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*Membrane 9d—cont.*

Dec. 3. Commission to Walter Hanley, serjeant-at-arms, and Richard de Lyouns, lieutenants of Robert de Assheton, admiral of the king's fleet from the mouth of the Thames towards the west,—on information that some evildoers of the realm attacked three ships of merchants of Portyngale of the king's amity and another ship loaded with divers goods and wares of the said merchants at La Trade on the sea, took the ships with the goods and brought them to divers parts of the realm,—to make inquisition in the counties of Gloucester, Cornwall, Devon, Somerset, Dorset and Southampton touching the names of the evildoers, the value of the ships and goods and into whose hands they have come, seize the ships and goods into the king's hands, and deliver by indenture to the merchants what can be proved to be theirs, keeping the remainder safely until further order.

By K. &amp; C.

*MEMBRANE 8d.*

Nov. 20. Commission to Robert de Kendale, sheriff of Salop, Roger de Westminster. Otteleye, Philip de Wyleleye, Roger Marchal and John del Ree to arrest Roger de Hethton, Benedictine monk of Shrewsbury, who is vagabond in secular attire, as the abbot of Shrewsbury has signified to the king, and deliver him to the abbot for chastisement according to the discipline and rule of his order.

Dec. 3. Commission to John de Greseleye, sheriff of Stafford, William de Westminster. Chetewynde, Humphrey de Swynnerton, and William de Halghton,—on complaint by many of the king's lieges made in the presence of the king and the nobles and magnates assisting him, that Richard de Peshale, 'chivaler,' son of Adam de Peshale, has borne and bears himself tyrannously towards mean men, religious and others in the counties of Salop and Stafford, extorting their goods and things from them, wounding and breaking the legs and arms of any attempting to gainsay him in word or deed, imprisoning very many, and keeping them in prison until they bound themselves in great sums for their deliverance, and, not having so far been compelled by the keepers of the peace or the sheriffs of those counties to find security for his good behaviour, continues in his wickedness and strives to perpetrate greater misdeeds,—to arrest the said Richard, compel him to find security under penalty of 300*l.* to appear in person before the king and council at Westminster on the octaves of Hillary to find security there for his good behaviour in the future, and if he refuse to do so, to commit him to Stafford prison until the said date.

By C.

*MEMBRANE 6d.*

Dec. 11. Commission to Henry Lescrop, Thomas de Ingelby and Roger de Westminster. Fulthorp,—on information that many merchants and others of the county of Northumberland, as well of the liberties of Tyndale and Tevedale as elsewhere, scheming to defraud the king of his customs and subsidies of wools, hides and wool-fells, sell the same by fraud and collusion to grooms (*garcionibus*) having no possessions and many others, and have them taken to Berwick-upon-Tweed and other parts of Scotland by them,—to find by inquisition in the said county and liberties who they are that have done this, when and how they did it, of what value the goods were and by whom they were sold, and to certify the king in the Chancery with all speed of all that they do in the matter.

By K. &amp; C.