Membrane 26 and 25—cont.

32L. 6s. 8d. and of other lordships and manors late of the said duke; and that thus 21l. 11s. 1½d. remain in the king’s hands, with the reversion of the said 10l. 15s. 6½d. after the death of Jacquetta; and further that the said town before and after the said grant consisted of many burgesses, merchants and victuallers, insomuch that foreign merchants and workmen and other people from the parts adjacent and the counties of Lancaster, Cumberland and Westmoreland trafficked in their market every Saturday, and carriers of grain and bread from the said counties and from the parts of Lendesdale, Craven Dent, Sadbergh and other distant parts, wherein fruits grow not plentifully, wherefore by the constant flocking of men thither the burgesses for many years now passed were able to levy the greater part of the said fee-farm, but now receive scarcely 100s. yearly for the same, because markets are now held at Masham on Wednesday, at Bedale on Tuesday, at Middelham within the liberty of Richmond by licence of former kings, at Stayndrop within the bishopric and liberty of Durham on Tuesday, and at Bernardacastell within the same bishopric and liberty on Wednesday, all within eight miles of Richmond, whither the whole country round resorts; and further that a great part of the grass of the pasture of Wyttkylf has been so destroyed by underwood, thorns, heath, fern, and other growths, that the burgesses have been unable for long to receive herbage and agisments as aforesaid, and that many burgesses, artificers, victuallers, workmen and other inhabitants have been consumed by pestilence and plague, others have been unable to pay the fee-farm, and others through heavy burdens and losses sustained there have left with their wives and children as beggars, and other workmen come no longer as aforesaid by reason of the said poverty and waste, so that the remaining burgesses have been able to levy scarcely a third part of the fee-farm; and further that they can levy 19l. 18s. 4d. and no more, and had no other commodities at the time of the said inquisition than those mentioned in their petition:—the king grants to the said burgesses all the premises aforesaid, they rendering yearly to the king during the life of Jacquetta 10 marks and to Jacquetta the said 10l. 15s. 6½d. and to the said Henry le Serop and his heirs the said 11 marks, 6s. 8d. and to the king after the death of Jacquetta 12l., and pardons them during the life of Jacquetta 14l. 17s. 9½d. of the said fee-farm, and after her death 20l. 6s. 8d. thereof.

By p.s. and dated as above.

MEMBRANE 25 (cont.).


Whereas John Carpenter, clerk, master of the hospital of St. Antony, London, John Somerseth, chancellor of the Exchequer, and John Carpenter the younger, citizen of London, are seised of the manor of Thebaudes in Chesthunt, co. Hertford, late of John Hylton, clerk, and of a messuage and 1½ virgates of land late of Thomas Williams, and of 5 acres of meadow late of Thomas Holme and William Colt in Chesthunt, held of the manor of Chesthunt, held in chief and in the hands of Elizabeth, late the wife of John Norbury, esquire, for her life by grant of Henry IV, with remainder in survivorship to Henry, their son, godson of Henry IV, and John, his brother; and whereas William Chedworth, Richard Mordon and Robert Blount of London lately by their charter dated at Chesthunt 5 May in the eighteenth year granted to the said John Carpenter, John Somerseth and John Carpenter 95 acres, 1 rood of land and meadow and ½ acre of wood lying in parcels in the said town, and John Mountgomery, 'chivaler,' and the said Elizabeth now his wife, being seised of the manor of Chesthunt for her life, by a writing reciting word for word the said