

There were several Councils & assemblies of y^e Clergy & Nobility during y^e turbulent Reign of Henry III. y^e most remarkable of which were as follows.

In 1225 y^e K. summon'd a great Assembly of y^e Nobility & Clergy ^{at Westminster} & demand'd an aid of a fifteenth of all movables for y^e recovery of his foreign dominions which they refus'd to comply with until he had confirm'd their Charters of Liberty, upon which y^e K. issued out Charters to every County & two to those in which there were forests, confirming those granted by John.

He likewise disforested all forests made after y^e accession of Henry II.

at this Assembly y^e K. gave y^e K. y^e Woods & Marriages of their Heirs. A thing ~~ever~~ ^{then} call'd y^e *infructum mali*.

In 1227 y^e K. summon'd another assembly at Oxford, where he declar'd himself of age, & then affirm'd y^e not being bound by any act pass'd during his Nonage, he did cancell y^e Great Charter of Liberty & also y^e Forest Charters.

He declar'd also to y^e Clergy y^e he wou'd support them in their rights provided they took out new Charters.

All this violence was attributed to Hubert de Burgh who had got into y^e K. chief favor, & was Chief Justice of y^e K. - m.

y^e K. call'd an assembly together at Lambeth in 1232. where y^e fortieth part of all y^e movables of y^e Clergy & Laity was granted him, for to pay y^e debt he ow'd him.

Hubert de Burgh is accus'd by y^e Nobility of extortion &c. & y^e K. seem'd determin'd to give him up, but on his delivering to him all his wealth, he gave him back his lands & confin'd him prisoner for some time.

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Peter Bish. of Winchester, a foreigner, succeeded
him in y.^e R. favor, & invited several Poitians
& Britons over, to y.^e number of 2000 to who y.^e
Wardships were granted, by which means y.^e
Nobility were ignobly match'd with these
foreigners.

y.^e R. summon'd an Assembly to meet at Oxford
in 1233. but y.^e P. refus'd to obey.

After calling two or three more together y.^e P.
sent him word y^t they would not come till he
had sent his favorite away which if he would
not do, they would drive him & his evil
Councillor out of y.^e R. - m. & choore a new R.

A general Council met at Westminster in 1234
where y.^e R. dismiss'd his favorite, & banish'd y.^e
foreigners from his Court.

A select Council was held at Merton in 1236.
where those Statutes were made which have
ever since been part of y.^e Statute Law.

y.^e R. call'd an Assembly ^{at London 1237} ~~at London~~ ¹²³⁷
ask'd for an aid, which was refus'd him
He confirm'd at y.^e same time y.^e Ch.
& by that means obtain'd y.^e ~~part~~ ^{part}
of all movables.

As it was this R. custom to depend by y.^e lowest
& most abject methods of getting money, & to squander
it among his favorites when got he was forc'd to
have often recourse to his Nobility which prov'd
y.^e great foundation of liberty, y^t money cou'd
not be rais'd without their consent, which
before this Reign was done in an arbitrary
manner.

He summon'd an assembly at West: where he himself
beg'd they would grant him an aid.

He obtain'd 20% out of every Knights fee who
help'd of him in capite

From this time to y.^e year 1258. y.^e R. call'd
general Councils demanding supplies y^t were consist. refus'd.

This year y^e Nobil: were sum: to London & afterwards adjourn'd to Ox: where y^e K. promis'd y^e twelve persons chosen by him, & twelve by y^e P. should meet & reforme y^e State; to y^e keeping of whose regulations both he & his son Ed: swore. y^e P. on their siller promis'd an aid to y^e K. these 24 were accordingly chosen & came to y^e following regulations.

- I. y^e y^e K. shou'd confirm y^e Ch. Ch.
- II. y^e a Proper Judiciary be constituted.
- III. y^e they shou'd chose all Judges, Chan: Minis: &c. yearly for ever.
- IV. y^e they or their friends shou'd have y^e custody off y^e K. Castles.
- V. y^e there shou'd be 3. Parl: in a year at which shou'd be Present y^e Councellers whether sum: or not & to which y^e Community shou'd depute 12. Wisemen to represent them.

Many other provisions were made for softning y^e rigour of y^e feudal tenures, Wards &c.

