 Whereas in the conflict at Northampton Adam le Despenser was taken, whereby he ransomed himself for a sum of money against Roger de Mortuo Mari, as his prisoner, for the payment of which money William de Ebrieis pledged certain lands by a charter which he gave to the said Roger, and whereas the king being lately at Worcester, by the counsel of the magnates of the council, it was provided that all prisoners taken in that conflict should be delivered, and be quit of all ransom, whereby Roger was prepared to surrender the said lands to the said William but without the charter, because he had it not, as it was in the hands of the prior of Liministre for safe keeping, and the king has commanded the said prior to deliver it to William without delay lest peril should arise to him through detention, and the prior came to the king at Hereford and in his presence restored it to the said William; the king, for the prior’s indemnity, promises to save him harmless touching the said restitution.

Commitment during pleasure to Robert de Latlium, sheriff of Lancaster, of the castle of Liverpol belonging to Robert de Ferraruis, earl of Derby; so that he answer for the issues at the Exchequer.

Mandate to William de Braydeskale to deliver it to him.

Simple protection, until Michaelmas, for Robert de Wafre.

May 18. To the king of France. In the business for which the king sent to Hereford, him Henry son of R. king of the Romans, the king requests him to conclude speedily those things which refer to the king of France, for the king, who has the expedition of this business at heart, will always be ready and prepared for himself and his, as the said Henry will explain by word of mouth.

By K. the earl of Leicester, Peter de Monte Forti, Roger de Sancto Johannce and Giles de Argenteun.

Mandate to the said Henry to use all diligence in this and the king has prorogued the term of his return until the time he has requested.

By the same. [Footer a.]

MEMBRANE 15.

Whereas the late disturbances which caused serious damage to the realm have by God’s grace been settled, precaution has to be taken lest malignants should arouse fresh wars or in any way renew old ones, and therefore the king commands the mayor, bailiffs, good men and commonalty of Bristol to order the men of their town by aldermanries and constableships as John la Ware, constable of the castle of Bristol, will inform them, placing every man under arms according to his condition and ability, and to be of aid with their whole posse to the said John and his bailiffs, the keepers of the said castle in keeping the peace and grieving those who wish to disturb it, or presume to go against it.

The like mandate to the knights, free men and others of the hundred of Grimbladesasse, dwelling as well within liberties as without, in favour of the said John and his bailiffs.

The like to those of the hundreds of Porbiry, Hareclyve and Radeelyve.