

1390.

Membrane 29d—cont.

in the year 25 Edward III against the erection of weirs, mills, stanks, pales and kidells in rivers. The commissioners are to survey all such obstructions in the said river, enquire by jury which of them have been erected since the time of Edward III, and cause them to be removed, and also to enquire what persons of their own authority have taken toll, custom or other exaction from ships, boats and shouls thereon, and the names of those who have such vessels and of the masters, governors and mariners who take excessive fees for carriage, contrary to the statute of labourers.

April 23.
Westminster.

Commission to Thomas de Arden, Thomas de Stafford, Robert Burgleoun and John de Knyghtley the elder, to enquire who killed William Sprot, chaplain, at Rygeleye, co. Stafford, and who afterwards harboured the murderers.

MEMBRANE 28d.

March 15.
Westminster.

Appointment of Hugh Fastolf and Richard Walton of Lenn, the king's ulnager in Norfolk and Suffolk, John Orewell and John Staple, his serjeants-at-arms, to seize as forfeited to the king and sell at the best price all cloths exposed for sale within those counties not of the measure prescribed by the ordinance of Parliament in the late reign, and all other false and torn cloths, pieces sewn with thread in deceit of the people and sealed with the king's seal, except 'coggeware' and 'kendaleclothe' of the value of 6s. 8d. each, with power to arrest and imprison contrariants; and they are to enquire, and certify the names of all men of those counties, aliens or denizens, who have made and sold defective cloths since Midsummer 4 Richard II. By bill of treasurer.

March 15.
Westminster.

Commission to Richard Sergeaux, William Botriaux the younger, William Lamborn, Martin Ferrers, John Cheynduyt of Boddanan, Thomas Polsawe, Richard Glynyan and Ralph Keyl, on information that 116 tuns of Rochelle wines of the king's enemies at Padestowe and other goods forfeited to the king at Bodmyn have been seized, carried away and concealed by certain lieges of Cornwall, to enquire who are the perpetrators of this damage, what the value of the wines and goods aforesaid and to certify all other particulars.

March 16.
Westminster.

The like to William Berland and Robert Markele, the king's serjeants-at-arms, upon the petition of Richard Cradok, knight, John Graunt of Bordeaux, Peter de Castet of Bordeaux, William de la Reule, Bernard de Colchestre, John Bisshop and Adimetus Usan of Bordeaux, that their wines, iron, and other merchandise in '*la Katerine*' of Ipswich, whereof John Gerveis was master, together with certain coffers of jewels and other things the *apparatus* of the said Richard, cast ashore on their way to London on the sand at the mouth of the Thames near Quenesburgh by the default of Walter Broun, the ship's lodesman, and saved by men of the counties of Kent, Essex and Suffolk, were seized under pretext of being wreck of the sea and dispersed, and although the master and all the merchants and mariners except one escaped safe to land, and the petitioners were ready to pay the salvors for their labour, the goods are detained by divers lieges of the king there. The commissioners are to enquire touching the mode and cause of the shipwreck, the goods cast ashore, their ownership, value and removal, whether any person escaped alive from the vessel, and if so, to arrest the goods and make restitution, and certify all their proceedings.