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of the custody of the temporalities of that see together with its issues and advowsons, which, on account of his resignation, have been taken into the king's hands.

Mandate in pursuance to John Wogan, justiciary of Ireland, to deliver the same to him, or his attorney.

Membrane 25.

Feb. 7. *Inspeximus* and confirmation, the statute of Mortmain notwithstanding, of a composition, dated 13 December 1310, between Clement, abbot of Faversham, and the convent of that place, lords of the manor of Faversham, and the men of the commonalty of the town of Faversham, viz. the abbot and convent remise their right to the custom of *Gavelsestre* viz. of receiving 14d. for every brewing (bracino) exposed for sale, to a custom called *Fenestrage,* viz. of receiving from every merchant exposing wares for sale in his window on Saturday ¼ for each window, and also to toll payable by all merchants of the town not holding in chief from them, and to the payment of toll by all men residing in the town, or by their heirs and kinsmen and all connected with them by marriage if resident there, but strangers who shall hereafter come into the town, and dwell therein, and who do not hold immediately from the abbot, or who shall not be connected by marriage as above, shall pay the old and accustomed toll. In case of any dispute about a person's freedom from such payments, the truth of the matter shall be enquired into in the abbot's court by a jury of the town. For these concessions the men of Faversham grant to the abbot and convent a rent of 10l. a year, payable out of the lands and tenements of them and each of them, to be held as in frank almoin until such time as they shall purchase for the abbey land to the value of 10l. a year, in the county of Kent to be held in like manner. For the payment of this yearly rent, the men of Faversham bind themselves, their heirs and successors, and all their lands and tenements in Faversham, and in case of any default of payment, the abbot is to have power to distrain, but as soon as the abbot obtains seisin of the above-mentioned land, they are to be for ever quit of this payment. The right of making any stranger coming to the town with wares for sale free from toll is reserved to the abbot. The commonalty are at their own expense to procure the king's charter confirming this composition. And lastly, any dispute that may arise concerning the interpretation of its clauses is to be decided in the King's courts, notwithstanding any liberty of the Cinque Ports.

By fine of 10 marks

Feb. 12. Licence for the alienation in mortmain to the abbot and convent of Lesnes by Richard de London, parson of the church of Cheselherst, of one rood of meadow in that place, which is of the fee of Robert le Fraunceys, and is worth 9d. a year; and by John atte Gate of 18 acres of pasture and 13. 4d. of rent in Derteford of the fee of the abbot of Lesnes, of John Charles, Henry Coffrer, and the heirs of Alexander Gornay, and worth 8s. a year, as appears by an inquisition taken by Walter de Glocestre, escheator beyond Trent, in part satisfaction of a licence granted at the instance of queen Isabella for the acquisition in mortmain by that house of lands to the value of 20l. a year.

Feb. 10. Mandate, upon complaint by the chapter of Beverley, for the arrest of all persons falsely representing themselves to be their proctors to collect funds for the repair of the church of St. John, Beverley. All money and other goods found upon such imposters are to be delivered to the proctors of the chapter.  [Federa.]