Membrane 8—cont.

Dec. 1. Mary de Sancto Paulo, countess of Pembroke, staying in England, Westminster, has letters nominating Thomas, bishop of Fernes, as her attorney in Ireland for three years.

Peter do Barton, clerk, received the attorney.

Dec. 4. Whereas among other liberties granted to the citizens of London Westminster, by charters of the king's progenitors and of the king it was granted that all alien merchants coming to England should stay at the board of free hosts of the said city and other cities in England, without keeping inns or societies by themselves, and that there should be no brokers (abbrucoatures) of any merchandiso other than those who were elected for this by merchants of the misteries in which such brokers had their offices and who made oath touching this before the mayor of the city, and also that merchants not of the liberty of the city should not retail wines or other wares in the city or suburbs; and the mayor, aldermen and citizens of the said city have now made petition as follows: A nostre seigneur le roy et son bone conseil montrerent ses leges mair, aldermans et communes de la citee de Loundres que, comme ils ont plusieurs foitz pursuiz es diverses parlements davor consideracion coment ils sont empovere et annientez par cause que lours franchises par buy et ses nobles progenitours a eux grantez et confermes lour sont restreint et en grante partie tolluz, et ore al darrain parlement tenuz a Westm' lour fuist responduz il deuissent declarer leur grevances en especial et ils auroient bone remedie; des queux grevances entre diverses autres sont que chacun estrange poct demeurer en la dite citee et tenir hostel et estre brocour et vendre et acheter toutes maners merchandises a retaille, et estrange vendre a estrange pour revendre, a grant encherissement de les merchandise, et de fair lour demoeur outre 40 jours, la ou en temps passe eulx estrange merchant nul de cestes pointz soloit user, encontre les franchises de la dite citee devant ces heures eues et uses, par queux grevances les merczantz de la dite citee sont grantment empowrzi et la navie grantment emprinque et les privites de la terre par les avandit estranges descoures a voz enemies par espies et autres estranges en lours hostels rescuez, pleise a treshaute et tresgracieuse seigneurie, nostre seigneur le roy, et a son bone conseil en eouvre de charite en cest present parlement ordiner que les estranges merchzants soient de cestes avandit pointz restreintz et que les leges mair, aldermans et communes de la dite citee pussent enjoizir lours ditz franchises, nient contreestant aucun estatut ou ordinance de temps passe fait a lencontre: the king, for the affection which he bears to the city and the citizens and for the tranquillity and profit of the citizens, has granted, with the assent of the prelates, nobles and magnates in the Parliament, to the petitioners, on condition that they put the city under good rule, that no stranger shall henceforth retail any wares in the city or suburbs, or keep an inn or be a broker therein. By pet. in Parl.

Dec. 1. Havoring. Licence for the alienation in mortmain by Thomas de Wolton, clerk, and William Topelyf to the prioress and convent of Kilbourn of an acre of land in Codeham, co. Kent, with the advowson of the church of that town, said to be held in chief; and for the appropriation of the church by the prioress and convent, to find a chaplain to celebrate divine service daily in their church for the good estate of the king, for his soul when he is departed this life, and for the soul of Simon, sometime cardinal of Canterbury. By p.s.