have been [excused] divers times by the bishops of Lincoln, diocesan of that place, and by William, now bishop and diocesan, on account of their poverty.

By p.s. etc.


William Clyff and Richard Claybrake, sheriffs of the city of York, have made petition shewing that they and their predecessors have been used to grant the office of clerk of the sheriffs in the city to persons able to occupy and rule the same office, to which, as in the records of the county courts there and in the returns of writs and other notable business, many charges pertain; and though Thomas Hemelsey and John Marton, late clerks of the said courts, for their great ability and truth were elected to the said office by the sheriffs their predecessors for the year last past, yet by reason of divers statutes they cannot continue therein beyond one year without licence:—the king therefore has granted to the petitioners and their successors that they shall retain in office from year to year such clerks as are of good behaviour, as long as they will.

By p.s. etc.

MEMBRANE 25d.


Appointment of John Langley, Giles Brigg, William Notyngham and Geoffrey Holford to deliver the gaol of Cirencestrc of Robert Smale of Dalyngworth, co. Gloucester, 'clerke.'

July 30. Westminster.

The like of Thomas Haydok, Michael Skillyng, Robert Dynley and William Soper to deliver the gaol of Winchester of William Mafey, Thomas Barbour and Thomas Hayward.


Commission de walliis et fossatis to John Portyngton the elder, John Nevill, Guy Roclyf, John Portyngton the younger, Robert Roceyf, Geoffrey Blakey and Peter Percy along the coast of the sea and marsh in the parts of 'Mersshlond' between the waters of the Owese, Doon, Ayer and Went and the county of Lincoln.


MEMBRANE 24d.


Commission to Robert Roos, knight, John Nevyll, knight, Robert Ogle, knight, the mayor of Berwick upon Tweed, the controller of that town, John Lilbourne, John Cartnyngton, Thomas Ellywyk and the sheriff of Northumberland to make inquisition in the said county and town touching all who have taken salmon, 'kippers,' 'bagrells' and 'smoltes' in the water of Twede by nets or other engines unseasonable and incongruous and to punish the guilty.

MEMBRANE 23d.


Commission to the first five above-named and to John Heron of Furd, John Cartnyngton, Thomas Ellywyk and the sheriff of Northumberland to make inquisition in the county touching all who have sold or carried to Scotland wool or wool-fells of the growth of the districts of Glendale, Cokdale, Norhamshire, Elandshire and Bamburghshire, co. Northumberland, sold and shipped to the merchants of Berwick upon Tweed without