

## Scraps of Magna Carta

**1 In the future no bailiff shall upon his own unsupported accusation place any man on trial without producing credible witnesses to the truth of the accusation.**

**2 No free man shall be taken, imprisoned, outlawed, banished, or in any way destroyed, nor will We proceed against or prosecute him, except by the lawful judgement of his equals and by the law of the land.**

**3 To no one will We sell, to no one will We deny or delay, right or justice.**

**4 We will appoint as justiciaries, constables, sheriffs, or bailiffs only such men as know the law of the realm and will observe it well.**

**5 We do give and grant to Our subjects the following security, to wit, that the barons shall elect any twenty-five barons of the realm, who shall, with their utmost power, observe, hold and cause to be observed the peace and liberties which We have granted unto them and by this Our present Charter have confirmed.**

**6 Given by Our hand in the meadow which is called Runnymede, between Windsor and Staines, on the fifteenth day of June in the seventeenth year of Our reign.**

Here are some translations for those funny scraps of paper you found!

- King John signed and sealed this charter at Runnymede on 15 June 1215.
- The monarch will not sell, deny or delay rights or justice to anyone.
- No law officer of the monarch will accuse or send to trial any man without producing believable witnesses.
- The monarch agrees that the barons shall choose twenty-five barons to make sure that the monarch does not break these rules.
- The monarch will only appoint as law officers men who know and obey the law of the land.
- The monarch shall not arrest, imprison or execute any free man without lawful judgement by his equals and by the laws of the land.