1270.

Membrane 14—cont.

Writ of aid directed to the sheriffs of Devon, Somerset and Dorset, in favour of Nicholas de Blaby, king’s clerk, whom the king is sending to levy the king’s debts and to collect the twentieth in conjunction with the assessors thereof, in those counties.

May 26. Whereas the king has granted to all bishops of the realm that they may cause the twentieth in aid of the Holy Land which they lately courteously granted contingent upon them and their villeins to be assessed and collected by their own ministers, on condition that they should let the king have the money of the twentieth of their own goods by Midsummer for him to take with him to the Holy Land, and have all the money of the twentieth of the goods of their villeins at London at the following Michaelmas to be shewn to messengers whom he would depute for this; grant to the abbot and convent of St. Edmund’s, in consideration of their many courtesies to him that they may have the twentieth of their goods and of the goods of their villeins taxed and collected by their own ministers on the above conditions.

Inspeximus and confirmation of letters patent of Richard king of England, as follows:

Ricardus, Dei gracia, rex Anglie, dux Normanorum, Aquitannorum et comes Andegavorum, archiepiscopos, episcopos, abbatis, prioribus, comitis, baronibus, justiciariis, vicecomitis, bailiis, prepositis, ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis, salutem. Prohibemus vobis ne arestetis sive impediatis aut arestari sive impediri permittatis homines de communa Augi sive catalla illorum pro aliquo debito de quo ipsi capitales debitor es sive plegii non fuerint, quia Christi fideles et amicissimi nostri sunt in manu nostra et custodia et protectione suscepimus. Unde, si quis presentis mandati transgressor existere presumerit, sciat nos graviter in eum vendicaturos cum locum et tempus habuerimus. Tale me ipso, apud Augum, 9 die Junii.

Grant to the abbot and convent of St. Augustine’s, Canterbury, of the same grace as that granted above to the abbot of St. Edmund’s.

Whereas the king and his sons with the rest of the crusaders of the realm are going shortly beyond seas in aid of the Holy Land, for which cause he wishes that the twentieth lately assessed in the city be levied without delay for the expenses of him and his sons in the journey, mandate to the keeper and bailiffs, of the city to cause the same to be levied without delay as the king’s clerks, Ellis de Hertford, Giles de Audenardo and Warin de Dyve, late assessors thereof, will let them know from him, and to cause the money to be laid up in the priory of the Holy Trinity, London, so that he may have it on the octaves of Holy Trinity at latest.

Whereas the king is sending R. bishop of Coventry and Lichfield, William de Valencia the king’s brother, John son of John and Robert Walerand to go to Gresford (ad crucem Griffini) on the morrow of Trinity, to treat with Llewelin son of Griffin prince of Wales of divers matters; he by these presents empowers them to treat with Llewelin on the business and bringing to a full and final end all things contained in the peace between the king and Llewelin.