1449.

July 10.
Westminster.
Grant in survivorship to the king's serjeant, Richard Merston, clerk of the jewels, and William his son, of the keeping of the park of Benestede and the warrens of Benestede and Waweton, co. Surrey, with the usual wages of 2d. a day, and of 6d. a day beyond from the issues of the lordship of Benestede, to hold themselves or by deputies with the herbage and pannage of the park immediately after the decease of the survivor of John Merston, esquire, and Rose his wife, who now hold the premises in survivorship.

By p.s. etc.

May 24.
Westminster.
Grant for life to the king's serjeant, Walter Smethcote, yeoman of the crown, on his petition, of the offices of searcher and bailiff of the water of Severne between Bristol and Shrewsbury, and thence as far as the water extends in Salop with all members, 'erikes' and places thereof, to hold from 27 November last, himself or by deputies, with the usual wages, fees, issues, profits, fines, amercements, and rights; and of all forfeitures, fines and amercements for nuisances, trespasses, misprisions and offences committed within the said water and places, 'wayfes' and 'strayes' as well of hay, herbage, timber as of other things; appointment also of him for life to enquire twice a year in the counties of Gloucester, Worcester and Salop touching all nuisances, trespasses, defects, damages and fish caught out of season, and to punish the guilty by fines, ransoms and amercements; in lieu of a grant of the said offices to Walter Kyngton by letters patent, surrendered.

By p.s. etc.

April 7.
Westminster.
Pardon to Edmund Briane of the king's suit for all treasons not touching the king's person, felonies, trespasses, negligences, misprisions, defects, contempts and all other excesses and defects and any consequent outlawries, and of all executions by reason of the premises in England and Ireland; and restitution to him of all fees, annuities, goods and debts late of him, forfeit to the king by reason of the premises.

By p.s. etc.

May 24.
Westminster.
Grant in survivorship to Thomas Ryngston and Thomas Bekbank of the office and keeping of the wardrobe within Westminster palace with the wages of 6d. a day for themselves and of 3d. a day for a groom, and 13s. 4d. yearly for a gown, and a house and garden pertaining to the office, to hold themselves or by deputy immediately after the death or cession of Thomas Carre, to whom and William Kempe the office was granted in survivorship by letters patent dated 21 February, 21 Henry VI; taking the wages from the issues of the counties of Oxford and Berks.

By p.s. etc.

1448.

Nov 21.
Westminster.
Grant to the abbess and convent of the abbey of Wilton, co. Wilts, who granted to the king of late the advowson of the prebend of Chak alias Chelk, co. Wilts, and to their successors that the prioress and convent have the issues of all their possessions during voidances, rendering 10l. for each voidance; and ratification of their estate in the hundred of Chalk alias Chelk and other lands in the said county, for which they render by the hands of the sheriff 14l. 6s. 8d. a year, to wit, for the hundred 46s. 8d. of the tourns of Martinmas and Hokday and 8 marks for the said lands and 10 marks of sheriff's aid;