



# Confirmation of the Charters (1297)

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## I Confirmation of the Charters. Publication thereof.

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 honour 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, . . . <sup>F1</sup> 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 . . . <sup>F2</sup> our Justices, Sheriffs, Mayors, and other Ministers, which under Us (<sup>X1</sup>) have the Laws of our Land to guide, [<sup>X2</sup>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, . . . <sup>F1</sup>

### Editorial Information

- X1 Variant reading of the text noted in *The Statutes of the Realm* as follows: *and by us*
- X2 Variant reading of the text noted in *The Statutes of the Realm* as follows: *that they allow the same Charters in all their points, in Pleas before them, and in Judgements*

### Textual Amendments

- F1 Words repealed by [Wild Creatures and Forest Laws Act 1971 \(c. 47\)](#), s. 1(4), [Sch.](#)
- F2 Words repealed by [Statute Law Revision Act 1948 \(c. 62\)](#)

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- F3 Cc. 2–5, 7 repealed by [Statute Law \(Repeals\) Act 1969 \(c. 52\)](#), [Sch. Pt. I](#)

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**VI No Aids or Prises shall be taken but by Consent of the Realm.**

MOREOVER we have granted for Us and our Heirs as well to Archbishops, Bishops, Abbots, Priors, and other Folk of Holy Church, as also to Earls, Barons, and to all the Communalty of the Land, that for no business from henceforth we shall take (<sup>X3</sup>) such manner of Aids, Tasks, nor Prises, but by the common assent of the Realm, and for the common profit thereof, saving the ancient Aids and Prises due and accustomed.

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**VII** ..... **F4**

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In Witness of which things we have caused these our Letters to be made Patents. Witness Edward our Son at London the tenth Day of October, the Five and twentieth Year of our Reign.

<sup>X4</sup>And Be it Remembered this same Charter, in the same Terms, word for word, was sealed in Flanders under the King’s Great Seal, that is to say, at Ghent the fifth day of November in the twenty-fifth year of the Reign of our aforesaid Lord the King, and sent into England.

Confirmatio Cartarum

*Ex magno Rot. Stat. in  
Turr. Lond. m. 36.*

(\*)EDWARD par la grace de dieu, Roy Densleterre Seigneur Dirlaud, & Duc d’Aquitaine a touz ceus qui cestes plesntes lettres verront ou orront salut. Sachez nous al honneur de dieu, & de seineie eglise & au gnt de tut nre Roiaume, avec grant pui no’ e p’ nos heirs, qe la grant chartre des franchises . . . les queles furent faites p’ cōmun assent de tut le Roiaume, en tens le Rey Henry nre pere, soient tenuz en touz leur pointz, sans nul hie, misement. Et voloms qe . . . nos Justices, Viscontes, Maïres & autres ministres, q’ la ley de la terre de south nous, & p’ no’, oint a gair, moimes les chartres en toutz leur pointz, en plez devant eus, e en Jugementz les fauzt alowr, cest assavoir la g’nd chartre des franchises come ley cōmune. . . .

\*A blank for the letter E.

II-V. . . . .  
E ausi avoms g’nte p’ nous e p’ nos heirs as Ecevesques, Eveqs, Abbes, e Priars, e as autres gentz de seineie eglise, & as Contes & Barons, & a tote la cōmunauce de la terre, q’ mes par nre busoigne lieu manere des aides, mises, ne prises, de nre roiaume ne prendrons, fors q’ p’ cōmun assent de tut le Roiaume, & a cōmun gnt de moime le Roiaume; saave les aucienes aides, & prises, dues & custumes.

VII. . . . .  
En temoignance de queux choses, no’ avoms fait faire cestes nos tres oïves. Tesmoigne Edward nre fiz a Londres le disme jour de Octobre, Lan de nre regne vintisme Quinz.

E fet a remembler qe meisme ceste chartre, sans meimes les paroles, de mot en mot, fust seie en Flandres, de nre fiz nre seil le Rey, cest assaver a Gaunt, le quint Jour de Novembre, Lan del regne l’ordie nre seigneur le Rey vintisme q’nt, e envee en Engleterre.

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