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26 Jan. [1533]  
Close Roll, 24 Hen. VIII.  
m. 24 d., Rym. XIV. 446.

**73. THE GREAT SEAL.**

Memorandum that on the 26th Jan., “anno predicto,”<sup>1</sup> about 3 p.m., in a chamber near the oratory at East Greenwich, in presence of Thomas duke of Norfolk, Thomas Cranmer, elect of Canterbury, Thomas earl of Wiltshire, Stephen bishop of Winchester, Sir Wm. Fitzwilliam, treasurer of the Household, Sir Wm. Poulet, comptroller of the Household, Thomas Crumwell, Ralph Paxhall, John Croke, and John Judd, the King took the Great Seal from the custody of Thomas Audeley, and, after holding it a quarter of an hour, **returned it to the custody of the same Thomas Audeley, appointing him Chancellor of England.** Thereupon the said Chancellor sealed a subpna upon one John Gilbert, in presence of the King and nobles, and returned the Great Seal into its bag, which he sealed with his own seal.

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1 This entry immediately follows No. 1295, in vol. v.