Membrane 40—cont.


Mandate to Henry English, escheator in the counties of Essex and Hertford, for restitution of the temporalities of the abbey of Waltham Holy Cross to William, canon thereof, abbot elect and confirmed. By p.s.

The like to the following escheators:—
John Herlyngton, in the county of Cambridge.
Alan Kirketon, in the county of Bedford.
William atte Wode, in the county of Berks.
Edmund Lakyngbeth, in Norfolk.
The escheator in the county of Lincoln.
Robert atte Mulle, in Surrey.
Adam Bamme, mayor of London, in London.


Writ de intendendo to the tenants of the abbey. By p.s.

Revocation of letters patent dated 12 November last presenting William Mayn to the church of Opyngham in the diocese of Lincoln, in the king’s gift, as was said; because moved by his conscience he has appeared before the king in Chancery and confessed that he knew of no title in the king to present thereto, and that he did not wish further to intermeddle therewith.


Ratification of the estate of John de Hereford alias Carpenter as parson of Opyngham in the diocese of Lincoln. By p.s.

Jan. 29. Westminster.

Presentation of William Mirfeld, king’s clerk, to the vicarage of Ledes in the diocese of York.

Membrane 39.


Grant—at the request of the king’s uncle, the duke of Lancaster, and of the king’s brother, the earl of Huntingdon, upon the petition of the Benedictine prior and monks of St. Faith’s, Norfolk, cell to the abbey of Conches and founded by the ancestors of Robert de Ufford, knight, alleging that the priory is almost ruined, divine service nearly abandoned, and where used to be a prior and twelve monks to celebrate three masses daily and give every poor beggar a loaf and two herrings, besides performing other charities and paying in sign of their subjection two marks a year to the said abbey, at present but one prior and eight monks can scarcely find subsistence when they have paid 50l. a year into the Exchequer, as they are bound to do during the war with France—that the said prior and monks be henceforth denizen (indigene) and so reputed, their possessions, franchises and liberties never hereafter being taken into the king’s hand on account of the war with France or any war, no aid exacted from them as aliens, and they are wholly discharged from all fines, subsidies and impostes required of aliens, no prior to be placed over them but a true Englishman, and they are in all points to be as free as the prior and monks of Thetford; on condition that they pay to the king the two marks a year paid as aforesaid to the abbey of Conches, and that they pray for the king and queen, for the good estate of the realm and for the souls of the king’s parents, heirs and successors, saving to the king and his heirs, during the present war, knights’ fees and advowsons belonging to the priory. By p.s.


Licence for William, archbishop of Canterbury, to grant in mortmain the advowson of Croydon, co. Surrey, held in chief as parcel of the