Membrane 13—cont.


Safe-conduct, until St. Peter's Chains, for J. bishop of Winchester, and R. bishop of St. David's, throughout the realm, as they fear the malice of certain persons in the realm on account of which they have petitioned for safe-conduct.


Whereas the king believed the late disturbances of the realm to be settled by an ordinance on the liberation of Edward the king's son, (who after that detestable battle of Lewes, for the security of peace was given, of his own free will, as a hostage) made lately at London with the assent and will of the king and his said son, and the prelates, magnates and commonalty of the realm, which ordinance the king and his son and the magnates swore on the Holy Gospels to observe, and caused oath to be made by the commonalty of the realm in like manner; the said Edward, nevertheless, at the instigation of him who sows tares, has gone against the said ordinance and his oath and contemning the counsel of the king and the magnates adhering to him, has transferred himself to certain marchers and other rebels, and by so doing has shown himself an enemy, whereby if the king proceeded in the rigour of right, he has rendered himself by the form of his own covenant, an alien from his right to the realm and all his demesnes. But because the father chastises the child whom he loves to recall him from his error, the king commands all persons of Ireland to be intendant to H. bishop of Meath, to whom he has committed the justiciaryship of that land, and not to the said Edward or his bailiffs, until further order. They are to strive to maintain peace, and so behave that no danger arise to that land through any who may shew themselves rebellious.

In the said form it is written to Walter de Burgo. And as the king hears that the discords between him and Maurice son of Gerald have been appeased, he requests him to cherish mutual charity between them, abstaining from those things which may cause the sparks of discord to come forth. Further as the king wishes to be certified of the state of Ireland, he requests him to send some trustworthy person to the king in England, who, with Richard de la Rokele, and G. de Geynville, to whom the king has written thereon, may do this.

In like manner it is written to Maurice son of Gerald.

Also it is written to Maurice son of Maurice without the clause relating to the discord with Walter de Burgo.

All these letters are duplicated;

By K. the earl of Leicester, the justiciary, Roger de Sancto Johanne, P. de Monte Forti and Giles de Argenteun.

Also it is written to the bishop of Meath to attend to the said office and by no means deliver any money to Edward or anyone on his behalf, but to keep the issues of that land until further order.

June 12. Hereford.

Power to Simon de Monte Forti, earl of Leicester and steward of England, and to Roger de Sancto Johanne the king's secretary, to treat in the king's name with Llewelin son of Griffin touching all discords between him and the king.

By K. the earl of Leicester, the justiciary, P. de Monte Forti, Roger de Sancto Johanne, in the presence of Henry de Monte Forti, and John de Vescy.