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De Rege Henrico primo

Huiusmodi Henricus fuit
 eius et regnavit annis xxxv.
 hic erat pastor, ferax, et custos
 nemoz, fuit et sapiens et stre-
 nuus. Dixi noemannie que
 verthius ambrosius Leonem iusticie
 in hystoria Regum noiauit fecit et em-
 iudicium et iusticiam in terra. Dixit qz
 uxorem generosam et optimam de
 nobili genere angloz. et dittonu p
 quam multum sibi confederavit. Reg-
 num scilicet filiam principis sui Alba-
 nie. vna et moribz ornaram doctorem
 scilicet Alexandri principis sui octoie
 et dantis octoie qui postea fuit pncps
 Albane. Cui vero Rex Henricus ppa-

Henricus primus genuit

Henrici nati felago pempt adama
 filia que remanet. In pnciale tenet.

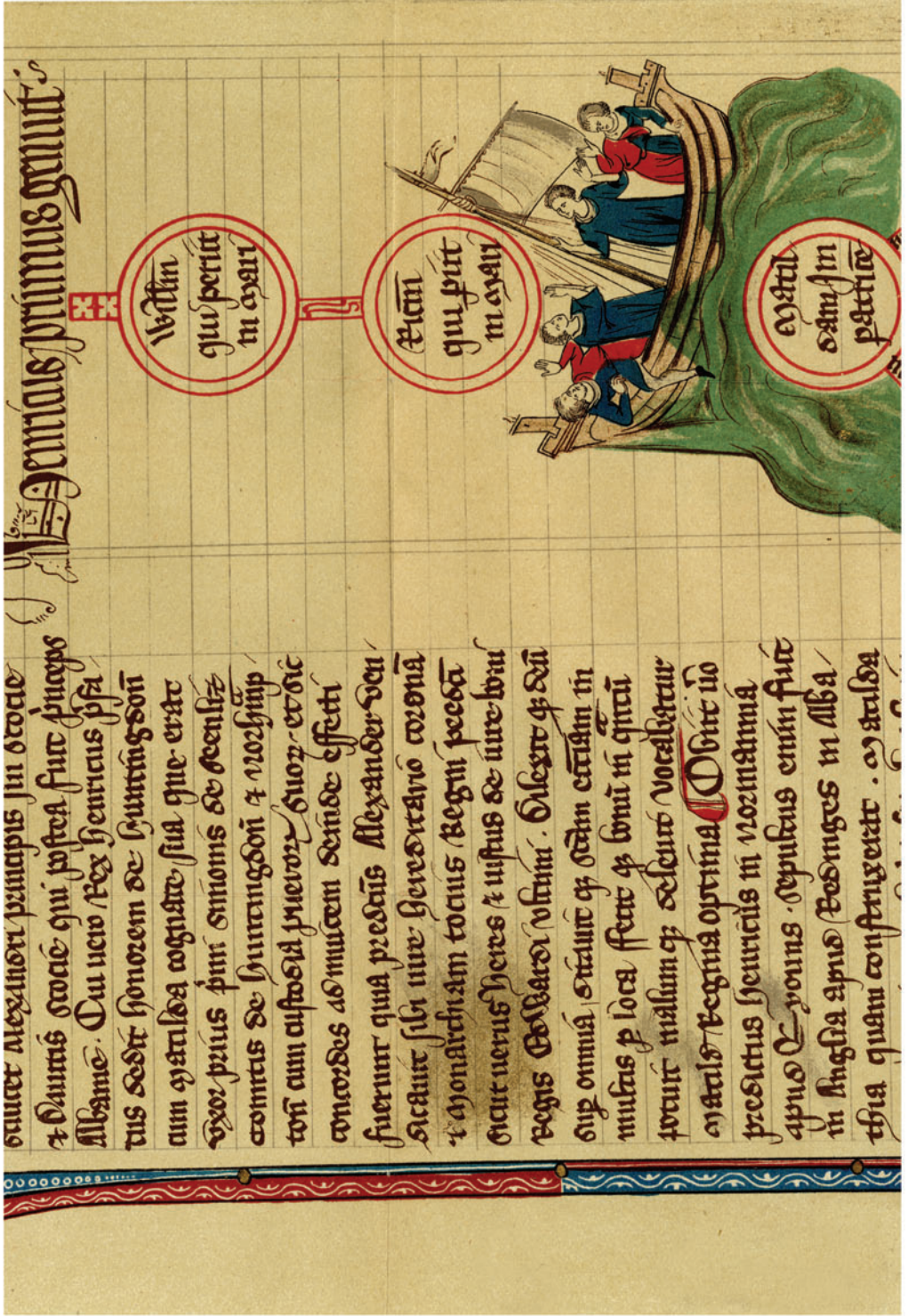



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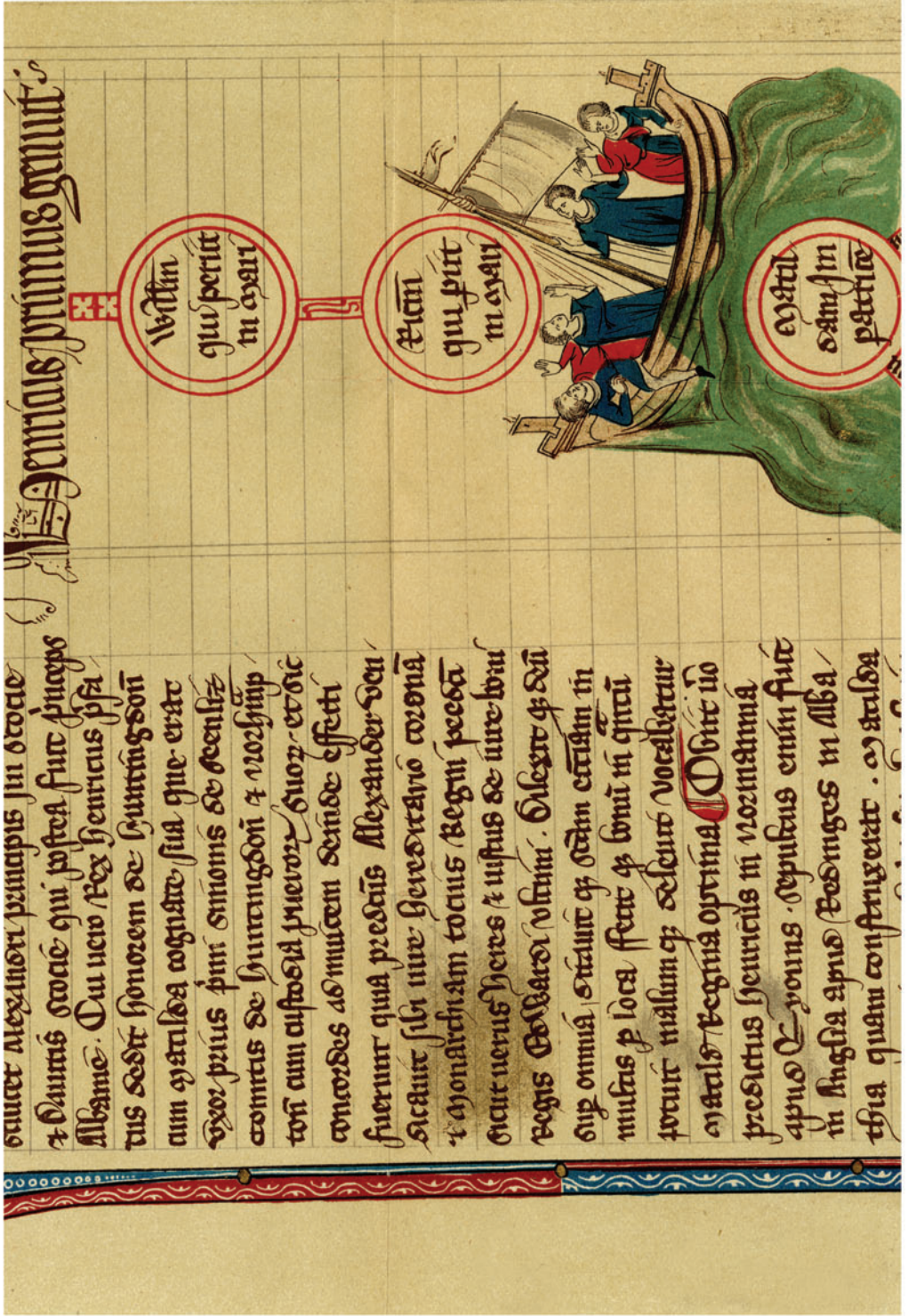
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Loss of the White Ship.

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¹ [*Irrotulatur in Memorandis de Scaccario Domini Regis, inter Recorda de Termino Sancti Michaelis, anno decimo Regis Henrici Quarti, ex parte Rememoratoris Thesaurarii.* F. 264. b.]

