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vide. Quarta afflictio est plerumque negligē-  
tiae suorum amicorum et propinquorum ad ei subue-  
niendum: propter quod clamavit illud Job. xix. Mi-  
seremini mei, miseremini mei, saltem vos amici  
mei. Siquis enim in gravibus doloribus esset con-  
stitutus, nec se possit in.....

to et peccati poat. q. d. s. t. u. v. w. x. y. z.  
vitare peccatum. Secunda causa est inordinata  
tus affectus ad parentes et amicos, qui frequen-  
ter fit (ut dicit Augustinus) ut offendat deum, non  
offendat amicum, cum tamen sine verâ carita-













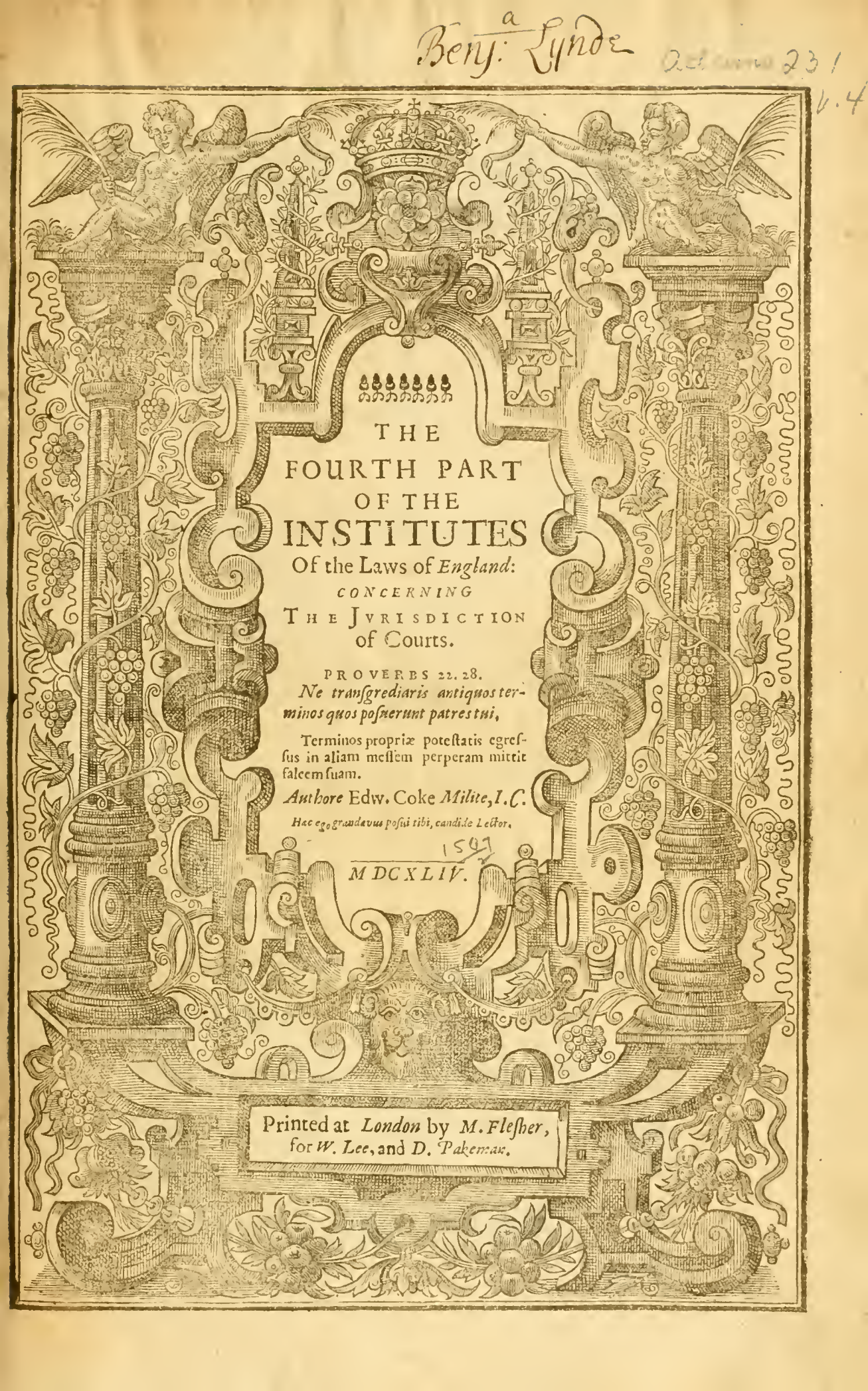




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OF THE  
INSTITUTES

Of the Laws of England:  
CONCERNING  
THE JURISDICTION  
of Courts.

