Membranes 3 and 2—cont.

the writ, setting forth that the said Laurence Stafford in the notary’s presence on the said date and in the said churchyard read through the said letters patent and ordinance, which William, bishop of Durham, granted when he was secretary of John Langdon, late bishop of Rochester, who before his journey to the general council of Basle, by special letter of Thomas, bishop of Durham, granted the said ordinance to the said Laurence to be delivered to him in the presence of the said notary and Thomas Sharyngton, chaplain in the diocese of York, and ordered the notary to prepare copies, to wit, of letters patent dated 30 August, 33 Edward III, 6 October, 34 Edward III, and 9 October, 34 Edward III, and of the said ordinance dated 19 October, 1360, wherein Robert, prior of the cathedral church of Rochester, and the chapter of that place bind themselves to maintain the chantry therein mentioned of a secular priest to celebrate mass daily immediately after the first hour; and the priest shall say a Plenebo and a Dirige with the commendation want to be said in commemoration of the dead according to the use of Sarum, and the seven penitentials and fifteen usual psalms (p.) with the litany, and during the life of the said bishop of Rochester shall celebrate mass yearly on the morrow of St. Andrew with the office Da pacem and five prayers, whereof the second shall be for the bishop, the third for the soul of Walter de Tynchyngfeld and the other faithful departed, the fourth shall be a Fidelium and the fifth at the choice of the said priest, and after the bishop’s death he shall celebrate his obits and anniversaries yearly with the office Requiem eternam, and the first prayer therein shall be Deus qui inter apostolicos, the second Deus indulgentiam and the third Fidelium or Pleri, and on other days after the bishop’s death he shall celebrate mass daily with the office wherewith the convent shall celebrate in chorus their greater mass, wherein the second prayer shall be for the souls of the said king, bishop and Walter, the third Miserere quis, the fourth Fidelium and the fifth and others, if there be more, according to the priest’s devotion; which priest may not hold the chantry with any other benefice; and the prior and chapter further bind themselves to distribute 10 marks on the day of the bishop’s obit and of his anniversary yearly for his soul, to wit, to the poor in bread to the value of 13s. 4d. on each such day, for a pittance of the monks of the monastery 26s. 8d., to each monk constituted in the priesthood 12d., and to other monks 6d. each, and because the number of the monks varies, after such distribution the residue shall be used for other useful work within the body of the church in preservation or repair thereof; also they will pay to the said priest 16 marks yearly, and he in his admission shall swear before the prior, monks and the official of the bishop of Rochester to accomplish and observe the premises; he shall be appointed by the bishop during his life and after his death the presentation shall pertain with the bishop’s assent to the chancellor of the king, who, if the priest be unfit, shall trust the assertion of the prior and three monks of the church and present another; and the chancellor after each voidance, which the prior and chapter shall be bound to announce within six days thereof, shall present within ten days of the announcement or within eight days after the priest presented has been pronounced unfit, on pain of losing the presentation on that occasion, which shall then devolve on the archbishop of Canterbury, and if he delay beyond twelve days, the prior and chapter shall appoint the priest; further it is ordained, by assent of the said bishop of