at that date, and whereas the king, by reason of his prerogative always observed in time past, ought to be satisfied of his debts before others; he has taken the said merchants and their goods and things into his special protection, being unwilling that they should be impleaded, arrested or distrained within the terms aforesaid on account of any debts or accounts wherein they are bound to others than himself. By C.

Insequimus of letters patent, dated 24 April, 9 Edward II, granting that Sisters Minoresses without Algate, London, should be quit of talliage by reason of their lands in London; and confirmation of the same, with a further grant that they and their successors shall be quit of all talliages and aids, as well for knightling the first-born son and marrying the first-born daughter of the king, as other subsidies, to wit tenths, fifteenths, wool, guarding the sea coast, and other contributions, by reason of their lands in London or elsewhere within the realm. By p.s.

Presentation of John de Weston to the church of Little Bredleye, in the diocese of Norwich, in the king's gift by reason of the priory of Stoke by Clare being in his hands on account of the war with France.

Protection with clause rogamus, for one year, for the master and brethren of the hospital of St. Thomas the Martyr of Acon, in the city of London, and their attorneys, collecting alms in the churches. The king's bailiffs are to compel any persons collecting in their name without authority to make due amends.

Pardon to John de Godesfeld of his outlawry in the county of Sussex for non-appearance before the justices of the Bench to answer touching a plea of Henry, earl of Lancaster, that he render an account for the time when he was his receiver; on certificate by John de Stonore, chief justice, that he has now surrendered to the Flete prison.

Grant to John son and heir of the king's uncle, Edmund, earl of Kent, of all the lands of his inheritance, as well those in the hands of others by the king's grant, if these shall be recovered by the king by due process, as those in the king's hands by reason of the nonage of the said John, to hold during such nonage with the rents and farms of that inheritance pertaining to the king at Michaelmas next and all other issues and profits, as well from any of the said lands held by others by unjust cause when recovered by the king as from those in the king's hands. By p.s.

Whereas the king by letters patent lately granted licence for the prior and convent of St. Gregory's, Canterbury, to acquire in mortmain land and rent, not held in chief, to the value of 10l yearly, and now the prior and convent have made petition to him that, whereas they have acquired five messuages in Canterbury and the suburb, held of him in free burgage, which are of the value of 14s yearly, and entered into the same without his licence, they may have pardon for their trespass herein and may retain the messuages in part satisfaction of the said land and rent; the king, although the messuages, for the cause aforesaid, could be called forfeited to him, as a special grace has granted their prayer. By p.s.