“ Henricus, Dei gratia, Rex Angliæ et Franciæ, et Dominus Hiberniæ, omnibus ad quos præsentis litteræ pervenerint, salutem. Sciatis, quod cum cives civitatis nostræ Londoniarum per petitionem suam Domino Edwardo, nuper Regi Angliæ, avo nostro dederint intelligi, qualiter felones, latrones, ac quidam alii malefactores et pacis suæ perturbatores, qui homicidia, latrocinia, et alias diversas felonias in civitate prædicta et alibi perpetrarunt, ab eadem civitate, post hujusmodi felonias factas, usque villam de Suthewerke, ubi fuerunt receptati, et ubi ministri dictæ civitatis latrones, felones, et malefactores hujusmodi arrestari non potuerunt, fugerunt; sicque iidem latrones, felones, et malefactores, pro defectu debitæ punitionis, ad hujusmodi malefacta perpetranda magis audaces extiterunt. Ac proinde idem avus noster, per Chartam suam, quam confirmavimus, concesserit præfatis civibus civitatis prædictæ prædictam villam de Suthewerk, ad feodi firmam pro antiqua firma inde tunc debita, videlicet, pro decem libris per annum in Scaccario solvendis. Per quam quidem Chartam, officarii civitatis prædictæ non habent potestatem hujusmodi felones, latrones, et malefactores in villa prædicta arrestandi, nec eos usque Gaolam nostram de Neugate ducendi, ibidem secundum legem nostram justificandos, ut accepimus;—Nos, ad supplicationem dilec-

