1877.

**June 30.** Westminster. Appointment of Edmund, earl of Cambridge, the king's uncle, constable of Dover Castle, William Latymer, John de Cobham of Kent, John de Clynton and Stephen de Valeuce, to take order for the safety and defence of the coast of Kent against the French who have landed in great force, and to compel all of that county to resist them. [Federus.] By K. & C.

**July 10.** Westminster. Appointment of Henry de Yevele to take plasterers (cementarios), wherever found except in the fee of the church, and put them on the king's works at the palace of Westminster and the Tower; with power to imprison the disobedient.

**1878.**

**June 11.** Kennington. Appointment of John Darundell, knight, keeper of Southampton, to take carpenters, stonemasons and other labourers, excepting the fee of the church, and put them on the works undertaken to strengthen that town against invasion, paying them reasonable wages. By C.

**July 12.** Westminster. Presentation of Stephen Percy, parson of the church of Manby, in the diocese of Lincoln, to the church of Dangey, in the diocese of London, on an exchange of benefices with Walter de Greatham.

**July 19.** Westminster. Appointment of Thomas, bishop of Exeter, to the office of treasurer of the Exchequer, during pleasure.

Mandate in pursuance to H. bishop of Worcester, late Treasurer.

**July 17.** Westminster. Presentation of Nicholas Draper of Egynton, chaplain, to the church of Weston-upon-Trent by Heywode, in the diocese of Coventry and Lichfield, void by the resignation of William de Hampton, and in the king's gift by reason of his custody of the land and heir of John de Ferres, tenant in chief.

**July 20.** Kennington. Ratification of the estate which Katherine de Swynford has for the term of her life in the manors of Gryngeley and Whetley, by grant of John, duke of Lancaster, the king's uncle, who held them with others in special tail (sibi et hereditibus suis de corpore suo eundem), by grant of the late king, in exchange for the county of Richemond; notwithstanding that exchange or anything therein contained whereby profit would accrue to the Crown either by the reversion of the manors in default of issue of the said duke or by their custody in case of the minority of his heir. By p.s.

**June 22.** Westminster. Grant to Geoffrey Chaucer of the office of controller of the custom and subsidy of wools, hides and wool-fells in the port of London, during pleasure, with the usual fees; on condition that he write the rolls with his own hand, abide constantly there and do all that pertains to the office in his own person and not by substitute, and that the 'coket' remain in his custody so long as he holds the office. By bill of treasurer.

**June 22.** Westminster. The like to the following:—

John Cokefield in the port of Chichester.
Thomas Folkertshorpe in the port of Boston.
Thomas Gedeneve in the port of Yarmouth.
Peter Rollesby in the port of Lynn.

**1878.**

**June 18.** Westminster. Grant to Edmund, earl of Cambridge, the king's uncle, of the constableship of Dover Castle and wardenship of the Cinque Ports, during pleasure; receiving for the same for his maintenance and that of the chaplains.