1237.

MEMBRANE 7.

Engeram le Estreis and Ralph de Billing, canons of the house of St. James, Northampton, came to the king and prayed licence to elect an abbot through the death of Walter their abbot, and the king has given them licence and has signified this to the prior and convent of that house.

Appointment, during pleasure, of Simon de Norwico, king's clerk, to the custody of the abbey; with writ de intendendo in his favour to the tenants.

May 28.
Westminster.

Writ de intendendo to the brethren of the hospital of St. John, Oxford, in favour of the said Simon, to whom the king has committed the administration of the temporalities of the hospital, until further order.

Mandate to R. archdeacon of Oxford, that the king has appointed the said Simon as his proctor to make appeal, if need be, lest the archdeacon or any other by his authority fulminate sentence of excommunication or of interdict against the king's bailiffs or men or against the brethren or the said hospital, disturbing the king's right of patronage in the said hospital.

Mandate to Elias, chaplain of the said hospital, that being content for the present with the chaplaincy, he do not mix himself up in the administration of the temporalities thereof, unless he first receive the king's mandate for this, because on account of an expectation of an apostolical privilege, a perpetual master cannot at present be made in the hospital.

May 29.
Westminster.

Royal assent to the election of Alice, prioress of Wilton, to be abbess of that place; with writ de intendendo to the tenants.

Mandate to Peter de Bedinton, guardian of the abbey, to give her seisin of the abbey with all its possessions.

May 30.
Westminster.

Appointment, during pleasure, of Jeremiah de Caxton, guardian of the bishopric of Norwich, to the custody of the abbey of St. Benet, Holme, which is void, with writ de intendendo to the prior and convent.

Writ de intendendo to the tenants.

Mandate to him to go in person to the abbey to take it into the king's hand.

Protection for Thomas de Dunholmia, directed to the sheriff of Surrey.

May 31.
Westminster.

Presentation to the lord of Canterbury of Master Simon de Steillond to the archdeaconry of Norfolk, in the king's gift by reason of the voidance of the bishop of Norwich.

[Cancelled.] Because he had it not.

Mandate to the priors of Eynesham and Norhampton, the judges delegate, requesting that, whereas the hospital without the gate of Oxford belongs to the king as patron, as he who founded it and enriched it with his goods, and therefore without his consent the said brethren are not able to commence a cause about the goods of the said hospital, or to enter into any disadvantageous composition, they shall stay the cognisance of the said cause until the coming of the king to those parts. Otherwise as the king perceives that his own interest is concerned, because they have already proceeded in the matter without calling him, and lest they proceed further, he appeals to the apostolic see, and for the renewal before the said judges of the said appeal, he has appointed W. the bearer hereof, as his proctor. Let them know also that he who bears himself as prior in the said hospital is not prior and has not been presented by the king to the lord bishop.