EDITORIAL NOTE

In transcribing the Assize Roll and the Exchequer Plea Roll, punctuation and the use of capitals have been modernized; v is used initially, u medially. Routine signs and words in the margin, and also clerical jottings usually at the foot of the membrane, have mostly been omitted, save where they add to the record in the text. Words and phrases interlineated in the manuscript are placed in parentheses. The rolls are generally well written and well preserved, but the margins of some membranes are torn; illegible passages are indicated by three dots, with suggested readings in square brackets. For ease of reference, editorial headings, in bold type, have been provided for each separate case. The routine days of adjournment on the Assize Roll (mm. 22-25d, 31) are omitted. The final day is given in a footnote. Clerical slips have been ignored, but uncommon though intelligible forms such as equs, qum and huius for huius-medi have been allowed to stand without comment. In addition to the standard abbreviations, the short title Letter Book(s) refers to the Calendar of Letter Books preserved among the archives of the Corporation of the City of London, ed. R. R. Sharpe.

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