

## FORM OF SUMMONS OF THE KING'S ARMY INTO WALES.\*

EDWARD, *by the Grace of God, King of England, Lord of Ireland and Duke of Aquitaine* to his Beloved and Faithful Brother, EDMUND, *EARL OF LANCASTER*, greeting:—Whereas LEWELIN son of GRIFFIN, Prince of *Wales* and his Accomplices, Our Rebels against Us have invaded Our Lands and those of Our Faithful Subjects in the parts of the Marches and from day to day do invade and perpetrate homicides and other great damages. And the same *Lewelin* although he should obey hath defied and doth defy Us to Our Prejudice and Contempt and the grave damage and manifest disinheritation of you and other Our Faithful Subjects for which now We have caused Our Army to be summoned that it may be at *Worcester* in the Octaves of *St. John Baptist* next ensuing [1st July, 1277] to quell the Rebellion of the said *Lewelin* and his Abettors. We charge you at the said day and place to be present with horses and arms and prepared with your Service due to Us with us thence to set out in Our Expedition against the said *Lewelin* and his Accomplices, Rebels, against Us. *Witness Ourselves at Windsor xii December in the fifth year of Our Reign* [1276]:—*In the same form it is ordered to each of the EARLS* [13] *and BARONS* [166]

[Barons] . . . ROBERT FITZ-ROGER, . . .

LEWELIN, Prince of *Wales*, having been slain, and *David*, his cousin, taken prisoner; a Parliament was convoked to assemble at *Shrewsbury* on the 30th September, 1283: by Writ of Summons dated 28th June, 1283, of which a *collotype* facsimile is here given. ROBERT FITZ-ROGER is therein recorded as one of the Barons ordered to attend this Parliament: to which this is his first recorded Writ of Summons.

The translation of the Writ is as follows:—

*Of Having Treaty concerning David ap Griffin.†*

THE KING to his Beloved and Faithful, GILBERT DE CLARE, *EARL OF GLOUCESTER AND HERTFORD*; greeting:—With how many kinds of fraud and plots the Welch Nation, like foxes, has attacked Our Progenitors, Ourselves, and Our Kingdom from the time that the memory of man can record. How many slaughters it has made of Magnates, Nobles, and others, as well English as other [Our subjects] Youths and Old Men, Women, and even Children. How many Castles and Manors it has put to the flames, as well Ours as others, of this Realm as often as it has disturbed and attacked Our Realm, fearing neither God nor man, the tongue of man through all can scarcely narrate the truth. How in these days that We may be silent about the past, *Lewelin* son of *Griffin*, formerly Prince of *Wales* and *David* his Cousin, in despite of the Fealty which they had duly made to Us not being able treasonably to relinquish their accustomed [course of action] in their usual manner have suddenly burnt Our villis and alas! having slain certain of Our Faithful Subjects, having burnt certain places, and having set at liberty other Our worst (or blood-stained) prisoners with daring temerity have presumed to attack Our Castles, shedding inhumanly innocent blood; You yourselves who have been partakers of Our labours and costs with your own eyes have beheld [this]. But he who after the commission of a crime makes a long delay in reparation, allows himself [thereby] to be speedily hardened. Truly wishing to put an end to such frauds, plots, burnings, and other inhumanities, as it appears, the said Prince being first slain, the said *David* who was considered as the last survivor of the band of said traitors, being taken captive by the men of his nation, destined to Our prison. Whereupon We give thanks to him as We believe him [apparently referring to some one whose name is not mentioned] to have done this deed. And whereas with you who as We have before said concerning the attack of the said brothers and their accomplices, have sustained damage labours, and costs, together with Us having had Conference. We purpose to ordain what should be done with the *David* mentioned whom We received as a banished man, nourished as an Orphan, promised him of Our own lands, and sheltered him under the cover of Our wings, appointing him as one of the Mayors of Our Palace. We charge you that on the Morrow of *St. Michael* next ensuing

\* Translated from 'Close Roll,' 5 Edward I., at back of membrane 12.

† Translated from 'Welch Roll,' 11 Edward I., at back of membrane 2.