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his estate, and take the order of knighthood, for which he is not endowed, he shall have his fee as a justice of the Bench, whether absent or present, until the king order otherwise for his estate: and he is to come when summoned to parliaments and councils, if he can do so in good manner, but is not to be compelled to come against his will. By the Keeper & C.

Nov. 28. Appointment of Simon de Wodeburgh of Notyngham, to the custody of the smaller piece of the seal used for the recognisances of debts in the town of Notyngham, during pleasure. By C.

Mandate to Ralph Byck of Nottingham for livery to the said Simon of the piece of the seal and the rolls and other things relating to the office, which are in his custody.

MEMBRANE 14.

Oct. 20. Mandate to the sellers and assessors of the ninth and fifteenth, granted by 14 Edward III [statute 1, cap. 20], in the county of Southampton, reciting their appointment by letters patent, that the king might receive the first year of the said subsidy at All Saints' Day, and the Purification following, and the subsequent appointment by letters patent of the bishop of Winchester, the prior of St. Swithun's, Winchester, the abbot of Tichefeld, and John de Scures, on complaints against the method of collection of the ninth, to inform themselves of the true value of each church, and the sheaves, fleeces and lambs of the parish churches in the county, reciting further that the king hears that they, pretending that by the appointment of the bishop and his fellows, their appointment is of no force, have stayed their levy of the coming term of All Saints, thus defrauding him of his first payment and retarding business of the utmost moment, and payments which he has faithfully promised thereout, to his scandal and shame, whereby he is disturbed and vehemently moved, especially as it was the intention of him and the council, and should have been also their intention, that the first payment should not be delayed beyond the day appointed; and enjoining them, on sight of these presents, to cause the said moiety to be levied forthwith and delivered to the receiver of those moneys in the county according to the form of their commission and the king's previous mandates to them herein, and afterwards, on receiving from the bishop and his fellows extracts of the sums sold by them by informations taken as above, to cause the other moiety to be levied according to the extracts and answered by the Purification. If any persons in the payment of the first term shall have paid more than their contingent, allowance shall be made to them in the second payment and those who paid less than they should shall make good the deficiency at the same term.

The like to the sellers and assessors of the ninth and fifteenth in the other counties.

Oct. 25. Mandate to Henry de Percy and Ralph de Nevill to cause John, earl of Moray, a prisoner of war, to be brought at once to Wyndesore Castle. The sheriff of Northumberland has been commanded to pay all the expenses of bringing him; and if he has not wherewith to pay them the sheriff of York will do so. [Foedera.] By p.s.

Oct. 26. Grant to William de Monte Acuto, earl of Salisbury, the marshal, now prisoner of war in France, of the said earl to procure his own deliverance from prison with. [Foedera.] By p.s.