

1377.

*Membrane 17d—cont.*Aug. 18.
Westminster.

Commission, in confirmation of the ordinance of the late Parliament, to Robert Daston, Roger Beauchamp, William de Skypwyth, Robert Crull and John Holt, to enquire by personally inspecting a place called Kirkele-
rode in the high sea near the entrance of the port of Great Yarmouth, by examining merchants and others there, and by jury of the counties of Norfolk and Suffolk, touching the circumstances alleged in the petition to the late king in his last Parliament, of the burgesses and commonalty of Great Yarmouth to the effect that although the said king had by charter granted to them the said place as an aid and in relief of their much impoverished town, and annexed the same to their town and port, with all liberties and exemptions formerly granted to them by the king's progenitors, and the same customs from all ships and boats loading or discharging in that place as at Yarmouth, and although he had confirmed to them the privilege that no person should load or discharge ship or boat of herrings or other merchandise at any place on the sea coast within seven leagues of Yarmouth unless it were his own ship and his own merchandise, except at Yarmouth, its port or Kirkelerode, and that no fair for herrings or merchandise should be held within that distance of Yarmouth at the time of its fishing and fair for herrings, strictly prohibiting the same on pain of forfeiture, yet in the Parliament held at Westminster on the morrow of St. George, 50 Edward III., at the false suggestion of certain rivals of the burgesses and commonalty of Great Yarmouth, the said liberties and grants were annulled and revoked as prejudicial to the king and commonwealth, albeit not injurious to the king or any person of England, but rather of advantage and profit to the whole realm. Unable to pay their yearly farm for the town, or to support their other burdens if deprived of these liberties and grants, the petitioners prayed the late king to direct enquiry to be made, and their petition being read and apprehended, it was by king and council in the last Parliament ordained that certain circumspect persons free from suspicion should be appointed to enquire touching the premises, as appears by the endorsement on the petition now in Chancery.

By petition of the last Parliament of the late king.

*MEMBRANE 15d.*Aug. 22.
Westminster.

Association of John de Beaumont, John Daumarl and Richard Braunse-
combe with Guy de Bryen, Philip de Courtenay, Peter de Courtenay, John Pomeray, William Asthorp, Martin Ferrers, John Prescote and the sheriff of Devon in the commission for arraying all men-at-arms, archers, and others, in that county to resist invasion.

Sept. 1.
Westminster.

Commission to Robert de la Mare, knight, Thomas de Hungerford, knight, John de la Mare, knight, John de Roches, knight, Ralph Cheyne, knight, Michael Skylling and Robert Cherleton to enquire touching confederations by men and tenants of divers lordships in Wiltshire to release themselves, under colour of letters patent (which are exemplifications of certificates of extracts from Domesday Book), from services due to their lords from time immemorial; and touching their rescue contrary to law from distresses made by their lords' bailiffs and ministers for arrears of the said services; with power to bring the said persons before them and compel them to find security for good behaviour, and if they refuse, to commit them to the nearest gaol.

The like to Bernard Brocas, knight, Hugh Camoys, knight, Ralph de Norton, knight, Walter Haywod and William Houghton, to enquire touching the like confederations in the county of Southampton.

Oct. 1.
Westminster.

The like to Robert Bealknap, Walter de Clopton, Thomas de Ilston, John Kyngesfold and Robert Loxle in the county of Surrey.