Westminster.  


Perpetual exemption of the prioress and convent of Esebourne, co. Sussex, considering the great poverty of their house, from contributing to any tenths, fifteenths, aids, contributions, subsidies, taxes or tallages, granted or to be granted to the king by the clergy or commonalty of England; in lieu of an exemption by letters patent, dated 26 January, 15 Henry VI, continuing for three years a previous grant of such exemption, surrendered. By p.s.  


Grant to Ralph Boteller, John Beauchamp, William Mountfort and William Thomas, knights, John Throkmuerton, John Vaumpage, John Norreys, John Nanfan and William Meuston, that they or such of them as live so long, shall have the keeping of all the castles, lordships, manors, hundreds, commotes, cantreds, lands, rents, services, knights' fees and advowsons in England, Wales and the Welsh march which on the death of Isabel, countess of Warwick, late the wife of Richard, late earl of Warwick, will descend to any heir or heirs of his or hers, to hold from the date of her death, until such heir or heirs obtain livery of the same, the grantees maintaining the premises in repair and bearing all charges thereon and paying the extent thereof to be made, or according to agreement with the treasurer of England, such keeping to be had by virtue of letters patent to be made in that behalf without further warrant and on surety to be found at the time in Chancery. This grant is made at the prayer of the said countess, who has long been visited with grievous bodily infirmity, so that her recovery is doubtful, while Henry the son of herself and the earl, and their heir, should he survive her, is of tender age and she fears that much damage and waste would be done in the premises by unprofitable or careless occupiers. Any grant giving such keeping as aforesaid to any person contrary to these presents shall be void. By p.s.  


Letter of denization for Peter Herispin, born in Normandy, otherwise called 'devoir pursuivant,' serjeant at arms of Walter, lord of Hungerford, knight; so that he do liege homage and fealty, and pay customs and dues as an alien. By p.s.  

Jan. 15. Westminster.  

Appointment of Stephen Forster and Baldwin Botiller, on the mainprise of Thomas Walrond of Chelrey, co. Berks, 'gentilman,' and Philip Pagan of Drayton, co. Southampton, 'gentilman,' to the marriage of Agnes, Alice and Isabel, daughters and heirs of Thomas Baldyndon, late tenant in chief, paying 100 marks in hand for the same at the receipt of the Exchequer. By bill of the treasurer.  


Grant to Henry Somer of two sums of 40l. a year, surrendered by John Somerseth. [See p. 850 above.] By K.  


Whereas William, earl of Suffolk, and John Cottesmore, pursuant to letters patent, dated 20 May in the seventeenth year (see p. 317), on 8 June last, received from Richard Dalgate, the mayor, and the burgesses