March 12.  Commission to William Motte, John de Elyingham and John Frost to search all ships and boats in ports, waters and places along the coast of the counties of Norfolk and Suffolk and also upon the sea, to seize as forfeit to the king all wools, hides and wool-fells found in these uncocketed with the ships and boats wherein the same are found, and to certify him from time to time in the chancery or at the exchequer of their proceedings. For their labours and charges herein the king by advice of the council will give them a fourth part of the forfeited wools and other merchandise, so that they answer at the exchequer for the other three parts. If by their default and negligence such merchandise pass from the realm uncocketed and uncustomed, the king will have diligent enquiry made of their bearing, and punish them if they be found guilty. This commission is sent because it is reported that especially since the first passage of the king to Brabant many merchants and others have shipped such merchandise in the said counties without payment of the custom and subsidy due to him, contrary to his proclamation.

March 13.  Association of John de Ether with Henry Vavasour, John de Eland, Nicholas de Wortele, William Scot and Francis de Barneby, appointed by letters patent in the West Riding of Yorkshire to keep the peace and the statutes of Winchester and Northampton, to make inquisitions touching felonies and trespasses from 6 July, 12 Edward III, and from now and to hear and determine the same. By C.

March 10.  At the suit of James, vicar of the church of Lanum, setting forth that he and his predecessors time out of mind in right of their vicarage have had 60s. yearly, at Martinmas and Whitsunday by the hands of the archbishop of York, when the see is full, and by the hand of the king's eschefor or other keeper of the temporalities of the see in time of voidance, out of the manor of Lanum, parcel of such temporalities, for tithes of the mills of Lanum, Askham, Sutton and Scroby, which are of the temporalities, and praying for the arrears of the 60s. from the death of William de Melton, late archbishop, and the 60s. for such time as the voidance should last, the king lately commanded the treasurer and barons of the exchequer to search for entries in the accounts of the escheators or keepers of the temporalities of such payment: and although by their certificate it appeared that the keepers had had allowance of divers sums to the then vicar for the tithe of the said mills paid out of the issues of that manor in divers voidances in Edward I, yet as there is not in that certificate any mention of such payment in the voidance last before the present, he has appointed Thomas de Longevillers, Hugh de Hercy and Gregory de Beverlaco, parson of the church of Hedon, to make inquisition in the county of Nottingham, in presence of the keeper of the said temporalities there or the person supplying his place, whether in the last voidance there was any payment of the 60s. or part thereof to the vicar of the said church, and if the vicar has received any rent or other profit in recompense of the 60s. by assignment of the late archbishop and released that sum to the archbishop. By C.