

Membrane 9—cont.

1444.

July 17.
Westminster.

Pardon to Walter Lovett *alias* Lovell late of Tunbrigge, co. Kent, 'yoman,' of the king's suit against him for having assaulted Roger Heryngman and struck him on the head with a staff worth $\frac{1}{2}d.$ on 19 June, 18 Henry VI, in the parish of St. Ethelburga in the ward of Bissshopesgate, London, making a mortal wound 4 inches long and reaching to the brain, whereof he immediately died: and of any consequent outlawry. By p.s. etc.

July 17.
Westminster.

Whereas the abbey of St. James by Northampton, of the foundation of William Peverell, sometime earl of Notyngham, is now of the king's patronage by way of an escheat, in which abbey canons to the number of twenty or sixteen pray daily for the good estate of the king and the souls of his progenitors, which service cannot be supported, not only because their possessions are **wasted**, the abbey poorly endowed and their charges heavy in the **entertainment** of persons flocking thither and otherwise, but also because the abbot and convent, wishing to please Edward II, conferred a corrody at his request on John de Tunstall, and other abbots **have conferred like corrodies** on others at the request of the king and his progenitors: the king has granted to them that after the death of John Everdon they be quit of such corrody for ever. By p.s. etc.

July 19.
Westminster.

Grant in survivorship to William Newman and John Newman of the office of 'swanherd' through the water of Thames and all rivers and members thereof from Graveshende to Cicestre, to hold themselves or by deputy, with the wages of 4*l.* a day from the fee-farm or other issues of Northampton and all other profits to the office belonging; in lieu of a grant thereof to Richard Houghton, by letters patent surrendered. By p.s. etc.

July 17.
Westminster.

Grant, during pleasure, to the king's esquire Walter Skulle of the office of steward of the castle and town of Brenles, of the lordships of Penkelly and Cantrecelly, of the manors and lordships of Langoit and Alisaundreston and of the third part of the barony of Penkelly in Wales, to hold himself or by deputy, with the due fees and profits. By p.s. etc.

July 6.
Westminster.

Whereas John Cobbe showed by a petition to the king that though he wished to operate on certain matters by the art of philosophy, to wit, to transmute imperfect metals from their proper sort into perfect gold or silver, in order to await or mature (*indurandum*) all experiments and examinations, such as any gold or silver growing in any mineral, yet his ill-wishers suppose him to work by unlawful art and disturb him in such experiments: the king wishing to know the conclusion of the work has granted licence to him to work and experiment therein, provided always that to do so be not contrary to law. [*Fadera.*] By p.s. etc.

July 8.
Westminster.

Mandate to all persons to hinder him not. By p.s.

July 19.
Westminster.

Grant, during pleasure, to John Martyn of the office of surveyor of any customable goods and merchandise in any ports from the water of Hamle, co. Southampton, to the port of Wynchilsey, co. Sussex, to be present with the collectors in the said ports whenever such goods are customed by them, taking the usual fees and wages.

By bill of the treasurer etc.

July 20.
Westminster.

Grant, for life, to Richard Whytington, one of the yeomen farriers, of 2*d.* a day from 23 July, 18 Henry VI, from the issues of the county of Cambridge; in lieu of a grant by letters patent of that date, surrendered. [*Calendar, 1436-1441, p. 433.*] By p.s. etc.