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is being brought to their town, and that the king is given to understand that certain favourers of the said John of the parts of Wales and other adjacent places are striving to seize him out of the hands of the king's lieges and prevent them from bringing him before the king and council; and appointing them to ordain for the safe bringing of John to the Tower of London, have him brought thither and delivered to the constable by indenture, and arrest and keep in prison until further order all who are contrariant or rebellious. By K. & C.

MEMBRANE 34d.

Feb. 12. Commission to John Compton to receive from the mayor and sheriff
Westminster. of Bristol Thomas Pardonystre, taken and detained in the king's prison of Bristol for forging and counterfeiting the seal and bulls of the pope, and from the bailiffs of Gloucestre one Reynold Clerk, taken and detained in the prison of Gloucestre for the like offence, together with the cause of their taking, bring them to the Marshalsea prison and deliver them to the keeper thereof for safe keeping until further order. By C.

Feb. 22. Commission to Thomas de Ingelby, Roger de Kyrketon, Simon
Westminster. de Leke, William de Burgh and William de Lughtburgh, on complaint that many weirs, mills, stanks, palings and kiddles are newly placed and raised in the water of Trent between Notyngham and Kenaldeferye, so that the course of the water is so diverted, obstructed and narrowed that ships and boats cannot pass as they used, against the form of the ordinance made in the parliament lately held at Westminster, to survey all such weirs, mills, stanks, palings and kiddles, and all other defects of the said water, find by inquisition in the counties of Nottingham and Lincoln what weirs &c. were raised in the time of the king's grandfather and afterwards, and by whom and when, compel the removal of all such and of all other defects of the water by those who raised them and others who are bound to do this, do all other things necessary for the better and safer passage of ships and boats, and hear and determine the premises.

March 4. Commission to John de Eperston, mayor, and Nicholas de Werk
Westminster. and John de Hawardby, bailiffs, of Lincoln, to make inquisition in the said city and the suburb thereof touching all felonies, homicides, robberies, extortions and oppressions perpetrated there.

March 6. Commission to Walter FitzWautier, Walter atte Lee, John Bataylle,
Westminster. Henry Spark and Clement Spice to make inquisition in the county of Essex touching an information by petition of the commonalty of the realm exhibited before the king and council in the parliament lately held at Westminster that fishing, which used to be plentiful in divers ports and other places where there is ebb and flow of the sea, is destroyed in many ways by certain fishermen who have cunningly made an instrument called a 'wunderthon,' like a 'drag,' upon which so close a net is fixed that even the smallest fish cannot escape therefrom, so that the fishermen take such a great number of these small fish that they do not know what to do with them but give them to their swine for food, and moreover the net touches the ground under the water so evenly and heavily that the spawn of fish and