1439.

Aug. 19.

Windsor Castle.

The like of the like granted for one year on 15 April last to John Fitz of New Saresbury, 'mercer' or 'merchant,' as going to Aquitaine in the company of John, earl of Huntingdon, lieutenant of the duchy of Aquitaine; because he tarries at New Saresbury and elsewhere in Wilts, as the sheriff of the county has certified.


Windsor Castle.

Grant, for life, to Thomas Staunton, king's esquire, usher of the chamber, of the office of crossbowman and keeper of the crossbows within the Tower of London to hold himself or by deputy with 12s. a day wages at the Receipt of the Exchequer and a robe of the king's livery of the suit of the other esquires of the household for Christmas at the Great Wardrobe by the hands of the Wardrober.

May 20.

Windsor Castle.

Letters of denization for William Jonson, born in Middelburgh, Seland, who is henceforth to be treated as if he were the king's liegeman born in England; provided that he do liege homage and pay lot and scot.

By p.s.

July 11.

Sheen Manor.

Pardon to John Bartelot alias John Kaylok of Tettisworth, co. Oxford, 'husbandman' or 'vagabond,' who on Monday, 9 September, 16 Henry VI, abjured the realm before John Forthley, coroner, and Thomas Morstede and William Gregori, sheriffs of London, after having falsely confessed on the previous Saturday in the church of St. Michael in the ward of Bassyngishaw, London, whether he had fled from enemies who sought his life, that on the previous day he had stolen a black horse worth 8s., the property of a man unknown, in Harensey in the parish of St. Pancras, co. Middlesex; the said confession being made merely to obtain the protection of Holy Church and to escape from his enemies; pardon to him also for having returned to England without the king's licence.

By p.s.

July 26.

Windsor Castle.

Whereas by inquisition before John Thornbury, late escheator in the county of Wilts, it was found that Edmund Bensted, knight, held no lands in the said county on the day of his death, having assigned for life 20l. of rent in Wynterslowe in the said county to Joan, late the wife of Edward Bensted, knight, his father, in lieu of the dower to which she might have been entitled from his lands in Wilts, Southampton, Essex, Hertford, Cambridge and Suffolk, with reversion to John son of Ralph son of the said Edmund, whose heir he is; the said rent being still held by the said Joan and held in chief by the service of one fourth of a knight for 100s. paid in the hanaper, has pardoned the trespass committed in the premises, and granted licence to the said Joan to retain the said rent.

By p.s.

July 13.

Sheen Manor.

Grant, for life, by advice of the council, to John Fysshwyk, of the office of yeoman 'berner' of the king's barriques, in which he has done long service, to hold himself or by deputy with 2s. a day wages out of the issues of the counties of Bedford and Bucks and a livery of vesture of his degree yearly at the Great Wardrobe, and any other fees and profits belonging to the said office.

By p.s.

July 7.

Windsor Castle.

On petition of Thomas Coke, mercer of London, reciting that, at the instigation of certain evil-doers who wished to destroy him, he packed certain wools with cloth to be shipped to Ipswich, Colchester and ports in Holland and Seland, purposing to pay custom on the wools as on cloth, but the wools were searched and arrested before arrival, and that the said wools and cloth constitute his whole substance: the king pardons him any fine, ransom, punishment or imprisonment, but retains the forfeiture of the wools and cloth.

By p.s.