

Recent Research on the Scottish Wars of Independence

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Four obvious ways to advance our historical knowledge and understanding

- Discover a new original document
- Discover new information in a later manuscript
- Propose a new way to read/explain an existing document
- Develop new research tools that allow you to see and use sources in different way

**4. Develop new research tools that allow you
to see and use sources in different way**

**The People of Medieval Scotland
1093–1314**

www.poms.ac.uk



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Seals attached to the Declaration of Arbroath (1320). More information at [The National Records of Scotland](#)

Welcome to PoMS

LINKS



PoMS Database

Explore the PoMS database and website.



Paradox of Medieval Scotland

Explore the original project website.



Breaking of Britain

Explore the project website. [Features](#)

NEWS AND EVENTS

Official Launch of PoMS - 5 September

Feedback

Formal details

- **Outcome of two AHRC projects: ‘Paradox of Medieval Scotland, 1093–1286’ (2007–2010), and ‘Breaking of Britain: cross-border society and Scottish independence, 1216–1314’, (2010–2013)**
- Amanda Beam, John Bradley, Dauvit Broun, John Reuben Davies, Matthew Hammond, Michele Pasin (with others), *The People of Medieval Scotland, 1093 – 1314* (Glasgow and London, 2012), www.poms.ac.uk.

What is in the PoMS database?

- All information about every individual involved in actions in Scotland or relating to Scotland in documents written between 13 November 1093 and 6 November 1314.
- Draws on over 8600 documents from this period that are directed by one or more individuals to others (either by name or in general terms). This allows the database to be structured according to the formal aspects of these documents.

Purpose

- To allow researchers at all levels to pursue their own questions about the 12,000+ people mentioned in these documents.
- Searches can be simple or multi-layered.
- New ways of accessing and visualising results quickly.

2 ways of searching the database:

1. Basic ‘Google’ search

2. Search by ‘Browse’

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Basic Search

HISTORY

Search for:

☐ Factoids (show all) ?

☐ Sources (show all) ?

☐ Places (show all) ?

☒ People and Institutions (show all) ?

Enter search terms

Date range (start date):

Select one of the options on the left and press the **go** button to start a new query

1. Basic “Google” Search



PEOPLE OF MEDIEVAL SCOTLAND

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Searching for: **PEOPLE AND INSTITUTIONS** | [Factoids](#) | [Sources](#)

Go to: **People and Institutions**
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PEOPLE AND INSTITUTIONS

SURNAME ETC.

FORENAME

Aaron (1)
Ab Ewan (1)
Ab Kaclyn of Whitchurch (1)

Abbe of Alnwick (1)
Abbe of Falkirk (1)
Abbet (1)

A. (25)
Aaron (1)
Abel (1)

Acarius (1)
Ace (3)
Aceard (1)

SOURCES

DOCUMENT TYPE

DOCUMENT CATEGORY

Agreement (1815)
Brieve (917)

Declaration (24)
Diploma (229)

Royal Charters (2941)
Ecclesiastical charters (4471)

Agreements, Settlements and Inquests (3957)
ERA documents (2682)

RELATIONSHIPS

RELATIONSHIP TYPES

ROLES

Abbot (3)
Accomplice (6)
Advocate/attorney (70)
Almoner (2)

Ancestor (130)
Archbishop (18)
Archdeacon (55)
Armour-bearer/Esquire (9)

Accused (32)
Addressee (1022)
Addressor (2136)
Adjudicator (2)

Appointee (357)
Auditor (3)
Bearer of letters (24)
Beneficiary (1998)

TRANSACTIONS

TRANSACTION TYPES

TRANSACTION FEATURES

Acknowledgement (38)
Agreement (1061)
Appeal (22)
Appointment (571)
Cancellation (5)

Command / mandate (1316)
Concession (828)
Concession (agreement) (111)
Confirmation (1446)
more...

Both addressors mentioned (455)
Conveth (62)
Corroboration/Sealing (5506)
Dare (3416)
Exchange (428)

Malediction (212)
Perambulation (826)
Previous mention of charter (1667)
Previous mention of chirograph (137)
more...

