Membrane 8—cont.

the cession or decease of Thomas de Markehull their abbot; and writ de intendendo in favour of the said Henry as the king's guardian to this extent.

The said prior and convent have licence to elect an abbot; by Adam de Fraxino and Richard Agnel, monks of that house, coming to the king with letters patent with the seal of their chapter.

Licence, at the instance of S. de Monte Forti, earl of Leicester, for John de Haya to let to farm to whom he will the manor of Oxendon, co. Gloucester, for eight years from Michaelmas next.

Ratification, at the instance of the same, to the said John of the sale by the abbot of Pipewell to Ermetruda late the wife of Walter Leydet of the marriage of two daughters and heirs of the said Walter which the abbot recovered in the king's court as is said; and of the sale by the said Ermetruda of the said marriage to the said John to the use of two of his sons.

Grant to Edmund de Lacy that the will which he has made shall stand and that his executors shall have free administration thereof; and the king and his heirs will go to the heirs of the said Edmund for any debts which may be due at the Exchequer at his death.

This letter went forth at the instance of the queen.

The dean and chapter of St. Peter's, York, have licence to elect an archbishop; by Master Gilbert de Tiwe and Roger Pepyn, sub-dean of York, bringing the king news of the death of Sewal, their archbishop.

Acknowledgment of the receipt at London from James Davanzati, Rukus Cambii and Gerard Ricobaldii, citizens and merchants of Florence, and Aldebrand Aldebrandini, citizen and merchant of Siena, for themselves and their societies, of a loan of 2250 marks, 13s. 4d. to the mark, renouncing all exceptions; with promise to repay the same at the New Temple, London, on the quinzaine of next Michaelmas, and if not the king will make good all loss, interest and expenses thereby incurred by them. The king also places himself and his heirs under the coercion of the bishop of Florence and of John de Kancia, of the order of the Minors, papal nuncio in England, to compel payment. Upon payment, the present instrument, as also one of the abbot and convent of Westminster binding them to pay the said money to the said merchants, are to be surrendered.

This bond was made by John Maunsell and friar John de Kancia.

Also in form aforesaid issued another letter without the clause—'upon payment, &c.'

And be it known that the said 2000 marks were borrowed to pay 2000 marks wherein the king is bound to the pope for his yearly cess of 1000 marks, for two years, and the remaining 250 marks the said merchants have for their profit.

And be it known that the said two pairs of letters were sent to Sir John Maunsell by John de Sancto Dionisio his clerk, to wit to deliver one pair of them and retain the other, as he shall see to be expedient.

Promise to the abbey and convent of Westminster to keep them harmless as to their bond to the said James Bavanzati (sic) and the others named above in the said sum.

Mandate to Geoffrey de Leukenore and Adam de Greynyyle, guardians of the abbey of Shaftebiry, to restore the abbey and its temporalities to Juliana Bauzan, one of the nuns, whose election as abbess has been confirmed by E. bishop of Salisbury.