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a year, and that the said order was wont to exhibit scholars, elected by the master and common chapter of the order to study in the said priory, at great costs, and is now so impoverished that it can do so no longer,—for the prior and convent of the said priory to acquire in mortmain lands, rents and advowsons, not held in chief, to the value of 100*l.* a year. By p.s. etc.

July 10. Grant for life to the king's servant, William Elton, yeoman of Westminster. the crown, of 12*l.* yearly immediately after the death of Gerard Huyn, knight, who now has the same, from the fee farm of Malmesbury with the appurtenant three hundreds, by the hands of the abbot and convent of the said town. By K. etc.

May 26. Licence for Richard, duke of York, to build within the manor Westminster. of Honesdon, co. Hertford, a tower of stones with lime and sand, and to embattle the same, and to hold the manor and tower to him, his heirs and assigns. By K. etc.

July 28. Protection for Andrew Ogard, knight, his men, tenants, servants Westminster. and possessions, and exemption of him for life from being put on assizes, juries, recognitions, attainments or inquisitions and from being made justice, bailiff, escheator, coroner, sheriff, constable, reeve, collector, taxer or controller of tenths, fifteenths, taxes, tallages, quotas or other subsidies, or other officer, commissioner or minister of the king, collector of a reasonable subsidy for the knighthood of the king's first-born son or the marriage of his first-born daughter, and grant that none of the king's household be entertained in the houses or places of him, his men, tenants or servants. By p.s. etc.

July 7. Licence for Thomas Erdyngton, knight, to found a chantry of one Westminster. chaplain to pray and celebrate divine service daily in the chapel of St. Leonard, Bilston, co. Stafford, for the good estate of the king and queen Margaret and Thomas, and for their souls after death, and to do other works of piety; to be called 'Erdyngton Chaunteri,' and the chaplain to be capable of acquiring lands and rents and of pleading and being impleaded in any court. Licence also for Thomas to grant in mortmain to the chaplain lands to the value of 40*s.* a year, not held in chief. By p.s. etc.

Aug. 26. Grant for life to the king's serjeant, Robert Berd of Kent, of the Westminster. office of steward of the manor and lordship of Eltham, co. Kent, to hold himself or by deputy, taking 40*s.* yearly from the issues of the manor. By K. etc.

*MEMBRANE 9.*

July 16. Whereas Humphrey, late duke of Gloucester, seised of the manor Westminster. of Bouecombe in the isle of Wight, co. Southampton, in his demesne as of fee or fee tail, claiming of late on undue information one John Whithorne of Wiltshire, 'gentilman,' as his bondman belonging to the said manor, caused the said John and all his lands, to wit, 60 messuages, 6 tofts, a dovecote, 600 acres of land, 30 acres of meadow, 6 acres of pasture and 6*s.* 8*d.* of rent in New Saresbury, Fyssherton Aucher, Myddell Wynterslewe, Westwynterslewe, Wodmanton, Burchalke, Bulbrigge, Uggefurd St. James, Wilton, Fouleston, Berford