1441.

May 8.
Westminster.

Grant, for life, to the king’s esquire William Stalwort of the offices of steward of Cheylismore, co. Warwick, and keeper of the king’s park there, to hold himself or by deputy, with the wages, fees and other profits thereto belonging; and also of the herbage and pannage there, paying for the same to the receiver-general of the duchy of Cornwall 40s. yearly; in lieu of a grant of the former, during pleasure, surrendered.

By p.s. and dated etc.

May 8.
Westminster.

Licence, for 20l. paid in the hanaper for fine and fee of the seal, for the master and scholars of the house or college of St. Michael, Cambridge, and their successors to acquire lands, rents and possessions to the value of 20l. yearly, not held in chief, for the increase of their food, clothing and other necessaries; and release to the same of all corrodies, pensions, annuities, prests, rents and payments for ever; grant further that whenever during the next twenty years the clergy of the provinces of Canterbury and York grant a tenth or other quota or the people of England in Parliament grant a fifteenth or other quota, the said master and scholars shall not be taxed therewith.

By p.s. and dated etc.

May 27.
Westminster.

Whereas John Radclyffe, king’s knight, late seneschal of Aquitaine and constable of Bordeaux, captain and constable of the castle of Fronsak and ambassador at Arras, now deceased, long served the king in war and otherwise, and by pressure thereof sold a great part of his revenues and was much indebted to many his friends, and the king on 2 July last by his writ of privy seal commanded the treasurer and barons of the Exchequer to certify the chancellor of all the expenses of the said John in the said offices and by a like writ on 2 July last directed to John, bishop of Bath and Wells, chancellor of England, granted to the said John Radclyffe the customs and subsidies in the ports of Pole, Melcombe, Exmouth, Dartmouth, Plymouthe, Fowey and Briggewater by the hands of the customers until he should be satisfied of all that was due to him, and commanded the chancellor to make letters patent in that behalf; and the treasurer and barons certified the chancellor that it was found in the fifteenth roll of the accounts that the said John, whom the king appointed seneschal of Aquitaine on 18 July in the first year during pleasure, computed that touching all his receipts and wages of his men at arms and archers and for his fee as constable of the said castle within the said duchy from 1 September in the first year until 6 November in the fifteenth year, on which day he was discharged from office, for 14 years and 96 days, he was owed 7,015l. 6s. 0½d., and in the thirteenth roll of the accounts that for his wages as ambassador to the city of Arras for treating of peace between the king and his enemy of France from 3 June in the thirteenth year until 15 September next following he was owed 68l.; the king has granted to Thomas Radcliff and Robert Lethum, executors of the said John’s will, all customs and subsidies in the said ports until they be satisfied of the said sums.

By p.s. and dated etc.

April 29.
Westminster.

Grant, for life, to the king’s serjeant, John Slyfirst, one of the yeomen of the crown, of the offices of the ‘raglosshipp’ and ‘wodewardshipp’ with the ‘amobre’ of the commote of Crethyn, co. Caernarvan, to hold himself or by deputy from 18 June last, with the wages, fees, profits and commodities thereto pertaining.

By p.s. and dated etc.

MEMBRANE 33.

May 21.
Westminster.

Presentation of Robert Tatman, professor of theology, to the church of Skranygham, in the diocese of York.

By p.s. and dated etc.