Membrane 38—cont.

Sept. 2. Acknowledgment of the king's indebtedness to Master Paul de Monte Florum, king's clerk, in 2,220l. 4s. 8d., lent for the furtherance of his business; with promise to repay this sum. By p.s.

Sept. 1. In consideration of the goodness, knowledge and fidelity which from his early years the king has found in many ways in Richard de Ferby, king's clerk, late keeper of his wardrobe, and of his good service both to him and Edward II., as well as for the special affection which he bears for him, he has retained the said Richard for life as one of his house and family, granting that every time he come to him he shall be honourably admitted in the household in board and allowances, as well within as without, for him and his household, and that he shall have for life wages and robes befitting his estate by the hands of the clerk of the Great Wardrobe. By p.s.

Sept. 10. Richard de Averenges, going on pilgrimage to the Holy Land, has letters nominating Edmund de Averenges and William de Hathelstow of Suthdulfeld, the elder, his attorneys in England for two years. Thomas de Brayton received the attorneys.

Sept. 27. Thomas de Mounpellers, staying in Ireland on the king's service, has letters nominating John le Botiller his attorney in England for two years. J. de Blebury received the attorneys.

Membrane 37.

Sept. 3. Licence for the alienation in mortmain by John de Searle of Lincoln to Master William de Baiocis, parson of the church of Iwardeby, of a messuage and a half in Iwardeby for the enlargement of the manse of the rectory. By fine of 1 mark. Lincoln.

Aug. 28. Grant to David de Barry, in enlargement of the late grant to him by letters patent of the custody, during minority of the heir, of the lands in Ireland late of Peter de Cogan, tenant in chief, subject to his rendering at the Exchequer of Dublin the true value of the lands, that he shall hold the custody without rendering anything, and from heir to heir until one attain his full age. This grant is made in consideration of his labours and charges in defending the lands against attacks by the Irish, and in maintaining the king's rights in those parts. By p.s.

Sept. 1. Mandate to John de Molyns, steward of the king's chamber, and of the lands reserved to the said chamber, or to such as supplies his place at the manor of Brustwyk, reciting that, at the supplication of some of the bondmen of the manor setting forth that in time past the following custom has been used in the manor, to wit that if any bondman die leaving his wife with child or children under age, and a stranger of any condition or tenure come and make fine with the bailiffs of the manor to have his lands, without reclamation by his offspring or friends, and such fine be verified by the tenants of the manor, his issue shall be wholly excluded in the future from holding the lands of their father, and that the steward and bailiffs of the manor receive fines as well from freemen as from bondmen of other lords to have the lands of the bondmen of the manor when they die, whereby the bondmen are much oppressed and oftentimes of necessity remove to places without it, the king considering the said custom to be unjust as on the death of bondmen their issue or next kinsman ought by the custom usual in other parts of the realm to be admitted to their lands in preference to strangers, orders that where bondman die leaving issue or others near of kin who are willing to make fine for his lands, the steward shall not receive fines from any stranger, whether freeman or bondman, for their