MEMBRANE 17.

March 20.

Appointment of William de Hevre to the custody of the county of Kent, the castle of Canterbury, and the manor and hundred of Middeltou, during pleasure, so that he render at the Exchequer as much as Stephen de Pene-cestre used to render to the Exchequer of Henry III.

Mandate to Henry Malemeyns to deliver the county with the rolls and writs, the castle with the armour and victuals, and the hundred with its appurtenances.

Memorandum, that at this date the said Stephen, in presence of the chancellor, acknowledged that at the time he first had the above castle, manor and hundred by appointment of Henry III., he rendered 500 marks a year, and afterwards 100 marks increment, that is, 600 marks for the rest of the time he had it.

Simple protection, until Michaelmas, for the prior of Bermundeseye, going beyond seas.

March 24.

William de Wilburgham, canon of St. Mary's, Bykenacre, bringing news of the death of Ralph de Dunham, his prior, has letters of licence to elect.

Signification, to H. bishop of London, of the royal assent to the election of the said William to be prior.

April 5.
St. Paul's, London.

Grant to the prior and convent of Middelton, for a fine of 50 marks, of the custody of their abbey during voidance by the cession or death of William their abbot, with all issues and profits thereof, as well in tallages of their men as in lands and other goods belonging thereto, saving to the king knights' fees, advowsons of churches, and wards and escheats of knights’ fees if any fall in, and the custody during voidances hereafter.

Mandate to William son of Warin, steward of the county of Ulster, that whereas James de Aldethele, deceased, late justiciary of Ireland, and William de Bakepuz, then escheator of Ireland, immediately after the death of Walter de Bnrgo, sometime earl of Ulster, improperly assigned in dower to Avelina, late the wife of the earl, five of the earl's castles in the march of the county of Ulster, which are of defence (que de guerra existunt), and almost all the homages of the Irish of that county, which are likewise of defence, retaining to the king's use the castle of Cracfergus only; and that afterwards, considering that more than reasonable dower had been assigned, the said steward revoked some of the earl's lands, whereupon Avelina complained to the king's lieutenants in England that the steward had arbitrarily ejected her, and the king, not being informed of the above fact, commanded the steward to do her justice—inasmuch as this kind of assignment of dower is not reasonable, especially as castles of defence or even homages or services of any persons of defence ought not and are not wont to be assigned in dower to women of this kind—the king, willing that the county of Ulster and the other lands late of the earl be distinctly extended by knights or other lawful men of those parts so that Avelina have her reasonable dower accordingly, saving to the king the said castles, homages and pleas of assizes and counties within the said county of Ulster, commands the said steward, in the presence of the person, whom Maurice son of Maurice, justiciary of Ireland, and the escheator of Ireland (to whom the king is writing in this behalf), shall send, and of two bishops or abbots of those parts selected for that purpose, to correct the premises and do what of right should be done both for the king and the said Avelina.

April 12.
St. Paul's, London.

Grant to Christiana de Mariscis that Rusticella [or Rusticellus] Theodaldi be empowered by her to appoint, before the chancellor of Ireland, attorneys for her in Ireland for two years.

Mandate to the said chancellor to receive the attorneys so appointed.