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Feb. 15. Westminster. Grant to the abbot and convent of the house of St. Martin, Battle, co. Sussex, that he and his successors be not appointed collectors of tenths, taxes, tallages or other quotas or subsidies granted to the king by the clergy of England without the diocese of Chichester; and that the production of these presents before the treasurer and barons of the Exchequer shall be sufficient excuse. By p.s. and dated as above.

Feb. 19. Westminster. Presentation of Andrew Arthur, perpetual chaplain of the chantry at the altar of St. Thomas the Martyr of Coventre, in the diocese of Coventry and Lichfield, to the chantry at the altar of St. Alphege in the church of Solihull, in the same diocese, on an exchange of benefices with William Monemouth.

Feb. 20. Westminster. Exemption of William Fynderne, esquire, for life, from being put on assizes, juries, inquisitions, attainds or recognitions and from being made sheriff, escheator, coroner, assessor of taxes, collector of tenths, fifteenths, or other tallages or subsidies, collector of a reasonable aid on the knighthood of the king’s first-born son or the marriage of his first-born daughter, constable, trier, arrayer or leader of men at arms or others, or other bailiff, officer or minister of the king: and grant that he be not called to take up the order of knighthood or to hold any office or suffer any burden against his will; and that he be not sworn on any trial of array of any assize, or impanelled on a grand assize. By p.s. and dated as above.

Feb. 4. Westminster. Grant, in survivorship, to William Norton, esquire, and Philip Fysshwyk, serjeant of the cellar, of the office of usher of the Receipt of the Exchequer and keeper of the Council-chamber to hold the former themselves or by deputy and the latter in person, with the accustomed wages, fees, profits and rewards, and the houses and rooms held by John Ederik; in lieu of a grant thereof by Henry V to the former for life, surrendered. By p.s. and dated as above.

Feb. 18. Westminster. Pardon to John Fale of Botesdale, co. Suffolk, ‘yoman,’ of his outlawry in the county of Norfolk for not appearing before John Juyn and his fellows, late justices of the Bench, to answer the king and Katharine, duchess of Norfolk, touching offences done in parks and fishponds [Stat. 3 Edward I, c. 20]; he having surrendered to the Flete prison, as Richard Neutron, chief justice of the Bench, has certified.

Feb. 16. Westminster. Protection with clause volumus for one year for Thomas Thornton of London, ‘vintier,’ alias Thomas Thornton, citizen and vintner of London, staying in the king’s service in the company of the king’s kinsman, Henry Percy, knight, captain of the castle and town of Berwick on Tweed in the parts of Scotland, for the safe keeping and victualling of the same.

By bill of p.s.

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Feb. 15. Westminster. Grant, in survivorship, at the instance of the king’s uncle, the cardinal, to Margaret, late the wife of Nicholas Sharnesfeld, knight, and Renfrew Arundell, knight, of the manor of Helleston with the borough thereof, co. Cornwall, rendering nothing for the same; in lieu of a grant thereof for life to Margaret, surrendered. By p.s. and dated as above.

Feb. 18. Westminster. Presentation of John Hampton, chaplain, to the church of Llanpederpontsteven, in the diocese of St. Davids.