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be held with the commonalties of the counties of York, Northumberland, Cumberland and Westmoreland; the king has appointed them to treat and agree in his name with the commonalties at such days and places as they appoint upon the expenses aforesaid, and the levy and collection thereof and other matters concerning the safety and defence of the realm, to lay before those commonalties the necessity and perils and the aid which the commonalties granted in the said council and to do all other necessary and opportune for the happy expedition of the business, certifying the king and council of all that they do herein.

By the guardian & C.

Form of the schedule mentioned in the above commission, to this effect:

The commonalties of the counties of Norfolk, Suffolk, Essex, Hertford, Cambridge, Huntingdon, Bedford, Buckingham, Oxford, Berks, Southampton, Surrey, Sussex, Kent and Middlesex, and of the cities and boroughs thereof and of the city of London, called to this council at Westminster on Monday before the feast of St. Gregory came before the council and there being shown to them the necessities and perils of the present time, granted for defence of the realm a fifteenth and tenth, one moiety to be levied before Easter and the other half to be levied as soon as the purpose of the enemies be known; the first moiety to be levied by men now named by the commonalties and deposited in each county in cathedral churches or abbeys named by them, under the seals of the collectors, to remain until such purpose be known, and if there be not need to put such defence then the money shall be entirely given back to those who paid it. Commissions of the chancery shall be made to all the collectors so named to make the levy, making mention that the collectors shall not be compelled to account in the exchequer or elsewhere of their receipt but shall render account before the arrayers and good men of the counties, and the men who shall be selected and shall go out of the counties by the advice and ordinance of the arrayers shall take the accustomed wages of war (as above). The tenth and fifteenth shall be levied on all persons notwithstanding any liberty, charter or privilege granted before this to any one, saving lords, knights and esquires in the king's company who shall be quit of making contribution. French.

April 1. Commission to John Bardolf of Wimegeye, William de Kerdeston, John de Norwico, John de Ufford, John de Camoys, Robert de Erpyngham, John de Reppes, Andrew de Shanemourn, Ralph Lovel, John de Custon, Hugh Peverel, Robert de Causton, John de Berneye, Roger Virly of Norwich, William de Biterynge of Lenn and Hamo Lestruange, arrayers of men at arms and archers in the county of Norfolk, reciting that although the king by writ lately commanded them to go in person with as many men at arms, armed men and archers as Robert de Causton and John de Wensham, captains and leaders of the fleet of ships ordained to go upon the sea for the defence of the realm towards the north, with the said Robert and John in those ships on the king's service, they nevertheless answering Robert and John frivolously refused to be intendant to them, to go in the ships or to deliver any men of their array, although several times required by them to do so, whereat the king is very greatly astonished and moved; and commanding them on pain of forfuiture