

SENTENCE OF CURSE

GIVEN BY THE BISHOPS AGAINST THE BREAKERS OF THE
CHARTERS.

THE year of our Lord, MCCLIII., the third of the Ides of May (13th day), in the Great Hall of the King at Westminster, in the presence and by the assent of the Lord Henry, by the Grace of God King of England, and of the Lords Richard, Earl of Cornwall, his brother; Roger Bigod, Earl of Norfolk and Suffolk, Marshal of England; Humphrey Buhun, Earl of Hereford; Hugh de Vere, Earl of Oxford; John, Earl of Warren, and others of the chiefest of the realm of England:—We, Boniface, by the mercy of God Archbishop of Canterbury, Primate of all England, Fulk Basset, of London, Hugh Northwold, of Ely, Robert Grostete, of Lincoln, Walter de Cantilupe, of Worcester, Walter de Suffield, of Norwich, Peter de Aquablanc, of Hereford, William of Salisbury, Walter de Kirkham, of Durham, Richard Blondy of Exeter, Silvester de Everdon, of Carlisle, William Button, of Bath, Laurence of Rochester, and Thomas Wallensis of St. David's, Bishops; arrayed in Pontificals, with tapers burning, against the Breakers of the Lib-

erties of the Church, and of the Liberties or free customs of the realm of England, and especially of those which are contained in the Charters of the common liberties of England, and Forest Charter,—have solemnly denounced the Sentence of Excommunication in this form. By the authority of God the Father Almighty, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, and of the glorious Mother of God, and perpetual Virgin Mary, and of the blessed Apostles, Peter and Paul, and of all the Apostles; and of the blessed Thomas, Archbishop and Martyr, and of all the Martyrs of God; of the blessed Edward, King of England, and of all the Confessors and virgins, and all the Saints of God; We Excommunicate and Anathematise, and sequester from the benefits of our Holy Mother the Church, all those that hereafter shall willingly and maliciously deprive or spoil the Church of her rights. And all those who by any arts or crafts do violate, break, diminish, or exchange the Church's Liberties and free customs contained in the Charters of common liberties and of the Forest, granted by our Lord the King to the Archbishops, Bishops, and other Prelates of England; as well as to the Earls, Barons, Knights, and free-tenants whatsoever: and all that secretly or openly by deed, word, or counsel, do

make statutes, or observe them being made; or introduce customs, or observe them when they are brought in, against the said liberties, or any of them; the writers, lawmakers, counsellors and executors of them, and all those who shall presume to judge according to them; all and every which persons before mentioned, that wittingly shall commit any thing of these premises,—let them well know, that by that act they incur the aforesaid sentence. And for those who commit aught ignorantly, and be admonished, except they reform themselves within fifteen days after the time of the admonition, and make full satisfaction for what they have done, at the will of the Ordinary,—shall be from that time henceforth involved in the same Sentence. And with the same Sentence we Burthen all those who shall presume to disturb the peace of our Sovereign Lord the King, and of the realm. For perpetual memorial of which thing, we have attached our seals to these presents.