PROVERBS 22. 28.

*Ne transgrediaris antiquos ter-  
minos quos posuerunt patrestui,*

*Terminos propriæ potestatis egr-  
essus in aliam messem perperam mittit  
falce[m] suam.*

*Auctore Edw. Coke Milite, J. C.*

*Hæc ego, grandævus posui tibi, candide Lector.*

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*A Proeme*



DEO,  
PATRIÆ,  
TIBI.

Proœmium.



N the two former parts of the *Institutes* we have principally treated *De communibus placitis*, and of those two great Pronouns [*Meum & Tuum.*] In the Third we have handled *Placita Coronæ*, and Criminall causes. But because *Rerum ordo confunditur, si unicuique jurisdictio non seruetur*, We in this Fourth and last part of the *Institutes* are to speak of the Jurisdiction of the Courts of Justice within this Realm.

*Regula.*

*Jurisdictio est autoritas judicandi sive jus dicendi int' partes de actionibus personarum et rerum secundum quod deductæ fuerunt in iudicium per autoritatem ordinariam seu delegatam*: And again, *b Jurisdictio est potestas de publico introducta cum necessitate juris dicendi*. It is derived of *Jus*, and *ditio*, i. *potestas juris*.

*Jurisdictio quid?*  
Bract. l. 5. fo. 400,  
401.  
Brit. fo. 1. & 32.  
Fleta li. 6. ca. 36.  
unde, &c.  
b Lib. 10. f. 73. a.  
En le case del  
Marshallsea.  
c *Curia quid?*

*c Curia* hath two severall significations, and accordingly it is severally derived. It signifieth the Kings Court, where his royall person, and his honourable houshold doe reside, and is all one with *Palatium Regium*, and is derived *ad re' nobis*, of the Lord, because the Sovereign Lord resideth there. It also signifieth a Tribunall, or Court of Justice, as here it doth, and then it is derived *à cura, quia est locus, ubi publicas curas gerebant*.

*Festus.*

Of Jurisdictions some be Ecclesiasticall, and some Civill, or Temporall: of both these some be primitive, or ordinary without commission; some derivative, or delegate by Commission. Of all these, some be of record, and some not of record; some to enquire, hear, and determine, some to enquire only; some guided by one law, some by another; the bounds of all and every severall Courts being most necessary to be known. For as the body of man is best ordered, when every particular member exerciseth his proper duty: so the body of the Common wealth is best governed, when every severall Court of Justice executeth his proper jurisdiction. But if the eie, whose duty is to see, the hand, to work, the feet, to goe, shall usurp, and inroach one upon anothers work: As for example, the hands or feet, the office

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of the eie to see, and the like; these should assuredly produce disorder, and darknesse, and bring the whole body out of order, and in the end to distruction: So in the Common wealth (Justice being the main preserver thereof) if one Court should usurp, or inroach upon another, it would introduce uncertainty, subvert Justice, and bring all things in the end to confusion.

Now when I considered how much it would tend to the honour of the Kings Majesty, and of his Laws, to the advancement of justice, the quiet of the subject, and generally to the good of the whole Common wealth (no King in the Christian world having such Tribunals, and Seats of justice, as his Majesty hath, which, God willing, in this Treatise we shall make to appear) that all the high, honourable, venerable, and necessary Tribunals, and Courts of Justice within his Majesties Realms and Dominions, as well Civill as Ecclesiasticall, might be drawn together, as it were, in one map, or table, (which hitherto was never yet done) that the admirable benefit, beauty, & delectable variety thereof might be, as it were, *uno intuitu* beholden, and that the manifold jurisdictions of the same might be distinctly understood and observed. We having (as else where we have said) collected some materials towards the raising of this great and honourable building, and fearing that they should be of little use after my decease, being very short, and not easily of others to be understood, if I should have left them as they were;

In the Preface to  
the First part of  
the Institues.

