the smaller piece of the king's seal for recognisances of debts in Exeter; (2) letters patent, dated 11 December, 47 Edward III., being a like grant to him of a yearly rent of 9l. 10s. issuing out of Northey manor, co. Sidrop; (3) letters patent, dated 25 September, 49 Edward III., being a like grant to him of a yearly rent of 12d., the fee farm payable by the prior of Huntingdon for the town of Hereford, co. Hunts, with its mills.

By the Great Council.

MEMBRANE 8—cont.

1378.


Commission to the mayor and bailiffs of Southampton to survey its walls and compel all who have possessions within the town and its liberty to contribute according to their means towards the walling of the town, by distresses if necessary, the king having heard that the French invasion is imminent, and that they project an attack upon Southampton.

By p.s. in Parliament.

Dec. 10. Westminster.

Licence on payment of 60s. by the abbot of Tichefield for the alienation in mortmain to the said abbot and convent by William Wolf, clerk, and Thomas Waremer of 107½ acres of pasture and 4 acres of moor in Frogge-mour by Tichefield and Forstburyt-outbye by Clark, not held in chief, for finding a light to burn at high mass daily before the high altar in the abbey church.


Writ of aid for William Barly and John North, appointed to take in the county of Southampton, excepting the fee of the church, as many carpenters, masons and artificers as may be needful for the repair of Porchester Castle.

Dec. 10. Westminster.

Grant, for life, to John lord de Neville of Raby, who, by agreement with the Council, is to be a 'marcher' and one of the wardens of the marches of Scotland, and there to stay for the strengthening of the same against the king's enemies, of the custody of Baunburgh Castle with its profits (including 26 marks paid yearly by the men of the town of Baunburgh at the Exchequer) without rendering aught therefor, on condition that he maintain the castle and its buildings in as good repair as he receives the same, and support, all burdens thereon; with revocation of the late king's grant thereof to Richard Stury, knight.

By p.s.


Grant to the bailiff and good men of Tenegbe of quayage for seven years in aid of the repair of their quay, and that alone.


Appointment of Thomas Payn as the king's attorney, to receive for him and in his name full possession and seisin of two acres of land in Great Stokton, with the advowson of the church of Stokton, co. Huntingdon, which the king, William, bishop of London, and Richard de Warmington, clerk, lately acquired in fee from Thomas de Wel; by charter of feuAdam.


Commission to John Morwell, king's serjeant-at-arms, to select six carpenters not in the king's service and put them to work upon the making of a balinger for the defence of the realm, at the king's charges. By p.s.

MEMBRANE 7.

1377.

Dec. 10. Westminster.

Grant, for life, to John lord de Neville of Raby, who, by agreement with the Council is to be a 'marcher' and one of the wardens of the marches of Scotland, and there to stay for the strengthening of the same against the king's enemies, of the custody of Baunburgh Castle with its profits (including 26 marks paid yearly by the men of the town of Baunburgh at the Exchequer) without rende