

Charging for Justice: A Contravention of Magna Carta

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The Ministry of Justice proposal that the British Government shall for the first time make a profit out of the nation's courts [News item 04/12/13] is barbaric.

It is also illegal as contravening Magna Carta, which promises on behalf of the Sovereign: 'We will sell to no man, we will not deny or defer to any man, either Justice or Right.'¹

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Note On 6 December 2013 *The Times* published a letter in reply to the above from a costs lawyer, R. Gibbens, in which the writer said that it must be time to privatise the civil courts if 'the costs of pursuing [*sic*] action through the civil courts is [*sic*] going to make a profit', adding: 'The premise that the State provides a justice system for its citizens to use appears to have been withdrawn'. Can a stipulation of Magna Carta be 'withdrawn'? I think not.

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The Times, 5 December 2013.

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References:

None

¹ *The Times*, 5 December 2013.