of the chapter to elect an abbot without the bounds (septa) of the abbey in place of the whole convent, elected Thomas their precentor to be abbot, and presented him to the king, by letter; the king has given his assent to the election, and this is signified to the bishop of Coventry and Lichfield that he may do his part herein.

Dec. 26. Mandate to Gerard la Gruwe and Walter de la Croce to deliver Westminster without delay all the moneys collected of the issues of the bishopric of Winchester to the sheriff of Southampton by view of Robert Walerand whom the king is sending for that purpose, to be carried to the exchequer at Westminster. The king has also commanded the sheriff to receive and forward the same.

By Peter de Sabaudia, Richard earl of Gloucester, H. the justiciary, and others of the council.

Protection with clause, until Midsummer, for Hugh de Nevyle, going on pilgrimage to Santiago.

Dec. 27. Pardon, at the instance of R. king of the Romans, the king's brother, to Alan de Shoredich of his outlawry for the escape of John de Frome from the gaol of Newgate, when he was keeper thereof.

Jan. 1. Presentation of Aubrey de Fiscampis to the church of Wotton; Merton. directed to the bishop of Lincoln.

Jan. 6. Royal assent to the election of William de Briniston, monk of Westminster. Whiteby, to be abbot of that place; and mandate to G. archbishop of York, to do his part herein.

Jan. 8. Protection with clause for Ebulo de Montibus, gone beyond seas Westminster. on the king's service; for such time as he be there.

To the barons and bailiffs of the Cinque Ports. Because it is the king's will that the said ports and the rest of the seashore be kept safe for the security of the realm by fleet prepared for this and ready by day and night so that no magnate of the realm enter or leave the realm without his special licence; he has enjoined on Henry Bone and Pharao de Porta to expound to them more fully some things concerning the said business, and they are to give credence to them and diligently execute what they will enjoin them from the king.

Jan. 9. Whereas the pope some time since granted to the king a tenth of Westminster the produce of ecclesiastical benefices in aid of his pilgrimage to the Holy Land and afterwards converted that tenth to the aid of the realm of Sicily, and the king's clerks John Mansel, treasurer of York, and Henry de Wengham, dean of St. Martin's, London, satisfied the king of their contingent of the tenth; the king is very greatly astonished and moved that B. archbishop of Canterbury, by any authority whatsoever coerces them for the said tenth, for which reason the king, by the counsel of the nobles of the council, forbids him to make any further coercion or vex them in any way in this matter, but if he have attempted any coercion by suspension or sequestration of benefices, or attempted anything else against them, he is to wholly release and revoke the same.