Grant by Henry IV. to the Mayor and Commonalty of London of power to arrest felons and malefactors in Southwark; and of Waifs and Strays, and Assay and Assize of bread and ale.

¹ From this point, the matter in *Liber Custumarum* consists of various insertions of later date.

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“ torum nobis, Majoris et communitatis civitatis præ-
 “ dictæ, de gratia nostra speciali concessimus et con-
 “ firmavimus eisdem Majori et communitati, et succes-
 “ soribus suis, prædictam villam de Suthewerk, cum
 “ pertinentiis ac quibuscunque commoditatibus ad nos
 “ de dicta villa aliquantulum spectantibus, pro firma præ-
 “ dicta: et quod ipsi et eorum successores, per ministros
 “ suos, quoscunque latrones, felones, et malefactores, in
 “ villa prædicta inventos, arrestare et usque Gaolam
 “ prædictam ducere possint, ibidem consimili modo jus-
 “ tificandos, ut felones infra dictam civitatem inventos,
 “ coram Majore civitatis prædictæ, pro tempore existente,
 “ ac aliis Justiciariis per nos et hæredes nostros pro de-
 “ liberatione Gaolæ prædictæ assignandis, et alios male-
 “ factores et pacis perturbatores coram Majore civitatis
 “ prædictæ pro tempore existente. Concessimus etiam
 “ eisdem Majori et communitati, et successoribus suis, om-
 “ nimoda bona et catalla vocata “ *Wayf*” et “ *Strays*,” ac
 “ Assaiam et Assisam panis, vini, et cervisiæ, et omnium
 “ aliorum victualium quorumcunque, ac quarumcunque
 “ aliarum rerum ad officium Clerici Mercati hospitii
 “ nostri vel hospitii hæredum nostrorum, infra dic-
 “ tam villam de Suthewerk spectantium, una cum
 “ punitione eorundem, quando et quo tempore eis
 “ videbitur fore optimum; cum finibus, amersiammentis,
 “ redemptionibus, et omnibus aliis proficuis inde pro-
 “ venientibus. Ita quod præfatus Clericus Mercati
 “ hospitii nostri, vel hæredum nostrorum, dictam vil-
 “ lam de Suthewerk, pro aliquo ad officium suum
 “ spectante ibidem faciendo seu exercendo, minime
 “ ingrediatur, nec se de correctione victualium in villa
 “ prædicta aliquantulum intromittat. Et insuper, con-
 “ cessimus eisdem Majori et communitati, et successo-
 “ ribus suis, quod ipsi, per eorum ministrum et depu-
 “ tatum, in prædicta villa de Suthewerk habeant retur-
 “ num omnium brevium nostrorum, extractarum, præ-
 “ ceptorum, et mandatorum, quarumcunque, Curiarum
 “ nostrarum, et hæredum nostrorum, in prædicta villa
 “ de Suthewerk. Ita quod Vicecomes Surreiæ, qui

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I EDW. III.] GRANT OF THE VILL OF SOUTHWARK. 435

“ nunc est, vel qui pro tempore fuerit, aut aliquis
 “ officiariorum seu ministrorum nostrorum, non intro-
 “ mittat, nec executionem faciat, de eo quod ad
 “ officium suum pertinet vel pertinere poterit, infra
 “ villam prædictam, nisi in defectu ipsorum Majoris et
 “ communitatis, aut ministri seu deputati sui, ejusdem
 “ villæ, seu successorum suorum; franchises aliorum
 “ dominorum in villa prædicta eisdem dominis sem-
 “ per salvis. In cujus rei testimonium, has Litteras
 “ nostras fieri fecimus Patentes, quamdiu nobis pla-
 “ cuerit duraturas. Teste meipso, apud Westmonas-
 “ terium, xxiii die Julii, anno regni nostri vii^{mo}.” Per
 ipsum Regem.—Clerke.

Charta de Southwerke.

