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Feb. 11. Grant to the men of the commune of Bordeaux, the citizens whereof have served the king faithfully and have suffered many losses in defence of his land, and their heirs, that they be quit of all exaction and prise of the tuns of wine taken by them to England, Ireland, Wales or other the king's land, which the king is accustomed to take, except the ancient prise of one tun before the mast and one tun aft in each ship, and for each of these the merchant shall receive the price, but pay the customs of money on every tun in every port according to the form accustomed there. And the king will protect them from any further exaction.

Two sworn appraisers shall value these wines in every port, at the least loss of the merchants; and no bailiff shall take any except by letters patent specifying the number of tuns. All wines taken at the time of vintage shall be acquitted at the exchequer of Easter, and wines of "rec" at the exchequer of Michaelmas. And if payment be not made, no prise shall be taken until it has been made.

As a further favour, the king grants that after any ship of Bordeaux shall put in at a port, the bailiff who holds the office of the prise shall take the said two tuns without delay, and the merchants shall report if any inconvenience arise through their delay or absence.

Peter de Monti Forti, knight, has sworn on the Holy Gospels on the king's soul, that these ordinances shall be observed, and the king has appended his seal and there were present and gave their consent the bishops of Bath and Hereford, J. earl of Warwick, P. de Sabaudia, W. de Valencia, W. de Cantilupo, J. de Grey, Robert Waleraund, W. de Grey, Drew de Barentin and others.

They have a letter omitting the clause touching the appraisers and payment, and one with the clause.

And for this charter the citizens of Bordeaux made line in 2,000 marks, which they paid to Peter Chacepork, the treasurer.

Notification that the king has promised to them that this exemption, which he has caused to be sealed with the little seal which he had in Gascony, shall be sealed with the great seal, which he sent into England, before Whit Sunday and before that date shall be confirmed word for word by Edward the king's son and sealed with his seal.

Feb. 13. Pelerin de la Puynt and William Armaldi de Puys and their men have the king's order and licence to make war on Gaston de Biron and his accomplices, and any other of the king's enemies, by sea and land, without acceptance (acceptate) of things or persons; so that they have one moiety of what is acquired, and for the other moiety they answer to the king. If they do any damage to men who are not of the war they shall be answerable for that and they shall save the king harmless.

MEMBRANE 9d.

Appointment of William Reimundi Columb and Peter de Burdega are appointed justices to hear and determine a plea which is between Rosa, citizen of Bordeaux, and Amauvin de Vareys touching the castle of [blank.]

MEMBRANE 8d.

Feb. 20 Charter granting to Robert Waleraund the manor of Aschleg, late of William Avenel, and in the king's hands, as his escheat of lands of the Normans; to hold to him and his heirs at the service due. And if the