Membrane 24—cont.

That any alien directly or indirectly buying the same, except at those places, shall forfeit all he has so bought.

That merchants of England, Ireland and Wales who wish to carry the same elsewhere for sale shall not do so till they have stayed forty days at some 'staple.'

That all people of those lands may buy and sell the same in any part thereof, provided no sale be made to aliens except at the 'staple,' and that the same be not exported by aliens or denizens except from the 'staple.'

That the merchants of the king's obedience shall make no confederation among themselves to diminish the price thereof, or to delay merchant-strangers in their purchase or sale of the same, on pain of punishment by the king and his council. Merchants and people of Gascony and the duchy of Guienne, who are or shall be of the king's obedience, are to be reckoned denizens, and not aliens, for the above purposes.

That all merchants-privy and merchant-strangers shall be governed (demenez) by the law merchant touching all transactions at the staple.

That no man or woman of boroughs, cities, or commons outside boroughs or cities, in England, Ireland or Wales shall, after Christmas next, use cloth of his or her own buying, which was not made in England, Ireland or Wales, under pain of punishment by the king. Be it known that all people are reckoned of the commons except king, queen, earls, barons, knights, and ladies and their children born in wedlock (nee despouse), archbishops, bishops, and other persons and people of Holy Church, and seculars who can spend 401. sterling a year of their rents, until this ordinance and prohibition be further extended at the king's pleasure.

That every man and woman of England, Ireland and Wales may make cloths as long and as short as they please.

That in order to encourage people to work upon cloths, the king would have all men know that he will grant suitable franchises to the fullers, weavers, dyers and other clothworkers who live mainly by this mistery, whenever such franchises are asked for.

That wool merchants are to have a mayor of the staple.

That merchant-strangers are taken into the king's protection in coming to and going from the realm, and all persons are prohibited, under pain of forfeiture of their goods, from doing them any wrong. The fellow-townsmen of any doing them wrong shall be responsible to the king. The mayor or bailiff of towns where their shipping is, shall take security of the mariners of the same that they will do them no harm. French.

May 4.
Nottingham.

Writ of aid for Gilbert de Ellefeld and Miles de Bello Campo, appointed to arrest Stephen Dunheved and bring him to the castle of Waltonford, to be there imprisoned. By K.

May 1.
Nottingham.

The like for Adam de Cumberhale, appointed to arrest John de Stoke, of the convent of Friars Preachers, Warwick, and bring him to the king. By K.

May 8.
Nottingham.

Muriel, late the wife of John de Erlegh, staying in England, has letters nominating John de Hediegh and Walter Beynyn her attorneys in Ireland for two years.

April 30.
Nottingham.

Revocation of letters patent granting pavage for three years to the bailiffs and men of Pontefract, they having signified to the king that the said letters were obtained without their consent or that of the whole commonalty, and would be to their disadvantage. By K. & C.

April 30.
Nottingham.

Protection, with clause nolumus, for the alderman and commonalty of Bury St. Edmund's, for one year.