receive, that some of the castles are without any guard although no small fees have been paid for this, whereby to the shame and disgrace of the king and his lieges there many of them are often held by his Irish enemies, also that the justices for the pleas following the justiciary, the clerks of the rolls there, the justices of the bench and their clerks, and the chancellor, barons, remembrancers and other clerks, and serjeants of the exchequer of Dublin as well as the collectors of customs, escheators, sheriffs, serjeants and bailiffs of the fee, clerks of the works in the king's castles and many other of his ministers in the said land are insufficient and bear themselves ill in their offices; and appointing them to survey all castles and fortalices in his hands for any cause in the said land and the munitions thereof and inform themselves by inquisitions and other ways and means of the fees which are paid for the same, whether the constables and keepers have found men in proportion to such fees for the munition of the castles, how many castles are without guard and of any defects in the castles and fortalices, and of the bearing of the ministers aforesaid in their offices, and to remove all such as shall be found to be insufficient, to take their offices into the king's hand and to put others in their places until he make other order in respect of those offices, to take all fees for castles now without guard into his hands, and to order for the safe-guard of castles and fortalices now without munitions.

By K. & C.

April 18. Westminster. Pardon, for good service in the war of France, to Simon Spryng of Wodeham Water of the county of Essex, of the king's suit for all homicides, felonies, robberies and trespasses in England to 4 September, in the twentieth year, and of any consequent outlawries.

Renewed because sealed at another time.

April 13. Westminster. Writ of aid, for one year, for Richard de Sancto Albano, deputed by the king's clerk John de Bukyngham, keeper of the great wardrobe, to purvey, pursuant to the statute made in the last Parliament, ash trees and other kind of timber necessary for the king's tents and pavilions, and carriage for the timber.

By bill of the keeper.

April 18. Westminster. Writ of aid for Adam de Shirbourn, the king's pavilioner, deputed by the same John to take tailors for the king's pavilions and other works in the wardrobe and to put them to the work to stay at the king's wages during his pleasure: any person found rebellious herein are to be taken and imprisoned.

April 20. Westminster. Protection, until Christmas, for Richard Smelt and Thomas Blod, citizens of London, who are sending two little ships called 'vytaillers,' one called la Nicholas of London and the other la Anne of London, whereof Geoffrey Fyssher and Adam Kanne of Grenewygh are masters, to bring salt salmon from Berwick-on-Tweed to London, and for the ships with the goods of the said Richard and Thomas already shipped therein and to be shipped therein.

By C.

April 25. Westminster. Protection, and safe conduct, until Michaelmas, for William son of William le Palmere of Normandy, lately impeached of divers plunderings and trespasses committed on merchants of London at sea and on that account arrested and detained under arrest in the said city, who is innocent of the said trespasses as has been found by a trial thereof made at Brugges in Flanders by the king's command and returned into the chancery, and is now going to his own parts.