History 220: England to 1688
Fall Term, 2003

Paper Assignment and Revised Exam Date

Because I was ill during the first two weeks or so of class, we are behind schedule a bit. I am therefore postponing the due date of the first paper and the mid-term by one week. (Joyous cries of “Hooray! Have another heart attack! Make it the Big One this time!” are inappropriate and wounding.) Here is the revised plan:

Paper Assignment 1, due October 22, 2003.

Write an essay, not to exceed 1200 words, on one of the following:

1. Analyze all or part of the Constitutions of Clarendon and discuss their importance. Discuss the aims of particular provisions and the claims that they advanced. Ask (and answer) whether Henry II was correct and/or justified in asserting the rights he claimed. Finally, say whether or not the quarrel between Becket and Henry was on the strength of this document and other information you may have indicative of irreconcilable conflicts of interest between the crown and church

2. Choose one chapter of Magna Carta or two or three chapters dealing with a single issue and discuss them in historical context. Address the problems to which they respond, their solutions to them, their effectiveness and their significance in the long run. Finally, indicate how your analysis may apply to the whole document (typical of how other issues were dealt with or not?, etc.).

Mid-term Exam postponed till November 3.

The mid-term exam will be held on November 3 and will cover all the material we shall have covered up to October 29. Study questions and plans for review sessions will be announced and distributed on October 22.