



Magna Carta (1297)

1297 CHAPTER 9 25 Edw 1 cc 1 9 29

EDWARD by the Grace of God King of England, Lord of Ireland, and Duke of Guyan, [^{X1}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:

Editorial Information

X1 Variant reading of the text noted in *The Statutes of the Realm* as follows: *To All to whom these present Letters shall come; Greeting.*

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 honour of Almighty God, and for the salvation of (^{X2}) 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.

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X2 Variant reading of the text noted in *The Statutes of the Realm* as follows: *our Soul and*

I Confirmation of Liberties.

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 Realm, for Us and our Heirs for ever, these Liberties under-written, to have and to hold to them and their Heirs, of Us and our Heirs for ever.

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Textual Amendments

- F1** Cc. 2–6 repealed by [Statute Law Revision Act 1863 \(c. 125\)](#) and [Statute Law \(Ireland\) Revision Act 1872 \(c. 98\)](#)

VII F2

Textual Amendments

- F2** C. 7 repealed by [Administration of Estates Act \(1925\) \(c. 23\)](#), s. 56, [Sch. 2 Pt. I](#), [Administration of Estates Act \(Northern Ireland\) 1955 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 46, [Sch. 3](#) and [Statute Law \(Repeals\) Act 1969 \(c. 52\)](#), [Sch. Pt. I](#)

VIII F3

Textual Amendments

- F3** C. 8 repealed by [Statute Law \(Repeals\) Act 1969 \(c. 52\)](#), [Sch. Pt. I](#)

IX Liberties of London, &c.

THE City of London shall have all the old Liberties and Customs [which it hath been used to have]. Moreover We will and grant, that all other Cities, Boroughs, Towns, and the Barons of the Five Ports, and all other Ports, shall have all their Liberties and free Customs.

X F4

Textual Amendments

- F4** C. 10 repealed by [Statute Law Revision Act 1948 \(c. 62\)](#)

XI— F5 XII.

Textual Amendments

- F5** Cc. 11, 12 repealed by [Civil Procedure Acts Repeal Act 1879 \(c. 59\)](#), [Sch.](#)

XIII F6

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F6 C. 13 repealed by [Statute Law Revision Act 1863 \(c. 125\)](#) and [Statute Law \(Ireland\) Revision Act 1872 \(c. 98\)](#)

XIV **F7**

Textual Amendments

F7 C. 14 repealed by [Criminal Law Act 1967 \(c. 58\)](#), [Sch. 3 Pt. I](#) and [Criminal Law Act \(Northern Ireland\) 1967 \(c. 18\)](#), [Sch. 2 Pt. I](#)

XV– **F8**
XVI

Textual Amendments

F8 Cc. 15, 16 repealed by [Statute Law \(Repeals\) Act 1969 \(c. 52\)](#), [Sch. Pt. I](#)

XVII **F9**

Textual Amendments

F9 C. 17 repealed by [Statute Law Revision Act 1892 \(c. 19\)](#)

XVIII **F10**

Textual Amendments

F10 C. 18 repealed by [Crown Proceedings Act 1947 \(c. 44\)](#), [Sch. 2](#)

XIX– **F11**
XXI

Textual Amendments

F11 Cc. 19–21 repealed by [Statute Law Revision Act 1863 \(c. 125\)](#) and [Statute Law \(Ireland\) Revision Act 1872 \(c. 98\)](#)

XXII **F12**

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Textual Amendments

F12 C. 22 repealed by [Statute Law Revision Act 1948 \(c. 62\)](#)

XXIII **F13**

Textual Amendments

F13 C. 23 repealed by [Statute Law \(Repeals\) Act 1969 \(c. 52\)](#), [Sch. Pt. I](#)

XXIV **F14**

Textual Amendments

F14 C. 24 repealed by [Statute Law Revision Act 1863 \(c. 125\)](#) and [Statute Law \(Ireland\) Revision Act 1872 \(c. 98\)](#)

XXV **F15**

Textual Amendments

F15 C. 25 repealed by [Statute Law Revision Act 1948 \(c. 62\)](#)

XXVI **F16**

Textual Amendments

F16 C. 26 repealed by the Acts 9 Geo. 4 c. 31 s. 1 and 10 Geo. 4 c. 34 s. 1

XXVII **F17**
XXVIII

Textual Amendments

F17 Cc. 27, 28 repealed by [Statute Law Revision Act 1863 \(c. 125\)](#) and [Statute Law \(Ireland\) Revision Act 1872 \(c. 98\)](#)

XXIX Imprisonment, &c. contrary to Law. Administration of Justice.

