whole chapter of the church, in the absence and ignorance of the dean, to examine Master Thomas Duffeld, president of the chapter in the absence of the dean, Master John Haget, treasurer, and Richard Ingoldesby, provost of the church, and Master Richard Hethe, canon there, who have the rule of the chapter in the absence of the dean, and other residencies of the church whether the said rent was granted without the common assent of the dean and chapter and without solemn treaty in the chapter house or not, and to record the examinations and answers and send them to the king and council on the quinzaine of Trinity next, certifying what else they have done.

By C.

May 27. Commission to Thomas Markyngfeld, 'chivaler,' to enquire by oath of tenants of the manor of Westwyk, co. York, and other good men of view near the manor of what estate Eleanor late the wife of Thomas Ledes was seised in the manor and whether she was disseyed of the manor by William Nesfeld after the king's second departure to Normandy, and to send their inquisitions to the king and council at the quinzaine of Trinity next.

By C.

MEMBRANE 27d.

July 6. Commission to John Gregory, Richard Mayn and the sheriff to enquire what lands Robert Lambrok held of Richard II and others in the county of Somerset, what they are worth, on what day he died, who is his heir, and who have occupied the lands since his death and received the issues.

MEMBRANE 26d.

Aug. 12. Commission to the sheriff of Devon, because the king has learned for certain that the Dauphin, the son of the king's adversary of France, has caused divers ships and vessels to be prepared to pass by the west coast of England to Scotland to receive a number of people at arms and archers of the Scots and bring them to France to fortify the king's said adversary, and the king with the advice of the council has ordered an armed force to be at sea on the said coast to hinder this and wishes to provide it with sufficient shipping, to take eight ships and balingers with sufficient gear, each ship of the portage of 60 tuns and each balinger of 20 tuns and over, without delay in any port within his bailiwick to serve the king at sea for this cause and bring them with all speed to the ports within his bailiwick which may seem best to the captains of the shipping. [Fœdera.]

By C.

The like to the sheriff of Cornwall to take four ships and balingers.

By C.

Aug. 24. Commission to John Hunte, on information that the said twelve ships and balingers will not be sufficient, to take others in the said counties or the counties of Somerset, Dorset or Southampton and deliver them as quickly as possible to William Botreaux, 'chivaler,' or others ordered by the king to be at sea for this cause. [Fœdera.]

Aug. 29. Commission to Walter Algood to take 80 labourers to serve the king on his works in Normandy.

By C.