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MEMBRANE 35.

1442.

Feb. 15. Westminster. *In specimine* and confirmation to the prior and convent of St. Mary, Tetford:

1. of a charter, dated at Westminster, 16 May, 11 Edward II, [Calendar of Charter Rolls, Vol. III, p. 376], inspecting and confirming a charter of Henry I.

2. of letters patent of confirmation, dated 8 May, 4 Richard II. [Calendar, 1381-1385, p. 2.]

3. of letters patent, dated 15 February, 19 Richard II. [Calendar, 1381-1385, p. 666.]

For 20s. paid in the hanaper.

June 28. Westminster. William Willey of Campeden, merchant, has shown the king that Alexander Florentine of late in England, agent (factor) and one of the company of merchants in Florence called the company of Albertini, as their agent, and in their name bought some wools from William and bound the said company for the payment thereof under their common seal, by colour whereof the said merchants remained and still remain bound to him in 1,180l. and were afterwards on his suit condemned in that sum, as appears of record by the process of the magistrates or powers and justices of Florence under their common seal, whereupon William sought to enforce the sentence by his proctors, but could not obtain the execution thereof notwithstanding royal letters of request obtained by William at great costs and labour, being repelled and delayed by various pretences, protections and other frivolous and unjust allegations and by undue favour, neglect, and delay on the part of the said magistrates or powers and judges, wherefore he has petitioned the king for letters of marque; the king therefore grants him such letters against the Florentines; provided always that the safe conducts granted hitherto to the Florentines be in no wise infringed.

By p.s. and of the said date by authority of Parliament.

MEMBRANE 34.

June 16. Westminster. Commission to John Stevens to take ships and other vessels for the shipment of wheat, wine, ale, fuel and other victuals for the stuff and victualling of the town of Crotey and mariners for their governance at the king's wages.


June 12. Westminster. Grant, for life, to the king's serjeant John Parke, one of the clerks of account of the counting-house of the household, of a tenement in Great Houghton, co. Northampton, not exceeding in value 24s. yearly, to hold from 3 April in the sixteenth year, as William Parke held the same.

By p.s. etc.