

An aerial photograph of a coastal area. The water is clear and shallow, revealing a sandy bottom and numerous dark, rounded rocks. The water's surface is textured with ripples and reflections of light. A thin strip of sandy beach is visible along the right edge of the frame. The overall color palette is dominated by various shades of blue and green, with the white text providing a high-contrast element.

Projected meetings

1166-1170

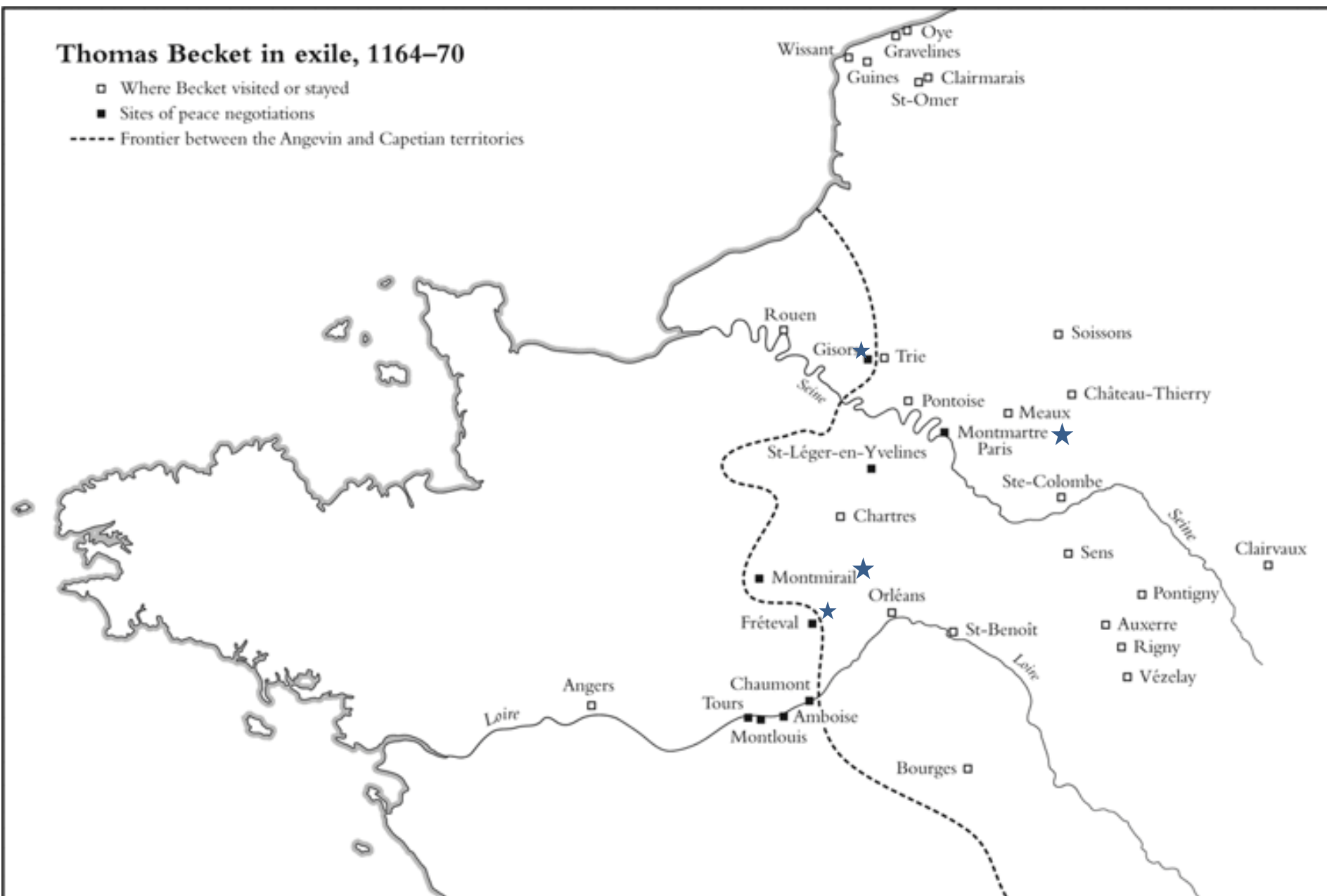


Gisors November 1166

- On borders of France and Normandy
- Legates acted as go-betweens
- Thomas and Henry did not meet in person
- Thomas read CC again
- ‘He would observe the Constitutions “saving the honour of God, the liberty of the Church, fair treatment for himself, and the restitution of the lands of Canterbury”’

Thomas Becket in exile, 1164–70

- Where Becket visited or stayed
- Sites of peace negotiations
- Frontier between the Angevin and Capetian territories





Montmirail January 1169

- Impetus for meeting: Henry wanted his son crowned
- Occasion: peace treaty between Henry and Louis
- Thomas persuaded to kneel and beg peace for the honour of God

