1439.

surrendered as invalid, because it described the office as being that of bailiff itinerant in Lampadever, co. Cardigan, Wales: notwithstanding that he has 10 marks a year out of the fee farm of the town of Northampton by grant of Henry V.

1440.

Jan. 8.

MEMORANDUM 22.

Whereas by a charter of Edward the Confessor and by charters of others of the king's progenitors, kings of England, it has been granted that the abbot and convent of the house or abbey of St. Peter, Westminster, should hold their possessions with all their liberties and free customs, including quittance from 'utlep,' which is said to mean the escape of prisoners, allowed to a former abbot and his convent before certain justices of one of the king's progenitors in their eyre in Hertfordshire; and whereas popes and prelates have fulminated sentences of the greater excommunication against all who infringe the privileges of the said house; and whereas it was found by an inquisition lately taken before the king at Westminster, that Roger Canute of Brampton, co. Derby, 'gentleman,' committed as a clerk convicted of divers felonies to the keeping of the present abbot, ordinary of the place, to be kept in his prison at Westminster, afterwards on Monday before the Assumption, 3 Henry VI, broke the said prison and for want of good keeping escaped, for which cause the said abbot is much troubled; the king, considering that the bodies of the most holy Confessor Edward, of his own illustrious father, and of others of his noble progenitors are buried in the monastery, and that he himself was crowned and anointed there, and desiring to show them special favour, pardons them the escape of the said Roger and all other escapes up to the present time.

By p.s.

Jan. 27.

Reading Abbey.

Grant in fee to Roger Thornton, esquire, of a plot of land, called 'Foucherhous,' with all the members, land, tenements and meadows late of the earl of Northumberland, who forfeited to Henry IV, in the lordship of Whikhams in the bishopric of Durham, not exceeding 10 marks in yearly value, and of all those lands and tenements in the towns of Bysshopton and Larmeton in the same bishopric, called 'Gilletteslandes,' which came to the said king by the forfeiture of Henry Percy, knight, not exceeding 10 marks in yearly value. The premises were granted in fee to Roger de Thornton, father of the said Roger, by letters patent, dated 28 July, 6 Henry IV, as a plot called 'Foucherhous,' with all the lands, tenements and meadows late of the earl of Northumberland, who had forfeited, lying in the lordship of Whikhams, and other lands and tenements in the county of York not exceeding 10l. in yearly value, and the said Roger, the father, was seised, until put out by the late duke of Bedford, who died seised, and on whose death they came to the king.

By K.

Jan. 16.

Licence, by advice and assent of the council, for three years from 6 May next, for the burgesses of Berwick upon Tweed in the March of Scotland to buy wool, hides, woolfell, 'shorling' and 'lambfell,' of the growth between the waters of Coket and Twede, carry the same to their harbour and ship them thence to foreign parts, paying for every sack of wool, every last of hides, and every 210 woolfell, 1s. 4d., and for every 120 'shorling' and 'lambfell,' which at present owe no custom, not being merchandise of the staple, 4d., they having shown the king and council that by divers grants of royal letters patent they have been accustomed to