Membrane 8—cont.

July 6. Presentation of Master Roger de Nafferton to the church of St. John, Berkhamstead. Donewych, in the diocese of Norwich, in the king's gift by reason of the temporalities of the priory of Eye being in his hands on account of the war with France.

July 1. Presentation of Richard de Marton to the church of St. Michael, Berkhamstead. Warham, in the diocese of Salisbury, in the king's gift by reason of the temporalities of the priory of Karysbrok being in his hands on account of the war with France.

July 8. Agnes late the wife of Arnold Power, staying in England, has letters nominating William de Drayton and John de Hemmyngburgh as her attorneys in Ireland for two years.

John de Wodehoug received the attorneys by licence of the Chancellor.

Membrane 7.

June 26. Exemplification, at the request of the prioress of Stratford, of the tenor of the process before Henry Gernet and his fellows, commissioners de walliis et fossatis along the coast of the water of Thames and parts adjoining co. Essex, to this effect; Pleas before the said commissioners at Westhamme on Wednesday the feast of St. Edmund the King, 10 Edward III. Essex to wit. By letters patent of 22 January 8 Edward III. the king commanded Henry Gernet, Robert de Hagham, Robert son of William de Rokeswell, Benedict de Ditton and Alexander de Betoigne to survey and repair the walls, dykes &c. along the Thames, co. Essex, and in the parts of the town of Wolwich, co. Kent, north of the Thames. By virtue of such mandate the sheriff of Essex summoned twelve jurors of the vicinage of Westhamme to enquire of defects in the marsh of Westhamme, to wit John de Dakenham, Thomas le Brewere, John Samekyu, John le Porter, Henry de Wyndefeld, John Galien the elder, John Daunger, John de Pollam, Gilbert le Dare, William Oygor, Henry de Gaisham, John Bone, Richard le Blake, Simon le Wynd, John le Clerk, of Leyton, and Geoffrey de Nottele. And upon this came the prioress of Stratford and produced a writ of the king to the commissioners, dated 17 March 10 Edward III. reciting their appointment to survey the walls &c. as above, that on behalf of the prioress of Stratford it had been shown to him that, whereas one John de Couelee lately held in the marsh of Westhamme 50 acres of land and a pasture called 'le Hope' assessed in time past to repair the wall there, then called 'Coueleeswal' and now 'le priouressewal,' although the pasture has since been entirely submerged by the Thames and the said land has been alienated by John to divers tenants and the prioress only receives from some of her tenants a rent of 14s. beyond the service due to the chief lord, out of which she is ready to contribute proportionately to the repair of the wall, they leaving out the said tenants and many others benefited by the wall assess her only for its repair, to the great charge and impoverishment of her house, and commanding them to compel all persons having lands or common of pasture or fishery there to repair the wall, pursuant to their commission, and not to distrain the prioress for more than her proportion. And upon this the prioress complains that William le Masun, bailiff of the marsh of Westhamme has grievously distrained her for 100s. for repair of the wall called 'Priouressewal,' although she says that she has not any land or soil in the marsh for which she ought to repair any wall there. And hereon she prays judgement &c. She says however that one John de Couelee in the time of Henry III. held in it as of the fee of Muntfichet, now of Sir John de