Licence for Master Thomas Barnesley, dean of the college of St. John the Baptist, Stoke by Clare, and the chapter thereof, to acquire in mortmain lands, rents and services and advowsons of churches, not held in chief and extended at 100l. a year, and to appropriate the same; in lieu of a licence by letters patent of Henry V to acquire such possessions to the value of 800l. a year, hitherto inoperative, surrendered.

By p.s. etc.

Whereas the king's servant, Master John Somerseth, chancellor of the Exchequer, built of late a chapel on a piece of ground containing 220 feet in length and 40 feet in breadth, lying at the west end of the bridge of New Braynford, co. Middlesex, sometime of wood, between the present highway near the new stone bridge, which leads from Braynford to Houndeslowe, on the north, and a parcel of land of the said John on the south, the foundation stone of which chapel the king laid with his own hands to the honour of God, the Virgin Mary and all the holy angels, the said John intending to found on his piece of ground, held of the king, contiguous to the said chapel, a hospital for nine poor men and a gild in honour of the nine orders of holy angels;—the king has granted in frank almon to Reynold, bishop of St. Asaph, Nicholas, bishop of Llandaff, Master John Somerseth, Master Peter Hynford, Master William Lychfeld, Richard Hakeday, esquire, John Colop and Richard Plokyndon, their heirs and assigns, the said piece of ground on the late ancient highway, with the water of Braynt and the soil thereof pertaining to the ancient wooden bridge, as they are now manifest to the eye by metes and bounds from east to west, which adjoin (sunt immediata) the present highway and the new stone bridge, on which soil or highway the said chapel is now constructed, together with the said chapel; and licence for them to found a gild of a master, brethren and sisters, of themselves and others in the said hospital and chapel, to be called the gild of the nine orders of holy angels by Syon, the members whereof may increase their numbers, and on Michaelmas or the morrow thereof each year may elect one of themselves to govern the gild, who, after election, shall take oath to do so honestly, with the divine worship of a priest or clerk, the nine poor men, their two servants and all their appurtenances, and if he resign or be removed, they may elect another in his place for the residue of the year; they shall be incorporated, having a perpetual succession, capable of acquiring in mortmain lands, rents and services, having a common seal and able to plead and to be impleaded in any court; licence also for them to acquire lands etc, to the value of 40l. a year for the sustenance of a chaplain to celebrate divine service in the said chapel for the good estate of the king and queen Margaret and of the said founders, and for their souls after death, and of a clerk likewise in the chapel to serve the chaplain and of nine poor men, weak or impotent, to wit, blind, lame and withered (aridorum), and of two sober, industrious men, servants to the said nine. By K. etc.

Grant for life to brother Thomas Fitzgerald, prior of the hospital of St. John of Jerusalem in Ireland, alias later, of 100l. yearly from the fee farm of Chapelizod and Salmon-Leap in Ireland, which chapel the prior and brethren of the said hospital held at farm.

By K. etc.