F. 265. a.

“ Edwardus, Dei gratia, Rex Angliæ, Dominus Hi-
 “ berniæ, et Dux Aquitanniæ, omnibus ad quos præ-
 “ sentes litteræ pervenerint, salutem. Sciatis quod
 “ cum dilecti nobis cives civitatis nostræ Londonia-
 “ rum, per petitionem suam, coram nobis et Consilio
 “ nostro in præsentî Parlamento nostro, apud West-
 “ monasterium convocato, exhibitam, nobis dederint in-
 “ telligi quod felones, latrones, et alii diversi male-
 “ factores et pacis perturbatores, qui in civitate præ-
 “ dicta et alibi homicidia, latrocinia, et alias felonias
 “ diversas perpetrarunt, latenter ab eadem civitate,
 “ post hujusmodi felonias perpetratas, recedentes ad
 “ villam de Suthwerke, ubi per ministros dictæ civi-
 “ tatis attachiari non possunt, fugiunt, et ibidem
 “ publice receptantur; sicque propter defectum debi-
 “ tæ punitionis, audaciores efficiuntur ad hujusmodi
 “ felonias perpetrandas; et nobis supplicaverunt, ut
 “ pro conservatione pacis nostræ in civitate prædicta,
 “ et malitia ipsorum malefactorum refrænanda, velimus
 “ eis dictam villam concedere, habendam sibi, hæredi-

Grant by
 King Ed-
 ward III. of
 the Vill of
 Southwerk
 to the Citi-
 zens of Lon-
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[7 RIC. II.]

“ bus, et successoribus suis, in perpetuum, pro firma
 “ inde debita nobis ad Scaccarium nostrum annuatim
 “ reddenda;—Nos, ad præmissa considerationem ha-
 “ bentes, de assensu Prælatorum, Comitum, Baronum,
 “ et Communitatis regni nostri, in Parlamento præ-
 “ dicto existentium, concessimus, pro nobis et hæredi-
 “ bus nostris, eisdem civibus dictam villam de Suth-
 “ werke, cum pertinentiis, habendum et tenendum
 “ sibi, et hæredibus et successoribus suis, civibus civi-
 “ tatis prædictæ, de nobis et hæredibus nostris in
 “ perpetuum, reddendo nobis per annum ad Scaccarium
 “ nostrum, et hæredum nostrorum, terminis consuetis,
 “ firmam inde debitam et consuetam. In cuius rei
 “ testimonium, has Litteras nostras fieri fecimus Pa-
 “ tentes. Teste meipso, apud Westmonasterium, sexto
 “ die Martii, anno regni nostri primo.”

Irrotulatur in Memorandis Scaccarii de anno regni
 Regis Edwardi, Tertii post Conquæstum, primo finiente,
 incipiente secundo, inter Recorda de Termino Sancti
 Michaelis.

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Littera Domini ¹ [*Ricardi Regis*] *Patens pro* [*Electione*] *Aldermannorum.*

Letter of
 Richard II.
 to the
 Mayor and
 Commonalty
 of London,
 allowing the
 re-election
 of Aldermen
 at the end of
 their year of
 office.

“ Ricardus, Dei gratia, Rex Angliæ et Franciæ, et
 “ Dominus Hiberniæ, dilectis sibi Majori et toti com-
 “ munitati civitatis suæ Londoniarum, salutem. Da-
 “ tum est nobis intelligi, quod vos, ad electionem
 “ Aldermannorum pro anno proximo futuro inter vos
 “ procedentes, consideratis damnis, incommodis, et peri-
 “ culis gravibus quæ ex totali et integra mutatione
 “ Aldermannorum in civitate illa, per aliquod tempus
 “ annuatim fieri usitata, hactenus venerunt, et quæ
 “ possent, si fierent amplius hujusmodi subitæ et in-

¹ The portions in brackets have been cut away from the margin.

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7 RIC. II.] RE-ELECTION OF ALDERMEN ALLOWED. 437

“ tegræ mutationes, verisimiliter et faciliter provenire ;
 “ ea intentione, quod, vitatis hujusmodi damnis, incom-
 “ modis, et periculis, melior gubernatio in eadem civi-
 “ tate habeatur, quosdam Aldermannorum qui proximo
 “ elapso anno fuerant, et quosdam alios de probi-
 “ oribus hominibus dictæ civitatis in officium Alder-
 “ manriæ, noviter elegistis. Nos igitur intentionem
 “ vestram in hac parte, quatenus pro salubriori dictæ
 “ civitatis processit, commendantes, volumus, et tenore
 “ præsentium consentimus, quod electio illa, sic per
 “ vos facta, pro dicto anno futuro, absque cassatione
 “ seu adnullatione firmum sortiatur effectum ; conce-
 “ dentes ulterius, quod si Prælati, Proceribus, Mag-
 “ natibus, et aliis de Consilio nostro, in proximo
 “ Parlamento nostro nobis assistentibus, exposita eis
 “ causa et materia electionis hujusmodi, videatur elec-
 “ tionem prædictam pro meliori gubernatione civitatis
 “ prædictæ fore utilem atque necessariam, tunc hu-
 “ jusmodi electio in civitate prædicta ex tunc fiat,
 “ et, ad majorem utilitatem civitatis prædictæ annu-
 “ atim, juxta deliberationem et avisamentum Præ-
 “ latorum, Procerum, ac Magnatum prædictorum, et
 “ aliorum de dicto Consilio nostro, successivis tempo-
 “ ribus firmiter observetur ; nolentes quod vos, occa-
 “ sione electionis jam per vos, ut præmittitur, factæ,
 “ amissionem aliquarum libertatum vobis per Chartas
 “ progenitorum nostrorum, quondam Regum Angliæ,
 “ et confirmationes nostras, concessarum, incurritis, seu
 “ quod præjudicium aliquod vobis, vel hæredibus aut
 “ successoribus vestris, super eisdem libertatibus gene-
 “ retur. Et hoc vobis, et omnibus aliis quorum inte-
 “ rest, innotescimus per præsentem. In cujus rei testi-
 “ monium, has Litteras nostras fieri fecimus Patentem.
 “ Teste meipso, apud Westmonasterium, viii die Martii,
 “ anno regni nostri septimo.” Per ipsum Regem.

