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Membrane 1—cont.

Wapentakes, view of frank pledge and sheriffs' aid, which used to be collected by the hands of the sheriffs of York, Nottingham, Derby, Leicester and Lincoln; on condition that they answer for the same fines, view and aid at the Exchequer as the said sheriffs used to do; and for this period the said sheriffs are not to intermeddle in the things which pertain to the castellany.

Safe-conduct, until Christmas, for Thorlons, knight and envoy of the king of Norway, and his household, returning to their country, and they may take ship in either of the ports of Len or Jernemuth.

Oct. 18. Whereas Margaret, countess of Warwick, has by her charter bound herself to the king that if she should be lawfully convicted of having contracted with anyone matrimonially before John de Plessetis, earl of Warwick, took her to wife, her lands should be liable to the king for ever; the king has granted to the said John that if on account of such contract, a divorce should be had between him and her, he shall have the said lands for his life, and after his decease they shall revert to the king or his heirs.

Oct. 22. Mandate to Gazo de Chamunt, merchant of York, from all manner of tallage.

Mandate to G. de Langele, justice of the forest, to hear and determine pleas (placetas et terminacis) in all counties through which he passes, by inquisition or otherwise, pleas of trespasses done in parks, warrens and stews, whether in the forest or without, whosesoever the parks, &c. be, and touching trespasses of the king's forbidden rivers; so that he answer the king for the fines and amercements arising therefrom.

Power to him to assess and arrent the king's wastes in Hoby and Esingewaud, which are without the covert in the forest of Gautris; and when the king is certified by him thereof he will give security to those to whom he has given the wastes.

Safe-conduct, until St. Hilary, for Howel son of Mereduc and his men with him, coming to the king and returning.

Mandate to the abbot and convent of Strata Florida from henceforth to pay the debts they owe the king to the keepers of the works of Kardigan.

Appointment of Robert Waleran as justice to correct the trespass lately done against William abbot of Shrewsbury and his men, for which the king sent to the parts of Shrewsbury Robert le Norreis, who enquired touching the same; and to do justice on those who perpetrated the said trespass. He is to go personally to Shrewsbury and the sheriff will cause to come before him all those who were indicted by the said inquisition, and good men, knights and others, of the county, by whom he may be certified of those things which he wishes to enquire about and who may assist him to do what the king has enjoined on him in this matter.

Protection with clause, until the Purification, for the prior of Lewes, gone beyond seas.

Oct. 24. Grant to the abbot and monks of Westminster that that fair which used to be in their churchyard at Westminster on the feast of St. Edward, which is the quinzaine of Michaelmas, and for fifteen days following, shall henceforth be yearly at Tothull.