

to judgment in any way : or bring his Rights aforesaid into doubtful question. Nor shall he send to your Presence for this purpose Proctors or Nuncios, especially when they might yield the premises manifestly to the disinheritance of the Right of the Crown of this Realm of *England* and the Royal Dignity and the notorious subversion of the state of the same Realm: also to the prejudice of the Liberties, Customs and Laws of our Fathers'. For the Observance and Defence of which we are duly bound by Oath to maintain and which WE WILL MAINTAIN WITH ALL OUR POWER, AND WITH THE HELP OF GOD, WILL DEFEND WITH ALL OUR MIGHT. And we do not permit nor any way will permit, as we neither can nor ought ; that our aforesaid King, although he should wish to do or attempt, the premises so unusual not due and prejudicial and otherwise unheard of.

WHEREFORE, reverently and humbly we supplicate your Holiness, that you benignly permit the same our Lord King—(who among other Princes of the World shows himself Catholic and devout to the Roman Church)—to peacefully possess his Rights, Liberties, Customs and Laws without diminution and inquietude and to hold them unimpaired.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF our Seals as well for ourselves as for the whole Commonalty of the aforesaid Realm of *England* to these Presents have been appended. Dated at *Lincoln* 12th day of February in the year of Our Lord 1300 [-1].

IN the year 1310, owing to the continued imprudence of King *Edward* the Second's conduct and weak government, the Reformation of the Government of the Kingdom and the Regulation of the Royal Household, were committed to a Committee of Lords Spiritual and Temporal, who were named ORDAINERS. One of the six Barons thus selected was *ROBERT FITZ-ROGER*; who was sworn with others in the Painted Chamber at *Westminster* on the 20th March, 1310. This was an appointment of great honour; and very similar to the appointment of *ROBERT FITZ-ROGER'S* grandfather, *JOHN FITZ-ROBERT*, as one of the Barons for the Enforcement of Magna Carta.

The following is a translation of the Norman-French Enrolment* relating to the Ordainers:—

*The Election of the Ordaining Peers for
The Reformation of the Government of England in 1310.*

TO ALL THOSE who shall see or hear these Letters, Robert, by the Sufferance of God, Archbishop of Canterbury, Primate of All England. Ralph, of London; John, of Lincoln; Simond, of Salisbury; Henry, of Winchester; John, of Norwich; John, of Bath and Wells; John, of Chichester; Walter, of Worcester; Walter, of Exeter; and David, of St. David's—by the same Sufferance—BISHOPS. Gilbert de Clare, of Gloucester and Hertford; Thomas de Lancaster; Henry de Lacy, of Lincoln; Humphrey de Bohun, of Hereford and Essex; John de Bretagne, of Richmond; Aymer de Valence, of Pembroke; Guy de Beauchamp, of Warwick; Esmon de Arundel—EARLS. Henry de Lancaster; Henry de Percy; Hugh de Veer; Robert de Clifford; Robert le Fitz-Payne; William le Marshal; John Lovel; Ralph le Fitz-William; Payne de Tibetot; John Botetourte; Bartholomew de Badlesmere; John de Grey; and John de Crumwell—*Health in Our Lord:—*

WHEREAS Our Most Dear Lord Monsieur *Edward*, by the grace of God, King of *England*, Lord of *Ireland*, and Duke of *Acquitaine*—to the Honour of God and for the good of Our said Lord the King and of his Kingdom—hath granted of his free Will to Us and to other PRELATES, EARLS, and BARONS, of the said Kingdom, that we may elect certain persons of Ourselves and of others who shall seem to Us sufficient to be summoned by Us during the period of Our Authority; that is to say—until the Feast of St. *Michael*,

* Translated from 'Close Roll,' 3 *Edward* II., at back of membrane 8.