provided that his deputies deal kindly with the vendors, and do not force them to part with their corn by threats or duress.

Nov. 24.
Henley on Thames.

Licence for the prioress and convent of Elnestowe to elect an abbess in the room of Blanche Batisford, deceased.

By p.s.

1439.
Jan. 5.
Kenilworth Castle.

Grant, for life, to John Feriby, king's esquire, controller of the household, of a tun of Gascon wine yearly for the feast of Easter in the port of London.

Mandate, in pursuance, to the chief butler.