Membrane 7—cont.

Dec. 10. Whereas lately the abbess of Fontevrault in Anjou and the convent of that place, founded by the king's progenitors, who held in chief 3 messuages, a parcel of a messuage, 60 acres of land and 3½ virgates of meadow in Bilyngdon and Leighton, co. Bedford, granted the same to William de Utlicote of Bilyngdon at a yearly rent of 13s. 7½d. in recompense of certain services, to wit, mowing, reaping and other works, whereby he previously held the premises of them by the rod (per virgam), and the said William, and after his death Joan, his daughter and heir, whom Edmund Marchall has taken to wife, entered into the premises, and the abbess and convent took the rent. Without the king's licence: the king of special grace has pardoned the said trespasses, and grants that the said Edmund and Joan and the heirs of the latter may hold the premises at the said rent.

By p.s.

Dec. 14. Whereas in the passage over the sands between the parts of Fourneys, co. Lancaster, and other neighbouring parts, divers men have been lost by the swift ebb and flow of the sea; the king, willing to deal generously with the abbot of Fourneys, who holds many lordships and possessions in divers parts of the county, has granted that he may make general attorneys to sue and defend for him in all courts within the county, and orders all bailiffs and lieges to receive John de Skerton and John de Caterton, whom the abbot has attorned before the king, as his attorneys for this purpose, for one year.

Robert de Faryngton received the attorneys by letter of the abbot with the licence of the chancellor.

Dec. 20. Grant to Alice Pereres and her heirs of the manor of Braunford Speek and all other lands in the county of Devon, and the advowson of the church of Wemmeworth in the same county, late of Robert son of William Speck, chaplain, which are in the king's hand because Robert in his lifetime committed a felony for which he abjured the realm, as is found by inquisition, to hold for as long as the premises shall be in the king's hand for that cause.

By p.s.

Membrane 6.

Nov. 29. Grant in fee to Geoffrey Newenton of a messuage called 'Le Croft,' and 32s. 7½d. of rent and a rent of 2 cocks, 32 hens and 284 eggs in the parish of Esthereche in the isle of Shepeye, rendering to the king, to wit, to the keeper of the manor of Gore 40s. and to the keeper of the manor of Middelton 20s. yearly, and doing to the king and other lords the services due from the messuage and rents.

By p.s.

Dec. 15. Inspeiximus and confirmation of an indented writing of William, prior, and the convent of Farlegh, dated at Farlegh, 8 Kal. Nov., 10 Edward III, and witnessed by Sir William de Swyndon, rector of the church of Troubrigge, John Basset, John de Chippenham, Richard Poyzn, John Gibbes, William le Boteler, Richard Dauntsey of Troubrigge and others, granting for life to Sir Stephen called 'le Fisszare' of Swyndon Mercatoria, chaplain, for a certain sum given by him for the urgent business of them and their church, 6½ quarters of wheat, good, clean, dry and well-winnowed, as it grows in their manor of Munketon, to be measured by the lawful measure by which it is commonly bought and sold, every eighth bushel being