NO Freeman shall be taken or imprisoned, or be disseised of his Freehold, or Liberties, or free Customs, or be outlawed, or exiled, or any other wise destroyed; nor will We not pass upon him, nor [^{X3}condemn him,] but by lawful judgment of his Peers, or by

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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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X3 Variant reading of the text noted in *The Statutes of the Realm* as follows: *deal with him*,

XXX **F18**

Textual Amendments

F18 C. 30 repealed by [Statute Law \(Repeals\) Act 1969 \(c. 52\)](#), **Sch. Pt. I**

XXXI **F19**

Textual Amendments

F19 C. 31 repealed by [Statute Law Revision Act 1863 \(c. 125\)](#) and [Statute Law \(Ireland\) Revision Act 1872 \(c. 98\)](#)

XXXII **F20**

Textual Amendments

F20 C. 32 repealed by [Statute Law Revision Act 1887 \(c. 59\)](#)

XXXIII **F21**

XXXIV.

Textual Amendments

F21 Cc. 33, 34 repealed by [Statute Law Revision Act 1863 \(c. 125\)](#) and [Statute Law \(Ireland\) Revision Act 1872 \(c. 98\)](#)

XXXV **F22**

Textual Amendments

F22 C. 35 repealed by [Sheriffs Act 1887 \(c. 55\)](#), s. 39, **Sch. 3**

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XXXVI..... F23
XXXVII

Textual Amendments

F23 Cc. 36, 37 repealed by [Statute Law Revision Act 1863 \(c. 125\)](#) and [Statute Law \(Ireland\) Revision Act 1872 \(c. 98\)](#)

General Saving. Observance of these Liberties. Subsidy, in respect of this Charter and Charter of the Forest.

Reserving to all Archbishops, Bishops, Abbots, Priors, Templars, Hospitallers, Earls, Barons, and all Persons, as well Spiritual as Temporal, all their [^{x4}free Liberties] and free Customs, which they have had in time passed. And all these Customs and Liberties aforesaid, which We have granted to be holden within this our Realm, [^{x5}as much as appertaineth to Us and our Heirs, we shall observe; and] all Men of this our Realm, as well Spiritual as Temporal, [^{x6}as much as in them is, shall observe the same against all Persons, in like wise.] And for this our Gift and Grant of these Liberties, and of other contained in our Charter of Liberties of our Forest, the Archbishops, Bishops, Abbots, Priors, Earls, Barons, Knights, Freeholders, and other our Subjects, have given unto Us the Fifteenth Part of all their Moveables. And We have granted unto them on the other part, (^{x7}) that neither We nor our Heirs shall procure or do any thing whereby the Liberties in this Charter contained shall be infringed or broken. And if any thing be procured by any person contrary to the premises, it shall be had of no force nor effect. These being Witnesses; Lord [^{x8}B.] Archbishop of Canterbury, E. Bishop of London, J. Bishop of Bathe, P. of Winchester, H. of Lincoln, R. of Salisbury, W. of Rochester, W. of Worcester, J. of Ely, H. of Hereford, R. of Chichester, W. of Exeter, Bishops; the Abbot of St. Edmonds, the Abbot of St. Albans, the Abbot of [^{x9}Bello,] the Abbot of St. Augustine's in Canterbury, the Abbot of Evesham, the Abbot of Westminster, the Abbot of [^{x10}Bourgh St. Peter,] the Abbot of Reding, the Abbot of Abindon, the Abbot of Malmsbury, the Abbot of Winchcomb, the Abbot of Hyde, the Abbot of Certesey, the Abbot of Sherburn, the Abbot of Cerne, the Abbot of [^{x11}Abbotebir,] the Abbot of Middleton, the Abbot of Seleby, the Abbot of Cirencester; H. de Burgh [^{x12}Justice,] H. Earl of Chester and Lincoln, W. Earl of Salisbury, W. Earl of Warren, G. de Clare Earl of Gloucester and [^{x13}Hereford,] W. de Ferrars Earl of Derby, W. de Mandeville Earl of Essex, H. de Bygod Earl of Norfolk, W. Earl of Albemarle, H. Earl of Hereford, J. Constable of Chester, R. de Ros, R. Fitzwalter, R. de Vyponte, W. de Bruer, R. de Muntefichet, P. Fitzherbert, W. de Aubenie, F. Gresly, F. de Breus, J. de [^{x14}Monemue,] J. Fitzallen, H. de Mortimer, W. de Beauchamp, W. de St. John, P. de Mauly, Brian de Lisle, Thomas de Multon, R. de Argenteyn, G. de Nevil, W. de Mauduit, J. de Balun, and others. (^{x15})

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Magna Carta de libertatibz Angli, et de libertatibz foreste;
confirmata a R. Edwardo; Anno r' sui viceimo q'nto. 1197.

In dorso
Roths.

