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by occasion of the said trespasses; the king, for 20l. paid by Thomas and Margaret, has pardoned the trespasses and has granted that they may hold the manor with remainders as above.

June 28. Because the king is informed that the abbey of Welhowe by Westminster, Grymeshy, which is of the foundation of the king’s progenitors and of the king’s patronage, is so burdened by debt and other misfortunes owing to the careless and improvident rule of those lately presiding there, and that the abbots thereof have bound the abbey to divers persons in such great sums that the possessions and faculties thereof do not suffice at once to pay the debts and sustain the canons and do the other changes incumbent on the abbey; the king has taken the abbey with all that pertains to it into his own hand and has committed the keeping thereof to John de Waltham, clerk, Ralph de Thresk and Peter atte See, to dispose thereof to the best advantage, applying the issues thereof, beyond the necessary sustenance of the canons and their servants in moderate number, to the succour and relief of the house. He has also taken the abbey and its manors, lands, rents and faculties into his protection, with clause nolumus, for one year.

By K.

June 18. To all archbishops &c. in Ireland. It is well known to them that for a long time the king has incurred great costs and expenses upon the upkeep of the war in Ireland without taking any revenues or profits therefrom, and neither the king nor his subjects of England can comfortably bear these expenses in the same way as they bore those formerly occasioned by the wars with France and Spain; the king therefore, with the advice of the prelates, magnates and other learned men of the great council of England, sends to them Nicholas de Dagworth to expound on the king’s behalf his present business and other circumstances relating thereto, to the end that they may ordain how each of them according to his means may bear a reasonable share of the said expenses.

By K. & C.

June 26. Licence, for ½ mark paid to the king by John de Cobeham of Kent, for the alienation in mortmain by Thomas, bishop of Rochester, of 5½ acres of land in Cobeham, parcel of the manor of Cobehambury, which manor is parcel of the temporalities of the bishopric of Rochester, and is held in chief, to the master and chaplains of the college of Cobeham, lately founded by the said John with the king’s licence, to hold by fealty and the service of 2s. 6d. yearly to be rendered at Michaelmas to the bishop and his successors.

June 28. Grant in tail male to William Latymer of the tenements and houses sometime of John Dayre in Calais, together with all the houses, cottages and void places adjoining each other and extending from the hospital of the Maison Dieu on the east to the street of Hugh Cauwe, and towards the south as far as the houses and void places late of the widow of Mansus Metard and Hugh Foyard, and on the north from the houses of the said Hugh as far as the houses and cottages of the hospital, as they were held by queen Philippa during her life of the king’s grant, to hold by the accustomed services and by keeping watch for the safety of the town; with remainder in tail male to Thomas Camoys, and reversion to the king.

By p.s.