



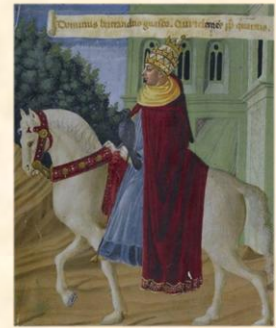
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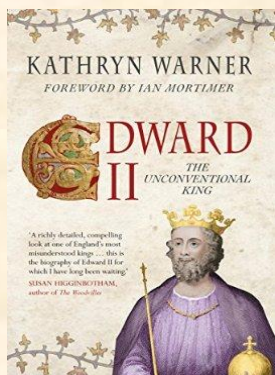
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On 3 October 1264 the remaining bishops returned to England bearing the legate's final offer for peace. It basically called for putting the dispute into his hands while each side swapped sureties. The Montfortians were to hand over Dover castle and Edward in return for Edward's brother Edmund and a castle in France. The bishops were also equipped with letters of interdict and excommunication to publish if his plan was rejected. The answer came a week later when an English knight appeared off the coast of France and dropped a chest into the sea containng a formal rejection, the Peace of Canterbury and the June Ordinance, as if to reiterate that the new constitution was here to stay. The legate's threat never materialised, however, because the bishops were searched upon their return, or rather they invited the search, as Wykes acidly suggested. His letters were seized, torn up and tossed into the sea as well. Archbishop Foulquois' commission subsequently came to an end with the death of Pope Urban IV. He was elected to succeed him and, as Clement IV, never got over his hostility to Montfort for the failure of negotiations. When he was approached by a monarch the following summer over the choice of a bride, he sniped he could have whomever he wanted as long as it wasn't a member of Simon's family.



The legate showed that, as pope, all was not forgiven

The life of the hopelessly tragic Edward II has been documented by Kathryn Warner for years on her [website](#). This month she comes out with a biography on this most unfortunate of the Plantagenets, detailing "his relationships with his male 'favorites' and his disaffected wife, on his unorthodox lifestyle and hobbies, and on the mystery surrounding his death." Many of the family quarrels from Montfort's time continued to play out during his reign, culminating in the executions of Edmund's son Thomas of Lancaster and Despenser's son and grandson. The latter two met their fates at the hands of another Roger Mortimer, who was most probably behind the king's untimely and controversial end. It's available from [Amberley Publishing](#), which will also release my biography of Simon in February.



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