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**July 20.** Westminster. Commission to John Juyn, chief baron of the Exchequer, to enquire as well by examination of the king’s lieges of the counties of Sussex, Southampton, Dorset, Bristol, Gloucester, Devon and Somerset, as by sworn inquests and other means, into ships and merchandise having been laden or unladen on the coast or elsewhere in the said counties without payment of custom or subsidy during the times of Henry V and of the present king; also into escapes of felons, wastes, forfeitures, escheats, wards, marriages, reliefs, debts, chattels and wreck concealed from the king, and into concealments generally, trespasses, misprisions, offences, contumels, forgeries and deceptions; also into alienations and purchases of lands and tenements in mortmain without licence.

The like commission for the counties of Essex, Suffolk, Norfolk, Lincoln and York to Nicholas Dixon, clerk, William Bapthorp and Thomas Broun and to two of them.

**July 6.** Westminster. Commission to the justices of assize in the county of Lincoln to enquire into concealments.

**May 26.** Westminster. Commission to Walter, lord Hungerford, Thomas Carewe, Humphrey Stafford, Thomas Darnudell, William Dottrigan, 'chivalers,' Thomas Beaumont, John Gorge, Nicholas Ratford, the mayor of Dartmouth and John Talbot, king's serjeant at arms, and to any two of them to arrest four ships of Flanders laden with wine of Rochelle, canvas and other goods belonging to certain of the king's lieges of Gaunte, Bruges, Lescluse, and other parts of Flanders and to friendly Eastland merchants, which goods and ships are stated to have been taken at sea by certain men of Dartmouth, and to have been brought into the port of Dartmouth. The said ships and goods are to be restored to the owners or their attorneys and enquiry is to be made by the oath of men of Devon as to the owners, masters and mariners of the ships of Dartmouth and others who took them; and the guilty are to be arrested and brought before the council in the octave of Trinity next.

**June 17.** Westminster. Commission to Thomas Carewe, 'chivaler,' John Hawelay and Robert Burton to take the muster of divers men and mariners of the ports of Exeter, Dartmouth and Plymouth who are in divers ships in the same ports about to set forth for the defence of the realm and the safe-keeping of the sea; and to report to the council on the sufficiency of their array.

By K. and C.

The like commission to William Soper, John Ashfeld and Robert Alleswell relative to the port of Southampton.

By K. and C.

The like to Thomas Arundell, Robert Burton and William Wytelsey, for the ports of Fowey and Falmouth.

And to John Burton, mayor of Bristol, Thomas Blouit and John Lexam, for the port of Bristol.

By K. and C.

**May 19.** Westminster. Commission to John Lichefeld to arrest the stone-cutters, carpenters, plmbers and other workmen and labourers required for the king's works at the castle of Gloucester and elsewhere in England and the marches of Wales; also the necessary stones, timber, tiles, shingles, glass, iron, lead, lime and other materials.

By bill of the clerk of the works.