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bring them to England or meddle in any manner in this, except only the men of the mistery of the vintry, enfranchised therein, for whom it shall be lawful to sell their own wines, in gross or by retail, for reasonable price and gain, and wills that the merchants of Gascony and other strangers and foreigners shall sell their wines which they bring to England, in gross by tons and pipes, and not by retail or in small parcels, to lords and others of the communes for their store and to dispense in their hostels, and to the merchants of the vintry; and that none, privy or stranger after he have brought wines into England may take them out of the realm by any colour, without special leave of the king; also that the merchants of the mistery of the merchandise of wines shall elect four of the more sufficient and more knowing of the mistery and present them to the mayor of London or of the other cities, boroughs and towns in which the mistery is used, or to the bailiff or president where there is no mayor, and they shall be sworn before the mayor or bailiff or president, to survey that all kinds of wines sold in tavern at a reasonable price, be of the condition whereby they are described, and that the taverners be ruled by these four persons, who are to amend and punish defaults in the mistery, with the aid of the mayor, bailiff or president, if need be. And to the end that less money pass out of the realm, the king grants leave to the merchant vintners of England that they may buy cloths, and to the Gascon merchants bringing wines to England that they may buy dried fish of the counties of Cornwall and Devonshire, herrings and cloths, at their pleasure, and take them from the realm to Gascony and elsewhere, to sell there and buy with the proceeds thereof, wines there to bring within the realm for sale. And further it is the king's will that all wines coming to London shall be discharged above London Bridge towards the west and towards the vintry, that the king's butler, gauger and searchers, may have view and cognisance of the places where they will be harboured and may take his customs and prises. And no merchant or other, denizen or foreign, shall buy wines, cloths, fish or herring in any other manner than is said above under pain of imprisonment and loss of the goods so bought. French.

July 15. Writ of aid for John de la Chaumbre, whom the king's serjeant at Westminster. William Strete, chief butler, has deputed during his pleasure to discharge the office in the port of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, in levying in that port the 2s. in the ton due to the king on all wines imported.

July 15. Licence, for 40s. paid to the king by Philippa de Daneswell, for John de Playce, 'chivaler,' to enfeoff her of 68 acres of land in Great Ocle, held in chief; and for Philippa to enfeoff Thomas Boteler, parson of the church of Cleydon, and Walter de Ardern, of the same.

And be it remembered that the 40s. have been paid in the hanaper.

July 18. On the petition of the king's clerk Master William de Thynghull at Westminster. shewing that, whereas he has been provided by the pope to the archdeaconry of Tanton, he is hindered over the prosecution of the execution of the said provision by an armed force holding itself in the archdeaconry, the king, in consideration of the great pains which...