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need be, and the gild shall be called the gild of St. George, York, and the members shall be incorporate, having a perpetual succession and a common seal and capable of acquiring lands, rents and other possessions, of pleading and of being impleaded in any court and of meeting and making ordinances for their governance. Grant also to the members of the patronage of the said chapel, so that, whenever it be void, they may collate a chaplain therto to celebrate divine service daily therein for the good estate of the king and queen Margaret and the members of the gild, and for their souls after death.

By p.s. etc.

July 19. Protection for the king’s servant, Edmund Rede, esquire, his men, tenants, servants and possessions, and exemption of him for life from being put on assizes, juries, recognitions, attaints or inquisitions and from being made knight, 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.

By p.s. etc.

June 12. Grant for life to the king’s serjeant, John Northfolk, groom of the cellar for the mouth, of all the lands late of John Cristelton in Coventre, immediately after the death of the survivor of Stephen Frenshe and Margaret Tyntayn, who hold the same by letters patent of Henry V as prince of Wales, confirmed by letters patent dated 24 November, 2 Henry VI, or as soon as the premises are in the king’s gift.

By K. etc.

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Licence for William, bishop of Lincoln, John Doffeld, clerk, John Langholme, John Louth, William Skipwyth, John Williamson, John Gawdeby, John Stanes, John Kysyng, Robert Calestrop, Ralph Calestrop and Henry Bothcby, parishioners of the parish church of Louth, co. Lincoln, to found of themselves and others, men and women, a gild in honour of the Virgin, the members whereof shall elect yearly an alderman to govern the gild and remove him when need be, the gild to be incorporate, having a common seal; and the alderman shall be capable of pleading and of being impleaded in any court, and the members able to meet and treat together for the good estate of the gild and to clothe themselves in one suit of gowns or hoods; licence also for the members to acquire lands and rents to the value of 20 marks a year in Louth or elsewhere in the county, not held in chief, to find divers chaplains to celebrate divine service at the altar of St. Mary in the said church for the good estate of the king and queen and the members of the gild and for their souls after death and the souls of the king’s progenitors.

By K. etc.

April 29. Pardon to the late and present sheriffs of Lincoln, as above Westminster. [p. 80].

By p.s. etc.

May 27. Grant during pleasure to Thomas Gille of the office of surveyor Westminster, of all officers of the king in the ports of Pole, Melcombe, Briggewater, Exeter, Dartemouth, Plymounth and Fowy within the custom-houses and without, to hold himself or by deputies, taking his wages at the discretion of the treasurer of England from the customs and