1359.
Feb. 4. Because the king has been informed by an inquisition taken by Westminster, William de Hatton, escheator in the county of Middlesex, that the prioress and nuns of Stratford atte Bowe are assessed at 60s. for a fifteenth lately granted to him by the commonalty of the realm by reason of a cancave of land and some tenements in Brammbelye adjoining their house, and inasmuch as the tenants of such tenements, on account of the great charges which they would be put to defend the same and save their walls against a water running there, called Le Lye, have entirely left the tenements the said house is almost destroyed, and that the said 60s. are parcel of a sum of 107s. 34d. at which Brammbelye and Estamythfeld used to be taxed for a fifteenth, which sum the king has assigned to the abbot and monks of St. Mary Grace by the Tower of London and the greater part of which has been accustomed to be paid by the men of Estamythfeld: he out of compassion for the state of the prioress and nuns has pardoned them from henceforth their portion of such fifteenths for the said land and tenements to the sum of 60s. and acquites them and their house as well as the said towns of Brammbelye and Estamythfeld thereof. By p.s.

Feb. 14. Appointment of the king's clerk Thomas de Baddeby, whom the king is sending to Ireland to further some business for him, to take in any port a ship suitable for the passage thither of him and his men and horses, to be paid for at once out of his money; and to commit all those whom he finds contrariant or rebellious herein to prison to stay there until the king give other order touching them. By K.

Feb. 14. Whereas the king by letters patent lately granted licence for the alienation in mortmain by Thomas de Kele of Lincoln of a messuage in Lincoln to found a chantry in the church of St. Mary Crakpole, Lincoln, for him and Richard de Kele the elder and Maud, his wife, and for the soul of Ellen late the wife of the said Thomas and their ancestors, Adam de Lymberch, canon of the church of St. Mary, Lincoln, now tenant, of the messuage by purchase, has made petition to him showing that the said Thomas died before giving effect to the said licence and praying that he may have licence to assign the messuage in mortmain to a chaplain to celebrate divine service daily in the said church as above, and the king for 40s. paid him by Adam has granted the petition.

And the 40s. have been paid in the hanaper.

Feb. 19. Grant for life, for good service to the late Queen Isabel in the office of marshal, to John de Astwyk, who is now so old and weak that he cannot conveniently labour longer and for whom no provision has yet been made by the king or the said queen touching remuneration beyond food and raiment, of the hundred of Gertre, co. Leicester, which the queen held for life of the king's grant, to hold with all things pertaining to the hundred and the issues thereof from 1 October last, provided that he keep the hundred according to the form of the statute lately passed at Lincoln. By K.

Feb. 19. Grant for life to John atte Lee, late steward of the said queen, of Westminster, an annuity of 40s. at the exchequer, in enlargement of a grant of the like during pleasure lately made to him at her asking on his taking the order of knighthood. By p.s.