
To R. bishop of Chichester and Master Hugh de Sancto Edmundo.
The king grants that all persons of the realm signed or to be signed with the cross who shall go in person with the king to the Holy Land and are capable of bearing arms, and all those who, being prevented by reasonable cause from going in person, shall give of their goods and shall deliver to the king in aid of his pilgrimage so much as they would have spent if they had gone in person from the time they received the cross, shall be relieved from paying usury in the king's Jewry for five years, on condition that they inform the king by letters patent of the said bishop of the time and form of their receiving the cross. Grant also that they shall have in the king's courts swift justice, shorter delays and preference over others in all their pleas and plaints so far as the laws of the land permit. Also that none of them be compelled by another to pay more in aid of the Holy Land for redeeming his vow than he promised on taking the cross and in the manner in which he promised it. And the king wills that these things be published by the Friars Preachers and Minors deputed to the business of the cross. By K. [In the margin.] Afterwards the bishops of Norwich and Chichester and the abbot of Westminster were substituted and the letters were renewed directed to each of them on the Ascension, 38 Henry III, and likewise letters below called De negocior crucis.

Grant to Charles de Rupeforti of 50 marks a year at the Exchequer to maintain him in the king's service. By K.