Membrane 5—cont.

demesne lands of his manor of Bronysfeld, co. Somerset, provided that they are not within the metes of the forest, and a yearly fair there on the eve, day and morrow of All Saints. Witnesses:—Richard, bishop of Lincoln, Robert, bishop of Carlisle, the above Richard de Clare, Peter de Sabaudia, William de Fortibus, John Mansel, John de Burgo, Giles, Imbert, Richard de Grey, William de Grey, Peter de Nevile and others.

To the prelates, chapters of churches, barons, knights, vassals and commonalties of the towns and all others of the cities and dioceses of Périgueux, Limoges and Cahors. Whereas it is provided in the peace between the king of France and the king that they and their successors shall do their fealties and other rights which they do to the king of France, henceforth to the king, and the king, relying upon their goodness hopes that they will, at his prayer, do this willingly, and begs them to fulfil the mandates of the king of France when presented by the bearer, and to be assured that they will find justice in the king, the tide of peace and the conservation of their rights and liberties. And that these things may be more easily fulfilled, the king has appointed Bertrand de Kardylak, their neighbour, and having knowledge of their estates and the conditions of their lands, as his seneschal, during pleasure, as they will see in other letters, to whom they will answer touching their faculties and other rights of the king in the king’s place and name as to the king himself; and the fealties which they so do, and their rights which they so render, the king will regard as done and rendered to himself. And if perchance any shall not regard himself as bound to do these things by the letters of the king of France and his predecessors, let them reflect that the more liberal they are to the king in this behalf, the more strongly and sweetly (dulcius) they will bind the king to them, although the king of France ought to compensate the king for those, if there are any, who wish to insist upon their privileges; but those whose predecessors laudably served the king’s predecessors, it would be much more to his taste [to have] than others, even though equal to them or even more powerful.

This letters was handed to Raymond de Sancto Bricio, knight and fellow of the said Bertrand.

Appointment of Henry de Bathonia to enquire whether Richard le Curteys charged with the death of William Ballard, for which he withdrew from the realm, withdrew because he is guilty thereof or for some other cause or felony: and mandate to the sheriff of Middlesex to provide jurors.

Simple protection, for two years, for Robert, bishop of Carlisle.

Grant to the said bishop, who has gone to the court of Rome to further the business of his church there, that he by his letters patent may give full power to Geoffrey de Mores his steward, and Gilbert de Weston chaplain, to make attorneys for two years to gain or lose for him in all pleas before any of the king’s justices and barons of the Exchequer, and in counties and hundreds or other courts; and that he shall be quit for that time of all summonses of justices in eyre for pleas of the forest as well as for other pleas.