MEMBRANE 2—cont.


Oct. 22. Adam Frere of Norwich and William his son.

Oct. 26. The abbot of St. Augustine's, Bristol.


Oct. 25. William de Salford, parson of the church of Folketon

Grant to the abbot and convent of Stonleye—on their petition showing that whereas their house was founded by the king's progenitors, sometime kings of England, for the support of certain chantries for the souls of them and their heirs and holds all its lands in frank alinoin, it has nevertheless been charged with the sustenance of Richard de Morton and William de Foston by Edward II., by the procurement of Hugh le Despenser the younger whom the petitioners dared not gainsay, and that, as these now receive daily from the house the sustenance of two monks, the chantry cannot be supported so long as this charge remains—that they shall not be held to find the like for any other after the death of the said Richard and William but shall be quit of such burden for ever. By p.s.

MEMBRANE 1.

Aug. 2. Assignment to John de Pulteneye, mayor of London, and Geoffrey le Botiller of 1,528/. 9s. 2d. out of the customs of the ports of Southampton and London under the following circumstances. Edward I., at the time of his war with the French king, became bound, by letters of divers captains and ministers of his in Aquitaine, to the commonalties, inhabitants, and merchants of Blaine, St. Sever, St. Quiterie, Bone Garde, Sordes, La Batude, Petreforade, Puilhon, and Herba Favern, in divers great sums for loans from them for his service; and, for satisfaction of these sums, he granted an assignment of certain customs in England to be received by attorneys or proctors of the towns until the whole debt was satisfied, and that, in the interval, these should have custody of one part of the cocket seal at the respective ports wherein such customs were received and each of them should receive from him 6d. daily of the customs so long as he should stay at the port for the collection. The debt not having been paid off in the lifetime of the said king, Edward II. made a like assignment of customs towards the payment of it; and Edward III., after he assumed the government of the realm, assigned for the said purpose, first, the whole of the issues of the old customs of the port of Southampton, and, afterwards, a moiety of these, and both the late king and the present king renewed to the proctors the grant of the custody of the cocket seal, but one of these only was to receive the grant of 6d. daily at the port of collection. These particulars will be found more fully in previous letters patent.

By an account touching the present state of the debt which has been taken at the Exchequer with the proctors representing the various towns, it has been found that there still remains due a balance of 3,056/. 18s. 4d., and on Peter de Porruto, proctor of St. Sever, Peter de Petris, proctor of Blaine, and Oliver de Burdeux, one of the two proctors of Bone Garde, La Batude, Pulion, and Petreforade, with John Brecas, executor of the will of the other proctor, Reymund Guillelmi de Fabrica, who had been empowered to receive the money on behalf of the towns, having offered to release the