TERMS OF TENURE

TENENDAS OPTIONS

EXEMPTION OPTIONS

(Other) (58)
At ferme (ad firmam) (126)
At the king's pleasure (2)
By hereditary right (72)
For a fixed term (2)

For homage (11)
For homage and service (418)
For service (64)
For their own uses (279)
more...

(Other) (181)
Free and quit from all exaction, custom and secular serve (3)
Free and quit from all service and/or aid, custom and exaction (954)
Free and quit from sinodalia, all aids and procurations (17)
Free from all burdens (48)

Free from all suits of court, except chief pleas (62)
Free from inware and utware (23)
Free from rent, sinodals and corrody (4)
Free from royal/forinsec service (144)
more...

2. Search by 'Browse'

Viewing Records:

1. Person
2. Transaction
3. Document (source)

Interactive ‘Labs’

1. Peoples Lives
2. People Importance
3. People Connections
4. Transactions and Witnesses

3. 'People Connections' Lab:

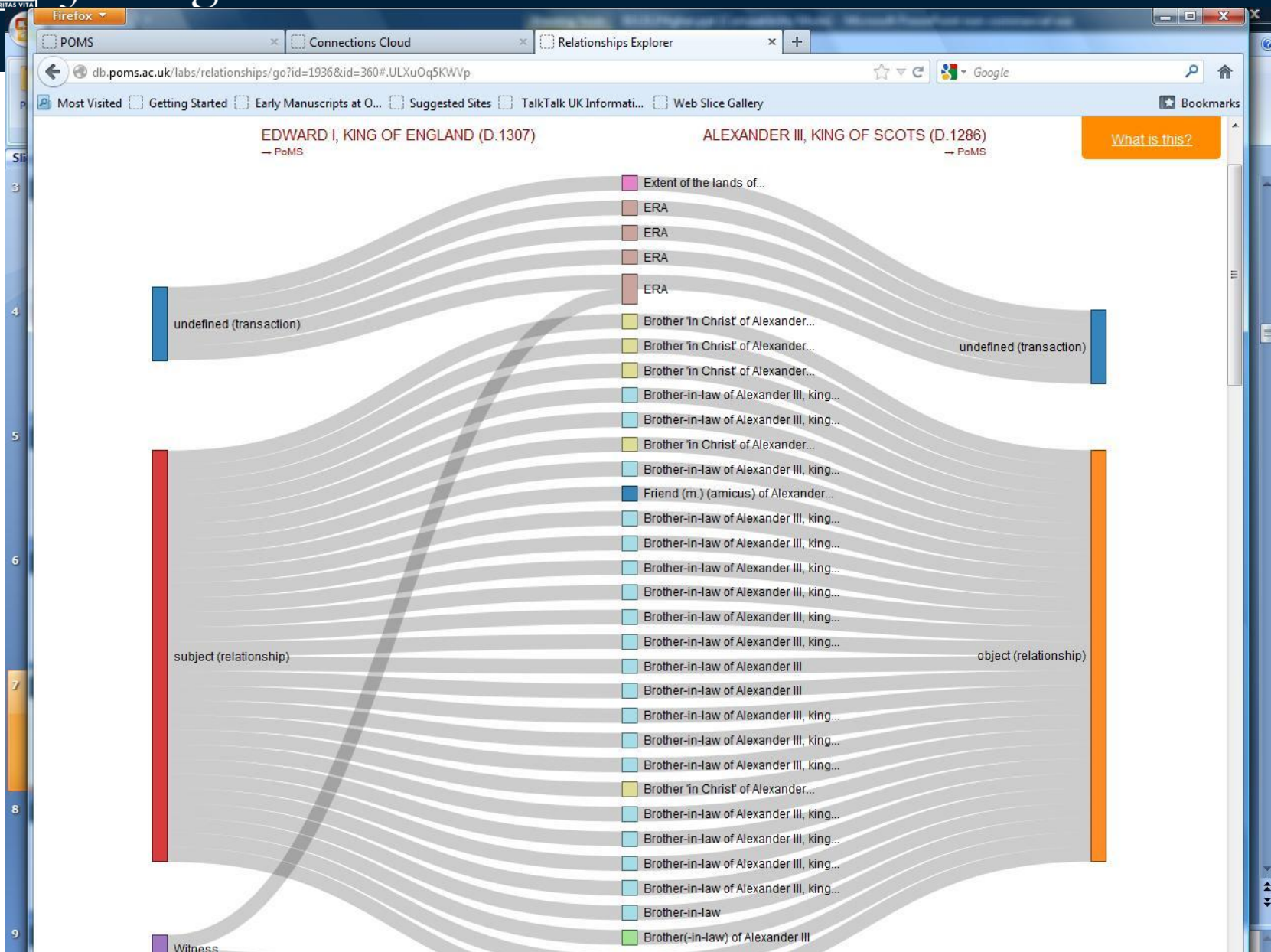
Connections Cloud and
Relationships Explorer

