Membrane 14—cont.

1313. Licence, at the instance of Gilbert de Clare, earl of Gloucester and Hertford, for the abbot and convent of Keynesham to acquire in mortmain lands and rents to the value of 100s. a year.

April 2. Acquittance to Simon de Monte Acuto, on account of his good service both to the king and to king Edward I., and also to his manucaptors, of all suits brought against him in the court of King's Bench, for his attempt to occupy the land of Man to the king's disinheritance. By p.s.

April 7. Acquittance to Alexander de Compton, keeper of the lands of the Templars, in the counties of Warwick and Leicester, for 100 marks received in the Chamber by the hands of James Daudele, king's yeoman, viz. 40 marks on 22 March last and 60 marks on 2 April, out of the issues of those lands. By p.s.

April 6. Thomas, bishop of Down, staying in England, has letters nominating Henry son of Robert de Ardo and Gilbert le Chaumberleyn his attorneys in Ireland for one year.

Membrane 13.

Inspeximus and confirmation of letters patent, dated 21 February, 29 Edward I., abolishing a custom in the county of Nottingham, as not in accordance with the common law of the realm, whereby all hues raised within that county by any persons for any trespass or cause, however trivial, and also all trespasses and felonies committed in the county, whether a hue was raised or not, were accustomed to be presented at the next wapentake after the hue was raised, or the trespass or felony had been committed, before the bailiffs of the wapentake, and afterwards at the next county court at Nottingham, before the sheriff of the county, by men of the four towns adjacent to the place where such hue was raised and trespass or felony had been committed, and the same men for such hues, trespasses and felonies, not presented in the aforesaid form, were accustomed to be heavily amerced, at the will of the sheriff and bailiffs aforesaid, whereby the men of the commonalty of the county of Nottingham were, by excessive and intolerable distraints and extortions, impoverished, as appeared by their petition exhibited before the king and council in the Parliament at Stamford; and granting that in future the men of the county shall not be bound to make presentments in the county before the sheriff in the wapentakes, or hundreds, or before the bailiffs of the wapentakes, or hundreds, for any trespasses, or hue on account of any trespasses, except twice a year before the sheriff of the county, viz. in the tours of the same sheriff in the wapentakes and hundreds within the county, and that only for such matters as presentments have been accustomed to be made and in the same manner, and that presentments which shall arise for the death of a man within the county, shall be made before the sheriffs and coroners of the county, in full court, as hitherto has been the custom, provided always that the hue and cry for felonies, which have occurred within the county, shall be prosecuted as before the completion of these presents.

By fine of 10 marks.

April 24. Stephen, prior of Montacute, going beyond seas, has letters nominating Guy de Bosco, his fellow monk, and Thomas de la Lee his attorneys for one year.

Grant to Robert de Malo Laeu, who holds of the king's grant the castle of Bollesovre for life, and the castle of Horestan with its appurtenances, until out of the issues of the latter castle he shall have received payment in full of the debts in which the king is bound to him, as is contained in