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Membrane 25d—cont.

Piers, *alias* Piers Johan, which as the king is given to understand was laden in the port of Bristol with goods and merchandise for Flanders and on the voyage was taken by some of the king's ships on suspicion that the goods therein were not duly customed and cocketed and brought within the liberty of Edward, prince of Wales, in the water of Derte and there delivered to the prince's bailiffs until the king's pleasure were known, and the letters of cocket, and to enquire by oath of good men of Devon whether any of the goods have been taken away since the time of the taking of the ship, and which of the goods are customed and cocketed and which not. By the guardian & C.

March 9. Mandate to the sheriff of Kent, arrayers of men at arms and archers
Westminster. in the said county and others to be obedient and intendant to Simon, archbishop of Canterbury, in all that concerns the direction and furtherance of the array of men at arms and archers in the county; as the king, because the business can be best directed by the archbishop's counsel and advice, has commanded him to be ready to repair with the men at arms and archers to any place where danger seems most imminent to stay there with others to defend the coast of the country against invasion. By the guardian & C.

March 18. Appointment of Henry Pycard, John Pecche, Adam de Bury and
Westminster. William de Holbech to take as many mariners in the port of London, the water of Thames and the counties of Kent and Essex as shall be required for the rule of certain ships in the said port ordered to proceed to sea to resist the malice of the king's enemies of France who have taken the town of Wynchelse. By the guardian & C.

March 19. To the mayor, sheriffs and commonalty of the city of London.
Westminster. Although the king by writ commanded the said sheriffs to [select] armed men and archers in the city to go with others on the sea in the ships ordained for this to inflict as much evil as possible on the king's enemies, yet because he wishes that the selection and array of the men be made by the counsel and advice of the above Henry, John, Adam and William, citizens of the said city, he has appointed them to supervise the election and array of the said men and to arrest and commit to the king's prison of Neugate all those whom they find contrariant or rebellious in the premises. By the guardian & C.

MEMBRANE 24d.

March 26. Commission to the abbots of Battle and Robertsbridge, Robert de
Westminster. Bilknapp, John Cressy, Robert son of John de Ore, Walter Prynkle, Hamo atte Gate and Robert Cralle, to guard all the ports and shores of the sea and all the coast in the rape of Hastyng, co. Sussex, and array the men at arms, archers and other fencibles in the rape against invasion; also to compel all victuallers and others having victuals for sale to bring their victuals to certain places by the sea and sell them for a reasonable price to the men coming thither for the coast guard, imprisoning contrariants and rebels. By the guardian & C.

April 16. Commission to James le Botiller, earl of Ormond, justiciary of
Westminster. Ireland, John, archbishop of Dublin, and Thomas de Baddeby, treasurer of Ireland, to make inquisition in Ireland of the bearing and defects of sheriffs, escheators, constables, bailiffs and other officers, as well as