

MAGNA CARTA.

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EDWARD, by the Grace of God King of England, Lord of Ireland, and Duke of Guyan [to all archbishops, bishops, &c.]. We have seen the Great Charter of the Lord Henry, sometimes King of England, our father, of the liberties of England, in these words :—

HENRY, by the Grace of God King of England, Lord of Ireland, Duke of Normandy and Guyan, and Earl of Anjou, to all archbishops, bishops, abbots, priors, earls, barons, sheriffs, provosts, officers, and to all bailiffs, and other our faithful subjects, which shall see this present charter, greeting :

Know ye that we, unto the honor of Almighty God, and for the salvation of the souls of our progenitors and successors [Kings of England], to the advancement of Holy Church, and amendment of our realm, of our meer and free will have given and granted to all archbishops, bishops, abbots, priors, earls, barons, and to all freemen of this our realm, these liberties following, to be kept in our Kingdom of England for ever.

1. First, we have granted to God and by this our present charter have confirmed, for us and our heirs for ever, that the Church of England shall be free, and shall have all her whole rights and liberties inviolable.

We have granted also and given to all the freemen of our ²⁵ Ed. I. realm, for us and our heirs for ever, these liberties underwritten, to have and to hold to them and their heirs of us and our heirs for ever.

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29. No freeman shall be taken or imprisoned, or be dis-seised of his freehold or liberties or free customs, or be outlawed or exiled, or any otherwise destroyed;

Nor will we not pass upon him nor condemn him but by lawful judgment of his peers or by the law of the land.

We will sell to no man, we will not deny or defer to any man, either justice or right.

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Confirmation of the Charters.

EDWARD, by the Grace of God King of England, Lord of Ireland, and Duke of Guyan, to all those that these present letters shall hear or see, greeting:

Know ye that we, to the honor of God and of Holy Church, and to the profit of our realm, have granted for us and our heirs that the Charter of Liberties and the Charter of the Forest, which were made, by common assent of all the realm, in the time of King Henry, our father, shall be kept in every point without breach.

And we will that the same charters shall be sent under our seal as well to our Justices of the Forest as to others, and to all sheriffs of shires, and to all our other officers, and to all our cities throughout the realm, together with our writs in the which it shall be contained, that they cause the foresaid charters to be published, and to declare to the people that we have confirmed them in all points, and that our Justices, sheriffs, mayors, and other ministers, which under us have the laws of our land to guide, shall allow the said charters pleaded before them in judgment in all their points, that is, to wit, the Great Charter as the common law and the Charter of the Forest for the wealth of our realm.

2. And we will that, if any judgment be given from henceforth contrary to the points of the charters aforesaid by the Justices, or by any other our ministers that hold plea before them against the points of the charters, it shall be undone and holden for nought.

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