

**Royal Charter of 1155.**

**Basis of Article 13 of the Magna Carta and Article 9 in the Confirmation of 1297.**

In return for ship service, the Cinque Ports were to receive:

“Exemption from tax and tallage, Right of sec and sac, tol and team, blodwit and fledwit, pillory and tumbrel, infrangertheof and outfrangertheof, mundbryce, waives and strays, flotsam and jetsam and ligo.”

This means:

“Exemption from tax and tolls, self-government; permission to levy tolls; punish those who shed blood or flee justice; punish minor offences; detain and execute criminals both inside and outside the port’s jurisdiction; and punish breaches of the peace; and possession of lost goods that remain unclaimed after a year; goods thrown overboard and floating wreckage.”