of his son Edward and the heirs of his body, to John brother of the same
Edmund and the heirs of his body, and to Joan his daughter and her heirs.
By fine of 40s.

Signification to W. archbishop of Canterbury of the royal assent to the
election of Master Roger de Martivallis (or Mortivallis), a canon of the cath-
dral church of Salisbury, to be bishop of that place. By p.s. [3335.]

Appointment, during pleasure, of Nicholas de Acton to the office of
controller of the custom at Berwick-upon-Tweed and of the Exchange
there. By p.s.

Licence for the alienation in mortmain to the abbot and convent of
Rameseye, by Edmund son of Alexander de Herdwyk, of an acre of land in
Burewelle in exchange for a moiety of an acre of land in the same town, ad-
jacent to the cemetery of the church of St. Mary, Burewelle, to be assigned
by the abbot and convent to Gregory de Basynge, parson of that church,
and his successors, in enlargement of the cemetery. By fine of 10s.

Protection, with clause, until Michaelmas, for Walter de Gras, going on
the king's service beyond the seas. By p.s.

Licence for the alienation in mortmain to the abbot of Abyndon and his
successors by Geoffrey de Padebury of 6 messuages, 2 carucates of land,
4 acres of meadow, 20 acres of wood, and 12s. of rent in Okhangre,
Welleford, Wykefeld, and Holebenham. By fine of 10l.

Safe-conduct, for one year, for John de Shirwode, going beyond the
seas on pilgrimage, with John de Sandale, the chancellor.

From an inquisition made by William de Bourne and John de Erle upon
a writ from the king at the prosecution of Benedict, abbot of Abbodesbury,
the king has learned that in the time of king John, in the sixth year of his
reign, and in the time of Hugh, the then abbot, after the completion of the
charters of the king's progenitors, a certain whale (crassus piscis) was cast
by the sea upon the land of the abbot in Abbodesbury, and the abbot had that
fish and possessed it in peace, and by virtue of the said charters disposed of it
(de eo administravit) at his will, and further that a certain whale, dead and
stinking, on Sunday next after St. Hilary in the present year of the king's
reign was cast by the sea on the land of the abbot, who appropriated it
until John de Erle, sheriff of the county of Dorset, by virtue of the king's
writ directed to him took it for the king's use to the quantity of two tuns
and no more, for the rest was of no value, and sent the same to London to
the king, and that the said whale and whatever else shall be cast ashore
by the sea upon the land of the abbot at Abbodesbury by virtue of the said
charters ought to pertain to the abbot and his successors, and that no fish
of such kind was after the completion of the said charters cast by the sea
upon the abbot's land at Abbodesbury, and likewise by a certificate made by
the treasurer and chamberlains, after inspection made in the Chancery by the
king's command, of the rolls of John de Metingham and his fellows, justices
in eyre of the late king in that county, it appears that the abbot of
Abbodesbury has wreck of sea at Abbodesbury, but by what warrant is not
known. The king grants, at the request of the abbot, that the taking of the
said two tuns of the said fish so sent to him shall not in future be to the
prejudice of the abbot or of his church, if he ought to have such fish.

Safe-conduct, for three years, for Andrew Peres de Castro Seriz, merchant
of Burgos (de Burgho) in Spain, and his men, to whom the king has
granted a licence to come in ships of the king's dominion with merchan-
dize to trade within the realm.