Membrane 18—cont.

Charter granting to John de Lexington and his heirs that moiety of the manor of Roderham which Maud late the wife of Geoffrey de Salsemare holds in dower, as the king's escheat because it is of the lands of the Normans; to hold after the death of the said Maud, with the advowson of a moiety of the church of the said manor, with homages, services of freemen and other appurtenances, until the land of England and the land of Normandy are common, doing the lord of the fee the service due for the same. And if the said lands become common, the king will not disseise him or his heirs thereof before making them a reasonable exchange in escheats or other lands to a like value. Grant also to him and his heirs of 20l. a year at the Exchequer until they have seisin thereof. Witnesses:—William Langespe, John son of Geoffrey, Ralph son of Nicholas, Hugh de Vivona, John de Grey, Geoffrey le Despenser, John de Plesseto, Robert de Muscegros, Paulinus Peyvre, Nicholas de Bolevill, Walter de Luiton, William de Chaeny, Richard de Clifford and others.

And he has letters patent of the said 20l. to be received at the Exchequer.

The merchants of Xanctunge, bearing the king's letters, have licence to come with their ship to Bordeaux to buy goods and merchandise.

To the mayor and good men of Oleron. The king has caused the focage of the whole land of Gascony to be assessed, and commands them to do the like in the isle of Oleron, and to be answerable for the same to John Maunsell, to whom he has committed his land in those parts.

Mandate to the mayor, provost and good men of Oleron, as there is now an opportunity for grieving the king's enemies, to prepare and equip with good men the three barges which they are bound to find for the king's service.

Grant to all those of the bishopric of Saintes whose ancestors received anything unjustly from King John or the king, that if they will convert what they so received to the use of the Friars Minors of the parts of Saintonge and Aunis (Aliusii) to the amount of 3000 shillings of Tours for the satisfaction of the offence which their ancestors so committed, they may do so by the king's will according to the disposition of friar Emery, warden of the said friars; remission to all such persons to that amount of their offence against the king and his father.

Pardon to John de Burgo of what pertains to the king of the debts which Geoffrey de Lauvalely owed to Elias le Evesk, Jew of Louden, and Isaac de Nortwyco or their heirs, for the moiety of which debts the said John is bound to the said Jews by reason of Hawyse his wife, one of the heirs of the said Geoffrey.

Bond to Ingus Periz, Martin Menedis, Stephen Periz and their fellows, merchants of Portugal, in 316 pounds 17 shillings of Bordeaux to be paid at Easter in Gascony for wax and rabbit furs (pellibus de operi curriculorum) which the king received from them at Bordeaux.

Licence for the abbot and convent of Mont St. Michel to bring their own goods which they have in the islands of Gereseye and Gernereye, to their abbey for their sustenance, and mandate to Drogo de Barentin not to prevent their men bringing them by sea.