

Pro majore et Communitate Civitatis Londoñ

Pat. 10 Edw. 1. m. 11. [1]

REX omnibus ad quos &c. Salutem. Quia ex testimonio dilectorum et fidelium nostrorum Radĩ de Hengham et Willĩ de Brumpton et aliorum fidedignorum intelleximus quod non est ad dampnum nostrum seu nocumentum Civitatis nostræ Londoñ si concedamus dilectis nobis Henrico le Waleys majori et Communitati ejusdem Civitatis quod quandam placeam vacuum contiguam muro Cimiterij Ecclesiæ de Wolchurch ex parte boreali in parochia de Wolchurch et quandam aliam placeam vacuum contiguam muro Cimiterij Ecclesiæ Sancti Pauli ex parte orientali inter portam Sancti Augustini et vicum de Westchep cujus placeæ una Medietas jacet in parochia Sancti Augustini et alia Medietas in Parochia Sancti Michaelis ad Bladum et quandam aliam placeam vacuum contiguam muro predicti Cimiterij Ecclesiæ Sancti Pauli ex parte boreali inter magnam portam ejusdem Cimiterij ex opposito predictæ Ecclesiæ Scti. Michaelis et quandam aliam portam in eodem Muro versus Occidentem ex opposito Venellæ Ivilane edificare et arrentare possint ad Sustentationem pontis Londoñ Concessimus pro nobis et heredibus nostris predictis Henrico et Communitati quod placeas predictas edificari et arrentare possint prout commodo ipsorum et ejusdem Civitatis magis expedire viderint et eas sic edificatas et arrentatas tenere sibi et hereditibus suis imperpetuum ad sustentationem Pontis predicti sine occasione vel impedimento nostri et heredum nostrorum Justic̃ et Ballivorum nostrorum quorumconq. In cujus &c. Teste Rege apud Hertlebir. xxiiij die Maij.

GOVERNMENT OF ENGLAND, 1282

That the Mayor and Commonalty of London have power to rent three waste portions of land in divers places in London for the support of London Bridge. [1]

The King to all to whom [these presents shall come]. Greeting.

Whereas by the testimony of our beloved and faithful Ralph de Hengham, and William de Brumpton, and of others worthy of credit, we have been informed, that it is not to our damage, nor to the hurt of our City of London, if we grant unto our beloved Henry le Waleys, the Mayor, and the Commonalty of the same City, that those vacant places adjoining the wall of the Church of Wolchurch, on the Northern side of the Parish of Wolchurch; and that the other waste places adjoining the wall of the Churchyard of the Church of St. Paul, on the Eastern side, between the Gate of St Augustine, and the Street of West-Cheap: of which places one half lieth in the Parish of St. Augustine, and the other half in the Parish of St. Michael, at the Corn-Market ; and that the other empty places adjoining the wall of the aforesaid Burial-place of the Church of St. Paul, on the Northern side, between the great gate of the said Burial-place, over against the aforesaid Church of St. Michael; also the other gate in the same wall towards the West, over against the narrow way of Ivy lane, that they may build thereon, and rent them for the support of the Bridge at London.

We grant for us, and for our heirs, to the aforesaid Henry, and the Commonalty, that the places aforesaid may be built upon and rented for the benefit of them, and of the same City, as they shall see greater cause to expedite them: and they, the said buildings and rents, are to be held of them and of their heirs for ever, for the support of the aforesaid Bridge, without occasion or impediment, of us and of our heirs, our Justices and our Bailiffs whomsoever.

In testimony of which thing, Witness the King, at Hartlebury, the 24th day of May [1282].

[1] *Liber Niger Scaccarii* by Thomas Hearne (1774), vol. 1, pp. 475-6.

[1] Translation from *Chronicles of London Bridge* by An Antiquary [Richard Thomson] (1827), pp. 130-1.