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gift by reason of the temporalities of the priory of Lenton being in his hands on account of the war with France; on an exchange of benefices with Hugh de Luffenham.

**March 4.** Grant to the citizens of Norwich, who are often disturbed over liberties and quittances granted to them by royal charters before the king’s justices and ministers in divers places because the commonalty of the city cannot easily assemble before the said justices and ministers to defend the same, or on account of the distance send to the chancery to appoint attorneys whenever necessary, that John Rodlond and John de Bovyneton, whom they have attorned in their place before the king, shall be their attorneys for two years to defend their liberties whenever challenged.

The chancellor received the attorneys by bill.

**Feb. 26.** Confirmation of the late grant to Walter de Bonevill, king’s yeoman, of the custody of the castle of Arclowe, during minority of the heir of James le Botiller, earl of Ormond, and revocation of a subsequent appointment of Elias de Assheburne to the same.

By K. & C. and at another time by p.s.

**March 5.** Writ of aid directed to all sheriffs, takers and receivers of wool, and others in favour of William Bishop, king’s serjeant-at-arms, under the following circumstances; on 10 January last the king granted to Matthew Canaceon and his fellows, merchants of the society of the Leopardi, who had undertaken to deliver hiskinsman Henry de Lancastre, earl of Derby, now detained in prison beyond the seas for the king’s debts, licence to export to Flanders 1,000 sacks of wool, as well of their own wool as of the wool of the societies of the Bardi and the Peruzzi, bought within the realm, on payment on each sack of 40s. for custom and subsidy, and 4d. for the new custom, and appointed the said William and Francis Forset, king’s serjeant-at-arms, to have any of their wool in Southampton and other counties which might have been arrested, released and taken with all speed to the ports of shipment, as is more fully contained in letters patent. He now learns that the forwarding of the business has been long delayed, by default of hastening on the wool, whereby the deliverance of the earl is retarded, and, wishing that as well the 1,000 sacks of wool as 700 sacks granted to them for causes mentioned in an indenture made between them and the said merchants should be delivered to them with all speed, he has appointed the said William to see that their wool to the sum of 1,700 sacks, if now detained under arrest, shall be released and delivered to them forthwith, notwithstanding any mandates, commissions or inhibitions to the said sheriffs and others under the great or privy seals. By p.s.

**March 1.** Presentation of John de Malton, parson of the church of Wynterbourn Basset in the diocese of Salisbury, to the church of Hertefeld in the diocese of Chichester, in the king’s gift by reason of the temporalities of the abbot of Grestain being in his hands on account of the war with France; on an exchange of benefices with Stephen Leopard. By p.s.

**March 8.** Whereas the king has appointed William do Felton to the custody of the county of Northumberland and the castle of the town of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, for five years, provided that he render the farms due to the king yearly at the exchequer and answer there for his debts and other things pertaining to the office of sheriff of the county and