37-38 HENRY III.

Membrane 1d—cont.

1254.

Grant to Master Simon de Rupe Cauardi of 50 marks a year at the Exchequer, until the king provide for him more amply.

May 10.
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Notification that whereas Ellis Rudelli de Brigerac is dead, the king, as chief lord of Brigerac and Genzak, and the other castles and honours of the said Ellis, sent to the knights, burgesses and others of the honour of Genzak, Geoffrey de Lezinnan, William de Valencia, the king's brothers, Peter de Sabaudia, William de Cantilupo, Peter Chaceporc, the treasurer, and Robert Waleraund, the steward, by whom he claimed (petivimus) from them his due, to wit, the first keeping of the honour of Genzak. Having heard the king's claim and arguments, they replied that they would fulfil his mandate in the following form and under the following conditions, with this added, that the king should cause amends to be made to them for certain injuries, oppressions and undue exactions committed upon them by the said Ellis and his ancestors contrary to their ancient accustomed liberties.

The form and conditions were as follows:—The king grants, at their instance, that if the son of the said Ellis de Brigerac, or [the brother] of the said Ellis, or any other, come to the king and demand the inheritance of the said Ellis as his heir, the king will do them justice by judgement of his court.

The king grants to them that the reasonable will of the said Ellis shall be firm and stable, so that each barony late of the said Ellis pay the debts and bequests as is ordained in that will.

The custom which is called [omitted] shall not be taken there any more.

All customs and oppressions or exactions, unduly opposed by the lords of the said castle, shall by oath of five honest and indifferent knights and burgesses, be removed.

The king grants, at their instance, that all persons of the castle and honour of Genzak who have been against the king in arms in this war, shall have the king's peace and come to his service if they please; but those who will not shall henceforth be excluded from their rights and from the commonalty of the said castle and honour.

They shall have one notary public after the manner of the city of Bordeaux.

Further the king grants to them of his grace quittance of all prise of their own wines which they take to England, so long as the honour of Genzak is in his hands, except the ancient prise of two tuns, one before and one abaft the mast, and for each of these the price shall be paid. But the customs of money on every tun imposed in divers ports shall be paid by the merchants in the customary way.

All these things shall be observed so long as the honour of Genzak is in the king's hands. And if by judgement or the king's will, the king restore that honour to the right heirs, the king will first take security from such heirs that it be defined in his court which of the said articles and conditions ought to be kept and which abolished. To observe these thing's Peter Chaceporc, the treasurer, and Robert Waleraund, the steward, have sworn on the king's soul.