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Membrane 10—cont.

for certain land of theirs without the North Gate of Chester, which William la Zusche, sometime justice of Chester, employed during the late disturbance in the realm, for the fortification and security of the city.

Sept. 11.

Appointment of Master Richard, the king's engineer, to the mills of Chester for five years from Michaelmas, 3 Edward I. at a rent at the Exchequer of Chester of 140l. of silver, abating 20 marks in Michaelmas term, 3 Edward I. for the repair thereof, with licence to take timber for the same in the forest of La Mare by view of the foresters there: and he is to return the mills and causey in good condition at the end of the term: and if it happen that by war the store remain within Chester and he grind his corn without toll, or the king by staying there grind his corn without toll, the same shall be allowed him in his said farm: and if the mills are overthrown by war or by fire, he shall not be bound to repair them.

Letters of credence for Iamert de Monreal, knight of the household, going to Ireland to view the state of that land and make enquiries for the king.

Grant, to Geoffrey de Byrn, of the mill of Norwich for life, in compensation for a loan of 200 marks made by him to the king at Kenilworth and for all other debts and the loss of horses and other losses for the king, and for the arrears of his wages when he was in the king's court.

Sept. 11.

Grant to the abbot of Dernehale of 50 marks yearly at the Exchequer of Chester, until land to that yearly amount is assigned to him.

Licence for the abbot and convent of St. Werburg's, Chester, to pierce the town wall near their abbey and make a gutter through from their abbey to their garden; on condition that they repair the wall so that there be no damage or danger to the king or the town.

Membrane 9.

Sept. 12.

Grant to Roger Lestrange, at a rent of 200 marks, of the custody of the lands which Matilda late his wife, sometime wife of Roger de Moubray (tenant in chief of Henry III.), held in dower; to hold from the morrow of Michaelmas next, during the minority of the heirs; saving knights' fees and advowsons of churches, and all corn, stock and other goods.


Mandate to Adam de Chetewynde, king's clerk, late escheator in the county of Chester, to deliver the office of the escheatry by indenture to Guncelin de Badelesmere, justice of Chester, to whom the king has committed it during pleasure.

Sept. 16.

Writ of aid until Michaelmas for Simon le Lardener, king's serjeant, whom the king is sending to Westminster with some venison.

Sept. 17.

Mandate to Roger de Clifford, justice of the forest this side Trent, to let the prior and convent of St. Thomas', Stafford, have in the wood of Godesleigh, in the forest of Kanek, ten oaks with their branches (cum escacitis suis), fit for timber; to make the roof (cumulum) of their church.

William Basteneys, in Leicester gaol for the death of Ralph le Levre, has letters to the sheriff to bail him. Vacated because on the Close Roll.

Licence for the prior and convent of St. Augustine's, Bristol, to elect an abbot, on Thomas de Hamptonet and Thomas de Gloucester, canons thereof, bringing news of the death of Richard, their abbot.