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on the day of these presents by the hands of Richard and John, whom the lenders wish to be their attorneys for the receipt of the said loans,—has commanded the said Richard and John to be such attorneys, and to receive the said sums, which amount to 20,000L, as follows, to wit, 10,000L of the customs and subsidies in the port of London, 5,000L in the port of Kyngcston-upon-Hull, 4,000L in the port of Boston, 1,000 marks in the port of Great Yarmouth and 500 marks in the port of Ipswich, that is to say, in each of the said ports 25s. from each sack of wool leaving the port, woolfells and hides in proportion, to be taken by indenture between them and the customers of the ports; and the king wills that one part of the cocket seal in the port of London remain with the said John, and one part of the cocket seal in the other ports remain with Richard, until they be paid in full. Also, because the king is certainly informed that Richard and John are only middlemen in this bargain, he wills that no arrest, forfeiture or hindrance be made by him or others, or at the suit of others, upon the said sum or any parcel thereof for any felony, trespass, misdeed or debt of the said Richard, John or other persons; and in case either or both of them die before they be paid in full, a moiety of the arrears thereof shall be paid to their assigns respectively. Also the king promises that no decrease or abridgment of custom or subsidy shall be granted to any in shipment of wools, hides or fells henceforth in any ports until the said sum be paid, and that neither Richard and John, nor any of their men, shall be charged to account in the Exchequer for the receipt thereof, and that the customers in the said ports shall have sufficient warrant to deliver to Richard and John, or their attorneys, one part of the cocket and the said custom until the whole sum be paid, and that the said customers shall be discharged upon their account in the Exchequer by virtue of the indenture or acquittance of the said Richard and John, and that these last shall have sufficient warrant of the great and privy seal for the receipt of the said sum. And the king wills that this patent shall remain with Richard and John for their acquittance and defence in respect of all damages and losses by all people touching this bargain and all other bargains made by their mediation for the king’s aid.


Westminster.

Oct. 8.  Presentation of John Hascklok to the church of Stratford by Westminster. Salisbury, in the diocese of Salisbury, in the king’s gift by reason