

1327.

Membrane 8d—cont.

the prior, Martin de Rudham, William de Wiltshire, John de Northwolde, William Bretoun, William de Gymyngham, Nicholas de Rameseye, John de Stocton, John Alcumbery, Richard de Gosefeld, Geoffrey de Swafham, William de Cremplesham and Walter de Hakebeche, monks, from the abbey, and imprisoned them in a house in the town, and afterwards took them to the chapter house, and detained them until they had made them seal with the common seal of the abbey, which was then in the custody of the monks, a writing obligatory setting out that the abbot and convent were indebted to Oliver Kemp, Ralph le Smeremongere, John Canoun, Robert de Paston, John Nichol and Robert de Saxham in 10,000*l.*, and in like manner seal a letter of release and quit-claim of all actions and suits of debts and trespasses which the abbot and convent could have against the said Oliver, Ralph le Smeremongere, John Canoun, Robert de Paston, John Nichol and Robert de Saxham. They also entirely prevented the bailiffs and other ministers of the abbot from holding courts and administering justice, from collecting and taking fines, amercements and other profits of the courts, tolls, customs and profit of market, and farms and rents due to the abbot.

By K. & C.

Nov. 14.
Clypston.

Further commission on the same facts in almost identical terms, but setting out that the abbot was imprisoned with the other monks, that his seal as well as the corporate seal was placed to the documents obtained by duress, and that neither he nor his fellow monks saw or heard the contents thereof, that the rioters took and carried away gold cups, arms (*armaturas*), books, jewels and 100*l.* in money, fished the abbey ponds, felled the trees, cut the grass at Fornham All Saints, and carried away the hay, timber, fish and trees.

By K. & C.

Nov. 29.
Clipston.

Further commission of oyer and terminer to the same, on complaint by the abbot that the said persons, in breach of the king's protection, besieged the abbey and the monks and servants therein; fired the gates and maliciously burnt them, with many houses, chapels and oratories, covered with lead, and also many houses in Bury St. Edmunds, and the abbot's manors of Neutone, Hornyngesherthe, Westle, Berton, Riseby, Ingham, Fornham St. Martin, Fornham All Saints, Pakingham, Rougham, Cokefelde, Bradefeld and Wheppestede, and the corn therein, and carried away a hundred horses, one hundred and twenty oxen, two hundred cows, three hundred bullocks, ten thousand sheep and three hundred swine, worth 6,000*l.*, and other goods.

By K. & C.

Dec. 5.
Leycestr'.

Commission to Walter de Friskeneye and Robert de Malberthorp to survey the enclosure of the precinct, the crenellation of the walls and other works undertaken by the dean and chapter of the church of St. Mary, Lincoln, under authority of a charter granted to them by the late king, and to take inquisition whether it would be to the damage of the king to confirm the said charter, and to grant to the dean and chapter the wall of the bailey of Lincoln Castle, which joins the precinct on the south, east and north, namely, by a circuit from the south gate of the bailey leading towards the city as far as the gate leading towards Estgate on the north of the church, and thence towards the north, and by a circuit eastwards as far as opposite the western part of the precinct, which wall in several places is ruinous and destroyed, and also to grant to them the part of the city wall which joins the precinct on the south of the church from the said wall of the bailey to the southern head of the vicars' garden, so that they should repair, crenellate and turrellate the walls, and build in and on them, and on the gates of the bailey, namely, the south, which is towards the city, and the east, which is towards Estgate, and extend the precinct, so as to include the wall of the bailey, and that they should have and hold all such walls and buildings to them and their successors for ever.

By K. on the information of Richard de Ayrem'.