1446. March 14. Westminster. Exemption, for life, of William Mytton of Colbroke from being put on assizes, juries, recognitions, attaints or inquisitions and from being made bailiff, constable, collector, assessor or taxer of taxes, tallages, quotas or other subsidies, or other officer or minister of the king. By p.s. etc.

Feb. 8. Westminster. Whereas by an inquisition taken at the Guildhall in the parish of St. Laurence, Old Jewry, London, on 25 January last before Simon Eyr, mayor and escheator of London, it was found that John Whitthorn of Dounton, chaplain, by his will on Monday after St. Barnabas the Apostle, 23 Edward III, bequeathed in mortmain without licence to certain chaplains, to celebrate divine service for the souls of John de Oxenford, late citizen and vintner of London, Walter Neel, Richard Godechepe, John de Gryssyngham and of the said John Whitthorn, his parents, kinsfolk and friends, in the church of St. James, Gardekhith, London, 5 messuages in Old Jewry, London, and 3 messuages with two chambers belonging thereto in the said parish of St. James, which he acquired of the feoffment of John de Gryssyngham and Richard Godechepe, situated by the said church, to wit, in breadth between the church on the north and 'Temestrete' on the south, and in length from 'Cordewane strete' on the west to a small lane leading from 'Temestrete' to 'Kirounlane' on the east, and a messuage in the said parish of St. Laurence, which he acquired of the feoffment of Roger de Forsham; and that Gilbert atte Leye, on 12 May, 28 Edward III, bequeathed as above to the said church of St. James a message with a garden in the parish of All Saints Stanyngelvehe, Marthlane, London, for the amending of 'Oxenford Chauntrey' there though such a chantry was never founded; and that all the premises are worth 10 marks a year and are held of the king in free burgage, and that John Whitthorn and Gilbert died seised of the aforesaid messuages and chambers respectively in their demesne as of fee without heir, and the premises have been seised into the king's hands as forfeit:—the king has granted the same in frank almoin to William Huntyngrond, parson of the said church of St. James, and to John Stistede and William Coly, churchwardens thereof, to sustain two chaplains to celebrate divine service therein for the good estate of the king and queen and for their souls after death and the souls aforesaid. By p.s. etc.

March 21. Westminster. Grant to the king's servant Stephen Coote, yeoman of the chamber, and his assigns, of divers messuages, a shop and a parcel of land granted on 9 November, 11 Henry VI, to Robert Cony, 'joynour,' deceased, and surrendered by Margaret late his wife and executrix of his will; with a new dwelling-house built by Robert on the said land and with another parcel of void land lying at the west end of the first parcel, containing 40 feet in length from the dwelling-house towards the west and 26 feet in breadth from the water of Thames towards the north, to hold from Michaelmas last for ninety years at a rent of 40/. a year. By p.s. etc.

March 22. Westminster. Grant, for life, to the king's chaplain Master Nicholas Close of the hospital of St. Nicholas, Carlisle, void by the resignation of Master John Cononby, chaplain. By p.s. etc.

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March 21. Westminster. Exemption of Henry, prior of the priory of St. Mary, Suthwerk, and the convent of that place, and their successors, from levying tonths and other subsidies, aids, quotas and contributions granted by the clergy of either province. By p.s. etc.