MEMBRANE 14.

Whereas the king’s father promised to John Hardynge of the county of Lincoln 10l. a year from the manor or preceptory of Wiloughton, co. Lincoln, for his labour in acquiring evidences of that king’s overlordship over Scotland, and the said John acquired such evidences and delivered them to the present king, and the king recently granted him the 10l., which the farmer or occupier of the said manor or preceptory pays yearly for the free farm (libera firma) of the same, which grant is invalid because the said manor is demised to John Middleton for 7 years from the date of the death of Joan, queen of England, to wit 9 July, 15 Henry VI, and there is no such preceptory or free farm; the king, on surrender of the grant referred to, now grants the said John Hardynge 10l. a year from the said manor during the said term of 7 years by the hands of the farmer or occupier thereof, and the manor itself after the completion of the said term for life at the yearly rent of 2s. by the hands of the sheriff of Lincolnshire.

By p.s. and dated etc.

Nov. 27. Westminster.

Whereas John Norman and George Tromy have surrendered letters patent dated 15 August, 16 Henry VI, and William Norman, John Baker and the said John Norman letters patent dated 14 March, 18 Henry VI, the king has granted to John Norys, esquire, Thomas Aventre and Sampson Vikers and to the said William Norman, John Norman and John Baker for life the offices of packing all manner of woollen cloths, wool-fells, calf skins, pewter (electro) vessels and other merchandises in packages, tuns, pipes, barrels or otherwise, with the survey of the measuring, numbering and weight of the same and the survey of the opening of customable merchandise brought into and taken out of a port of safety (portum salutis) by land or water within the liberties and franchises of the city of London and its suburbs, as well the goods of natives as of aliens wheresoever customed; and also the offices of packing all woollen cloths, wool-fells and lamb and calf skins with the ‘kipping and powderyng’ of the same, vessels of pewter and other merchandise packed, kippered or powdered or carried by land and water.

By p.s. and dated etc.