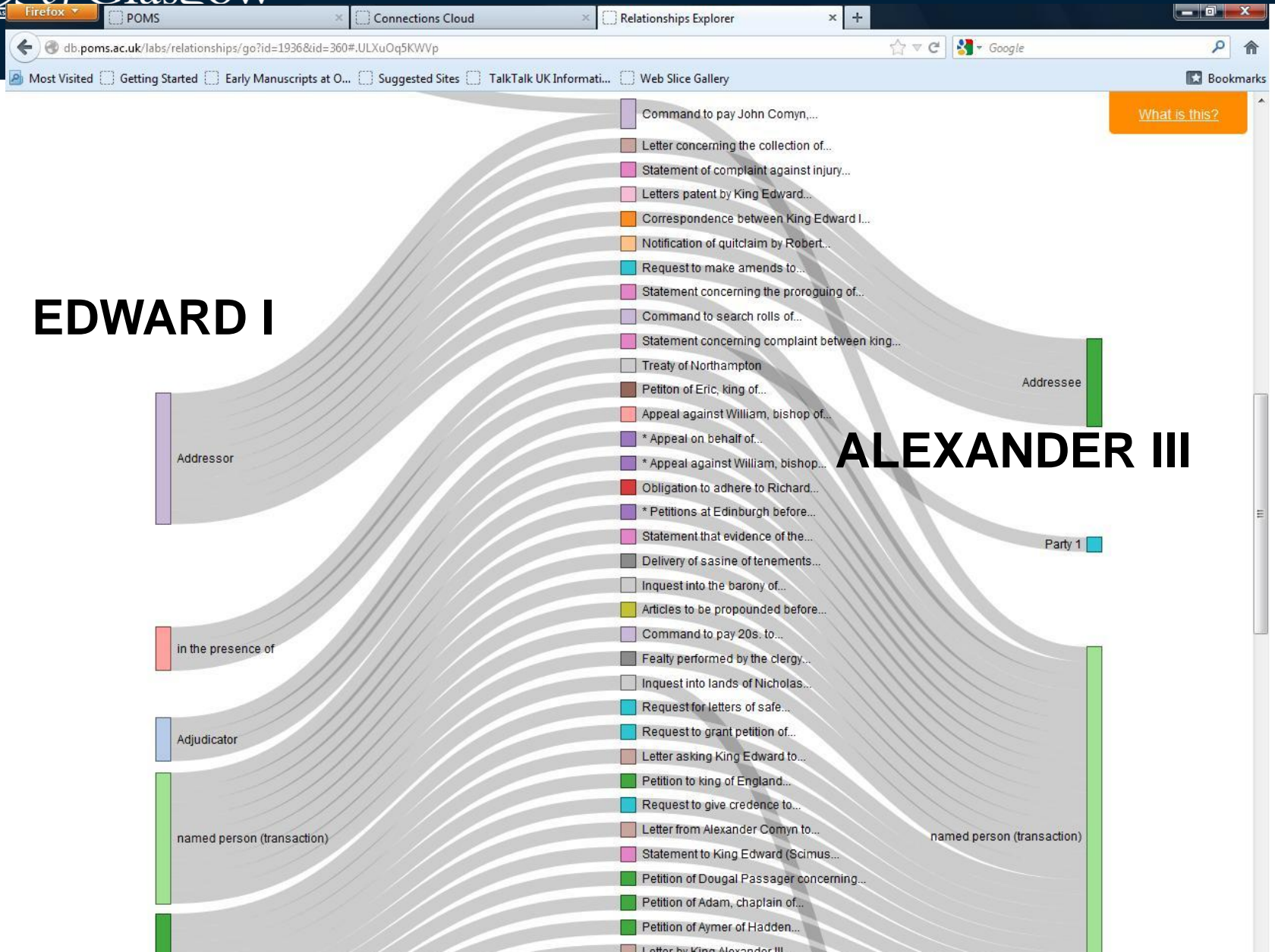
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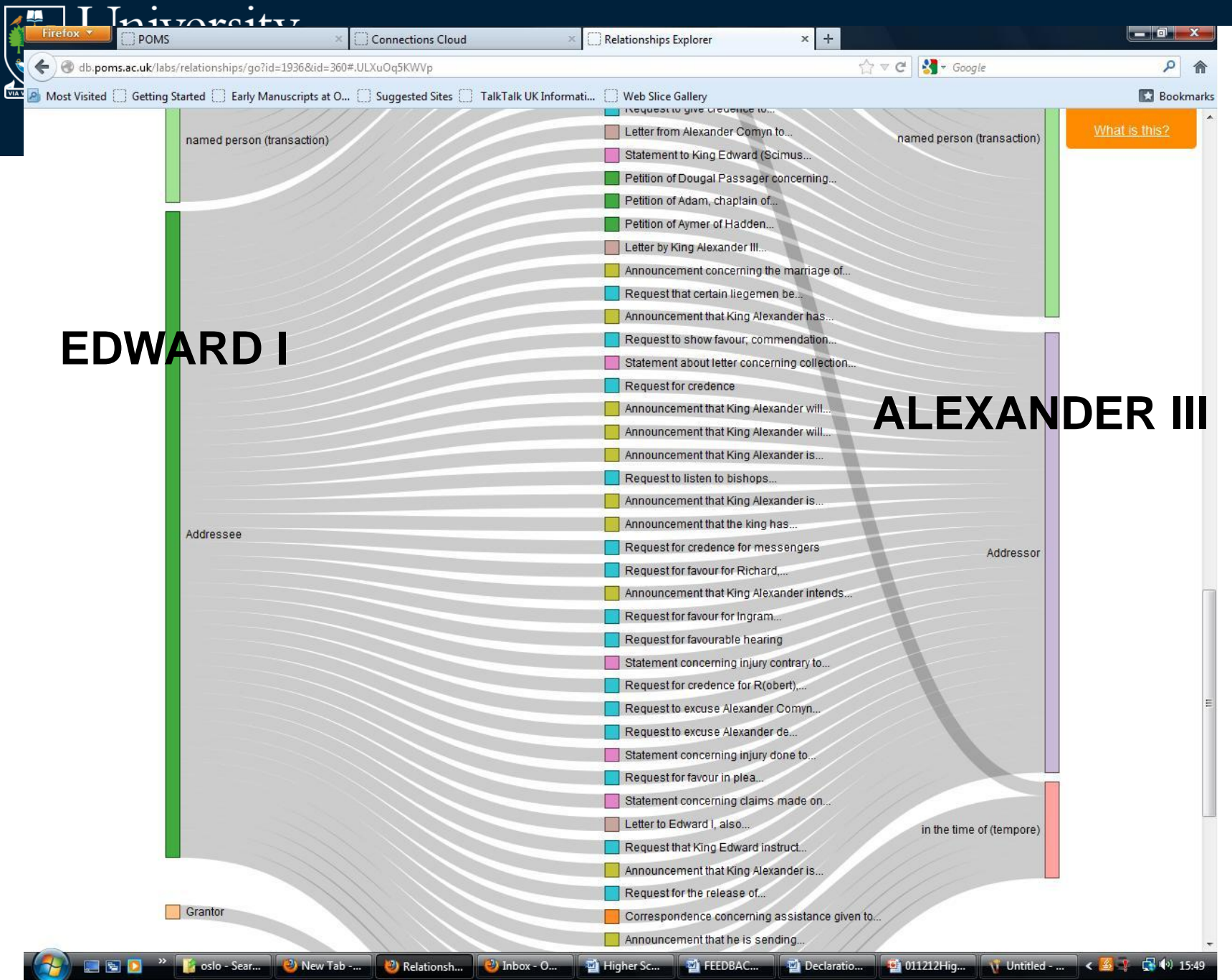
- 2. John Balliol and Edward 1
- Clearer sense of how John's relationship with Edward I differed from Alexander III's

