longer if the war continues, to elect one of themselves who will do faith-
fully what is to the king's advantage and the preservation of the town,
taking at once from him and also before Amauin de Varreis, appointed
seneschal in those parts, when the latter arrives, an oath upon this; the
mayor shall nevertheless do to the abbot of the said town the rights and
customs due to him.

As the king purposes through God's assistance that the church of
Westminster be dedicated before he take his journey to the Holy Land, to
wit, a year after St. Edward's Day, 38 Henry III, on which day by God's
grace he will wear his crown, it is commanded to Philip Luvel, the
treasurer, and all the barons of the exchequer to cause 3,000 marks a year
to be assigned to the use of the said church.

Mandate to the queen and earl to cause this to be done.

The king is sending to Poncins Maystre and Stephen his brother, Roger
le Taillour to buy peltry to the king's use, and commands them to let the
said Roger select what seems best for the king and to send one of their
men with the said Roger to the king, and he will cause him to be paid.

The like is commanded to Bertram de Palacio, and the king will cause
him to be paid the money due to him and what will be due for merchandise
to be handed over to the said Roger at the present time. By R. Waleraund.

Mandate to Peter Chaceporc, the treasurer, when the treasure comes
from England, to pay Guy de Lezignan 300 marks which should have
been paid to him at Michaelmas last, and of which he has letters patent,
which the said Peter is to take from him when he pays him; and he is to
pay him out of the first money that arrives without further order.

To the queen and R. earl of Cornwall. As they and all the magnates
and prelates of England have sworn and promised lately at Westminster
that the king would cause the Great Charter of England to be kept
in all its articles, the king persisting in the same purpose wills and
commands that they cause it in like manner henceforth to be observed
by their own subjects.

To the archbishops, etc. Whereas the king lately requested them to be
ready and armed to come to his succour in Gascony for the defence of his
body and life as well as of the land of Gascony against the king of
Castile, who is preparing to attack the king and that land, the king wills
and grants that their voluntary coming to him for this time shall not
prejudice them or their heirs or successors as a precedent.

March 27. Notification that Peter Bertram of Blankeford committed his castle of
Blankeford to the king on Friday after the Annunciation, 38 Henry III,
until Michaelmas, 39 Henry III, and the king has promised, and also by
Robert Waleraund, his steward, has made oath on his soul that he will
without cavil cause the castle to be restored to the said Peter, or his
messenger bearing his letters patent with these letters, so that whoever
may be the constable there on behalf of the king or of his son Edward
shall restore it without further mandate. The king also promises that
he will cause it to be sworn on the soul of his son Edward when the
latter come to Gascony that he will keep this covenant to the said Peter
and give him letters thereof. And nevertheless the said Peter shall in
the meantime, without impediment of the king or Edward or the king's
bailiffs, receive the rents of his lands of Blankeford.