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Membrane 7—cont.

the said fees and tenements of Richard, which remain to the said Walter and his heirs; saving to the earl the suits due from the said 64 knights' fees, with the suits of the other free men of the said manor; to hold to the earl, his heirs and assigns, from the morrow of the Ascension, 42 Henry III, until Michaelmas and from that feast for ten years following, doing therefore to the scutage of 20s. when it occur 20s., and when more more, or when less less, for all service, saving that the earl shall acquit Walter and his heirs of the suit of the hundred of Daneseya and Walter will warrant the manor to the earl, as is contained in a chirograph between them.

MEMBRANE 6.

June 22. Oxford. To R. earl of Gloucester and Hertford. Whereas the king lately granted to the nobles and magnates of the realm, confirmed by an oath on his soul, that the reformation of the estate of the realm should be made by twelve of the king's council, now elected, of whom the earl is one, and other twelve elected on behalf of the paid nobles, and that he would cause what these twenty-four should ordain to be observed; he commands him by the fealty and love wherein he is held to the king and under oath made to him to proceed to the said reformation with the others, as he will avoid the king's indignation; and promise that the king and his heirs will save him harmless in respect of what is done in the way of reformation.

The following have the like letters:

F. bishop of London.
Henry de Wengham, dean of St. Martin's, London.

June 22. Oxford. The like to John Mansell to proceed to the said reformation, as one of the twelve elected from the council. Furthermore as he with the earl of Warwick, Roger le Bygod, earl of Norfolk and marshal of England, and Hugh le Bigod his brother, has been elected out of the said twenty-four to nominate those who should be of the king's council, the king charges him to proceed in this.

The like to the following:

Roger le Bigod, earl of Norfolk and marshal of England.
Hugh le Bigod, justiciary of England.
John de Plessetis, earl of Warwick.

The form of the oath which wardens of the castles in England ought to take:

They shall swear upon the Holy Gospels that they will keep the king's castles loyally and in good faith to the use of the king and his heirs, and that they will restore them to the king or his heirs and to no other, and this by his counsel and in no other way, that is to say, by good men of the land elected to his council or the greater part thereof.

And this form above written shall endure for twelve years; and thenceforward by this ordinance (etablisement) and this oath they shall not be constrained that they cannot freely (franchement) give them back to the king and his heirs, kings of England. [French.]

June 22. Oxford. Appointment, by the counsel of the magnates, of Richard de Gray to keep the castle of Dover in the form provided by the king and the said magnates.

Mandate to Nicholas de Molis to deliver the castle to him by chirograph with the stock and armour.