1442.
May 1.
Westminster.

Exemption, for life, of William Rothewell, one of the clerks of the Bench, for good service to Henry IV, Henry V, and the king, from being put on assizes, juries, inquisitions, attaints or recognitions, and from being made mayor, sheriff, escheator, coroner, constable, justice of the peace or of sewers, ulnager, searcher, taxer, assessor, collector, customer or controller of tenths, fifteenths, customs, subsidies, taxes, tallages or quotas, leader, trier or arrayer of men at arms, hobblers or archers, verderer, regarder or other commissioner, bailiff, officer or minister of the king, and grant that he be not compelled to ride or labour without his country, and that no purveyors take any of his goods against his will.

By p.s. etc.

May 5.
Westminster.

Licence for Master Adam Moleyns, dean of the cathedral church of St. Mary, Salisbury; Henry Shelford, parson of the church of Wyke Regis, co. Dorset, and Henry Russell of Weymouth to found a perpetual gild of themselves and the parishioners of the church of Wyke Regis and others in the chapel of St. Nicholas within the borough of Weymouth to be incorporate of the brethren and sisters thereof; and grant that the members may elect yearly from their number a master and two wardens, who by the name of the master and wardens of the gild of St. George of Weymouth shall be capable of acquiring lands, rents and possessions and of bequeathing the same to the gild or the master or wardens for the use of the gild, and of pleading and of being impleaded in any court, having a common seal and able to hold at need meetings of the gild and to make statutes and ordinances for the governance thereof; grant also to the said dean, Henry and Henry that they may found a perpetual chantry of one chaplain to celebrate divine service daily in the said chapel for the good estate of the king, the said dean, Henry and Henry and of the brethren and sisters of the gild and their successors and for their souls after death; and that they may grant to the chaplain and his successors lands and rents to the value of 10 marks yearly, not held in chief, for his sustenance and the said charges and other works of piety: and that they may grant to the said master and wardens the advowson of the said chantry.

By p.s. etc. and for 20l. paid in the Exchequer.

March 4.
Westminster.

Whereas John Cobham, knight, deceased, founded a chapel at the end of the New Bridge between Rochester and Strode, co. Kent, of divers chaplains to celebrate divine service daily therein for the souls of the king's progenitors and the good estate of the king and realm, the profits of the bridge to sustain them, and now the king has understood that the profits no longer suffice therefor; the king has granted to the commonalty and keepers of the bridge and their successors 100s. yearly at the Exchequer by the abbot and convent of the monastery of St. Augustine, Canterbury, out of the farm of the hundreds of Ryngeslowe, Dunhamford and Blengate, co. Kent, for the sustenance of the said chaplains and the support of wax-candles (cereorum) and other lights in the chapel; provided always that they apply the said 100s. to no other uses and that the annual stipends of the chaplains granted heretofore be not withdrawn.

By p.s. etc.

April 21.
Westminster.

Commission to John Wynwyke, stonecutter, to take stonecutters and masons for the king's works for the building of Elton College at the king's wages, and to commit to prison all persons contrary herein. By K. etc.

June 9.
Westminster.

Grant to the king's servant Thomas Catches of 8 marks 2s. 4d. to be received from Thomas Asshe of Folsham, and Robert Pynne of North lynham, ministers of Isabel, lady Morley, out of a pair of 'bouges' worth