1351.

Aug. 16. Westminster

The like to John de Stonore, Philip de Engelfeld, John Elys of Thame and Henry de Kerseye, on information that, whereas William, bishop of Winchester, lord of the manor of Wergrave, co. Berks, had not necessary servitors, bondmen and others, there for the manor and for that cause, pursuant to the late ordinance of servitors made at Westminster, wherein it is contained that lords of manors may retain bondmen and servants necessary for the same manors, arrested at Waltham by Robert de Crokford and Richard Serjaunt of Wergrave, his bailiffs, Walter Joldewyne, his bondman of the manor, to put him in service with him, the said Walter entirely refusing to serve broke the arrest, refused to allow himself to be brought to justice by the bailiffs and further assaulted the said Robert, whereby the bishop lost his service for a great time and the work which Walter should have done.

By C.

July 1. Westminster

Commission to Robert de Sadyngton, William de Skipwyth, John de Moubray, John Brabazon and John de Knyghton, reciting that the king is given to understand that Edmund de Appelby and Roger de Queryndon appointed to make and supervise the purveyance of bacon pigs and carcasses of beeves, corn and other victuals in the county of Leiceste, for the munition of the town of Calais, and the sheriff and his bailiffs, the bailiffs of liberties and the constables of towns deputed by them to collect the same, have taken ransoms in many cases from towns and persons to spare them herein, and in other cases have sold such purveyances when made and converted the money arising from the sale to their own use, that very many of the county from whom the purveyances were taken, asserting that these were paid for themselves and for their neighbours not having such victuals, have extorted double the value thereof from their poor neighbours for their own use, and that the sheriff and his ministers, receivers of such bacons and carcasses, have in many cases refused to receive the same, whereby 40 bacon pigs and septem septuaginta et quatuor carcasses of beeves ordered in the county are not yet purveyed, and on account of such ransoms and sales cannot now be levied without intolerable loss to the county; and appointing them to make inquisitions hereof and certify the king of the whole truth in regard to such ransoms and sales.

By C.

Aug. 18. Westminster

Writ of aid for William de Ledecombe, carpenter, charged by Queen Philippa to hire stonemasons, carpenters, sawyers, plumbers, tilers, plasterers and other workmen and servants for her works at Banstede manor, and carriage for bringing timber, stone, lime and sand to that place.

By bill of Roger de Bello Campo.

MEMBRANE 8d.

July 26. Westminster

Commission to Nicholas de Snyterby, Robert Lenfaunt, Master William Cogan and Master Stephen Laweles to make inquisitions in Ireland for the names of all who held the castles, manors and lands of Maurice Fitz Thomas, earl of Dessemond, at farm or otherwise, during the time when the same were in the king's hands on account of the earl's alleged rebellion against the king, and the names of the heirs, executors and the tenants of the said lands in the case of such of the farmers as are dead, and to audit the accounts of all and singular such farmers and others, for the time aforesaid, compelling these, where necessary, to render such accounts by distraint, amercement, taking of their lands and such other ways as shall be expedient. The chancellor of Ireland and the treasurer and barons of the exchequer of Dublin have been commanded to furnish them with the names of farmers and others to whom such lands were committed, and the tenours of such accounts as have been rendered.