1448.

July 15. Licence for Thomas, the prior, and the convent of the Augustinian priory of St. Mary the Virgin, Walsyngham, which is so poorly endowed that the profits of their possessions scarce suffice to celebrate divine service in the said church and other works of charity and daily charges, to acquire in mortmain lands, rents and other possessions to the value of 100l. a year. By K. etc.

Aug. 14. Appointment, during pleasure, of Robert Foreste as controller of the search in the port of Kyngeston upon Hull, taking the usual fees and wages. By bill of the treasurer etc. The like of Richard Croppell in the port of Bishops Lenn. By bill of the treasurer etc.

March 20. Whereas Henry II by letters patent granted to the abbot and convent of the monastery of St. Mary, Stanclly, co. Wilts, of his foundation, in frank almonin a member of the manor of Faryndon then called Warda and now the manor of Waddeley, co. Berks; and afterwards Edward III by advice of his council desired the same to his own use by reason of the good and healthy air of that soil and had the same and died without having recompened the abbot and convent; which manor the king granted of late in frank almonin to the provost and fellows of Oryell college, Oxford; which also was the greatest part of their possessions, the residue whereof suffices not for repairs and other charges:—the king has released to the same all his title in a yearly rent of 79s. 1d. issuing from 211 acres of waste land in Peuisham forest, co. Wilts, and in the said land, and in another yearly rent of a mewed sparrow hawk issuing from their manor called ‘Berwyke,’ which rent they are held to pay at the Exchequer at Michaelmas; and exemption of them from any cornodies, sustenances and pensions and from the admission of any persons to the same at the king’s request, and release to them of all grants and prets of any such cornodies; acquittance also of them from answering certifications of any writs directed to them for such cornodies, and from any amercement to be paid therefor. By K. etc.

July 11. Appointment, during pleasure, of Thomas Thorp to the office of the tonage and pesage in the port of Newcastle upon Tyne, taking the usual fees and wages. By bill of the treasurer etc.

July 12. The like of the same as controller, exchanger and assayer of the king’s money of gold and silver within the Tower of London, taking the usual fees and wages. By bill of the treasurer etc.

May 2. Appointment, during good behaviour, of Peter Ardern as chief baron of the Exchequer, as above. By K. etc.

1447.

Dec. 12. Licence, for 10l. paid in the hamaper, for John, archbishop of Canterbury, William, bishop of Lincoln, Humphrey, duke of Buckingham, William, marquis and earl of Suffolk, William Lovell, knight, Ralph Cromwell, knight, Ralph de Sudeley, knight, Drew Barenteyn and Richard Quiatremayns, esquire, and Sibyl his wife to found a gild in the parish church of Thame of themselves and others; and grant that the brethren and sisters thereof may elect two or four