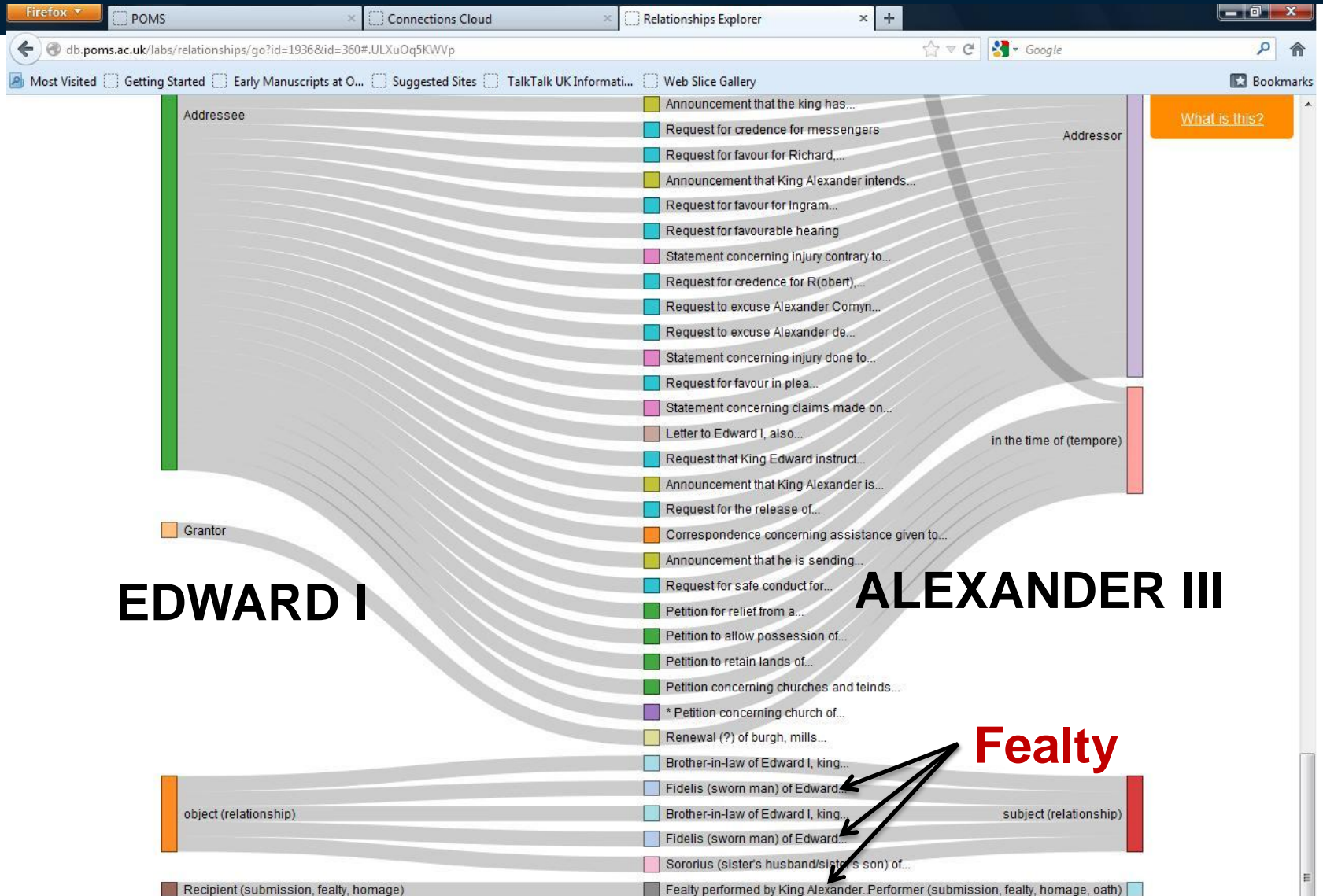
Documented interactions between Alexander III and Edward I

