letters patent dated 20 February in the second year, and of Richard Hore and John Mathew to the keeping of the second for twenty years by letters patent dated 18 July in the eleventh year, surrendered; and in lieu of a grant of the fee farms thereof and the reversion of the priories after the completion of the said terms to Henry, archbishop of Canterbury, John, bishop of Bath and Wells, John, bishop of St. Asaph, William, bishop of Salisbury, William, earl of Suffolk, and John Somerseth, Thomas Bekynton, Richard Andrevew, Adam Moleyns, clerks, and John Hampton and James Fenys, esquires, and William Tresham, by letters patent dated 12 September in the nineteenth year; they having demised the same to the king by a charter dated 16 March in the nineteenth year.

By K. and dated as above.

Whereas Pope Eugenius IV of late excommunicated among other sons of perdition Guillelmus, late bishop of Vercelli, because he and others against the papal prohibition remained at Basle and committed many scandalous acts in contempt of the apostolic see and supported the pretended election of Amedeus, late duke of Savoy, as Felix V., and therefore the Augustinian monastery of St. Andrew, Vercelli, whereof Guillelmus was late bishop, to which the parish church of Chesterton, in the diocese of Ely, is united, is declared void; and whereas on the king’s behalf it was lately shewn to the Pope that though Edward III founded a college in the university of Cambridge, distant half a mile from the said parish church, of a warden and thirty-two scholars, yet through war and other adverse events, the college has not been provided with sufficient means to maintain the warden and scholars, and to support other charges and the building of the college, wherefore the warden and scholars both now and in time past have suffered many inconveniences; and hence the king has made petition to the Pope to separate the said church, the cure whereof is administered by a perpetual vicar with sufficient dower, from the said monastery, and to appropriate it to the said college; and the pope by his bulls has granted to the wardens and scholars all the fruits and produce of the said church, so long as the convent and late beneficiary shall suffer the papal censure, and all dues hitherto not paid to the said convent;—the king has pardoned the said warden and scholars all trespasses, misprisions and offences committed by them in suing for, accepting or executing the said letters before the date of these presents; and licence for them to accept the said bulls and obtain whatsoever therein concerns the wellbeing of the college without impeachment or hindrance; and to have the said church of Chesterton in frank almoin, they and their successors for ever; and grant to them of all debts and arrears late of the said convent and beneficiary, and of power to sue for the same in any court of the king.

By K. and dated as above.

Grant to the king’s kinsman, Thomas Courteney, earl of Devon, of the office of steward of the duchy of Cornwall, co. Cornwall, to hold himself or by deputy, so long as the duchy be in the king’s hands, taking yearly 40 marks by the hands of the receiver of the duchy.

By p.s. and dated as above.

Licence for the king’s kinsman, Henry Bourghchier, count of Eu, lord le Bourghchier, for good service hitherto and on this present voyage of the king to foreign parts, to grant to Humphrey, duke of Gloucester,