Ex magno Rot. Stat. in Turr.
Lond. m. 40. 39. 38

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In p'mis concessim' deo, & hac p'senti carta n'ra confirmavim' p nob & hered n'ris impetui, qd' ecclia Angli- cana libera sit, & habeat omnia iura sua integra, & libitates suas illesas. Conces- sim' eciam & dedim' omibz liberis hominibz regni n'ri, p nob & heredibz n'ris impetui, has libitates subscriptas, fendas & tenendas eis & hered suis, de nob & hered n'ris impetui.

II-VIII. Civitas Londoniæ habeat omnes libertates suas antiquas, & consuetudines suas. Prefectus volumus* & concedimus, quod omnes Civitates alie, & Burgi, & Ville, & Barones de quinq; portubz, & deis portis, habeant omnes libertates, & libas consuetudines suas.

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X-XXVIII.
Nullus liber homo capiatur vel
imprisonetur, aut disseisnatus de
libra tēta sua, vel libertatibus, vel
libris consuetudinibus suis, aut
utilitatibus, aut exoletis aut aliquo
modo destruitur, nec sup eum
ibimus, nec sup eum mittimur, nisi
p legitime iudicii pūi suoz, vel
p legitime terre. Nulli vendemur,
nulli negabimur, aut differemur
refugium vel justiciam.

XXX-XXXVII.
Et salve sint Archiepiscopi, Episcopi,
Abbatibus, Prioribus, Templariis,
Hospitibus, Comitibus, Baronibus,
et ceteris aliis, tam ecclesiasticis
personis, quam secularibus, omnes
libtates et libe consuetudines,
quas prius fuerunt. Officiis autē
consuetudines et libtates pūci-
as, quas concessimus in regno
nro tenendas, quāti ad nos pūnet
erga nros, Officiis de regno nro,
tam, officii, quā iurisdictione,
quāti ad se pertinet, erga suos.
Pro hac autē donacione et con-
cessionone libtatis istius, et alia
contentas in carta nra de libtati-
bus foreste, Archiepiscopi, Episcopi,
Abbes, Priores, Comites, Bar-
ones, Milites, libe tenentes, et
officiis de regno nro, dederunt nob
quantam decimam ptem omnium
mobiliū suoz. Concessimus

etiam eisdem, p nob & hered
nris, quā nec nos, nec heredes
nri, aliquid ppetuū, p quod
libtates in hac carta contente
infringantur vel infirmantur. Et si
aliquis contra hoc aliquid
petitum fuerit, nichil valeat, &
p nullo heatur. His testibus dno
S. Cantuari Archiepiscopo, E. Lon-
doni Episcopo, J. Bathoni Episcopo, P.
Wynzoni, H. Lincoln, R. Sa, W.
Roff, W. Wygorn, J. Ebor, H.
Hereforden, R. Cicerst, W.
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Bello, Abbe Scti Augustini Can-
tuari, Abbe de Evesham, Abbe
de Westm, Abbe de Burgo Scti
Petri, Abbe de Reading, Abbe de
Abyrdale, Abbe de Malmesbur,
Abbe de Wyndecombe, Abbe
de Hild, Abbe de Cisterciere,
Abbe de Skirburi, Abbe de
Cern, Abbe de [Abbotbury],
Abbe de Midelton, Abbe de
Selesby, Abbe de Cirencester,
H. de Burgo [Justiciarius], H.
Comite Cestr & Lincoln, W.
Comite Sax, W. Comite Warren,
C. de Clare Comite Gloucest &
Hereford, W. de Ferras Comite
Derb, W. de Mandevill Comite
Essex, H. le Bigod Comite

*Abbotbury E.
†Westm E.

Norff, W. Comite Albemarle,
H. Comite Hereford, J. Con-
stabularius Cestr, R. de Ros, R.
filio Walf, R. de Vefi Ponte, W.
de Bruer, R. de Munfichet, P.
filio Herbi, W. de Aubeny, F.
Gresly, F. de Breuk, J. de
Montemue, J. fil. Alari, H. de
Mortuo Mari, W. de Bello
Campo, W. de Scto Johē, P. de
Malo Lacu, Briano de Insula,
Thoma de Multon, R. de Argen-
tein, G. de Nevill, W. Masduil,
J. de Balan & aliis. Dat apud
Westm xj. die Febr anno r. n.
nono.

Nos autem donacionē & con-
cessionē pūciās ratas hentes &
gratas, eas p nob & Hereditibz
nris, concedimus & confirmamus,
easq tenore pūciū innovamus,
volentes & concedentes, p nob
& hereditibz nris, quā carta pūca
in omnibz & singulis suis articulis
impetuit firmā & invariabilitē
observet, etiam si aliqui articuli
in eadem carta contenti, hucusq
forsitan non fuerint observati.
In cuius rei testimonium has litfas
nras fieri fecimus patentes. T.
Edwardo filio nro apud Westm,
duodecimo die Octobris anno r. n.
Vicesimo Quinto.

Editorial Information

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