Membrane 14—cont.

1314. Writ de intendendo, directed to the bishops, abbots, priors, earls, barons, knights, free men and all other tenants of the county of Glamorgan for Bartholomew de Badelesmere, or his deputy, as the king, in whose hands that county is by reason of the death of Gilbert de Clare, earl of Gloucester and Hertford, tenant in chief, has appointed him, during pleasure, to the custody thereof, so that he shall answer to the king at the Exchequer for the issues accruing therefrom, as is contained in the letters patent; and also as he is continually engaged on the king's business and cannot personally execute those things which pertain to the custody, the king has further granted him a licence to depute any person, for whom he is to be answerable, to discharge such duties.

Presentation of William le Blund to the church of St. Mary, Wareham, in the diocese of Norwich, in the king's gift by reason of the lands and tenements late of Gilbert de Clare, earl of Gloucester and Hertford, tenant in chief, being in his hands.

Safe-conduct, until Easter, for Thorus the Merchant (mercator) of Lucca, going beyond the seas on business.

Writ of aid for Richard Bagehay, going to divers parts of the realm to make purveyance of flesh for the use of John de Sandale, king's clerk, the chancellor, and of the other clerks of the king's Chancery, out of the money of the chancellor.

The like for Richard de Bolyngton le Fisshemongere to purvey fish for the use of the chancellor.

Pardon to the abbot and convent of Boclonde for acquiring in mortmain, without licence, from William de Stanes, chaplain, a messuage in Exeter; with restitution of the same. By fine of 2 marks.

Mandate to the sheriff of the counties of Norfolk and Suffolk, various kinds of victuals being required for the king's Household, as well on account of the ensuing Christmas as of the Parliament summoned to meet at Westminster on the octave of St. Hilary, to buy and provide 20 lasts of red herrings, 10,000 codfish, 20,000 stockfish, and 20 barrels of sturgeon, and to cause the same to be sent to London, there to be delivered to William de Northwell, clerk of the kitchen. Payment is to be made as well out of the debts due to the king as out of the other issues of the sheriff's bailiwick. All his expenses will be allowed to the sheriff in his account at the Exchequer. The negligence of the sheriff's predecessors is not to embolden him in postponing the execution of the present mandate, or in inventing frivolous excuses for evading it. It is well known that such purveyances can be speedily and conveniently made for the king's money if proper diligence be used, and if the sheriff be remiss in the premises, the king will so punish him as to afford an example to other delinquents. [Parl. Writs.]

The like to the sheriffs of the following counties for the under-mentioned provisions to be delivered to the clerks named in the mandates, viz.:—

The sheriff of the counties of Essex and Hertford for 200 quarters of wheat to be delivered to Robert de Hurle, clerk of the pantry and buttery, and 300 quarters of oats to be delivered to John de Pelham, Clerk Marshal.

The sheriff of the counties of Bedford and Buckingham for 300 quarters of wheat, 300 quarters of malt and barley to be delivered to the said Robert de Hurle, 200 quarters of oats to the said John de Pelham, and 40 oxen to the said William de Northwell, clerk of the kitchen.