
Grant for life to the king's esquire for the body, Philip Wentworth, of the offices of constable of the castle of Lanstaffan and forester of the same and receiver of the lordship of Gilgaren, with the usual wages and profits.

April 26. Leicester.

*Inspeximus* and confirmation of letters patent of John, bishop of Coventry and Lichfield, dated at the manor of Heywode, 3 March, 1412, reciting (1) a letter of Peter, bishop of Frascati, penitancer of the pope, dated at Rome at St. Peter's, 8 September, in the third year of the pontificate of John XXIII, setting forth a petition on behalf of Roger de Donyngton and Helen, daughter of Richard de Witmay, wedded in the said diocese, that though Roger had committed fornication with women removed four degrees in kinship from the said Helen, yet, Helen being ignorant thereof, they were married in due form and have consummated the marriage, and if a divorce ensue, grave scandals will arise, and directing the bishop to absolve him from excommunication, to inflict a penance and enjoin upon him that if he survive his wife, he shall remain unwedded, but that their marriage may stand, by authority of the Pope; and (2) a letter of the same Peter dated at Rome, 11 September, in the same year, setting forth that the above letter is invalid, because one of the said women is distant from the common stock in the fourth degree and the other in the second degree, of which latter no mention was made, and appointing the bishop to investigate the same; —and confirming to Roger and Helen the tenor of the first letter and admitting the validity thereof.

For ½ mark paid in the hanaper.


Commission to John Warde to bring to London two ships of Newcastle upon Tyne for sea-coal to be burned for mortar for the building of Eton College.

June 5. Leicester.

Grant to John Stokker, Robert Stokker, John Catryk, William Catryk, Henry Bernyngeham and Thomas Talbot, merchants of England, in payment of 400l. lent by them to the king to pay Master Thomas Kent, clerk of the council, and the said John Stokker and Henry to go on an embassy to Prussia, by advice and assent of the lords spiritual and temporal in the present parliament, of all customs and subsidies on all merchandise shipped by them to Prussia in the ports of London, Ipswich, Bishops Lynn and Kyngeston upon Hull, and from Prussia to those ports, by indentures to be made between them and the customers, until they have been fully paid.

By K. & C. in Parl.

June 5. Leicester.

Pardon to William Rigdon of Staunton, co. Suffolk, of the king's suit for all treasons not touching the king's person, rebellions, insurrections, felonies, trespasses, offences, negligences, misprisions, extortions, ignorances, contemptes, concealments, forfeitures and deceptions hitherto and any consequent outlawries.

By p.s. etc.

June 8. Leicester.

Grant for life to the king's serjeant, Edmund Blake, clerk for the king's secrets (*ad secreta nostra*), of the offices of constable and porter of the castle of Hadleigh alias Hadle, co. Essex, and keeper of the park of Hadle, with the usual wages, fees and profits.

By p.s. etc.

June 22. Westminster.

Commission, during pleasure, to John Beauchamp, knight, of the office of treasurer of the Exchequer.