

# The Provisions

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Under pressure from Henry and the papal legate, Louis finally broke his silence and set the date of 8 August 1264 for a peace conference in Boulogne. The situation in the marches forced the Montfortians to ask for a delay, but the legate, furious at being kept out of England, demanded they admit him by the end of the month, restore Henry to power, and renounce their allegiance to the Provisions, or face excommunication. He also mentioned in passing that the Mise of Lewes had never even been considered by the French court, nor would it ever be. It was perhaps in response to this curt dismissal that the 'Peace of Canterbury' was drawn up on 15 August and sent to Louis for his approval. It reiterated that the Ordinance was now the law of the land, and would remain so as long as the terms of the Mise remained unfulfilled, even if Henry died in the meantime. As might be expected, Louis was contemptuous of their intention to impose a frame of government that abolished absolute kingship. 'I would rather break clods behind a plow,' said the king who washed the feet of paupers, 'than subject myself to this sort of rule.'



Louis would rather plow than be answerable for his actions



Chichester, seen here as an uninspired hunchback, asks, 'So what shall I tell Montfort?' Henry growls, 'Tell him (*pregnant pause*) to prepare to die.'

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