Membrane 2 and 1—cont.

The present master has caused the nave of the church and three utterly ruined watermills to be made anew (de novo hieri), and necessary buildings to be repaired at a cost exceeding £2,000. And they say that he will have to build the roof, walls and windows of the chancel, two sides (partes) of the cloister, and the women's almshouse with walls (clausuris) all round, the chancel being unfit to last two years without underpinning, the windows of such poor stone that they cannot last at all, and the sides of the cloister and the almshouse altogether defective.

They say also that divine service is regularly performed, and as to the ornaments, the books, vestments and chalices are sufficient, and there is an increase of value in the time of the present master of 100 marks.

Upon a petition (supplicatio) which is recited (in French) being exhibited by Katharine Cologne, one of the damsels of the princess [of Wales], alleging the grant to her by the king of a corrody in the hospital which queen Philippa founded for her damsels and bestowed in succession on Isabella Held, Margaret Chene, Margaret Mounceux, Alice Chester and Joan Moris, and praying possession thereof, they were examined thereupon, and upon oath unanimously declared that the said queen never founded nor bestowed such corrody on any of her damsels beyond the number of the said sisters, but that a certain master granted to Margery Mounceux a corrody at the queen's special entreaty and promise that she would never ask for the like again until she had alienated to them the church of Kyngesthorp, co. Northampton, and they also say that William de Walcote, subsequently master, after the said Margery's death, being imprisoned in the Flete, at the like entreaty and reiterated promise (still unfulfilled) granted such a corrody to Joan Morice, in hope of the queen's assistance, being reduced to such misery that he durst not refuse her. But never before nor since did the master grant the like, and they pray that the king will not burden the hospital therewith.

The chancellor finds that in the repair of the church and construction of new buildings the master has been at great expense and acted with great industry (sumptuose et cum magna industria se habuisse), and also that he has governed well, wherefore he fully absolves all, masters, brethren and sisters, from the pressure of this visitation (ab instancia officii nostri in visitatione). He also finds that no corrody exists therein, and that its possessions are not sufficient to support one, and he decrees that it shall henceforth be free therefrom.

For 1/3 mark paid in the hamaper.

Membrane 1—cont.

June 12. Westminster. Pardon, at the supplication of the king's kinsman, the bishop of Norwich, to John Northbery, servant of Thomas, parson of the church of St. Mary, Great Massingham, for the death of Michael Smyth of Great Massingham, killed on Sunday before the Nativity of the Virgin, 2 Richard II. By p.s. The like to John Simond, servant of the said Thomas, for the same.

By the same writ.

June 3. Westminster. Licence for the alienation in mortmain by Ralph de Norton and Margaret his wife of a moiety of the manor of Dulton, and by John de Bitestead, William Wymond, and John, parson of the church of Throkelston of two-thirds of the other moiety, and the reversion on the death of Matilda wife of Thomas Cantesangre, of the third part, held by Ralph and Margaret for the life of Matilda, all the premises being held in chief by the service of a moiety of a knight's fee, and being of the yearly value of 10 marks, as appears by inquisition of Thomas Illeston, escheator in the county of Wiltz, to the rector.