1439.

July 11. Grant, for life, to William Coote, the king's servant, of 10l. a year from Michaelmas last out of the fee farm which the chancellor of the University of Cambridge renders at the Exchequer at Westminster out of the assize of bread and ale within the town of Cambridge and its suburbs, by the hands of such chancellor.


Inspeccimus and confirmation to William Skiern of a deed under the seal of the commonality of Kyngeston upon Thames dated Tuesday in Whitsun week, 17 Henry VI, whereby John Saundre and John Danson, bailiffs of the town, and Robert Mildenhale, John Clymmore, John Lake, Edward Lusshill, Thomas Broker, Richard Pygot, John Woderove, John Reynold, John Balle, William Stokker, John Wygor, Clement Symond, Edmund Clerk, William Lenge, Thomas Arnyat, William Grove, John Pounche, John Doune, William Hook, William Reynold and Richard Lybbesbought with the consent of the commonality of the town grant licence to the said William Skiern to enclose with ditches, fences and hedges the 15 acres of land called 'fifteen acres' lying beyond 'le Berowe' by the common of Surbeton, and to hold the same in sevency to him, his heirs and assigns.

For ½ mark paid in the hanaper.

1438. 


Exemption. for life, of Thomas Denton of Wicham, co. Berks, from being put on assizes, juries, attaints, inquisitions and recognitions, and from being made mayor, sheriff, escheator, coroner, justice of the peace or of labourers, assessor, surveyor, taxer, collector or controller of tenths or fifteenths, or leader or arrayer of men at arms, hobelers or archers, against his will.

By p.s.

1439. 


Grant to William Russell, clerk, that he be one of the king's chaplains within the Tower of London, with the usual salary and profits.

Whereas by letters patent dated 16 August, 11 Henry VI, the king granted to John, duke of Bedford, for 12 years all mines of gold and silver in the counties of Devon and Cornwall and by other letters dated 14 February, 16 Henry VI, on certain surety he committed to John Solers, esquire, the keeping of all lead mines producing gold or silver in the county of Devon, for 20 years, at the rent of ½ of the pure gold or silver; upon surrender of the latter grant, the king grants to the said John Solers all the mines of gold and silver in the said counties and all lead mines in the same producing gold or silver for 20 years from the expiry of the said late duke's term at the rent of ½ of the pure gold and silver, the said John to bear all costs and expenses; and it shall be lawful for him, his deputies or servants to search for and examine such mines and to dig and work in the same and the galleries (auditis) thereof and to take for reasonable payment the wood and brushwood required for the trial and purification of the metals aforesaid and to take and set to work the necessary workmen and labourers who with his other agents shall during the term enjoy all the privileges of the miners of Ryer.

Vacated because surrendered, the king on 27 August in his nineteenth year having with the assent of the said John granted to Richard Curson, esquire of the body, the remainder of the term.


By p.s.