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* F. 269. a. Charter of *Inspeximus*, grant, and confirmation of liberties to the Citizens of London, by Edward III.

“ Edwardus, Dei gratia, Rex Angliæ et Franciæ, et
 “ Dominus Hiberniæ, Archiepiscopis, Episcopis, Abba-
 “ tibus, Prioribus, Comitibus, Baronibus, Justiciariis,
 “ Vicecomitibus, Præpositis, ministris, et omnibus bal-
 “ livis et fidelibus suis, salutem. Inspeximus Chartam
 “ Confirmationis celebris memoriæ Domini Edwardi,
 “ nuper Regis Angliæ, patris nostri, in hæc verba :—

[*Here follows a Recital in full of the Charter of Confirmation of Edward II., pp. 255–268, ante, with some verbal variations of no importance.*]

†. 271. a. “ Inspeximus etiam quosdam Articulos quos idem
 “ pater noster, dicto octavo die Junii, per Litteras suas
 “ Patentes, concessit prædictis civibus, in perpetuum
 “ obtinendos et observandos, in hæc verba, videlicet,—
 “ quod Major et Vicecomites civitatis prædictæ per
 “ cives ejusdem civitatis, juxta tenorem Chartarum
 “ progenitorum nostrorum, quondam Regum Angliæ,
 “ eis inde confectarum, eligantur, et non alio modo.
 “ Et quod nullus Vicecomitum civitatis illius, qui pro
 “ tempore erunt, habeat nisi duos clericos et duos
 “ servientes, ratione officii illius ; et quod tales clericos
 “ et servientes sibi suo periculo assumant, pro quibus
 “ voluerint respondere. Et quod Major civitatis præ-
 “ dictæ, dum Major fuerit, non habeat aliud officium
 “ ad civitatem illam spectans quam officium Majoritatis
 “ ejusdem ; nec sibi attrahat, seu coram ipso teneat,
 “ placitum Vicecomitale in Camera civitatis illius, nec
 “ alia placita quam illa quæ secundum antiquam con-
 “ suetudinem civitatis prædictæ tanquam Major tenere
 “ debet. Et quod tallagia vel auxilia ad opus nostrum,

* This folio immediately follows folio 265. The same lacuna seems to have existed at the date of the compilation of *Liber Albus*, A.D. 1419 ; as the intervening folios are not referred to in the Calendar contained in Book IV of that work.

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“ ‘ vel hæredum nostrorum, seu pro statu et commodo
 “ ‘ civitatis prædictæ, ex nunc in eadem assidenda, post-
 “ ‘ quam per homines Gardarum ad hoc electos seu
 “ ‘ deputatos assessa fuerint, per Majorem, Aldermannos,
 “ ‘ seu alios, non augmententur nec exalcentur, nisi
 “ ‘ de communi consensu Majoris et communitatis civi-
 “ ‘ tatis prædictæ: et quod denarii de hujusmodi
 “ ‘ tallagiis et auxiliis provenientes, in custodia quatuor
 “ ‘ proborum hominum, Communiarorum civitatis præ-
 “ ‘ dictæ, per communitatem ejusdem civitatis ad hoc
 “ ‘ eligendorum, liberentur, per testimonium eorundem
 “ ‘ quatuor hominum ulterius liberandi; ita quod iidem
 “ ‘ quatuor homines communitatem prædictam ad quod
 “ ‘ commodum et quos usus denarii illi devenerint,
 “ ‘ valeant informare. Et quod nullus alienigena in
 “ ‘ libertatem civitatis prædictæ admittatur, nisi in Hus-
 “ ‘ tenco. Et quod indigena, et præcipue Anglicus
 “ ‘ mercator, de certo mestero vel officio in libertatem
 “ ‘ civitatis prædictæ non admittatur, nisi per manu-
 “ ‘ captionem sex hominum proborum et sufficientium,
 “ ‘ de mestero vel officio de quo ille erit qui in liber-
 “ ‘ tatem sic est admittendus; qui quidem sex
 “ ‘ homines manucapiant pro illo sic admittendo de
 “ ‘ conservando civitatem prædictam indemnem in illa
 “ ‘ parte; et eadem forma manucaptionis observetur
 “ ‘ de alienigenis prædictis, qui in libertatem civitatis
 “ ‘ prædictæ in Hustenco admittendi sunt, si sint de
 “ ‘ aliquo certo mestero vel officio; et si non sint
 “ ‘ de certo mestero, tunc in libertatem ejusdem civi-
 “ ‘ tatis non admittantur sine assensu communitatis
 “ ‘ civitatis illius; et illi qui in libertatem civitatis
 “ ‘ illius, postquam regimen regni nostri suscepimus,
 “ ‘ contra formas præscriptas sunt admissi, et qui
 “ ‘ contra ipsorum juramentum in hac parte præ-
 “ ‘ stitum, vel contra Statuta civitatis illius, venerint,
 “ ‘ et inde legitime convincantur, libertatem amit-
 “ ‘ tant civitatis prædictæ; salvo semper, quod
 “ ‘ de apprenticiis in eadem civitate observentur mo-
 “ ‘ dus et forma antiqui civitatis prædictæ. Et quod

