May 17. Commission to the sheriff of Norfolk, the bailiffs of Norwich, the
bailiffs of the abbot of St. Edmund's in that town, Geoffrey de Hopton
and John de Aplethwett to arrest and bring before the council
William Lovel, Richard Arderne, John de Staundon, chaplain, John
de Muston and Nicholas Gardener, together with all forged bulls
and letters found with them; as the king has learned by the relation
divers in whom he trusts that they have counterfeited divers such
bulls and letters resembling papal bulls, letters of indulgence and
remission, and letters of hospitals and other religious houses for
collecting alms, and by pretext of these they have collected great sums
of money from the king's people.

By C.

May 12. Commission of oyer and terminer to William, earl of Salisbury,
Guy de Bryen, Robert Fitz Payn, Walter de Perle and Walter de
Clopton, on information that certain evildoers entered the abbey of
Tarente, founded and endowed by Eleanor, sometime queen of
England, and the manors of Wodeyate, Hampford, Notford, Bire,
Hyde, Hone, Wynterbourn, Stodlond, Cherleton, Manyngton,
Stoure Payn, Gussich All Saints and Gussich St. Andrews, co.
Dorset, pertaining to the abbey, with the assent of the abbess, as is
said, burned divers houses in the abbey and manors, sold divers
goods of the abbey, many persons supposing they had authority so
to do, and applied the proceeds to their own use, broke a chest in
the abbey containing the common seal of the abbey under divers
locks, sealed divers deeds and writings forged by them to the dis-
horison of the abbey, took away 6 horses, 8 foals, 20 oxen, 20 cows,
20 bullocks, 6 heifers, 1000 sheep and 200 swine, worth 1000L, from
the abbey and manors, felled trees and underwood there and took
them away with other goods, prevented certain clerks and religious,
sent by the superiors of the abbey to visit and correct the abbey and
abbess, from doing their office according to the rule of the order,
assaulted Maud de Crukern, nun of the abbey, and Robert Maskell,
chaplain ministering divine service there, when they resisted and
upbraided them, perpetrating so many and so great injuries, tres-
passes and misdeeds by night and day that the nuns fled from the
abbey and dare not stay there to exercise divine offices, so that
divine worship is withdrawn, the estates and possessions of the abbey
are wasted and those lately dwelling under a rule of unity are
dispersed.

By C.