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Dec. 12. Westminster. Grant for life to the king's esquire, John Banham, late one of the master-cooks of the household, for good service to Henry V and the king, of 100s. 4d. [yearly] from Michaelmas, 28 Henry VI, from the issues of the subsidy and ulnage on cloths for sale in the counties of Northampton and Rutland and from a moiety of the forfeiture thereof; in lieu of a grant by letters patent dated 26 October, 23 Henry VI, annulled by virtue of an act made in the Parliament held at Westminster on 6 November, 28 Henry VI. By K. etc.

Mandate in pursuance to the farmers of the subsidy.

Dec. 24. Westminster. Grant for life to the king's esquire, Edmund Blake, of the office of clerk and surveyor of the king's works, to hold himself or by deputies with the usual fees, wages, rewards, liveries of vestures and furs and other profits, and the wages of 4s. a day when riding to survey, search or advise any work in any of the king's castles, manors or other places, as William Cleve or John Straunge or any other has had, so that he have allowance thereof in his accounts at the Exchequer, on his oath, and with a dwelling within 'le Gryneryrd' at Westminster built by William at the king's cost for the use of the office and with a great garden opposite thereto enclosed with a 'breke' wall, and with all chambers, counting houses, sheds (trascriis), 'storehouses' and void places at Westminster, the Tower of London, Eltham, Shene and Claringdon and elsewhere assigned for all stores and servants for the works; and grant that he may repair the same at the king's costs and have allowance therefor in his accounts, and that no officer of the chamber or harbinger of the chamber or household lodge any person therein; in lieu of a like grant to William Cleve, surrendered.

By K. etc.

Dec. 23. Westminster. Grant for life to the king's serjeant, Richard Bircheley, for good service to the king and queen Margaret, of the offices of porter of Somerton castle, co. Lincoln, with the keeping of the warren there, to hold himself or by deputy from 30 November, 29 Henry VI, taking the wages of 2d. a day from the issues of two parts of the castle, manor and lordship of Somerton, with all other appurtenant profits; in lieu of a grant by letters patent of the said date, surrendered as invalid by virtue of an act made in the parliament held at Westminster on 6 November, 29 Henry VI. By K. etc.

Dec. 13. Westminster. Grant to William de la Barre, clerk, of the prebend of Scarle in the cathedral church of St. Mary, Lincoln, void by the death of Ralph Knolles and in the king's gift by reason of the temporalities of the bishopric of Lincoln being in the king's hands.

Mandate in pursuance to the president and chapter of the cathedral church of Lincoln.


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Dec. 27. Westminster. Ratification of letters patent granting to the king's esquire, Geoffrey Pole, the offices of constable of the castle of Haverfordwest in South Wales and of steward of the town and lordship of Haverfordwest, and grant to him thereof for life from Michaelmas, 28 Henry VI.