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Membrane 17—cont.

Presentation of Nicholas de Stamford to the church of Willyngham; directed to R. bishop of Norwich.

Writ de intendendo to the tenants of the abbey of St. James without Northampton in favour of Adam Keylmer, canon of that house, whose election as abbot has been confirmed by R. bishop of Lincoln, and to whom the king has restored the temporalities.

April 5. Pardon to Thomas de Hale for the death of Duncan le Charpenter Westminster, and of any consequent outlawry.

The like to the following:—

Richard le Scot for the death of Robert Robelyn.

Leonard son of Thomas son of Robert for the death of the same Robert Robelyn.

April 1. Presentation of Ralph le Botiller to the vicarage of the church of Westminster, in the king’s gift, by reason of the voidance of the abbey of Tavestok; directed to W. bishop of Exeter.

Richard de Friston, monk of Selby, bringing letters of his chapter announcing the cession of David, late abbot, has a letter of licence to elect.

April 10. Exemption for life of Ralph le Avener, king’s serjeant, from being Westminster put on assizes, juries or recognitions, and from being made sheriff &c. against his will.

April 14. Safe conduct for this time for the merchants of Douai, coming to Westminster, the instant fair of St. Ives, notwithstanding a contention which has arisen between the king and them on account of their cloths not being so long or so broad as such cloths ought and have been accustomed to be; on condition that they make the customs due, and after they leave the fair do not trade with these cloths or make profit thereof elsewhere in the realm without special licence.

The like for the merchants of Ypres.

Signification to the dean of Lincoln and his fellow, collectors of the tenth in the diocese of Lincoln, that, at the instance of Queen Eleanor, the king has granted to the prioress of Merevale the tenth of her goods, temporal and spiritual, which they require of her by reason of the fine which they made with the king for the said tenth; and mandate to them to permit this, and the king will allow it in the fine.

April 17. InspeXimus and confirmation of letters patent of Richard sometime Westminster, king of England as follows:—

Richardus, Dei gratia, rex Anglorum, dux Normannorum, Aquitanorum, comes Andegavorum, archiepiscopis, episcopis, abbatibus, comitis, baronibus, justiciariis, vicecomibus, ballivis, prepositis, ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis, salutem. Prohibemus vobis ne arestetis sive impediatis aut arestari sive impediiri permittatis homines de communia Augi, sive catalla eorum, pro aliquo debito de quo ipsi capitales debitores sive plegii non fuerint; quia ipsi fideles et amicissimi homines nostri sunt, quos in manu nostra, custodia et protectione, suscepimus. Unde, si quis presentis