Membrane 7d—cont.

and deliver them to the custody of the constable of the Tower of London to remain in custody until the king give other order. By K.

June 8.
Westminster.

Commission to Saier de Rocheford, escheator in the counties of Lincoln and Rutland, and William de Skipwyth, reciting that, by the inquisition taken by the said escheator of the lands which Herbert de Gresseby held on the day of his death, it was found that he held no lands in his demesne as of fee of the king or others in those counties because that long before his death he granted all his lands to his brother Rolland, and the king is now informed that such grant was fraudulent and Herbert held all his lands after it to the day of his death and received the issues and profits, without Rolland intermeddling with them in any way; and appointing them to make inquisition again in the said counties and certify the king whether the gift was fraudulent or made in good faith and of the whole truth in regard to the lands.

Whereas queen Philippa by her letters patent has appointed William de la More as her bailiff to challenge and defend all royal liberties in the castles, towns, honors, farms, manors, hundreds, forests, chaces, parks and other lands in the county of York, granted to her for life by letters patent of the king, to keep the fees and other profits pertaining to her by reason of those lands, to receive and give acquittances for the debts of the king and queen to be levied by the sheriff by estreats of the exchequer, to make execution of writs and to do all things which pertain to the said office, he answering for the same to the king at the exchequer and to the queen at her exchequer; and has also granted to him the bailiwick of her hundreds in Aggebrigge, Morlec, Barkeston and Skyrake, at such rent to the receiver of her chamber as others have been wont to render for the bailiwick; the king commands all sheriffs, bailiffs, ministers and others to be attending unto him in the premises. By C.

MEMBRANE 6d.

June 26.
Sandwich.

Commission to Thomas de Metham and William de Tykhill to inform themselves by inquisition in the county of York and such other ways as shall be expedient of all sums which are due to Richard, late bishop of Durham, in that county, to distrain for immediate payment of the same and to levy and keep them for the king's use, that he may be answered for the debts of the bishop to him at the bishop's death. By K.

MEMBRANE 6d.

June 20.
Sandwich.

Commission to Constantine de Mortuo Mari, John de la Rokele and John de Berneye reciting that, whereas the king lately appointed William de Kerdiston, John de Caston and the sheriff of Norfolk, to array fifty archers in that county and conduct them to him at Sandwich by Nicholas du Chastel to go with him thence as he would order, he now understands that although the constables and under-constables of the hundreds and townships levied large sums of money for the wages and clothing of the archers and the conductor of the same, ordered with the common assent of the county and assessed upon the hundreds and townships by the arrayers, to be levied by them and delivered to the archers and their conductor, they retained the same and refused to pay any of it to them, and many of these constables and under-constables did not have the archers selected in their bailiwicks before the arrayers pursuant to their order nor would they obey the same arrayers, whereby the conduct of the archers to the king was impeded in many ways by their default; and appointing them to make full inquisition touching those who were guilty in the premises and to hear and determine the trespasses.