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his bailiwick having sufficient lands and goods that they had nothing to distrain in his bailiwick, in order that by this he might extort money from them for alleviation of prison after the writ of capias was adjudged, and that he returned men still alive whom the king by writ commanded to be taken or put in exigent as dead, for money or other benefits received from them.

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Membrane 6d.

Aug. 6. Commission to John de Bampton, John de Ellerton, John Walpole, Westminster. Adam Poyk, William Porter, William de Overton, Richard Wygenholt and John de Briddeshale, as follows. Because as the king has learned touching the custom and subsidy of cloths for sale in divers counties he is very greatly defrauded by the subtle machinations of merchants and others who cause the cloths to be brought from the place where they are made white, to be fulled and dyed, because those cloths after fulling and dying, are exposed for sale before they are sealed with the seal ordained for the collection of the said custom and subsidy, and the custom and subsidy due to the king thereon paid, he has appointed them to make inquisition in the counties of Bedford, Buckingham, Cambridge and Huntingdon what and how many weavers, fullers, dyers or hirers of weavers there are in each city, borough and town in those counties, and in whose hands or keeping those dye-works have been, and to charge and compel all such weavers, fullers, dyers and hirers of dye-works, by their oaths and grievous amerceaments as well as by such other ways and means as shall be expedient, and admonish them under forfeiture of all that they can forfeit to the king to certify without fraud, whenever warned by them, of the number of cloths made, fulled and dyed by them, the length and breadth of them, whose they were, and which of them are for sale and which not, and that no dyer or hirer of dyers permit any cloths dyed by them to be moved from the place of dyeing until it has been sealed with the seal ordained for the collection of the custom and subsidy due to the king and such custom and subsidy have been paid in full; also to take and commit to prison until further order all contrariants and rebels in this behalf, and to do all other things necessary for the faithful collection of the custom and subsidy and the king's profit herein.

The like to the following:—

John de Bampton, John de Ellerton, John Walpole, Adam Poyk, William Potter (sic), William de Overton, Richard Wygenholt and John Briddeshale, in the counties of Norfolk and Suffolk.

William Clere, William de Overton, John de Coggeshale, John Esqore, Thomas Redeleye and Henry Heynes, in the counties of Essex and Hertford.


John de Pakyngton, Nicholas Trank, Henry Purser, William de Overton, Henry de Foxton and Geoffrey Morice, in the counties of Northampton, Warwick and Leicester.

Geoffrey Folejambe, Robert Fraunceys, William de Estfeld, William de Overton and Henry de Burton, in the counties of Nottingham and Derby.