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other men of the county, suing divers pleas and processes in the king's courts begun long before the said date by king's writs directed to the sheriff of Lancaster, fear that the said pleas and processes must be discontinued by virtue of the said grant, and have prayed for a remedy; the king grants that all writs, original and judicial, obtained before the said date, which do not concern the king and his heirs only, but concern free tenements in the county or other things perpetrated there, and which are returned or returnable before the king or the justices of the Bench or the justices of assize in that county and elsewhere in any of the king's courts, shall be transmitted to the earl for determination before his justices, together with the records and processes thereof and other things concerning them.

By K. and the great council.

March 12. Exemplification, at the request of the tenants of Crundele, of a certificate by the treasurer and chamberlains of an extract from Domesday Book touching the land of the bishop of Winchester in the hundred of Corondel, co. Southampton. [Domesday Book, I, p. 41.]

Membrane 19.

April 16. Appointment of Richard de Stury and William Wallace, receiver of Kaerdyf in Wales, to repair the castles, mills and parks there late of Edward, lord le Despenser, who held in chief, in the king's hand by reason of the nonage of his heir, up to the sum of 87l. 10s. 3½d., which sum has been delivered by tally to Richard of the debts of the arrears of the account of Thomas Broun, late receiver of Glumorgan.

By bill of the treasurer.

April 16. Pardon to Stephen Mellere of the king's suit for the death of Thomas Noble, for which he is detained in the Marshalsea prison; as the king has learned by the record of John de Cavendissh and his fellows, justices of the King's Bench, that he killed him in self-defence.

April 17. On information that the priors of the priory of St. Frideswide, Oxford, have bound the priory in such intolerable sums that, if they were paid, the possessions of the house would not suffice for the sustenance of the canons, so that divine worship there must needs cease and other works of piety be withdrawn, and the dispersal of the monks is feared; the king has taken the priory with all things pertaining to it into his hand and has committed the keeping thereof, and of the manors, lands, rents, things and faculties pertaining thereto, to his son John, king of Castile and Leon, duke of Lancaster, to be disposed of to the best advantage of the priory, provided that the issues, beyond the necessary sustenance of the canons and their servants to a moderate number, be applied to the succour of the house, and has also taken the priory and its possessions into his protection, with clause nolumus; for three years.

By K.

April 17. Presentation of Edmund Strete to the church of Morlawe, in the diocese of Lincoln, void by his resignation and in the king's gift by reason of the keeping of the land and heir of Edward le Despenser, who held in chief, being in his hand.

By p.s.