1410.

Membrane 21—cont.

Pardon to Robert Algar of Yelving, co. Middlesex, 'husbandman,' indicted or appealed of having sheltered at Yelving on 20 December last Thomas Henley of London, 'laborer,' and John Proctour alias John Lych of Suthwerk, co. Surrey, 'lech,' knowing that they had stolen four oxen of the value of 4l. belonging to William Joirdeynayn in a close of his called Mabbescroft at Tiburn.

By p.s.

Jan. 22.
Reading Abbey.

Licence for the king's subjects of the towns of Wyinchelse, Rye and Hastynge; and of the surrounding country, who, as is said, care nothing for agriculture but employ themselves solely in fishing and sea-works, to make provision of corn for their sustenance, wheresoever they please, and to take such corn only with them both by sea and land, paying the king his dues; provided always that no corn be exported from the realm under colour of these presents.

By p.s.

Jan. 20.
Westminster

Grant for life to Giles Seintlowe, esquire, of the offices of controller of Cales and of the mint there and assayer of the king's mint in that town; in lieu of a grant during good behaviour by letters patent, dated 10 November, 16 Henry VI, surrendered; provided always that he has well and faithfully borne himself since he has been in the said offices.

By p.s.

Vacated because surrendered, so far as the office of assayer is concerned, the king, on 1 March in the nineteenth year, having granted to him the said office, combined with that of changer there, for life.

Feb. 20.
Reading Abbey.

Discharge of William Donnebaut, prior of the house of St. Andrew, Cowyck, co. Devon, of the obedience of the abbey of Bekerlewyn in Normandy, from further payment of the yearly farm of 24 marks for the priory, and confirmation to him and his successors for ever of all the lands, tenements, possessions, tithes, franchises, liberties, fees, advowsons, annuities, pensions, portions and other commodities of the same, without payment to the king or his heirs; as it appears from his petition, confirmed by certificates under the seals of Edmund, bishop of Exeter, and the official of the archdeacon of Exeter, remaining in the Chancery files, that the said house is of the foundation of the ancestors of Thomas, earl of Devon, has been in the king's obedience for a long time, that the priors from time immemorial have been perpetual and have had a convent and common seal, that the war on account of which the priory was taken into the hands of the king's progenitors, was terminated by the peace made in the eighth year of the reign of the king's father, and that it was charged with the said yearly farm of 24 marks by letters patent, dated 24 May, 9 Henry V, for 20 years from the preceding Easter, but a great part of its possessions adjoin the river Exe and have been inundated by the great floods of late years, so that they are likely to be destroyed unless costly works be begun for their protection, while the church and cloister and many of the houses of the priory are decayed and likely to fall down without speedy and expensive repairs, for which the said possessions are insufficient without foregoing the maintenance of divine service there, if any farm should continue to be paid to the king. Grant also that any persons having grants of the premises at farm after the termination of the said term of 20 years, may surrender such grants and be discharged of such farm.

By K.

Jan. 18.
Reading Abbey.

Grant to William Morton, chap. surveyor of the works in the town and harbour of Cales and of the other works of the waters there, of 10l. a year from 17 October last for life or until it shall please the king to give him such a benefice without cure as he shall think worth accepting, out