laden with divers goods, killed the men in that ship and cast them into
the sea, and entered another ship laden with wines which had been
damaged by a storm on the coast of Normandy and driven to Southampton
and carried away and converted to their own use the tuns, which should
have belonged to the king by reason of the war with France. By K.

March 28. Commission to Thomas de Mussyneden, Robert de Shilvynston, and
John de Thynge, to make inquisition in the town of Newcastle-upon-
Tyne and the parts adjacent, whether the office of gauging of wines has
been properly used there since the time when the king assumed the
governance of the realm, as the king is informed that the office is
fraudulently and unfaithfully discharged in divers parts of the realm,
to the great damage of him and his people, to wit, that by gifts to the
king's gauger and his deputies in divers ports, tuns of wine not
containing the quantity required by the assize are gauged and sealed
with the seal of the gauger as if containing the assize. By p.s.
The like to the following, as under;—

William Danvers, Robert de Hoo,
Guy Brian, John Jorde,
John de Paddebury, Thomas de Mclchebourn,
Thomas de Metham, in the city of York and the town of Kyngeston-
upon-Hull.
Hugh de Burgh, William de Burton,
in the port of Southampton.
in the port of Bristol.
in the port of Lynn.
in the land of Ireland.

April 6. Commission to Gilbert de Umfravill, earl of Anegos, Henry de Percy,
Thomas Surteye, William de Shareshull, Thomas de Fencotes, Adam de
Browes, and John de Menevill, to make inquisition touching an information
that divers men of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, as well as of divers parts of the
county of Northumberland, have taken to Scotland, as well by sea as
by land, victuals, armou, and other things for the comfort and support
of the Scots, the king's enemies and rebels, contrary to his inhibition,
that there are in the said town alliances and confederacies so that one
confederacy strives to elect one man as mayor and another another,
whereby grievous dissensions have arisen over the election, that the
collectors of customs, controllers and troners, bailiffs, escheators, taxers and
collectors of tenths, fifteenths and other quota and subsidies for the king
and other ministers in the town and county have borne them-
selves ill in their offices, that many men of those parts
take to foreign parts wool and other things whereon custom
is due without payment of custom and some take these to
Berwick-on-Tweed, where the custom paid is not so large, that
some persons have caused wool to be concealed to defraud the king of his
contingent thereof, and that ministers as well of the king as of others,
by colour of their offices, have committed many oppressions of the people,
to find out the names of those who have perpetrated the premises, as
also of those who made proclamations and alliances to the disturbance of
the peace and terror of the people to elect a mayor after the king had
committed the town, on account of the dissensions over the election of a
mayor, to the custody of four good men of the town, and whether John