Notification that with the counsel of all the earls and barons and lieges present with the king at Portsmouth before his crossing into Gascony, the king has committed the rule of his realm of England to W. archbishop of York, on this condition, that so long as the king shall be without the realm the archbishop shall dispose of all the affairs of the king and the realm by the counsel of W. bishop of Carlisle, and W. de Cantilupo. The king's writs as well of the king's affairs as of common right shall be made under the king's name and style, and shall be sealed with the seal which was formerly at the Exchequer, which seal shall be in the custody of Silvester de Everdon by the hand of R. bishop of Chichester ('cistre'), the chancellor. Writs of the Exchequer shall be sealed in the meanwhile with a certain privy seal of the king with a shield of the king's arms, with the circumscription of the Exchequer seal.

Also the king has ordained that those things which he commands under the Exchequer seal by the archbishop with the counsel of the said W. bishop of Carlisle and W. de Cantilupo, concerning the affairs of the king and the realm, shall be done by all persons who shall remain in England. In like manner, those things which the king, by the barons of the Exchequer, under the said privy seal of the Exchequer, shall command concerning the affairs of the Exchequer, to all persons staying in England, shall be done by all persons in general.

All persons are to be intendant to the archbishop in all things pertaining to the king and the realm, as aforesaid.

The archbishop, the said W. bishop of Carlisle and W. de Cantilupo shall not by reason of the said guardianship be bound to any reckoning or account to the king or his heirs; but for the treasure which the treasurer and chamberlains or other the king's bailiffs shall deliver for the affairs of the king and the realm, those shall answer who deliver and receive the said treasure. [Peder.]