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May 16. Appointment of John Lancaster, Robert Plotter, chaplain, Richard Cherstoke and John Hunt, to take sufficient masons, carpenters and labourers in Kent, except in the see of the church, for the repair of the earl of Oxford’s castle of Quenesburgh and set them to work at the said earl’s charges, with power to imprison the disobedient. By signet letter.


June 8. Westminster. Grant, with the assent of the Council, to Henry de Coneway, for his good service to the late king, the king’s father and the king, and because by order of the Council he has entered the castle of Rothelan with his household there to stay this summer upon its defence against invasion, of the custody of the castle after the death of Alin Cheyne, knight, now keeper thereof for life by grant of the king’s father confirmed by the king, who has reached such a great age that he cannot well labour nor stay there; after the said Alan’s death he is to receive 40 marks yearly for the same from the issues of North Wales. Vacated by surrender and cancelled, because the king granted the same to him, for life, with 40l. yearly therefor, 17 November, 21 Richard II.

June 5. Reading Abbey. Grant, at the request of the king’s uncle, the earl of Cambridge, and of John Hende, to John de Sutton and Richard de Sutton, knights, John Boys and John Codeleyng, clerk, of whatever pertains to the king from the manor of Bradewell by Coggeshale, co. Essex, which was seized into the king’s hands by virtue of an inquisition taken before John Clerc of Ewell, escheator in Essex, whereby it was found that Margery, late the wife of Simon Long, died seised thereof, that she held it of the king in chief as of his honor of Peverell, and that she was a bastard and died without heir, whereupon the king admitted John Hende, citizen of London, to whose use certain persons were enfeoffed of the manor, to his favour and granted to his said uncle whatever pertained to the king from the same; and further, at the request of the said John [Hende], the king confirms to the said John de Sutton and Richard de Sutton and the rest the said manor in fee simple, with the knights’ fees and advowsons belonging to it. By signet letter.


April 30. Westminster. Grant, for life, to John Cloworth, for his good service in the wars, of the office of chief clerk of the Common Bench in Ireland. By p.s.

June 12. Westminster. Exemption, for life, of Thomas Bircheleigh of Wytham, from being put on assises, juries, attainders, recognisances or other inquisitions, and from being made sheriff, escheator, coroner, taxer, assessor, collector or controller of tenths, fifteenths or other subsidy, arrayer of men-at-arms, hobelers or archers, or other officer or minister of the king, against his will. By signet letter.


June 12. Westminster. Licence, for 25 marks paid to the king by the prior and convent of Wirsopp, for Master Richard de Raucliff, parson of Clunne, William de Burgh, parson of Babworth, and Peter Cook, chaplain, to alienate in mortmain five messuages and a moiety of three messuages in Est Retsford, held of the