This done they consider'd of y^e aids to be granted to y^e K. but instead of y^e having ver'd their own hum they sought to distress y^e K. more by driving his half - Bro: from him.

This ended this meeting call'd y^e Mad Parl: & with Justice for till now we have found y^e K. constantly breaking his word & trampling upon y^e Liberties of y^e People; but here y^e P. being uppermost tyrannic in their turn & got out things from y^e K. y^e scarcely left him a crown, & y^e done neglected y^e interest of y^e people & shamefully broke their word in refusing him y^e promis'd aid; this turn'd y^e people against them & gave y^e K. afterwards a handle to break every law & to put many of themselves to death.

Whilst y^e Feast of St. Ed: was kept at West: in 1259 there came a deputation from all y^e Bachelors to R. Ed: & to others of y^e Council acquainting them y^e y^e K. had perform'd all y^e promises he had made; but y^e y^e P. had done nothing for y^e Publick good, but only minded their private interest. y^e P. finding y^e if they did not do right of their own accord, they should be forc'd to it, publish'd y^e body of laws call'd Provisiones Baronum.

y.^e K. of y.^e Romans came over to y.^e assistance of y.^e
 K. his Bro: & was join'd by P. Ed: & some B. Simon
 Mountfort C. of Leicester headed y.^e opposite B.
 by which means a great quantity of blood was
 spilt. but by y.^e mediation of y.^e Du: matters were
 somewhat accommodated, but not for a long time,
 y.^e K. despairing of getting on. aid, procur'd an
 absolution of y.^e Pope from all y.^e Oaths taken at Ox.

He soon after sum: a Parl: at Ox: in 1263.
 when he propos'd y.^t all should be free from y.^e Oaths
 they had taken in y.^e former meeting at Ox: but y.^e
 Cl'ri: not agreeing to this; things were very near a
 rupture; both sides agreed y.^t y.^e K. of France
 should be y.^e Mediator. he annull'd y.^e B. provisions,
 which they would not agree to.

y.^e K. was unfortunate in y.^e begin: of y.^e Civil War, &
 soon after was taken Pris: with his Bro: y.^e K. of y.^e
 Romans & many B. abbees in 1264.

Upon this Mountfort sum: y.^e Com: to Parl: in y.^e K. name

This is y.^e first time it can with certainty be
 said y.^t y.^e Com: of England were call'd to Parl:

P. Ed: found means to escape out of y.^e hands of
 Mountfort, & to get together an army with which he
 routed y.^e B. near Evesham, in 1265.

y.^e B. having grasp'd at too much ~~power~~ they had been
 so long obtaining.

y.^e K. call'd a Parl: at Winchester in 1265. where by their
 advice, he seiz'd upon y.^e liberties of y.^e City of London,
 & got also y.^e Rebels lands into his hands.

He met a Parl: at Kenelworth in 1266. where it was
 agreed y.^t six persons who were chosen, should choose
 six more; those twelve were according to their judgem:
 to settle what was most for y.^e security of y.^e Nation.

They enacted, y.^t all who began y.^e War & preserv'd it
 either join'd at any time with y.^e Rebels or had ever
 offer'd them any assistance, should forfeit five years
 rent which if they paid they were to have their lands
 again; if they only paid part of it they were to have

their lands again. if they only paid part of it they were to receive but part of their lands.

All obligations or instruments made by y^e K. or his son concerning y^e Dec: provisions were declar'd void; yet y^e M. Ch: & y^e Charters of y^e Forests were to remain in full force.

y^e K. sum: a Part: at St. Edmundsbury in 1267. where y^e Clergy were forc'd to pay y^e tenth of all Ecclesiastical Preferments for three years.

He call'd another Part: in 1269 at Marlborough: where y^e Statutes y^t bear y^t name were made.

Henry died in 1272. after having had a very vexing Reign. It is very difficult to give a true character of this. In some parts of his Reign he acted very arbitrarily, in other y^e B. were as stubborn as he had been. upon y^e whole he was a very profuse, fickle man, & was never to be depended on.

[Faint, mostly illegible handwritten text in a cursive script, likely from the 17th or 18th century. The text appears to be a formal letter or official document, possibly discussing matters of governance or finance. Some words are difficult to decipher due to fading and bleed-through from the reverse side.]