MEMBRANE 21.

July 16. Westminster. Insiprimus and confirmation of the following, in favour of the abbey of Westminster:


(2) A charter dated 16 September, 2 Edward III. [Charter Roll, 2 Edward III, No. 12.] For a mark paid in the hanaper.

July 14. Westminster. Exemption, for life, of Seeman Grantham of Lincoln, 'marchaunt,' from being put on assesses, juryes, recognicions, attaints or inquisitions and from being made mayor, sheriff, escheator, coroner, bailiff, constable, receve, collector, taxer, controller of tenths, fifteenths, taxes, tallages, quotas or other subsidies.

July 14. Westminster. Grant, for life, to the king's clerk William Cleve, clerk of the works, of a tun of Gascon wine yearly in the port of London, on his petition showing that he is daily charged with the course of the workmen and the rest of the king's people for the execution of his office and cannot obtain a livelihood except from the king.

By p.s. etc.

July 16. Westminster. Licence for the king's clerk John de la Bere, king's almoner, to sue by his proctors for the title of the deanery of the church of Wellys, the pope having provided him thereto after the decease of John Forest, clerk, late dean; in consideration of letters patent of the king granting licence to him to sue for a provision, and of other letters pardoning him any offence herein. [See p. 447.]

MEMBRANE 20.

April 1. Westminster. Licence for William Balle, Thomas Crathorn, John Kelyngham, Thomas Cotys, Richard Thornton and John Ase to found a perpetual gild of themselves and others within the city of York, to be incorporate, having a perpetual succession and a common seal, and the brethren thereof to elect yearly on Sunday after the Annunciation a master and two wardens; the gild shall be called the gild of St. Martin, York, and the master and wardens shall be capable of pleading and of being impeached in any court; and the master, wardens, brethren and sisters may acquire in mortmain a piece of ground called 'Hiknas' alias 'Haknas' with a messuage on the north side annexed thereto in York, held of the king in free burgage, of John Langton, knight, who proposes to grant the same to them for a chapel and other buildings to be built thereon, that a chaplain may celebrate divine service daily therein and that seven poor men may pray for the good estate of the king and queen and for their souls after death and for the souls of their progenitors and of all the brethren and sisters of the gild and of their benefactors; provided always that the members do not set up any image of St. Antony nor make any oratory of St. Antony, which shall be to the prejudice of the master and house of St. Antony, London, without the agreement of the latter.

By p.s. etc.

April 1. Westminster. Pardon to Joan Byrkes late of Bawetre, co. York, 'gentilwoman,' late the wife of Robert Byrkes of Bawetre, and to George del Byrkes late of Boston, co. Lincoln, 'marchaunt,' alias late of Bawetre, 'chapman,' in consideration of their poverty and of the old age of Joan and the tender age of George, of two fines of 20s. and 5 marks each, wherein they were