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*MEMBRANE 7d.*

May 18. Commission of oyer and terminer to Richard de Stafford, John Westminster. Moubray, Thomas de Ingelby, William de Fyncheden, Robert de Grendon, Philip de Grendon, Thomas de Arderne, knights, and Simon de Lychefeld, on complaint by Henry de Morewode, parson of the church of Hounesworth, that Roger de Wirlegh, John de Allerwas, John Dymmok of Wennesbyry, Richard de Wirlegh, Henry de Wirlegh, clerk, Richard Grymvill of Hounesworth, 'parker,' Adam le Charetter of Norton, Richard de Lye of Albrighton, Roger Spaynel, and others, broke his close at Hounesworth, co. Stafford, killed 12 swine worth 60s., took and impounded 10 oxen, 10 cows and 11 calves, kept them so long without nourishment that 6 oxen, 3 cows and 6 calves, worth 20 marks, died, and the remainder were deteriorated to his damage of 10 marks, broke his stank there whereby the fish therein were let out, took and carried away goods and chattels, assaulted and wounded his men and servants, did other enormities, and by conspiracy procured that he should be indicted of certain felonies and trespasses, of which by judgement of the king's court he afterwards went quit.

Renewed because sealed at another time by fine of a mark.

May 24. Commission to John de Newenham, Hugh Hopewas, Richard de Westminster. Bermyngham, Richard Boule and Robert de Sekyndon, on information that there are many defects in the king's free chapels of Briggenorth, Stafford, Tetenhale, and the chapel of St. Mary, Shrewsbury, which are immune from all jurisdiction of the ordinary, and in the prebends and members thereof, that many lands, rents and possessions granted to the said chapels by the king's progenitors and others for pious uses, are withdrawn, alienated, and otherwise eloigned and dissipated, that divers of the said lands are wasted by the keepers and farmers thereof, that some liberties, immunities, exemptions and privileges are lost by the negligence of the deans or wardens of the said chapels, that books, vestments and other ornaments of the said chapels, and of the churches pertaining thereto, are stolen and otherwise scattered owing to lack of safe custody, that the canons, vicars, and other ministers and officers of the said chapels lead dissolute lives and do not attend to their sacred offices, that pensions, oblations, rents and emoluments pertaining to the said chapels, which should be converted to the repair of defects, the payment of commons and stipends and other charges, are applied to other uses, to the diminution of divine services, alms and other pious works of old time established therein for the souls of the king's progenitors, and to the detriment of the said chapels, against the ordinances and statutes anciently published touching the said chapels,—to make a visitation of the said chapels, make inquisition, if need be, in the said towns and neighbourhood, as well as by examination of the ministers of the chapels, touching the premises, correct defects and excesses, punish delinquents, and bring back to their due state all lands, rents and possessions withdrawn, concealed, dissipated, alienated and eloigned, and all liberties, immunities, exemptions and privileges lost.

The like to the abbot of Hales, Hugh Hopewas, Richard de Bermyngham, Richard Boule and Robert de Sekyndon, touching the king's free chapel of Wolvernhampton, co. Stafford.