lieges, to the damage of those parts and the scandal of the king and his said sons (sic). The king has commanded the prior of Spauding, the abbot of Croiland, the steward of Peter, count of Savoy, and all others of those parts to be of aid and counsel to him.

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Jan. 7. To the good men of Gernemuth, Lenne, Gippewic, Oreford, Northampton, Blakeney, Goseford and all others of the sea coast of Norfolk and Suffolk. Whereas the king lately commanded them to have their ships ready and prepared at Sandwich on the feast of the Circumcision last to pursue the malefactors and disturbers of the peace of the Cinque Ports, and they did not have their ships there as they were commanded; the king commands them by their fealty to have their ships ready with all speed fitted with armaments, men and all manner of necessary gear to pursue the said malefactors as Roger de Colevill and William son of John de Dunwic, whom the king is sending to them on account of this will ordain and let them know from the king so that they have those ships ready and fitted out at Sandwich on the octaves of Hillary next and behave themselves in this so that the king shall be bound to them for all time and that it be not imputed to their default that peace is not observed in the realm.

Jan. 8. Whereas certain sowers of discord to withdraw the king's lieges from their fealty daily make sinister declarations, and suggestions touching the estate and position of the king and Edward his son and his lieges to wit, that the said Edward has been mortally wounded and many of the king's lieges have been killed by their adversaries; that between the said Edward and Gilbert de Clare earl of Gloucester and Hertford, dissension has been stirred up; that the king has conferred the lands of R. le Bygod, earl of Norfolk and marshal of England, and other of his lieges on aliens and others contrary to justice; all which is the reverse of the truth, as the affairs of the king and his son are improving every day; and as the whole of the late disturbance of the realm arose through false suggestions and sinister statements of the king's enemies and rebels; the king commands the sheriff of Kent and all others of that county to take all persons whom they find doing these things, or of whom they have testimony that they are doing these things.

The like letters are directed to the sheriffs of Somerset and Dorset, and of Devon. [Federa.]