F. 271. b.

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“ ‘ singulis annis in civitate prædicta, quotiens opus fue-
 “ ‘ rit, inquiratur si qui de libertate ejusdem civitatis de
 “ ‘ bonis aliorum, qui non sunt de eadem libertate, in
 “ ‘ civitate illa mercandisas exercuerint, bona illa ad-
 “ ‘ vocando propria sua esse, contra ipsorum juramen-
 “ ‘ tum et contra libertatem civitatis prædictæ; et
 “ ‘ illi qui inde legitime convicti fuerint, libertatem
 “ ‘ ejusdem civitatis amittant. Et quod omnes et
 “ ‘ singuli in libertate civitatis prædictæ existentes, et
 “ ‘ libertatibus ac liberis consuetudinibus ejusdem ci-
 “ ‘ vitatis gaudere volentes, sint in Lotto et Scotto et
 “ ‘ participes omnium onerum pro statu civitatis ejus-
 “ ‘ dem et pro libertate ejusdem manutenenda, juxta
 “ ‘ sacramentum quod fecerunt quando ad libertatem
 “ ‘ illam admissi fuerunt; et qui hoc noluerit, liber-
 “ ‘ tatem ejusdem civitatis amittat. Et quod omnes
 “ ‘ et singuli de libertate civitatis illius existentes et
 “ ‘ extra eandem civitatem manentes, ac per se vel
 “ ‘ per suos mercandisas suas infra dictam civitatem
 “ ‘ exercentes, sint in Lotto et Scotto cum comunariis
 “ ‘ ejusdem civitatis, pro mercandisis suis prædictis;
 “ ‘ vel alias a libertate sua amoveantur. Et quod
 “ ‘ Commune Sigillum civitatis prædictæ in custodia
 “ ‘ duorum Aldermannorum et duorum aliorum, Com-
 “ ‘ muniariorum, per Communiarios civitatis illius ad
 “ ‘ hoc eligendorum, remaneat; et quod sigillum illud
 “ ‘ non negetur pauperibus nec divitibus, Communia-
 “ ‘ riis de civitate prædicta, cum indiguerint, dum
 “ ‘ tamen rationabiliter probare poterunt causam suæ
 “ ‘ demandæ; et quod pro appositione sigilli illius
 “ ‘ nihil capiatur. Et quod pondera et stateræ de
 “ ‘ mercandisis inter mercatores et mercatores ponde-
 “ ‘ randis, de quibus exitus provenientes, et cognitio
 “ ‘ eorundem, ad communitatem civitatis prædictæ per-
 “ ‘ tinent, in custodia proborum et sufficientium homi-
 “ ‘ num de eadem civitate, in officio illo expertorum et
 “ ‘ ad hoc per communitatem prædictam eligendorum,
 “ ‘ remaneant, ad voluntatem communitatis illius cus-

