Membrane 8—cont.

wardens who shall have the names of wardens of the gild of St. Christopher, Thame, and shall be capable of acquiring lands, rents and other possessions and of pleading and of being impleaded in any court, and shall found a chantry of one chaplain to celebrate divine service daily in the said church at an altar in an aisle there called ‘Scynt John ys Ile’ for the good estate of the king and queen and for their souls after death and the souls of the king’s progenitors, heirs and successors and of the brethren and sisters of the gild according to the ordinance of the founders and the wardens of the gild; and that the chantry shall be called the chantry of St. Christopher, Thame, and the chaplain be capable of acquiring lands, rents and other possessions and of pleading and of being impleaded in any court, and licence for the chaplain to acquire lands and rents to the value of 8s. a year not held in chief. Licence also for the wardens to found a hermitage at Tettisworth in the parish church of Thame and a chapel of devotion there in honour of St. John the Baptist, and to ordain a hermit to stay in the hermitage and labour with his hands for the maintenance of the highway between Stokenchirch and Hereford Brugge, which has long been a nuisance for lack thereof, and to pray in the said chapel for the good estate and prosperity of the king and queen and for their souls after death and the souls of the king’s progenitors, heirs and successors and of the brethren and sisters of the gild; and the hermitage shall be called the hermitage of St. John the Baptist in Tettisworth and the hermit be capable of acquiring lands and rents and of pleading and of being impleaded in any court, and licence for him to acquire in mortmain lands and rents to the value of 40s. a year not held in chief. By K. etc.

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Westminster.

Licence for the king’s esquire, Thomas de Sancto Mauro, son and heir of John de Sancto Mauro, esquire, deceased, tenant in chief, and kinsman and heir of Margaret, late the wife of William Cheyne, knight, tenant in chief, to enter all the possessions and hereditaments in England, Wales and the march of Wales, whereof John and Margaret were seised, without suing any suit out of the king’s hands or proof of age, and removal of the king’s hands therewith and livery thereof to Thomas; grant also to him of all profits, issues and revenues thereof from the time when he came of age. By p.s. etc.

Membranes 7 & 6.

Whereas the city of Canterbury is one of the most ancient cities of the realm and has been incorporated from time immemorial of two bailiffs and a commonalty, and the bailiffs and citizens have had the city from all that time and now hold the same at fee farm at a rent of 60l. at the Exchequer, and the king’s progenitors granted to them divers liberties, franchises and privileges confirmed by the king in support of the payment of the farm; among which liberties the bailiffs have been elected from the citizens each year in the burghmote held in the city next before Michaelmas and the present bailiffs and their predecessors have held two courts each week, to wit, on Monday and Thursday, for all pleas and quarrels of all trespasses, conventions and contracts within the city and suburbs thereof, and of pleas of withernam, and a court called ‘le Burghmote’ every fortnight of lands and tenures within the same:—the king, considering that the city is situated in a more eminent place of the realm for strangers