- Close family relationship important
- Edward I addresses few requests to Alexander
- Alexander addresses many requests and announcements to Edward I: expects Edward I to listen to him
- Alexander's fealty to Edward not an issue after 1278



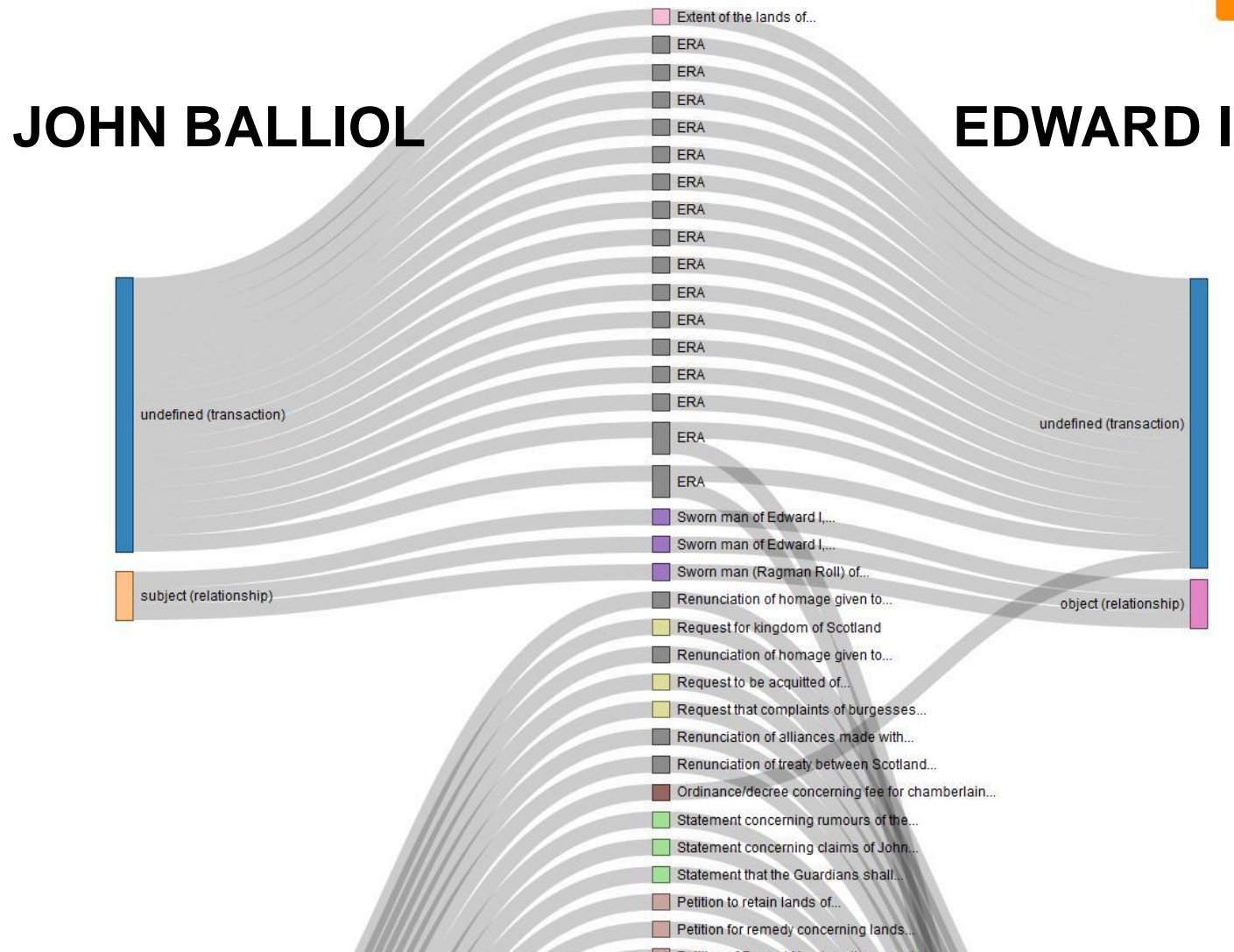






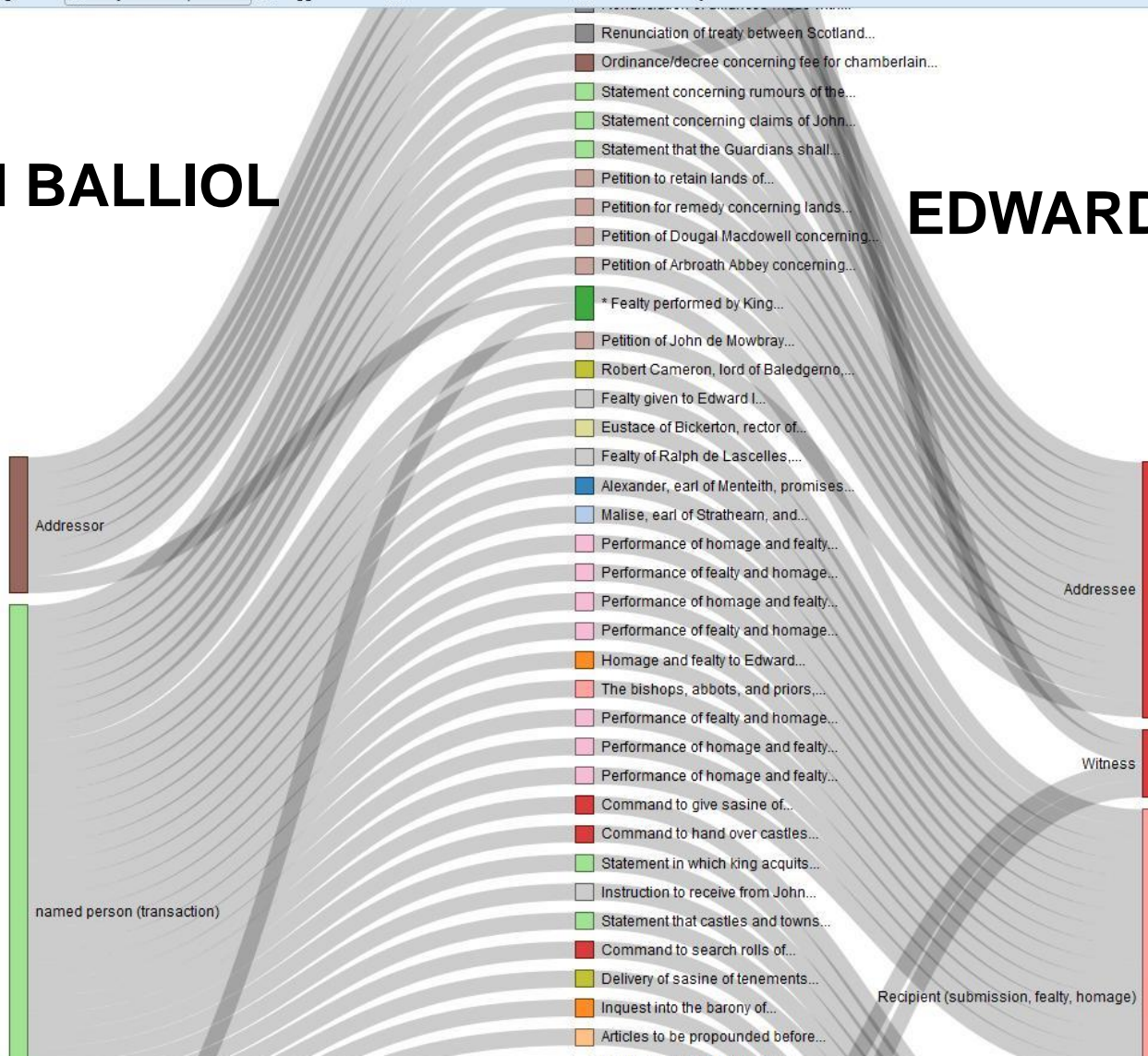
Documented interactions between Edward I and John Balliol

