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ċ, ç = a soft c, as petiċon = petition.

p = p succeeded by a vowel and r, as psons = persons.

ḃ = p succeeded by r and a vowel, as ḃvent = prevent.