

# Aliens & Natives Imperial England & the 'Celtic Fringe'

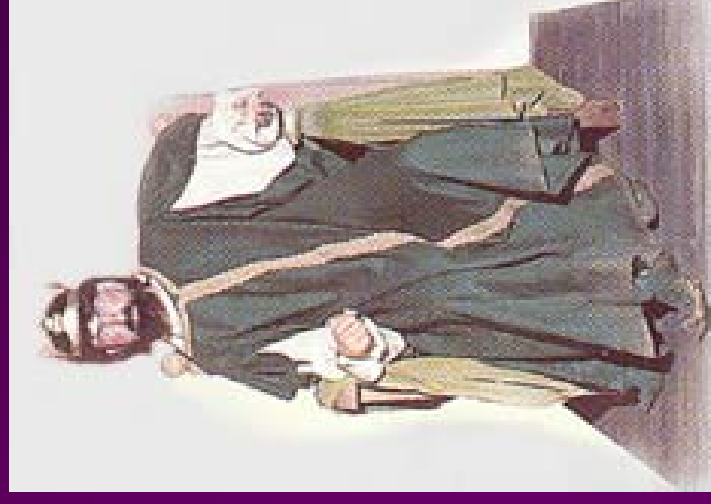
- In the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the 13<sup>th</sup> Century the nations of the British Isles struggled for supremacy & for the 1<sup>st</sup> time distinct ideas of nationalism emerged in England, Scotland, Wales, and Ireland.



**King Robert  
Bruce of  
Scotland**



**King Edward I  
of England**



**Prince Llywelyn  
ap Gruffydd of  
Wales**

# Edward I-Longshanks

## the 1st English Empire?

- Edward I-the 2<sup>nd</sup> English King of the Plantagenet dynasty was the 1<sup>st</sup> king since the Conquest that looked primarily to the British Isles as his power base and future *imperium*.
- Edward came of age on Crusade where he was wounded several times, lead numerous armies, & experienced the splendors of the Eastern Roman Empire-Byzantine Empire & the Islamic states of the Middle East.
- Edward I gained political & military experient defeating Simon de Montfort at the Battle of Evesham in 1263.



Edward I in Parliament from the Wriothesley Manuscript. King Alexander of Scotland is seated on the left and Prince Llywelyn of Wales on the right.



# Edward I-Longshanks



- Why would Edward I think he could create a British Empire? Weren't Scotland, the Welsh Kingdoms, and the Irish kingdoms sovereign & independent states complete with their own cultures, governments, & identities?
- **Reason 1:** The ruling dynasties & elite families of England, Wales, Scotland, and Ireland were interconnected through family, commerce, and intertwining feudal ties.
- The Bruces (originally Norman *de Brus*) held lands in both England and Scotland. The Marcher lords of Wales and Ireland such as the Mortimers, de Clares, de Burges (Burkes) also held lands and confusing oaths of allegiances across Britain





The Treaty of Edinburgh, 1328