under heavy forfeiture, shall meddle within the realm in the mistery of the fishmongers other than those who are of the mistery, and fish in the hands of the fishmongers shall be sold in the said three places, that fish brought to London shall be discharged only between Billyngesgate and London Bridge, if it be not the proper fish of the enfranchised fishmongers of the Oldefishstrete, and shall be harbour by clear day and in the open and not by night or in secret, and no fish not belonging to the mistery shall be harboured until the wardens of the mistery have knowledge thereof and be certified of the quality and quantity, to the end that the king and his buyers and the buyers the lords and others may know how much fish is in the city and this make the price more reasonable, that no foreigner bringing fish to the city shall take a host to sell his fish if he be not of the enfranchised in the mistery of the fishmongers, and no foreign or denizen shall sell to any to retail, except to the enfranchised fishmongers in their said Leyhalymod, on pain of imprisonment and loss of his fish, but every man may sell his fish in gross, as he will to any one for his own use but not to retail, and that the fishmongers shall elect every year four wardens, sworn as above. French.

By K.

Be it remembered that a writ of the proclamation of this chart is inrolled on the dorse of the Close Roll of this year.

Membrane 44.

June 8. Whereas it was ordained in the last Parliament (as above), it has now been shewn to the king and council that there is no merchandis in Gascony for the profit of the realm of England other than wine and that the merchants and others of the country, well understanding that English merchants come there only for wine, and because of the great multitude of people of divers trades who come thither, put the wine at a higher price; and also because people of divers trades bring to Gascony great sums of money and of earnestes (darres), and not wishing or not being able to wait to employ their earnestes reasonably put a price on the wines by ‘truk’ or by exchanges which amounts to an excessive sum by ton beyond what the ton ought to be sold for by which price, foolishly put, the Gascons abide all the year following likewise the people who use either other merchandise and meddle with the purchase and sale of wines have not need to sell their wines except at their will, and cannot be regulated in respect of such merchandise as those who live only of the merchandise of wines are, and the more the wines pass through divers hands the dearer are they; also when the vintners of England went to Gascony for wine in ancient time the navy was well maintained and wines were a reasonable price and what the English could not bring to England the Gascons brought so that the land was then well served with wines and earnestes on the purchase and of the wines, and so by the multitude of men who have longtime passed to Gascony for wines the men of the mistery of vintry are and have been disturbed so that they cannot buy the wines at a reasonable price and because the Gascons being able to sell their wines at so great a price in their country have no care to come this way with their wines, to the great damage of the king and realm. The king has therefore ordained, with the assent of the council, that no merchant or other of the realm use the merchandise of wines or go to Gascony on that matter.