Membrane 24—cont.

1448. Dec. 8. Westminster. Grant to the king's esquire, John Merston, his heirs and assigns, of a tenement in 'Crokedlane,' London, called 'le Leden Porch,' with its appurtenances in St. Martin's Lane and 'Crokedlane,' rendering nothing therefor; in lieu of a grant thereof for forty years at a rent of 6d. by letters patent dated 7 October, 20 Henry VI, surrendered. By p.s. etc.

Dec. 15. Westminster. Commission to Nicholas Ayssheton and Walter Moile, appointing them as justices of assize in the counties of Southampton, Wilts, Dorset, Somerset, Devon and Cornwall.

1449. Jan. 25. Westminster. Grant for life to the king's serjeant, John Wodeus, yeoman of the crown, of 6d. a day for his fee of the crown from 1 November, 26 Henry VI, from the fee farm of the town of Derby by the hands of the bailiffs there. By p.s. etc.

Jan. 25. Westminster. Ratification of the estate of Richard Chestre as one of the council in Ireland, whereto he was appointed by letters patent under the great seal dated 18 August, 26 Henry VI, during pleasure; and because on 10 January, 27 Henry VI, the king learned that he could not obtain his fee of 20l. yearly and sustained great costs in expediting divers matters concerning the king and realm both in Ireland and England, grant for life to him of 20l. yearly from the said 18 August from the customs and cockets on wools, hides, wool-fells, lead and other customizable merchandise in the ports of Dublin and Droghda. By p.s. etc.

Jan. 30. Westminster. Revocation of the protection with clause volumus granted for one year to John Tournour of Colechestre, co. Essex, 'marchant,' alias John Turnor alias Tornoure alias Turner of Colcestre, as staying in the company of the king's knight, William Bonevile, seneschal of Aquitaine, on the safe-keeping and victualling thereof; because he taries at Colcestre, as the sheriff of Essex has certified.

Jan. 29. Westminster. Grant for life to the king's chaplain, Master Richard Chestre, for his labours, costs and imprisonments in his journey to the Roman court for the good of Eton college, and in consideration of his age, of two tunks of wine of the prise of Gaseon wine yearly coming to the ports of Boston or Newcastle upon Tyne, at his choice, paying to the owner on the receipt thereof 40s. By p.s. etc.

1448. Sept. 13. Maidstone. Grant to the abbess and convent of the abbey of Wilton, co. Wilts, of the foundation of the king's progenitors and of the king's patronage, and to their successors, in consideration of their having granted to the king the advowson of the prebend of Chalk alias Chalke, co. Wilts, that in voidances they may have the issues and profits of all their possessions, rendering for each voidance 10l.; and whereas they have had at farm time out of mind the hundred of Chalke, co. Wilts, rendering 14l. 5s. a year, the king has ratified their right in the same and granted to them in mortmain 4l. 5s. yearly from the said farm; and whereas they have held in like manner the advowson of the prebend of Southneweton by Wilton, co. Wilts, in the diocese of Salisbury, the king has granted licence for them to appropriate the same. By K. etc.