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1296, January 23: Message on the Affairs of Scotland, sent by King Edward to the Vice-Treasurer and Barons of the Exchequer at London.

Extracts:

C'est la creauce qe sire Johan de Drokenesford dit a sire Philippe de Wilugbi, tenant le lieu le tresorier, e as barons [xxiij jour de Janevoir, xxiiij Edw. I.].

... Derechief, de fere prendre en la meyn le roy le manoir de Newenham en Northumbre, quest a Edmon Comyn, seigneur de Kilbride en Escoce, e un autre manoir qil ad a xij lewes pres de Loundres, e a fere lever deniers des issues, e du manoir de Graunt Fakenham, quant les autres manoirs furent pris.

Derechef, de fere venir a Noef Chastel sour Tyne del primer jour de Marz en avaunt chesceune semeine por M^l hommes a armes e 1x M^l hommes de pie, e pur autres despenses del houstel, taunt come le rey y tendra teu noumbre de gentz, chescune simaine come est avant dit M^l l. Et que home y enveie au commencement coudre le primer jour de Marz pur deus simeines, ou treis, ou quatre, x M^l l. ou xv M^l l. ou plus; e après solom ceo qe covendra e la bosoigne demaundra.

Translation:

This is the credence which **Sir John de Drokenesford** said to Sir Philip de Wilughby, the lieutenant of the Treasurer, and to the Barons (23 day of January, 24 Edward I).

Moreover, to have taken into the King's hand the Manor of Newenham in Northumberland which belongs to Edmund Comyn, Lord of Kilbride in Scotland, and another Manor which he has 12 leagues from London, and to cause money to be raised from the issues, and from the Manor of Great Fakenham when the other Manors are taken.

Moreover, to cause to come to New Castle on Tyne from the first day of March onwards for 1000 men-at-arms and 60,000 foot soldiers and for other expenses of the Household (so long as the King shall have such a number of troops there) the sum of £1000 each week. And there shall be sent thither from the first day of March at the beginning for two weeks or three or four £10,000 or £15,000 or more. And thereafter whatever shall be fitting and the business shall demand.