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“ ‘todienda; et quod aliis quam sic eligendis nulla-
 “ ‘tenus committantur. Et quod Vicecomites civitatis
 “ ‘prædictæ, qui pro tempore fuerint, theolonium et
 “ ‘alias custumas ad firmam suam pertinentes, ac alia
 “ ‘officia sua publica ad ipsos spectantia et per alios
 “ ‘exercenda, si ea committere voluerint, hominibus
 “ ‘sufficientibus pro quibus ipsi Vicecomites respondere
 “ ‘voluerint, et non aliis, committant; et si quis, per
 “ ‘dictos Vicecomites ad aliquod præmissorum deputa-
 “ ‘tus, custumam indebitam capiat, vel aliter se gesserit
 “ ‘in officio illo quam debeat, et ad sectam conque-
 “ ‘rentis inde convincatur, ab officio illo amoveatur,
 “ ‘et juxta ejus demerita puniatur. Et quod merca-
 “ ‘tores qui non sunt de libertate civitatis prædictæ,
 “ ‘vina aliqua seu alia mercimonia infra eandem civi-
 “ ‘tatem, seu suburbia ejusdem, ad retalliam non
 “ ‘vendant. Et quod abbrocatores aliquarum mercan-
 “ ‘disarum in civitate prædicta de cætero non exis-
 “ ‘tant, nisi per mercatores de misteris in quibus
 “ ‘ipsi abbrocatores habeant officia sua exercere¹ et ad
 “ ‘hoc electi fuerint, et super hoc saltem coram Majore
 “ ‘civitatis prædictæ præstiterint juramentum. Et
 “ ‘quod communes hospitatores in civitate prædicta et
 “ ‘suburbii ejusdem, quamvis non sint de libertate
 “ ‘civitatis illius, sint participes onerum dictam civi-
 “ ‘tatem, pro statu ejusdem manutenendo, contingen-
 “ ‘tium, quamdiu sic fuerint communes hospitatores,
 “ ‘sicut cæteri hujusmodi hospitatores in civitate et
 “ ‘suburbii prædictis, ratione hospitalitatum illarum,
 “ ‘participabunt; salvo semper, quod mercatores de
 “ ‘Vasconia et alii alienigenæ in dicta civitate ad
 “ ‘invicem habitare et hospitare possint, prout hæcenus
 “ ‘facere consueverunt. Et quod custodia Pontis civi-
 “ ‘tatis prædictæ, et redditus et proficua ad Pontem
 “ ‘illum pertinentia, duobus probis et sufficientibus
 “ ‘hominibus de civitate prædicta, aliis quam Alder-

¹ This word is inserted erroneously.

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“ ‘mannis, ad hoc per communitatem civitatis illius
 “ ‘eligendis, ad voluntatem ejusdem civitatis custo-
 “ ‘dienda, et qui eidem communitati inde respondeant,
 “ ‘et non aliis, committantur. Et quod nullus ser-
 “ ‘viens de Camera Guyhaldæ civitatis prædictæ capiat
 “ ‘feodum de communitate civitatis illius, aut execu-
 “ ‘tionem faciat, nisi unus per communitatem civitatis
 “ ‘prædictæ ad hoc electus. Et quod Camerarius, Com-
 “ ‘munis Clericus, et Communis Serviens civitatis præ-
 “ ‘dictæ, per communitatem civitatis ejusdem eligantur,
 “ ‘et amoveantur pro voluntate ejusdem communitatis.
 F. 272. a. “ ‘Et quod bona Aldermannorum civitatis prædictæ
 “ ‘in auxiliis, tallagiis, et aliis contributionibus, dic-
 “ ‘tam civitatem contingentibus, per homines de Gardis
 “ ‘in quibus Aldermanni illi moram fecerint, taxentur,
 “ ‘sicut bona cæterorum civium de eisdem Gardis.—
 “ ‘Quos quidem Articulos, prout superius exprimuntur,
 “ ‘et contenta in eisdem, dictus pater noster, per lit-
 “ ‘teras suas prædictas acceptavit, approbavit, et ra-
 “ ‘tificavit, et ea pro se et hæredibus suis, quantum
 “ ‘in ipso fuit, præfatis civibus, hæredibus et succes-
 “ ‘soribus suis, concessit et confirmavit, in civitate et
 “ ‘suburbiis prædictis, ad communem utilitatem in
 “ ‘illis habitantium et confluentium ad eadem, obti-
 “ ‘nenda et in perpetuum observanda. Volensque præ-
 “ ‘terea Majori, Aldermannis, et civibus civitatis præ-
 “ ‘dictæ, ad ipsorum civium requisitionem, gratiam
 “ ‘facere ampliore, concessit eis per easdem litteras
 “ ‘suas, pro se et hæredibus suis, quod Major, Alder-
 “ ‘manni, cives, et communitas communiariorum civi-
 “ ‘tatis prædictæ, et eorum hæredes et successores,
 “ ‘pro necessitatibus seu utilitatibus ejusdem civitatis,
 “ ‘inter se, de ipsorum communi assensu, super bonis
 “ ‘suis infra civitatem illam, tam super redditibus quam
 “ ‘aliis, et tam super mesteris quam alio modo quo [me-
 “ ‘lius] expedire viderint, tallagia assidere possint et le-
 “ ‘vare, sine occasione ejusdem patris nostri vel hæredum
 “ ‘suorum, seu ministrorum suorum quorumcunque ; et

