reach the port, and no assignment on the custom assigned to him by the king at another time shall be made until all that the king owes him be satisfied.


MEMBRANE 21.

May 6. Antwerp. Revocation of all previous assignments and respites of debts in England (with some specified exceptions) in view of the danger to the realm if moneys intended to be transmitted to the king be delayed. [Federer.] By K. & C.

May 15. Antwerp. Exception from the foregoing of assignments to the society of the Bardi, who have many times rendered the king timely aid and especially since he came to parts beyond the seas. By K.

May 17. Antwerp. Promise, in consideration of their services to the king and losses thereby, to Peter Bosdrak and David Jakes, merchants of the society of the Busdrak of Lucca, of 1,000 marks as a gift. By K.

May 13. Antwerp. Bond of the king, John, archbishop of Canterbury, Richard, bishop of Durham, Geoffrey Lescrope, William de Kildesby and Paul de Montefour, to Nicholas Bartholomew, merchant of Lucca, in 8,600 small florins, lent this day at Antwerp, to be repaid at the rate of the florin for twelve groats (gros), and the crown for eighteen groats out of the first wool received from England. French.

May 10. Malines. Acknowledgement of the receipt by the hands of William de Northwell, king's clerk, keeper of the king's wardrobe, from Robert de Shilvyngton, John Flemmyng, Peter Fanelore, John de Halywell, Thomas Deverwyk and John de Bury, merchants of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, of 4,000£. and grant to them of that sum out of the custom and subsidy due to the king in the ports of Newcastle-upon-Tyne and Hertypoll, to wit that from this day they shall have the custom and subsidy due on hides and wool-fells and on the wool of themselves and their friends, but not that due on other wool, which shall go to William de la Pole, king's merchant, until he be satisfied of 800£. and the said William is also to pass there 200 sacks of wool quit of custom and subsidy, after which the whole custom and subsidy is to come to them until they are fully paid, provided that they answer the king for all wool whereon they receive custom and subsidy, 40s. for every sack, and 4l. for every last of hides, and 40s. for every 300 wool-fells. They shall nominate a man to be associated with the said William in the custody of the cocket seal and the king will make no assignment on the said customs until the merchants are fully paid, neither shall they be interfered with in exporting from the said ports their wool, hides and wool-fells to Flanders, Brabant and Zeland, provided that they do not take for their wool any ships which are appointed to go to sea with the king's fleet to stay the malice of his enemies.

John, archbishop of Canterbury, Richard, bishop of Durham, William de Bohun, earl of Northampton, and William de la Pole, for the greater security of the said merchants in this behalf, promise that the things aforesaid will be fully observed. French.