1391.

Membrane 36d—cont.

John de Griffyth, Thomas Fyton of Gowesworth, John le Maynwaryng, Peter de Legh, Robert de Staveley, Hugh de Arden, William de Hulme, John Davenport of Bromhole, John de Dokyngfeld, John de Honford, John de Leycestre, John Dumvill of Murberley and Edward de Caryngton, upon information that whereas the good men and commonalty of Chester lately granted 3,000 marks to the king, whereof 2,000 marks should have been paid some time ago for the confirmation of their charter by the king, yet when the sheriff was busy levying the sum of 2,000 marks by the king's mandate, divers lieges of the county rose in insurrection and prevented him, taking from him moneys already levied—to enquire and arrest those persons and commit them to prison until further order, and to compel restitution of the sums taken from the sheriff; also to proceed with all haste to levy the said 2,000 marks and pay the same to the treasurer and chamberlains of the Exchequer at Westminster at the octaves of St. Hilary next, and the remaining 1,000 marks after the Annunciation; or that failing, themselves to be present in person before the king and council at Westminster at the first date, bringing with them the letters patent of confirmation to show cause why they should not be revoked.

MEMBRANE 35d.

Dec. 2. Westminster.

Commission of over and terminer to William Thirnyng, John Wydevyle, Roger del Chaumbre, John Mulso, Robert Haldunby and John Harwedon, on complaint by the abbot of Sulby that Thomas Stoke and William Heryng and other evildoers came armed and besieged his abbey at Sulby and so threatened life and limb that the abbot and canons for fear closed the abbey gates, caused the bells to be rung discordantly (modo dissono) to summon the aid of the country, so that the canons could not finish their masses and for a long time on account of the tumult did not dare to perform divine service; that they depastured with cattle his corn and grass there to the value of 20%, and at Welford, co. Northampton, and assaulted his servants and compelled them to take oath not to serve him.

For 20s. paid in the hanaper.

Dec. 3. Westminster.

Commission of over and terminer to Edward, earl of Rutland, William la Zouche of Toteneys, William Thirnyng, William Wyngfeld, George Felbrygg, Robert Hotoft and Edmund Lakynghithe, on complaint by the abbot of St. Edmunds that notwithstanding the liberty granted inter alia to him and his convent in the charters of the king's progenitors, which the king has confirmed, that no secular person or minister of the king should intermeddle with Bury St. Edmunds (de Burgo Sancti Edmundi), or the men dwelling there, save only the abbot and convent and their ministers, Robert Carbonell, knight, Robert Heth and other evildoers came armed to Bury, co. Suffolk, and seized and imprisoned John Bury, John Bole and John Wollebeter, servants and tenants of the abbot, led them prisoners to Thetford, imprisoned John Bury there until he made a fine with them of 120 marks for his release, and have long detained the said John Bole and John Wollebeter there in prison contrary to the law and custom of England. For 20s. paid in the hanaper.

Dec. 6. Westminster.

Commission to Richard Lescrope, knight, John Kentwode, knight, William Thirnyng, Richard Sydenham and John Leek, knight, to enquire in the presence of Richard Byron after notice to him and certify touching the complaint of queen Anne and the people of the parts adjacent to the Trent, that at Colwyk on that river between Nottingham