1448.

William Saunders, William Capron, John Aylesworth, John Persons, William Berston, Thomas Hampton, John Rede, John Kinge, Nicholas Addyngton and Thomas Bloxam to found in honour of St. Mary the Virgin in Bannebury, co. Oxford, a gild of a warden or master and brethren and sisters of the parishioners of the parish and others who wish to be thereof; the members whereof each year on the feast of the Conception shall elect a master or warden to support the charges of the gild from the profits thereof and to govern the gild; they shall be incorporate, having a perpetual succession and common seal and capable of acquiring lands, rents and other possessions not held in chief and of pleading and of being impleaded in any court, and licence for them to found a chantry of three chaplains to celebrate divine service at the altars of St. Mary in the church of Bannebury for the good estate of the king and all the aforesaid and the members of the gild, and for their souls after death and the souls of the king’s progenitors, according to the ordinance of the master and brethren and the said prebendary and vicar and to acquire in mortmain lands and rents to the value of 100 marks a year and beyond not held in chief for the sustenance of the chaplains and eight poor men in the almshouse there.

By p.s. etc. and for 20 marks paid in the hanaper.

May 21. Westminster. Presentation of Henry Halle to the church of Alvescote, in the diocese of Lincoln, void by the resignation of Robert Smyth.

May 21. Croydon. Presentation of John Launsell, chaplain, as above. By K.

May 22. Westminster. Signification to W. bishop of Salisbury of the royal assent to the election of Isabel Lambard, nun of the house of Wilton, as abbess of that place.

May 3. Westminster. Grant for life to the king’s knight, John Beauchamp, late king’s carver, of 40l. yearly from Michaelmas, 25 Henry VI, at the Receipt of the Exchequer; in lieu of a grant thereof during pleasure by letters patent, surrendered. By p.s. etc.

Mandate in pursuance to the treasurer and chamberlains.

April 30. Westminster. Grant to Thomas Asshecombe, one of the eight clerks of the almonry of Chancery, on his petition shewing that he has continued in that office by the space of twenty-five years and more, and of use and ancient custom of the Chancery no such clerk on pain of deprivation of his office can marry, and he is wholly indisposed to take holy orders,—that he be free to marry and stay in the said office for life; exemption also of him for life from being put on assizes, juries, attains, recognitions or inquisitions and from being made trier thereof, mayor, bailiff, constable or other officer of the king. By K. etc.

April 24. Westminster. Grant in survivorship to Richard Savage and Robert Cook of the office of being one of the king’s messengers of the Exchequer, taking the wages of 4½d. a day at the Receipt of the Exchequer, with a robe of the livery of the king’s vesture as the yeomen of the chamber have yearly; in lieu of a like grant to Richard and John Damport, deceased, by letters patent dated 15 November, 24 Henry VI, surrendered. By p.s. etc.