May 15. Renewal under the present seal of letters patent, dated at Westminster 16 November, 32 Henry III, committing the castle and town of Herteford to William de Valencia during pleasure.

Mandate to John le Moyne, escheator on this side Trent, to restore to Nicholas, abbot of Mont St. Michel, all the lands which the king lately took into his hands by reason of the voidance of that abbey with all things taken thereof from the date of the taking, except 10l. which he has delivered to the keepers of the works of Winchester.

Quittance from all account, reckoning, and exaction of Master Constantine [in the margin de Mildehale], king's clerk, archdeacon of Sutbiry, appointed by the king and the late legate, O. cardinal deacon of St. Adrian's, to make the taxation of the papal tenth and collect it and to audit the accounts of all other collectors in the bishoprics of London, Lincoln, Norwich, Ely, and Coventry and Lichfield, for the three years of the grant; as he has discharged the office well and faithfully.

Pardon to Robert de Vernun, who in the time of the disturbance in the realm was of the household and fellowship of John Giffard, as the king is informed by letters patent of the latter, of all trespasses and excesses committed by reason of the non-observance of the Provisions of Oxford up to 10 March 52 Henry III; and promise that the king so far as he can, will save him harmless towards those complaining against him touching the said trespasses.

Richard Becl, Thomas Godchep and Robert de Hampton have a like letter; on testimony of G. de Clare, earl of Gloucester.

May 20. Whereas the abbot and convent of Mont St. Michel have hitherto had such liberty, that on the cession or death of their abbots, the keeping of their lands and possessions within the realm should be in the hands of the prior and convent; until John le Moyne, escheator on this side Trent, believing the keeping to belong to the king, took them into his hands; grant that this shall not be drawn into a precedent to their prejudice, provided that when an abbot be appointed he come to the king and do fealty.

Whereas Bernard Nicholai, king's merchant, lately charged in the king's court with sorcery (sortileg') and other incantations by Peter de Olmede, Peter de Lom', Arnald Griphun and others, inventors of the charge, has been proved by trustworthy men of the same court having knowledge of the person of the said Bernard and bearing testimony to his fidelity to have been charged maliciously at the instance of his enemies, the king for the security of the said Bernard has seen fit to bear testimony to the truth by these letters patent, granting that neither Bernard nor his pledges shall be further occasioned on this account.

May 20. Protection and safe conduct for three years for Bernard le Scot, Reynold de Manasteto, William Gayneben, Ancelin Villanus and their fellow merchants of Piacenza, trading in the realm.