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*Membrane 26d—cont.*

those counties to cause proclamation to be made that no such merchant should buy or embrace any corn except such as was necessary for his own expenses and the expenses of his household, or take the same from those counties, he now learns that, notwithstanding such proclamation, the scarcity prevails more than ever owing to the same causes; and appointing them to find by inquisitions who have taken corn from there since the proclamation was made.

April 16. Commission to Thomas de Sewale, escheator in the counties of Westminster. Huntingdon, Bedford and Buckingham, Henry Englys and John Wauton, to make inquisitions in those counties touching all lands, rents and services alienated in mortmain, and any such, held in chief, alienated to any one without the king's licence; and also touching all confederacies, false alliances, purprestures and oppressions committed in the same counties. By C.

April 22. Commission to John Deveros, sheriff of Hereford, John Oldecastel, Westminster. Henry Cachepol, John Joce and Robert Cole, to arrest William Cary, canon of the priory of Bruton of the order of St. Augustine, who is now a vagabond in secular habit to the scandal of his order, and have him delivered to his prior to be chastised according to the rule of his order.

*MEMBRANE 25d.*

May 8. Commission to Thomas de Lathom, Adam de Hoghton, and Thomas Westminster. de Suthworth, knights, and Richard de Houghton, to make inquisition in the county of Lancaster touching all extortions, oppressions, falsities, damages, grievances, excesses, champerties, ambidextries and other misdeeds done against the king's people in that county.

*MEMBRANE 24d.*

May 20. Commission to John de Gray of Codenore, Henry le Grey, Alfred Westminster. Sully, Ralph de Braylesford, Nicholas de Knyvyngton, Peter de Legh, Ralph de Stathum and William de Sallowe, sheriff of Derby, to arrest in the said county William de Morton, Roger de Morton, John de Morton, Stephen de Bruggewode and Roger de Crossele, indicted of felonies, who having formed a confederacy and gathered to themselves other malefactors to prevent the friends of Thomas Whelok, lately killed by them, from daring to prosecute them for their punishment, threatening to kill them and other of the king's lieges, wander about in the county committing intolerable damages; and to take security of them to do no injury to the friends of Thomas or any other of the king's people; and, if they refuse to make such security, to commit them to the county gaol until they do, certifying the king thereof from time to time when they take such security.

By C.

The like to Hugh, earl of Stafford, James de Audeley, William Trussell, Thomas de Ardern, John de Verdon, John de Oldyngton and Nicholas de Stafford, sheriff of Stafford. By the same C.

The like to Adam de Hoghton, Thomas de Sutheworth, Geoffrey de Workesley, John Masey, Richard son of John de Radclyf, Thurstan de Holand, Ralph de Radclyf of Chaderton and the sheriff of Lancaster.

By the same C.