Membrane 19—cont.

April 12. Commission to John de Coggeshale, Robert de Kynebell and Master Richard de Bissele to take in the counties of Essex and Cambridge twenty workmen, carpenters, masons and other workmen, for the works which the king has ordered to be done in the castle of Hertford, to be brought there by the said Richard and put to work at the wages of Queen Isabel; with power to imprison any found rebellious herein. By K.

The like to William de Middelton, sheriff of Norfolk and Suffolk, and the same Richard for fifty-three workmen from those counties.

April 6. Commission to the sheriff of Norfolk and Suffolk and Walter de Couton Westminster to take carriages to bring 160 quarters of wheat and 300 quarters of malt, bought by the king from John de Wyngefeld, with all speed from Wyngefeld to the port of Ipswich, to be thence brought by Walter to the said (sic) town of Caleys. By K.

April 1. Grant to Martin de Ixnyng of a prebend in the king's free chapel of St. Stephen in Westminster Palace.

March 6. With the assent of the prelates and nobles in the Parliament assembled at Westminster the king lays upon Henry, earl of Lancaster, the name of duke of Lancaster and invests him with the name of duke of the said place by cincture of the sword; and as addition of profit and honour should accompany the exaltation of name he has granted to the duke that for his life he shall have within the same county his chancery and writs under a seal to be deputed for the office of chancellor, his justices for pleas of the crown and pleas of common law, and cognisance of the same, and execution of such writs by his ministers and all other liberties and royal rights pertaining to an earl palatine as fully and freely as the earl of Chester holds in the county of Chester, saving always tenths and fifteenths and other quota and subsidies granted by the commonalty of the realm, tenths and other quota granted by the clergy or laid upon them by the apostolic see, pardons of life and limbs, and the supremacy and power of correcting errors done or defaults in the courts of the duke. And it is the king's meaning that the duke shall be held to send two knights for the commonalty of the county, and two burgesses for every borough of the county, to Parliaments and Councils, and assign fit persons for tenths and fifteenths, subsidies and others quota, as often as these are granted to the king, that he may be answered of these.

March 8. Whereas the king by letters patent lately granted licence in mortmain (1) for the abbot and convent of Evesham to acquire 20l. yearly of land and rent, and (2) for Thomas de Bello Campo, earl of Warwick, to assign to them the reversion of 20l. yearly of land and rent, which Roger de Grafton then held for life; in furtherance of the said grants he has granted licence for William de Ambreslegh and Thomas Harald, chaplains, to assign to them thirty-one messuages, one virgate, 272½ acres of land, pasture for eight oxen and a bull and 5s. of rent, in Ambreslegh, Evesham, Benengeworth, Southlutlynton, Bradewell, Donyngton, Seynesbury, Stowe St. Edward, Malgarsbury and Little Hampton by Evesham, which are held of the abbot and convent and are of the value, beyond the rent and the services due thereout, of 77s. 9d. yearly, and for the earl to assign to them the manor of Oversudyngton, within the manor of Ambresleye, which is the land so held for life by Roger de Grafton and has come into the earl's hands by surrender, the value whereof beyond the services due