

The Magna Carta was sealed by King John in 1215 after he was forced to agree to the demands of his barons of England, whom he had oppressed. The document represents official recognition of the rule of law, including due process and many other legal principles we take for granted. The idea that those who have power must also follow the laws of the land has developed over 800 years, representing equality and liberty before and through the law for citizens today.

