trade at Berne about the year 14 Richard II certain persons of the said fellowship of the Hanse came within the port of Berne in divers armed vessels, robbed and beat them, burned their dwellings within the town and goods and merchandize to the value of 3000 marks and obligations and other securities of 1000l. and more and committed other injuries, so that they dared not stay at Berne but crossed from thence for the safety of their lives until the time when the king of Denmark sent certain officers to Berne to rescue them and do justice, to their loss of 1000l. and more.

Item, in the year 1 Henry IV the said merchants of the fellowship of the Hanse at Berne at divers times by day and especially by night broke the doors of the mansions where the English merchants were lodged as they lay in their beds, enjoining them not to go out of their lodgings from sunset to sunrise under pain of loss of life, and set watches of armed men in vessels in the port and on land, so that the English merchants dared not trade, to their loss of 500 marks and to the diminution of the king's custom of 500 marks and more.

Item, the English merchants complained to the king and council, and the king on 14 March, 2 Henry IV, appointed John Drax, serjeant at arms, to arrest John Pape and others (see Vol. II. p. 463), persons of the said fellowship then residing at Boston, and bring them before him and the council, and they came and granted that they would bind themselves to the king, both for all those of the Hanse visiting the parts of Berne and for themselves, in the sum of 1400 marks by a recognisance in Chancery under the condition that all English merchants visiting the parts of Berne should trade there without molestation from those of the Hanse as the latter do in England, but nevertheless they did not make the recognisance, for none such can be found entered in any place of record, and the petitioners suppose that the said people of the Hanse knowing that it was not entered became more bold to do other evils, viz. when four or five years ago 100 fishermen of Crowemere and Blakeneye and other towns of the coast of Norfolk while fishing at sea through fear of a great number of the king's enemies fled to the port of Wynforde in Norway, hoping to have rescue there, a number of 500 armed persons of the fellowship of the Hanse dwelling at Berne came upon them, took them and bound their hands and legs and cast them into the sea before the port where the water was of the depth of 25 ells and so they were murdered, and they of the Hanse have ever since been more bold to harm the English merchants, saying that although the recognisance was entered of record and they have forfeited it so much that they had killed all English merchants coming to Berne each contributor's loss would not amount to 6d, and nevertheless they would not give up coming to England.

Item, when one William Lok of Lenn and other merchants of Lenn about the Purification, 10 Henry IV, freighted a ship of Breme in the port of Lenn, of which Cristyn Crepere was master, to sail to the port of Berne and thence to the port of Wysmer and there load with 'bere' and the ship put into the