1446.  

Membrane 2—cont.

called the gild of St. George of Cestre: and the members thereof may increase their numbers, and the master, wardens and brethren shall meet each year within a month after the election of the mayor and elect four men of the gild to govern the same with the master for a year, who shall take oath so to do: the gild shall be incorporate, having a perpetual succession and a common seal, and the members thereof capable of acquiring lands, rents and other possessions in mortmain not held in chief, to the value of 40l. a year, for the sustenance of a chaplain to celebrate divine service daily in the chapel of St. George in the cathedral church of Cestre or elsewhere in the city for the good estate of the king and for his soul after death and the souls of the brethren and sisters of the gild; and for the sustenance of the poor brethren and sisters of the gild: and the master and wardens may plead and be-unpleaded in any court.

By K. etc.

March 19.  

Licence for the king's clerk Walter Shuryngton, chancellor of the duchy of Lancaster, his heirs, executors and assigns, to found one or more chantries of one, two, three or four chaplains to celebrate divine service daily in the cathedral church of St. Paul, London, or in the conventional church of the priory of St. Bartholomew, Westsmithfield, London, or in the churchyard of St. Paul's church called 'Pardonchirechawe' or elsewhere as above. Licence also for the same to grant the advowson of the chantry or chantries to the dean and chapter of the said cathedral church, and to grant in mortmain to the chaplain or chaplains lands to the value of 40l. a year, not held in chief.

By K. etc.

March 3.  

Confirmation to the

letters patent dated 1 May, 21 Henry VI, and grant to the same, for their greater security herein, of the offices of constable of Caresbroke castle and forester of the forest of the Isle of Wight with the keeping of the park there, and of all faggots, trees thrown down by the wind, branches of trees thrown down, dry and dead wood, hays of copese and '(brayne)' of the forest and park, and of the office of porter of the castle, to hold to the said Henry and the heirs male of his body immediately after the death of Humphrey, duke of Gloucester, if he die without heir male of his body; taking yearly 20l. for the office of constable from the issue of the duchy and lordship of Wight, 10l. for the office of forester from the same issue, 1d. a day for the keeping of the park from the same issue and 1d. a day for the office of porter from the same issue, and all other appurtenant profits, with power to appoint all officers or deputies; and if these letters are in any wise invalid, the chancellor of England shall have authority at the suit of Henry or his heirs to amend the same by advice of the council and to cause other: to be made, without any suit but the king.

By K. etc.

1445.  

Grant, for life, to William, bishop of Salisbury, that in any grant of a tenth or part thereof, or other subsidy or quota granted by the clergy of the province of Canterbury, he may appoint such a person as he thinks fit to collect the same in his diocese, and nominate him to the treasurer and barons of the Exchequer; notwithstanding any letters of discharge from such collection granted to the said person.

By K. etc.

1446.  

May 5.  

Commission to Thomas Blounte, knight, John Grylyth, knight, John Curson of Croxhall, esquire, William Comberford, Thomas Everdon and John Welles to make inquisition in Staffordshire touching the lands which