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Aug. 28. Kenilworth. Acknowledgment of the receipt of a loan in money by tale from Philip Radulphi and Matthew Bonfioli, citizens and merchants of Florence, lending for themselves, Maynethus Rembertini, Boca Ammanati and others of their society and fellow citizens, 450 marks of good sterlings, reckoning 13s. 4d. to the mark; to be repaid at the New Temple, London, by All Saints, without litigation, loss or expense, and if any be incurred the king promises to refund them upon their simple word or that of their proctor without the burden of proof. The king promises all this on pain of 200 marks and renounces all privilege of law and custom, if he make default of repayment.

Lottus Hugelini and Gregory Gunella, citizens and merchants of Siena have like letters for themselves and Orlando Bonseignori, Bonaventura Bernardini and others of their society for a loan of 450 marks.

Sept. 2. Kenilworth. Commission to Roger de Leyburn, justice of the forest beyond Trent, as follows. As the earl of Leicester is now dead, in whose keeping the king was by occasion of the disturbance in the realm, and now by the favour of God, the king is snatched out of his hands and raised again to his former estate, whereby with the common counsel of the realm the king has caused all things attempted by the earl for the depression of the king’s right and honour and royal dignity to be revoked; and whereas the forests beyond Trent which before the war in the time of the earl were preserved whole and uninjured have been disafforested and destroyed, to the king’s dishonor; the king commands the said Roger to reforest all the forests in his bailiwick as they were in the time of other justices of the forest before the war; and if any part thereof ought of right to be disafforested of right, the king is prepared to do full justice.

Grant, by the counsel of the king’s magnates, to H. bishop of Ely, of the whole service due from him to the common army in aid of the recovery of the isle of Ely and the pursuit and arrest of the king’s enemies who hold out there and destroy the country.

Appointment of Simon de Hedon and Walter de Ludham to enquire by jury of the county of Nottingham whether Robert son of Henry le Noreys killed Henry son of Robert la Persone in self defence, &c.

Sept. 7. Kenilworth. Commission to Richard de Middelton reciting that as the king understands that the wardenship of the hospital of St. John the Baptist, Ripon, used to be conferred by the archbishops of York upon fit clerks or chaplains, who were bound to celebrate divine service therein and to maintain thirteen beds to the use of infirm poor persons of Christ constantly lying therein; and that a layman collated thereto by Godfrey, sometime bishop (sic) of York, contrary to the proper form appropriated the houses and lands of the said hospital to himself, and did not maintain either divine service there or the said beds or the other due and accustomed alms, as he ought; and that hereby the king can confer the said wardenship upon any clerk by reason of the voidance of the archbishopric; the king has appointed him to go in person to the hospital as soon as possible and enquire what lands and goods belong to the said hospital and what manner of alms and works of piety ought to have been accustomed to be done, and whether the king can confer the said wardenship upon any clerk he wills.