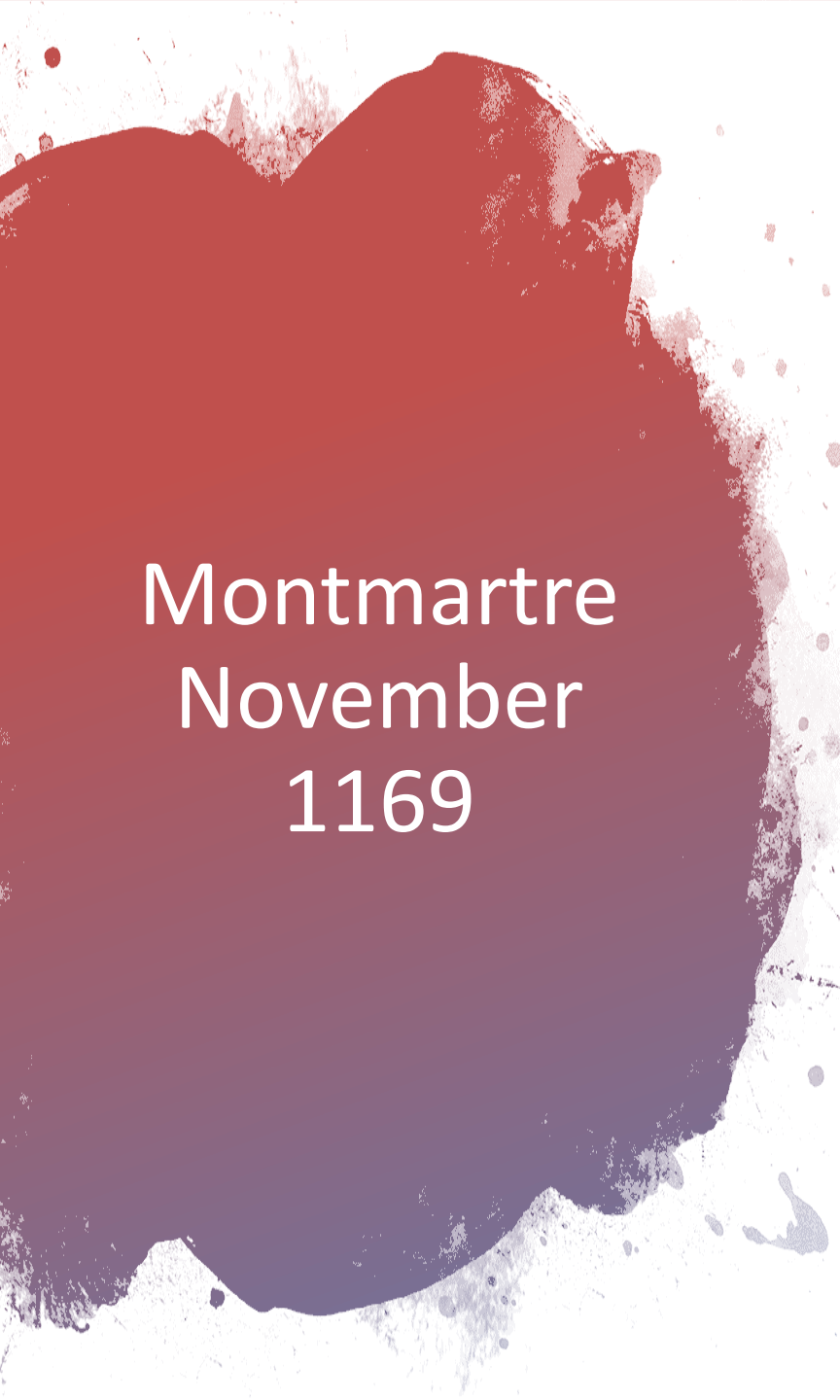


Henry to Louis

‘Observe, if you please my Lord,
whatever his lordship of
Canterbury disapproves of he will
say is contrary to the honour of
God and so he will always have the
advantage of me’

Henry would be happy if Thomas
would obey the customs as his
predecessors had done

Thomas: he would do so ‘in
accordance with God’s law and
saving his order’



Montmartre November 1169

Intense diplomatic activity and threats in the period between Montmirail and Montmartre

This not a face-to-face meeting – again the context seems to be a meeting between Henry and Louis

Controversial subjects avoided

‘Saving clause’ avoided

Henry refuses the kiss of peace



The coronation of the Young King

- Young Henry married to the daughter of the king of France
- 1169 Emperor has his son crowned king of the Romans
- Henry aims to secure succession
- Plans to insult Thomas by asking Roger of York to perform the ceremony
- Pope orders Roger and other bishops not to perform the ceremony unless Henry revoked CC

Coronation of Henry The Becket Leaves





Were letters sent or not?

- Biographers state that letters from the pope were sent and received before the coronation but Roger of York denied it
- Coronation took place 14 June 1170
- Insult to Thomas
- Henry got what he wanted – but also wanted to avoid excommunication so wrote to the archbishop of Rouen offering to come to terms



Frétéval 22 July 1170

- Henry under pressure to settle
- Met with papal legates and agreed to terms except for the kiss of peace
- Same terms as Montmartre – the king agreed to restore Thomas's property
- No mention of Clarendon
- Thomas did not press for the kiss of peace
- He would be allowed to recrown the Young King



Peace

- Henry ratified the peace in writing 'saving the honour of the kingdom'
- Thomas not happy but agreed
- Thomas did not yet return to England but was warned that his estates were not being restored
- 3 Nov 1170 Thomas left Sens and made for the coast sending before him letters excommunicating Roger of York and the bishops of London and Salisbury