

## THE SENTENCE OF THE CLERGY

GIVEN ON THE CONFIRMATION OF THE CHARTERS.

(This is the Sentence of Excommunication which was read by the Clergy to all who refused and neglected to obey the mandates of the Charters, confirmed by King Edward the First. This Sentence is specially spoken of by a command to the Clergy to issue it, in the Confirmation of the Charters of Liberties, granted by King Edward the First, November 5, 1297.)

**I**N the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Amen. Whereas our Sovereign Lord the King, to the honour of God and the Holy Church, and for the common profit of his realm, hath granted for himself and his heirs, to hold in his realm forever, all things under-written.

(The Charters of Liberties were to be read in this place.)

Robert of Winchelsea, by the Grace of God, Archbishop of Canterbury and Primate of all England, admonisheth all those of the realm of England, and every one of them, of what condition soever they be, once, twice, and thrice,—because the brevity of time will not permit a longer delay,—that all and every of them as much as in them is, do support and maintain those things

granted by our Lord the King aforesaid, in all their particulars. And that they, nor none of them, do in no point or time resist or break them; nor procure, nor counsel it, nor in any manner consent to controvert them, neither by word or deed, or any pretence of colour. We the aforesaid Robert, Archbishop of Canterbury and Primate of all England, by our authority expressed in this writing, do Excommunicate such and separate them from the body of our Lord Jesus Christ, and all the company of Heaven, and all the Sacraments of the Holy Church. So be it! So be it! Amen.