not been possible to make satisfaction of the sums due to them for a great while, by reason of the assignments thereout to magnates and others, and they have incurred heavy losses by the non-payment of the said sums; the king having regard to the good place the merchants have held before these times in his affairs, has assigned to them all wool in the counties of Wilts, Southampton, Norfolk and Suffolk, of the 10,000 sacks due to him in the present year of the 30,000 sacks granted by the commonalty of the realm in the last Parliament, to wit, in the county of Wilts 422½ sacks, 2 stones, 4 pounds, in the county of Southampton 339 sacks, 10 stones, 1 pound and a moiety of a quarter of a pound, in the county of Norfolk 1,103 sacks, 10 stones, 6 pounds and a quarter of a pound, and in the county of Suffolk 479½ sacks, 1½ stone, to be received by the hands of those whom the said merchants shall nominate, to wit of suitable wool according to the sort of the country, by the same weight as the receivers in the counties have received the same, and at the price in the counties of Wilts and Southampton of 12 marks the sack, and in the counties of Norfolk and Suffolk of 10 marks the sack, in part satisfaction of their debt, granting that they may ship the wool in any port they please and carry the same to Flanders with no further security than that they shall shew the letters of cocket to the mayor of the staple there, and without other charge or demand, or payment of custom or subsidy, and shall have all moneys arising from such wool along with the issues of the customs in all ports as above, and that the said John and Tidemann, whom Henry and his fellows have deputed for the purpose, shall receive the same wool and customs in their name.

May 4. Licence for Ralph, bishop of Bath and Wells, to grant in fee to Walter Westminster, the advowson of the church of Norton St. Philip, said to be held in chief as parcel of the bishopric, in exchange for 8 marks of rent in Woky and Westbury granted to the bishop and his successors, for Walter to assign the same in mortmain to the prior and brethren of Henton of the Carthusian order, and for the prior and brethren to appropriate the church.

May 30. Westminster. Whereas the king lately assigned to William, marquess of Juliers and earl of Cambridge, the ninth of sheaves, lambs and fleeces, the ninth and fifteenth, and the tenth from the clergy, granted to him for two years, in the counties of Cambridge, Huntingdon and Bedford, in part satisfaction of 30,000£ sterling due to the marquis for fees and wages and other causes, and whereas afterwards, because in place of the said ninth of the second the commonalty of the realm granted him 30,000 sacks of wool, to wit 20,000 sacks in the past year and 10,000 sacks in the present year, he assigned to the marquis the contingent of such 20,000 sacks in the same counties; inasmuch as the moneys so assigned do not suffice for the payment of the 30,000£, the king has assigned to him the contingent of the 10,000 sacks in the same counties.

Mandate to the collectors of the said wool in the county of Cambridge to deliver to the marquess or William Muschel, Tilmann de Werda and Libertus Vac, his attorneys in this behalf, the wool collected by them in the present year.

The like to the collectors in the counties of Huntingdon and Bedford, severally.

The like to the collectors in the county of Bedford with respect to the wool collected in the past year.