1338. Nov. 26. Kennington. Commission to Henry de Dodenhale, John de Newerk, William le Themelere, Sewal de Bulkynton, William de Gloucestre and Simon de Holand reciting that the good men of the town of Coventre agreed to pay in advance 100l. of the second and third year of the three-yearly tenth and fifteenth granted to the king by the commonalty of the realm, that some men of the town paid 50l. of this out of their own moneys, for themselves and the other men of the town, to Robert de Wodehouse, king's clerk, the treasurer, before the king's passage beyond the seas and promised to pay the rest at the Exchequer a fortnight after St. Hilary next, and that it is now reported that men who ought to contribute to the said 100l. refuse to do so, and appointing them to assess and levy the 100l. on each member of the men of the town according to his ability, that the king may have all arrears of the 100l. at the said date. By the Keeper & C.

Nov. 28. Kennington. Whereas the king by letters patent has appointed certain persons in the counties of Bedford, Buckingham and Hertford, to array the men of those counties according to the form of the statute of Winchester in case any enemy should invade the realm, as well as to enforce the said statute and that of Northampton and to hear and determine trespasses in those counties, and he now understands that there are many suspected persons now roaming about from county to county committing homicides and robberies and imprisoning the king's subjects until these make fines and ransoms with them, and that because they thus pass from county to county they cannot be apprehended and brought to justice by these, whence may arise irreparable evils especially as the king is staying in parts beyond the seas; he has appointed Roger de Grey, Hugh de Mortimer, John Moritz, Simon Croiser and Walter de Wouburn as overseers of the persons appointed in the premises. He has also appointed them to arrest suspected persons pursuant to the ordinance of the Parliament at Westminster; to make inquisitions touching misdeeds committed at any time by the persons so arrested, and to hear and determine the trespasses of these persons, as well as the suit of any other persons who have complaints to make. By C.

Dec. 8. Byfleet. Appointment until Easter of Nicholas de la Beche, supplying the place of William de Monte Acuto, earl of Salisbury and marshal of England, Robert de Bilkemore and Hugh de Berewyk, to hear and determine trespasses committed within a circuit of twelve miles of the household of the king's son, Edward, duke of Cornwall and earl of Chester, appointed as keeper of England during the king's absence beyond the seas, as trespasses within the verge of the king's household would be heard and determined if he were present. By the Keeper & C.

Dec. 8. Byfleet. Appointment, until Easter, of Robert Houel to hold the office of clerk of the market within the verge of the household of the said keeper with such powers as the clerk of the market of the king's household has. By the Keeper & C.

Dec. 9. Byfleet. Commission to Robert Fitz Payn, Brian de Gouys, William Everard and John Wake to make inquisition in the county of Dorset touching the persons who took away a ship of the dominion and power of the king of Portyngal near the coast at Weymuth and Melecume with the goods and merchandise on board the same, the cargo of the said ship, the persons into whose hands it came and who now have it and the value of the same, and whether the masters and mariners of the ship were of the said dominion or of lands hostile to the king, and whither bound, as well as of all other particulars of the matter. Should it appear by the inquisition that the ship was that