Membrane 18—cont.

Grant for life to Alelin de Mez, for his homage and service, of 60 marks a year at the Exchequer; unless the king provide for him in 100 marks yearly of land in wards or escheats, which the king promises to do as soon as the other provisions already granted have been made. Sealed with the smaller seal which the king carried to Gascony, and when the king returns to England he will cause these letters to be renewed and sealed with the greater seal.

By Guy de Lezinnan and the king’s brothers.

Exemption for life of Hugh de Tywe from being put on assizes, juries or recognitions.

Safe-conduct until Whitsunday for Margaret, queen of Navarre, and her household, going through Gascony to Champagne.

Notification that William Ernaldi de Marchan has taken his corporal oath to do the king faithful service and has delivered to the king his castle of Lutbylo to make war therewith against the king’s enemies, on this condition, that when the war is ended by a peace or otherwise, the king shall surrender to him his said castle in the same state as he received it. And if in the meanwhile the king causes it to be repaired, he shall exact nothing for that, but restore it without fraud or difficulty.

Exemption for life of John le Bret from being put on assizes, juries or recognitions.

Notification that the king has handed his mint of Bordeaux to Bertrand de Criussa and Peter de Boet, to hold so long as it pleases the king and them so long as the present making of money lasts, the king is not to hand the said mint to other masters if the said Bertrand and Peter will have it at the same price and in the same manner as others will and the king is willing. And if they are willing for it to be handed to others, these shall restore to them the reasonable outlays (missions) they may have made.

The said Bertrand and Peter shall make pennies of Bordeaux at 4d. less one pro geta [one fourth of a Bordeaux penny] of the law and of the silver of sterlings and a mark of the weight of 22s. of the mark of Bordeaux, but if the mark should be weak or strong by 1d., for this the delivery of pennies shall not be delayed.

The king has placed in the said mint his tryer (comptator) or assayer and wardens; but the said assayer shall be at the cost of the masters. The pennies are not to be taken or placed out of the hands and keeping of the masters until the assayer and wardens have assayed them and found them of the law and weight aforesaid. And from the time that the pennies, by the counsel of the king’s assayer and wardens, are delivered, the wardens, assayer and masters shall be quit so that nothing can be imputed against them. The assayer and wardens shall be ready at any hour they may be warned by the masters or either of them, to assay and weigh the pennies. And if all the wardens for the expedition of this business cannot be present, it can and ought to be done by two or three of them. The assayer and wardens ought to do their office on behalf both of the king and the masters equally in good faith; for so they have taken their oaths.