

Skills for Medievalists: Week 2 Activity – Llywelyn ap Gruffudd

Aberystwyth

The National Library of Wales

NLW MS 1231D

Part of a transcription of records, this copy of the letters sent between Llywelyn ap Gruffud and Edward I date to the waning years of the Welshmen's life (1281/1282). Letters between two powerful individuals such as these are extremely useful as they provide an in depth look at the thoughts and discussions that occurred behind the scenes, as well as the concerns and compromises that each party may have made.¹

Kew

The National Archive

SC/8 (Ancient Petitions)

SC/8/120/6000

A petition dating to the last quarter of the 13th Century from Llywelyn ap Gruffudd to King Edward I, which detailed eight requests that the 'Prince of Wales' had for the King of England, including issues regarding land and justice in Wales. Petitions are useful as they provide information on socio-political issues, as there would not be a need to put forward a petition if there was not originally a problem that needed addressing.²

London

The British Library

Cotton MS Otho D VIII

Located within a larger manuscript, this record outlines a peace treaty that occurred in 1267 between Llywelyn ap Gruffudd and King Henry III of England. Although this record does not provide much information on the terms of the treaty itself, documents such as this can still be useful as they

¹ The National Library of Wales, *NLW MS 1231D: Transcripts of Records* (2016)

<<https://archives.library.wales/index.php/transcripts-of-records>> [Accessed: 18 October 2020].

² The National Archives, *SC/8/120/6000: Petitioners: Llywelyn ap Gruffydd, Prince of Wales. Name(s): ap Gruffudd, Prince of Wales* (2019) <<https://discovery.nationalarchives.gov.uk/details/r/C9150694>> [Accessed: 18 October 2020].

indicate both the presence of a prior conflict as well as a willingness to seek out peace with each other.³

³ The British Library, *Digitised Manuscripts: Cotton MS Otho D VIII* (2011)
<http://www.bl.uk/manuscripts/FullDisplay.aspx?index=4&ref=Cotton_MS_Otho_D_VIII> [Accessed: 18 October 2020].

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