March 1440.

Reading.

Whereas within the town or hamlet of Ruysshale, in the diocese of Coventry and Lichfield, of which John Harpur and Eleanor his wife are lords, as is said, there is a chapel with cure of souls dedicated to St. Michael, to which one William Balle has been admitted and instituted by the diocesan and inducted by the archdeacon as perpetual chaplain, without, however, being endowed with any livelihood, and whereas the king’s aid has been besought in the matter, the king grants to the said William that he shall be perpetual chaplain, and the said chaplaincy is hereby incorporated, and shall be filled up on becoming void through nomination by the said John and Eleanor and their heirs, lords of the said hamlet, to the abbot of Nalces Oswyn of a person by him to be presented to the diocesan. And the king also grants licence to the said William and his successors in the chaplaincy to acquire in frank almoins lands, rents and services not held in chief, to the yearly value of 5 marks.

By p.s. and for 16 marks paid in the hamper.

Jan. 8.

Windsor Castle.

Grant for life to Robert Passener of 37l. a year out of the issues of the county of Hertford, in consideration of his service to the king’s progenitors for forty-seven years on both sides of the sea and of his surrender into the Chancery of England of letters patent of Henry IV appointing him to be one of the king’s thirty serjeants at arms established by the Act of the Parliament of Richard II, and of his surrender into the chancery of the duchy of Lancaster, as Walter Sheryngton, chancellor thereof, has certified, of letters patent of the said late king under the seal of the said duchy whereby he was granted the mill of the town of Uttoxther, to the value of 10l. a year, and the farm of the said town, with its profits of the like value. Grant also to the said Robert, for life, of a yearly robe of the king’s livery of the suit of the other serjeants at arms by the hands of the keeper of the Great Wardrobe.

By p.s.

May 10.

Westminster.

Presentation of Richard Whyte, parson of the church of Radenace, in the diocese of Lincoln, to the church of Tycewell, in the diocese of Norwich, on an exchange of benefices with John Trafford.

MEMBRANE 9.

April 24.

Windsor Castle.

Grant in frank almoins to the provost and scholars of Oryell College, Oxford, of the reversion of two parts of the manors or manor of Wadley and Wykyngesham, co. Berks, formerly the manor of Worda, after the deaths of John Noreys and Alice his wife, tenants for life, from 19 September, 16 Henry VI, by letters patent dated 4 May last, and of the reversion of the remaining part, at present held by Agnes late the wife of William Porter, and after her death to be held by the said John Noreys and Alice, so soon as it shall fall to the king by the deaths of the said John and Alice, or otherwise. Grant also that so soon as the said provost and scholars shall become possessed of the premises or any part thereof, they shall be exempt from any tenth or part of a tenth granted by the clergy of the province of Canterbury, payable on the premises or any such part thereof, and the production of these presents before the treasurer and barons of the Exchequer shall be sufficient discharge in that behalf.

By p.s.

May 6.

Westminster.

Grant, for life, to John Noreys, esquire, usher of the chamber, of the manor of Merston Meysy, co. Wilts, at the yearly rent of 12l., the said manor having been extended at that amount by the inquisition taken by William Beauchamp, then sheriff of the county, in obedience to a writ in that behalf which issued from the Exchequer after the manor came into the king’s hands by the death of Joan, queen of England, who held it in dower.

By p.s.