1341.

Membrane 33—cont.

Thomas de Asteleye and his fellows, justices appointed to hear and determine oppressions by ministers in the county of Warwick, in their session in that county.

By p.s.

Membrane 32.

July 20. Grant to the mayor, bailiffs and burgesses of Welles of murage for five years on things for sale coming to their borough by land.

By K. & C. and by fine of 5 marks.

July 1. Mandate to Waryn Latymer and his fellows, takers and purveyors of the wool granted to the king in his last Parliament in the county of Northampton as follows:

The king understands that they are lukewarm and negligent in collecting and levying the wool, not weighing his great necessity or the peril and loss to him and the realm which may result from the delay, and as he cannot in any wise tolerate such tepidity and negligence, he commands them under forfeiture of all that they can forfeit to him to lay aside all other things and attend to their commission in this behalf, and that the wool may be collected the more speedily he has given them power to appoint deputies where they cannot act themselves, and to arrest and imprison all those, whether their deputies or others, who are remiss or disobedient in the execution of the premises, and seize their lands into the king's hands and retain them until he order otherwise for the punishment of such persons; and because the said Parliament has ordained that no merchant or other shall buy wool before Michaelmas or carry it without the realm, on pain of forfeiture of double the value of the wool so carried, and that the wool granted to the king, wherever found out of sanctuary, may be taken by the takers of the same according to the sort and the price ordained at another time at Nottingham, and the king understands that very many of the said county have bought wool and carried the same beyond the seas, contrary to the ordinance, he has appointed the said Waryn and his fellows to find by inquisition who have done this, to take into his hands any wool so bought and not yet carried beyond the seas and kept until he shall order otherwise in the premises and to certify him in the chancery of the names of those who have bought and carried from the realm wool, and of all their proceedings herein. The sheriff has been commanded to be attendant upon them in the furtherance of the said business, but it is not intention that the liberty of the church shall be in any wise prejudiced by the premises. And because the commissioners are in some doubt in the matter of the quantity of the wool to be levied by them before 1 August, to wit whether the quantity is part of the 30,000 sacks of wool last granted to the king or of the 20,000 sacks of the same 30,000 sacks, according to the apportionment expressed in the king's commission to them, he signifies to them that the quantity is part only of the said 20,000 sacks to be levied by 1 August, according to the said apportionment and the rate of the fifteenth for three years falling on the county.

By K.

The like to the takers and purveyors of wool in all counties of England.