- Edward I addresses numerous commands and demands to John Balliol
- John Balliol addresses many requests and petitions to Edward I: expects Edward I to listen to him
- John's fealty and homage a regular theme: his performance of homage mentioned frequently

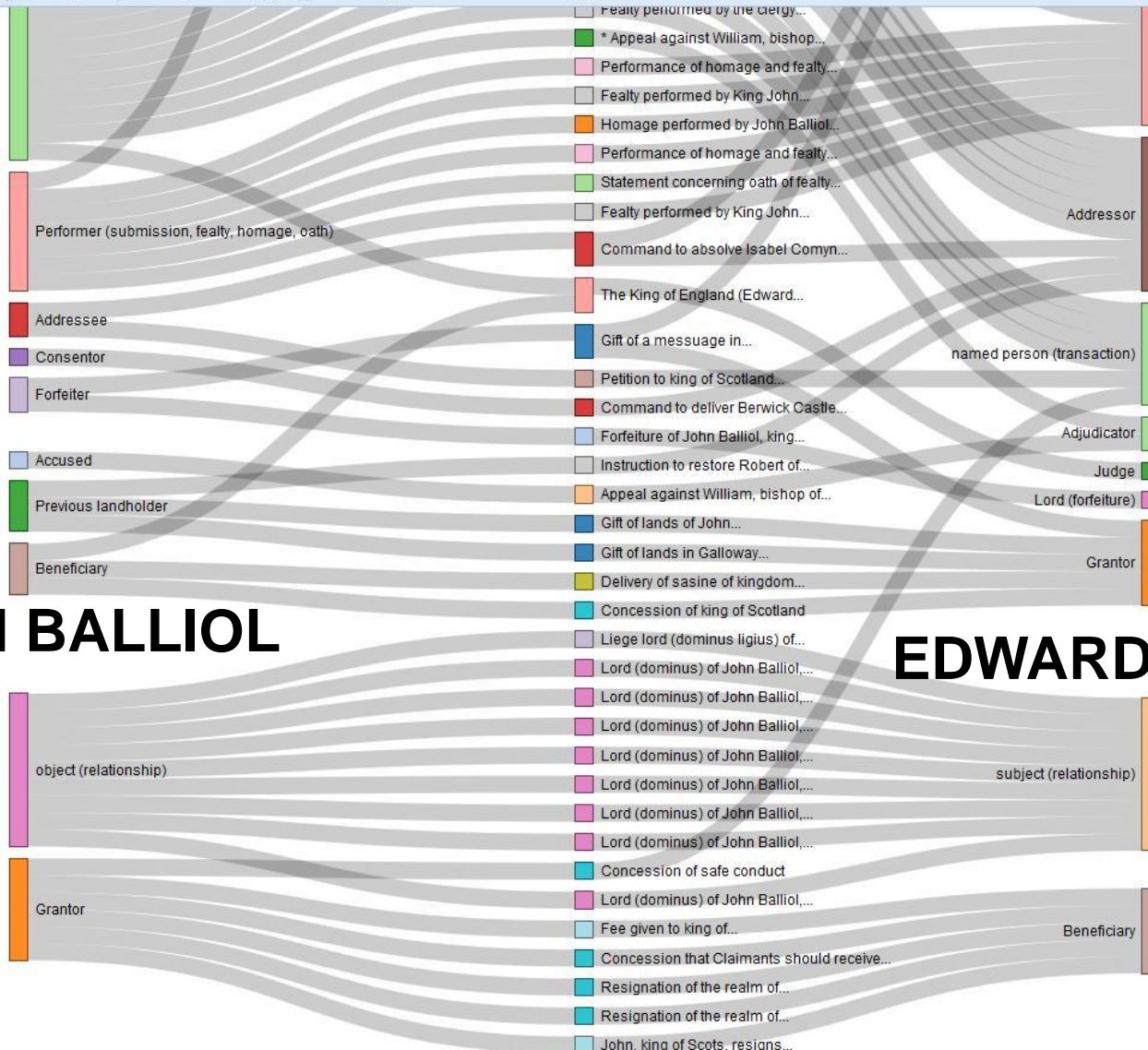


JOHN BALLIOL

EDWARD I



What is this?



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