peaceful possession of the premises, he will assign to him lands in Littlebiry and his other lands to the value of the manor of Dodington, to hold with the said manor at the said 25l. without further payment. And Walter has granted that if at any time he fail to pay the said rent, John shall have power to distrain him by all his goods in the said manor until satisfaction be made to him of the arrears of the farm and the damages he has sustained. For greater security, this writing is made in the form of a chirograph, whereof one part is with the said Walter, sealed with the seal of the said John, and the other part remains with John sealed with the seal of Walter. Witnesses:—Sirs Nicholas de Turri, William de Grey, Wibert de Kaucia, Walter de Rudham, John de Longestoft, John le Faukoner, John Pouterel, Laurence de Brok, Robert de Blokele, Thomas de Windesore, Richard Oysael, William Dodekyn and others.

Pardon by John de Littlebury, knight, to Sir Walter de Merton, his fellow and friend, of 100s. yearly out of the farm of 80l. which he is bound to render yearly for the manor of Dudington, so that he shall hold it for 25l. a year under the same conditions under which the said John granted it to him before. Witnesses:—Adam, parson of Dudington, Peter, parson of Gyling, Ralph, chaplain of Suho, Reynold de Sutton, chaplain of Dudington, William de Sutho, smith, Mark (Marcho) de Dudington, Rich[a]l Russel, and others.

March 23. Commission to the king’s clerk, John Walerand, the king’s steward, to enquire by jury whether a purpresture between the church of St. Mary de Graslane and the stalls where of ancient time money was coined (fabricari) in the town of Gloucester, and a purpresture of shops which are by the churches of St. Michael and St. Martin in the said town which are held without warrant, as is said, and a house upon the bridge of Gloucester, late of Walter de Turri, and shops near that bridge between the house of Hugh le Seynter and the house late of the said Walter, 15l. of rent which the prior of St. Oswald’s, Gloucester, renders to the king out of a purpresture, for the archbishop of York; and 15l. of rent which he likewise renders for other purprestures, and a place in the parish of St. Nicholas late of Ralph the chaplain, and a curtilage near Toreswell late of the said Ralph used to take from a tenement adjacent to the house of Hugh de la Kyngham in the said town, pertain to the king or are the king’s escheats so that he can grant them at will without injury to any. And if they pertain to the king, he is to inquire by jury for what reason they pertain to the king, or are his escheats, and how much they are worth by the year, who holds them now and in what manner. He is to enquire likewise whether there are other escheats in that town which pertain to the king’s gift.

The sheriff of Gloucester has been commanded to provide sworn men.

Memorandum that, on 28 March, Henry de Wengham surrendered in the wardrobe two pairs of letters of Amanieu (Hamanete) de Labret (Liberette) and of Gaston de Biberne.

Also on the same day he surrendered there letters of the polesta and commonalty of Aquila and letters of the count of Cnuys, with other letters touching the business of Apulia and Sicily.