To William de Saneto Omero and Robert Fulconis. Whereas the king has several times commanded his bailiffs of Great Yarmouth to pay according to merchant law, to Guncelin (Gun'co) de Burgo Sancte Marie, merchant of Edward the king's son, 45L which William Gereberd the elder, of the said town of Yarmouth, ought to have paid to him at Easter last for 19 tuns of wine which he bought of him and has not yet paid, and the said bailiffs have not cared to do anything in respect of this, as the king has learned by the complaint of the said merchant; the king has appointed them to enquire into the matter and do justice according to merchant law. He has commanded the sheriff of Norfolk to provide jurors &c.

Membrane 30d—cont.

In the year 1257, in the first Indiction, in the month of November, in the third year of the pontificate of pope Alexander IV, in the presence of me Noclerus the scrivener (scriniaur) and of witnesses written below specially called, Ralph, archbishop of Tarentaise, the bishop of Bath and Wells, Laurence, bishop of Rochester, and Master Nicholas de Plumpton, papal chaplain, archdeacon of Norfolk, envoys and procutors of the king of England at the apostolic see, having power from the said pope to contract a loan to promote and expedite the business of the said king at the said see to the amount of 540 marks of new sterlings and to bind the tenth of ecclesiastical profits of the realm of England and his other lands and all other obventions, granted by the pope to the king and his realm and lands for the prosecution of their vow, as is more fully contained in letters of the pope, by authority of the said letters and by the counsel of Master Rostand, councillor of the said king, papal chaplain, for the business of the said king and of the realm of Sicily and of the defence of the city of Aquila, have acknowledged the receipt of a loan from Cavaleante de Lascala, James Giberti and Bartholomew Guidi, citizens and merchants of Florence and Siena, lending for themselves and for Mainettus Spina, Rustichel Cambii, Carlinus Giberti, James Devanzati, Ildobrand Alderbrandi, Reynier Bonaccursi and others, their fellows and fellow citizens, of 540 marks, reckoning 13s. 4d. for each mark, the receipt of which they acknowledge and renounce all exceptions, and promise that the king will pay the said sum to the lenders or their messengers bearing this public instrument and restoring it with the said papal letters on Whitsunday next in London, at the New Temple, and if he do not pay then, they promise compensation for losses, expenses and interest, at the rate of one mark for every 10 marks for two months' delay, and the expenses of one merchant with one horse and servant wherever he may be, until the payment of the full amount, expenses and interest not included; for the observance of which things the said procutors have constituted the king and his successors principal debtors to the merchants binding the said tenth and other obventions, and have renounced all exceptions or benefits of law, custom or statute or papal indulgence. Done at Viterbo before these witnesses:—Master Angelo called the prior, papal chaplain, Master Rostand, papal chaplain, John de Aquila, Peter Lemos', clerk, and Nicholas, nephew of the said prior.

Seal. I Nocclerus, by imperial authority scrivener (scriniaurit) was present at all this and wrote this instrument by request.