Membrane 27—cont.

1378. April 10. *Inspeximus* and confirmation, in favour of Richard Fitz Roberd of Aillesbury, now tenant of the lands and tenements hereinafter named, and his heirs, of the following:

1. A charter of Henry [II.] dated Lutegareshall, *circa 1175*, being a grant in fee simple to Roger Pollo his otter-hunter (*litrario*) of the messuage and three virgates of land at Ailesberi which belonged to Ernisius the reeve (and used to render 16s. yearly to the king), by the service of finding straw (*literium*) for the king's bed, and straw (*stramen*) or grass for deckling his chamber (*hospicium*) thrice a year, straw if he should come in winter and grass if in summer, and of rendering two geese (*gantas*) in the latter case, and three eels in the former, that is to say, six geese or nine eels a year, if he came thrice a year, by which service the said Roger and his heirs are to hold the land and the office of otter-hunter (*litracionem*). Witnesses: Seffride, dean of Chichester, Master John Cumin, Peter de Lardario, Earl Simon, Geoffrey de Pcherche, Roger Bigod, Reginald de Curtenay, Roger de Stutevill, Robert de Stutevill, William de Stutevill, Hugh de Creissi, Thomas de Hasting, Ailward the chamberlain, Durand de Ostili, Turpin the chamberlain, Philip de Wyndes, the spencer.

2. Letters patent dated Dunstaple, 7 June, [18] John, declaring that Ralph and Geoffrey are the king's otter-hunters (*litrarii*), and are to be permitted to exercise their office where they can and where they will, without let or hindrance in respect either of their nets or lances. Witness: Geoffrey son of Peter, earl of Essex.

3. A charter dated Rading, 12 June, 19 Henry III., inspecting and confirming the charter which Robert son of David has, of Ralph the otter-hunter (*litrarii*) of Ailesberi, granting to the said Robert in fee simple all the said Ralph's tenement there with all its liberties, for 10 marks, which he gave him *in gersuma*, doing therefor due service to the king, as the charter of Henry II. testifies. Witnesses: W. bishop of Carlisle, Gilbert Marshal, earl of Pembroke, Hubert de Burgh, earl of Kent, Gilbert Basset, Godfrey de Crancumbe, Geoffrey Dispenser, William de Picheford, William Gernun, and others. By the hand of R. bishop of Chichester, chancellor.

For ½ mark paid in the hanaper.

March 23. *Inspeximus* and confirmation in favour of Geoffrey Chaucer, yeoman of the late king, retained, of letters patent dated 20 June, 41 Edward III., being a grant to him for life of 20 marks yearly at the Exchequer.

By the Great Council.

*Vacated by surrender and cancelled, because the king granted to John Scalby for life the 40 marks in these and other letters contained, 1 May, 11 Richard II.*

March 20. The like in favour of Thomas Dichton, servant of the late king, retained, of letters patent dated 3 December, 60 Edward III., being a grant to him for life of 2d. daily at the Exchequer. By the Great Council.

Membrane 26.

March 20. *Inspeximus* and confirmation, in favour of Henry Lyngeyn, of letters patent dated 6 February, 37 Edward III., being a grant to him for life of 100s. yearly at the Exchequer.

By the Great Council.

*Vacated by surrender and cancelled, because the king granted to him that sum, 9 April, 11 Richard II.*