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Membrane 19d—cont.

July 12. Grant, by advice of the council, to Alan Mercer, Nicholas Wetwange,
Westminster. Richard Smyth, and Stephen Baron, merchants of Newcastle-on-Tyne, in accordance with the provisions of the grant of a subsidy made to the king in the Parliament held at Westminster on 30 April, 3 Henry VI, that they may ship free of custom and subsidy wool and wool-fells equivalent to the amount which they lost in the ship called '*le Petre of Newcastle*,' John Medowe, master, which they freighted on 10 September, 4 Henry VI, and which was wrecked when sailing towards the coasts of Middelburgh in Zeland; as appears by letters testimonial of the burgomasters, eschevins and council of Middelburgh, their respective losses being as follows:—The said Alan, 16½ sacks, and 6 cloves in 12 sarplers and pockets, and 180 wool-fells containing $\frac{3}{4}$ of a sack of wool; the said Nicholas, 10¼ sacks and 11 cloves of wool in 8 sarplers and pockets, and 30 wool-fells containing half a quarter; the said Richard, 2 sacks and 6 cloves of wool in 2 pockets, and the said Stephen, 24 wool-fells. They were bound in obligations for the customs and subsidy on these quantities, amounting to 50*l.*, to the king, and to William Chauncellor and Thomas Cook, then customers in the said port of Newcastle, and the treasurer and chief barons of the Exchequer, by virtue of letters of privy seal to them directed, have certified that the said merchants have produced sufficient evidence before the council that the said goods were lost as above stated. By p.s.

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July 8. Commission to William Lovell, John Hals, Thomas Wykham, knight,
Westminster. Thomas Rolf, Thomas Chaucer, esquire, John Cottesmore, John Golafre, William Fynderne, Edmund Reede, Thomas Bekyngham, John Shotebroke and Thomas Rothewell, and to two or more of them including either Hals, Rolf, Cottesmore, or Reede to enquire by sworn inquest of the counties of Oxford and Berks, as to treasons, insurrections, felonies or trespasses done in the said counties.

July 12. Commission to Nicholas Dixon, baron of the Exchequer, and to William
Westminster. Croft, Henry Slakke, Richard Wygmore, Edmund Morys and John Geryn, and to any two or more of them, to enquire by sworn inquest of the county of Hereford as to wardships, marriages, reliefs, escheats and escapes of felons, and unlicenced entries into lands, concealed from the king.

July 12. Commission to Nicholas Dixon, baron of the Exchequer, and to John
Westminster. Geryn, one of the auditors of the same, to hear and determine the accounts of the sheriffs, escheators, receivers, bailiffs, ringildr, raglawr, reeves, and other ministers and officers of the king in the parts of South Wales, and in the castle and lordship of Brenlles and Cantirselly, Penkellyn and Alisaundreston, of all their bailiwicks, offices, and receipts, to estal or respite any arrears, to survey all castles, lordships, and manors of the king there, and repair all defects, and to examine the administration (*gubernacionem*) of the king's officers. The said baron shall receive 10*s.* a day, and the said auditor 5*s.* a day for expenses from the day of leaving London until that of return, both days inclusive, and the baron 20*l.* and the auditor 10*l.* as reward at the Receipt of the Exchequer or by the hands of the chamberlain or other ministers in the said parts. By bill of the treasurer.