1449.

Jan. 10.
Westminster.

Grant to the king’s serjeants, John Norreys, esquire for the body, and John Pury, esquire, king’s avener, with the assent of the treasurer of England, of the office of one of the collectors of the subsidy of tunnage and poundage in the port of London, to hold themselves or by deputy, taking the usual wages, fees and rewards as one of the collectors, until they have in survivorship an office to the value of 40l. a year in the city of London or the counties of Berks and Buckingham; and grant that they may exercise the office without survey and search of any surveyor or other officer, save of the controllers of the subsidy, and that they may absent themselves as above [last entry.] Grant also to them in survivorship of 20 marks a year by the hands of the collectors of the subsidy; and any defect herein shall be amended by the chancellor without any suit before the king.

By K.

Jan. 11.
Westminster.

Whereas the king was indebted of late to divers persons in sums of money to the sum of 1200l. and 24 tallies containing that sum were levied at the Receipt of the Exchequer, and afterwards the same persons were indebted in divers sums to the same amount to the king’s servant, William Beaufitz, for payment whereof they delivered to him the said tallies, by virtue whereof he has not yet obtained payment and has now surrendered the tallies in the Receipt with their assent:—the king has granted licence for him, his executors, deputies, factors or attorneys, denizen or alien, to ship beyond the mountains by the straits of Marrokh 450 sacks of wools, bearded and clacked or not, as well of the goods of denizens as of aliens, whereon customs and subsidies are due, as alien merchants pay for woools shipped thither, to the said amount in any port or ports of the realm in galleys, carracks or other vessels, without payment of customs and subsidies thereon; and any defect in these presents shall be amended as above [last entry.] By p.s. etc.

Jan. 13.
Westminster.

Grant for life to Gilbert Haltoft, second baron of the Exchequer, for good service in the Exchequer and because on his appointment to that office he lost many offices and fees to his impoverishment, of 40l. yearly from Michaelmas last from the farm, issues, debts and sums levied by the sheriff’s of the counties of London and Middlesex, with a tun of Gascon wine yearly in the port of London of the king’s prise.

By K. etc.

1448.

Nov. 19.
Westminster.

Whereas on behalf of Master Robert Ascogh, clerk, warden of the hall of king’s scholars, Cambridge, and of the thirty two scholars therein, of the foundation of Edward III and of the king’s patronage, it has been shewn that the scholars have been used to receive yearly against Christmas a vesture of cloth and fur for their clerical habit, which vesture attains, one year reckoned with another, the sum of 40 marks yearly, as appears in the books of the keeper of the wardrobe in the Exchequer, livery of which vesture the keeper of the wardrobe has put off for two or three years; and by the statutes of the hall each scholar on admission takes oath to appear in clerical habit of the king’s livery according to his degree at the mass celebrated weekly by the scholars for the souls of the king’s progenitors and for the king and his heirs, and in scholastic acts and places,