1324.

March 20. Westminster. Inspeiximus and confirmation of a lease, dated 21 June 1322, at the bishop's manor of the Welhall, made by Lewis, bishop of Durham, to Boniface Thomase de Peruch' and John Junctin, who were present, Thomas Gioto son of Arnald de Peruch', Guy and Sir Amydeus sons of Sir Philip de Peruch', Tamm and Gerard, sons of Michael de Baronesi, Gerardin Gentil, Philip son of Pachimus de Peruch', Stephen de Wychoyn, Siloman Lotery, and others, merchants of the society of the Peruzzi of Florence, of his manors of Houeden and Richall, co. York, with their members and appurtenances, except advowsons of churches, prebends, hospitals and ecclesiastical benefices, for money received by him from the said society and applied to the church of Durham, to hold for ten years without waste, sale and destruction of houses and woods, and without exile of men; saving to the bishop the crops sown up to the said 21 June; at a rent of 1d. at Christmas for all services, exactions and demands.

And whereas the bishop has in these manors the return of all writs of the king and certain royal liberties which he and his successors are bound to defend, the bishop shall, with the assent of the said merchants, place bailiffs to do such offices and keep the said liberties, who shall answer for the issues and profits thereof to the merchants or one of them, and who shall receive their stipends from the said merchants; and if there be any default by such bailiffs, others shall be put in their places.

The said merchants shall keep in repair the houses and buildings in the said manors, the walls, hedges, enclosures and ditches in as good a state as they receive them, unless they are destroyed by war or by magnates whom the merchants cannot resist, or unless the houses and buildings in the manor of 'le Welhall,' are thrown down or carried away by an inundation of the river Ose. They shall also have the crops sown by them up to the end of their term.

The bishop shall levy any debts owing to them at the end of the term by any tenants in the said manors, and whatever they can levy pay to the said merchants before the following Michaelmas.

If by reason of war, or the coming of the Scots into England, the said merchants cannot enjoy the said manors, or receive the issues during the said term, they shall hold them until they have indemnified themselves for any loss occasioned thereby, and until any debt due to them is levied on their behalf by the lord of the said manors or the king, together with their damages.

Witnesses:—Sirs Henry de Bello Monte, Alexander de Cave, Peter de Salco Marisco, Amory de Trow, knights, Master John de Insula, Sirs Thomas de Hessewell, Bobert de Brompton, Manser Marmioun, clerks, William de Denum, John de Hamby, Nicholas de Sutton, Blasius Aldebrandini, John Marsopini, merchants, and others.

Confirmation also of the ratification of the above lease by William, the prior, and the convent of the church of Durham.

The king also grants that if during such term the bishopric shall be in his hands, the merchants shall hold the manors from him and answer to him for the issues.

By K.

April 1. Westminster. Grant to Ralph de Cammoys of the marriage of James son and heir of Nicholas Daudele, tenant in chief.

Licence for Lora, late the wife of John de Stotevill, tenant in chief, to marry whomsoever she will of the king's allegiance.

By K.