From Magna Carta to the Parliamentary State:
the fine rolls of King Henry III 1216-1272

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Margaret de Redvers

[No date]. For Margaret de Redvers. Margaret de Redvers has made fine with the king by 200 m., so that she is to be quit of sending knights with the king at his passage in the thirteenth year, and for having her scutage from the knights’ fees that she holds of the king in chief, namely 3 m. per shield for the king’s army at the aforesaid passage, and so that she shall not be compelled to marry for as long as she wishes to live without a husband, and if she will wish to marry, she is to marry by her will on condition that she does not marry enemies of the king.
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4 Henry III (28 October 1219-27 October 1220)

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Roll of fines from the fourth year of King Henry.

1. 27 Oct. Westminster. Lancaster. To the sheriff of Lancaster. The king has received the homage of Adam of Pendlebury for one carucate of land with appurtenances in Pendlebury and for the fourth part of a bovate of land with appurtenances in Shoresworth, of which Elias of Pendlebury, his father, whose heir Adam is, was, he says, seized as of his right and inheritance on the day he died. Order that, having accepted security for rendering his relief of these lands, he is to cause him to have full seisin of them without delay. Witness H., etc.

2. Yorkshire. To the sheriff of Yorkshire. The king has committed to Robert, former abbot of Thorney, his manor of Easingwold with appurtenances for his sustenance in the king's service until he can be advanced to another prelacy, so that he is to answer at the Exchequer by his hand for the farm due from this manor, for which the aforesaid sheriff and other sheriffs have been accustomed to answer. Order to cause him to have full seisin of the manor with appurtenances in the aforesaid manner. Witness as above. By the same and the king's council. Before the Legate.

   1. "...saving to the king his will and command when he reaches age" has been crossed through. In the witness clause "the bishop of Winchester" has also been crossed through.

3. 29 Oct. Westminster. Devon. Order to the sheriff of Devon that, having accepted security from Robert de Courtenay for rendering his relief, he is to cause him to have full seisin without delay of all lands and appurtenances formerly of Hawise de Courtenay, his mother, which fall to him by inheritance within his bailiwick. Witness H., etc.

4. It is written in the same manner to the sheriff of Dorset and Somerset.
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*See also* Assizes; Markets; Prise; Renders
Otto son William offers the king six palfreys to have to wife Matilda widow of James of Newmarket

18 Aug. Oakham, Buckinghamshire. Otto son of William has made fine with the king by six palfreys for having to wife Matilda, who was the wife of James de Neufmarche, if she will give her assent to this. Order to the sheriff of Buckinghamshire that, when he can establish by Matilda’s letters patent that she offers her assent and will to this, then he is to cause Otho to have full seisin without delay of all lands with appurtenances falling to her in his bailiwick. Witness H. de Burgh. By the bishop of Winchester.
Fine of the Month

As part of the process of editing the Fine Rolls, a number of entries of general interest, or of more specific interest to the academic reader, have been identified. Since December 2005, every month a member of the Project Team or other scholar has commented on material of particular interest in the Rolls. Simply click on the links below for access to the monthly fines.

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