Presentation of William Boston to the prebend which Roger Clerc, deceased, held in the king's free chapel of Hastings, void by his death.  

By p.s.

Dec. 11.  
Westminster.

Pardon, by advice of the council, to Margaret, late the wife of Robert Banbery of Barnby, co. York, 'laborer,' upon her petition setting forth that she was indicted before the justices of the peace in the West Riding of the county of having stolen a coverlet worth 3s. 4d., a pair of sheets worth 2s. and a pair of 'wolcombes' worth 16d. the goods of John Okes of Warmesworth, at Warmesworth in the king's first year, whereupon she was committed to the gaol in the castle of York, and on Wednesday before the feast of the beheading of St. John Baptist in the king's second year was tried before Robert Tirwhyt and John Preston, justices of gaol delivery, found guilty by the jury, had no lands or chattels and was condemned to be hanged. Whereupon she pleaded that she was pregnant, and being found by an inquisition of ancient women to be so, her execution was consequently postponed successively to Monday in the first week of Lent and to Wednesday after St. Peter's Chains following. On the latter day she appeared in the keeping of the sheriff before the said justices, who had the record brought before them and read, and because the indictment was insufficient in law, not mentioning any day on which the felony was done, the judges wished to be advised as to what they ought to do and remanded her to the next gaol delivery, and so she has gone on being remanded from session to session for the space of fifteen years and more, because the judgment against her appeared to be erroneous, but she cannot lawfully be delivered from prison without suing out a writ of error to annul it, which she is unable to do.  

By p.s. [5129.]

Dec. 3.  
Westminster.  

Exemption, for life, of John Carpenter, the younger, late secretary of the city of London, who from his youth up has served the king and his progenitors in that place and elsewhere with great labour and untiring zeal, from being put on grand assizes or on any other assizes, juries,quisitions, attaints or recognitions, and from being sworn or charged with the trial or array of any assize or panel before any justices; and from being appointed leader, trier or arrayer of men at arms, hobelers or archers, customer, searcher, controller, taxer or collector of customs, taxes, tallages, aids or subsidies; from being elected knight for any shire or citizen for any city in Parliament; and from being made mayor, sheriff, escheator, coroner, constable, bailiff, justice of the peace or of sewers, or any other commissioner, officer or minister of the king, and grant that he be not compelled to take up knighthood or any other office by the king, his justices or ministers; the production of this present charter being sufficient warrant herefor.  

By p.a.

Nov. 19.  
Westminster.  

Presentation of William Russell to the church of St. Michael, Longstratton, in the diocese of Norwich.  

Nov. 22.  
Westminster.  

Presentation of Master John Morton, chancellor of the cathedral church of Chichester, to the church of All Saints, Hastynge, in the diocese of Chichester, on an exchange of benefices with John Faukes.

Dec. 3.  
Westminster.  

Grant to William Breuster, clerk of the kitchen, of the canony and prebend in the free chapel of St. George within the castle of Wyndesore, void by the resignation of John Pye.  

Mandate in pursuance to the dean and chapter.