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“ ‘quod denarii de hujusmodi tallagiis provenientes
 “ ‘in custodia proborum et legalium hominum dictæ
 “ ‘civitatis, per communitatem civitatis illius ad hoc
 “ ‘eligendorum, remaneant, et extra ipsorum custodiam
 “ ‘pro necessitatibus seu utilitatibus civitatis prædictæ,
 “ ‘et non aliter, expendantur.’—¹Nos autem donationes,
 “ concessiones, confirmationes, et innovationem, prædic-
 “ tas, necnon omnes Articulos in dictis litteris patris nos-
 “ tri contentos, ratos habentes et gratos, eos pro nobis
 “ et hæredibus nostris, quantum in nobis est, civibus
 “ civitatis prædictæ, et eorum hæredibus et succes-
 “ soribus, civibus civitatis illius, concedimus et confir-
 “ mamus, sicut Charta et litteræ ipsius patris nostri
 “ prædicti rationabiliter testantur. Præterea, volentes
 “ civibus civitatis prædictæ gratiam facere uberio-
 “ rem, concessimus eis, pro nobis et hæredibus nostris, et hac
 “ Charta nostra confirmavimus, quod licet ipsi vel eorum
 “ prædecessores, cives civitatis prædictæ, aliquibus li-
 “ bertatum, quietanciarum, articulorum, seu liberarum
 “ consuetudinum, in dictis Charta et litteris contento-
 “ rum, aliquo casu emergente, hactenus plene usi non
 “ fuerint, ipsi tamen cives, et eorum hæredes et suc-
 “ cessores, cives civitatis illius, libertatibus, quietanciis,
 “ articulis, et liberis consuetudinibus illis, et eorum
 “ quolibet, de cætero plene gaudeant et utantur in
 “ perpetuum, sine occasione vel impedimento nostri vel
 “ hæredum nostrorum, Justiciariorum, Escaetorum, Vice-
 “ comitum aut aliorum ballivorum seu ministrorum nos-
 “ trorum quorumcunque. Concessimus insuper, pro nobis
 “ et hæredibus nostris, et hac Charta nostra confirmavi-
 “ mus, Majori et Aldermannis civitatis prædictæ, quod
 “ si aliquæ consuetudines in dicta civitate, hactenus
 “ obtentæ et usitatæ, in aliqua parte difficiles seu de-
 “ fectivæ existant, aut aliqua in eadem civitate de novo
 “ emergentia, ubi remedium prius non extitit ordina-

¹ At this point the recitals end, and the operative part of the Charter commences.

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“ tum, emendatione indigeant, iidem Major et Alder-
 “ manni, ac eorum hæredes et successores, de assensu
 “ communitatis ejusdem civitatis, remedium congruum
 “ bonæ fidei et rationi consonum, pro communi uti-
 “ litate civium dictæ civitatis et aliorum fidelium
 “ nostrorum ad eandem confluentium, apponere possint
 “ et ordinare, quotiens et quando eis videbitur expe-
 “ dire ; dum tamen ordinatio hujusmodi nobis et populo
 “ nostro utilis ac bonæ fidei et consona sit rationi,
 “ sicut prædictum est. Hiis testibus, venerabilibus
 “ patribus Johanne Cantuariensi Archiepiscopo, totius
 “ Angliæ Primate, Ricardo Dunelmensi et Radulpho
 “ Londoniensi, Episcopis ; Willelmo de Bohun, Comite
 “ Norhamptoniæ, Willelmo de Clyntone, Comite Hun-
 “ tyngdoniæ, Hugone de Audeleye, Comite Glouces-
 “ triæ, Thoma Wake de Lydel, Radulpho Basset de
 “ Draytone, Radulpho de Stafforde, Senescallo hospitii
 “ nostri, et aliis. Datum per manum nostram apud
 “ Westmonasterium, xxvi^{to} die Maii, anno regni nostri
 “ Anglia xv, regni vero nostri Francia secundo.”

F. 272. b. *Congregatio Majoris et Aldermannorum, et immense
 Communitatis, die Lunæ proximo post festum
 Sancti Laurentii, anno regni Regis Edwardi,
 Tertii post Conquæstum, decimo-septimo.*

Complaint
 at a Congre-
 gation of
 the Mayor,
 Aldermen,
 and Com-
 monalty
 that the
 lanes are
 obstructed
 which lead
 to the
 Thames.

In eadem Congregatione venerunt quidam Alder-
 manni et quamplures Communarii, graviter conqueren-
 tes quod plures venellæ civitatis, per quas familiares
 civium solebant ire ad Thamisiam, pro aqua querenda
 et alia aisiamenta ibidem, ad opus dominorum suorum,
 habenda, et eadem venellæ solebant esse communes
 omnibus hominibus, sine impedimento aliquorum vel
 alicujus,—modo prædictæ venellæ per usurpationes di-
 versorum obturantur, ne homines prædicti aisiamenta
 sua de aqua haurienda, et aliis rebus ducendis et edu-
 cendis, sicut ante hæc tempora habere consueverunt,