Out of the duty that I owe to his most excellent Majesty, and my zeal, and affection to the whole Common wealth, I have adventured to break the ice herein, and to publish more at large those things which in our reading we had observed concerning Jurisdiction of Courts. I confesse it is a labour of as great pains, as difficulty: for as in an high and large building, he that beholds the same after it is finished, and furnished, seeth not the carriages, scaffolding, and other invisible works of labour, industry and skill in Architecture: so he that looketh on a book full of variety of important matter, especially concerning sacred Laws, after it is printed and fairly bound and polished, cannot see therein the carriage of the materials, the searching, finding out, perusing, and digesting of authorities in law, Rols of Parliament, judiciall Records, Warrants in law, and other invisible works, *tam laboris, quam ingenii*: yet I was the rather encouraged thereunto, both because I have published nothing herein, but that which is grounded upon the authorities and reason of our books, Rols of Parliament, and other judiciall Records, and especially upon the resolution of the Judges of latter times upon mature deliberation in many cases never published before; wherewith I was well acquainted, and which I observed and set down in writing, while it was fresh in memory.

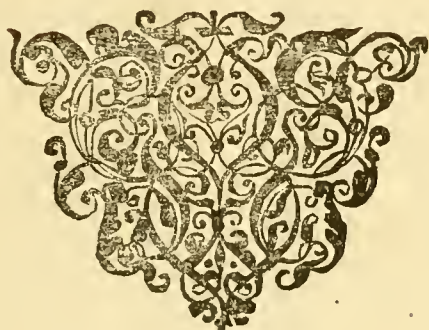
\* *Minerva, quasi  
nervos minuens.*

There be amongst the Kings Records divers and many Rols, whereof you shall find little or no mention (that we remember) in our books, viz. *Rot. Parliament. Rot. Placitorum Coronæ, Rot. Placitorum Parliament. Rot. Claus. Rot. Brevium, Finium, Inquisitionum, Liberationum, Rot. Cartarum, Eschaetria, Pat. Rot. Ordinationum, Rot. Franciæ, Scotiæ, Vasconiæ, & Almaniæ, Rot. Romana, Rot. Judeorum, Rot. Ragman, Brangwin, Rot. Contrariensium*

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*trariensium* (And the reason of the naming of this Roll thus, was for that *Thomas* Earl of Lancaster (a man singularly beloved) taking part with the Barons against King *E. 2.* in hatred of the *Spencers*, it was not thought safe for the King, in respect of their power and greatnesse, to name them Rebels or Traitors, but *Contrarients*) and some others. In this and other parts of our Institutes we cite divers Records out of many of these Rols: Herein, as in the rest of our works, you shall observe, that in the course of our reading we took all in our way, and omitted little or nothing, for there is no knowledge (seemeth it at the first of never so little moment) but it will stand the diligent observer in stead at one time or other.

And thus for all our pains, wishing the benevolent reader all the profit, we (*favente Deo, & auspice Christo*) begin with the High, and most Honourable Court of Parliament.









O F  
**THE HIGH AND MOST  
 HONOURABLE COURT**  
 O F P A R L I A M E N T .

C A P . I .

*Of what Persons this Court consisteth.*



**H**is Court consisteth of the Kings Majesty sitting there as in his Royall politick capacity, and of the three Estates of the Realm: viz. On the Lords Spirituall, Archbishops and Bishops, being in number 24, who sit there by succession in respect of their Counties, or \* Baronies parcell of their Bishopricks, which they hold also in their politick capacity; And every one of these when any Parliament is to be holden, ought, ex debito justitiæ, to have a Writ of Summons. The Lords Tempozall, Dukes, Marquisses, Earls, Viscounts, and Barons, who sit there by reason of their dignities which they hold by descent or creation, in number at this time 106: and likewise every one of these being of full age ought to have a Writ of Summons ex debito justitiæ. The third estate is the Commons of the Realme whereof there be a Knights of Shires or Counties, Citizens of Cities, and Burgeses of Burghes. All which are respectively elected by the Shires or Counties, Cities and Burghes, by force of the Kings Writ ex debito justitiæ, and none of them ought to be omitted: and these represent all the Commons of the whole Realme, and trusted for them, and are in number at this time 493.

native, and these Bishops are called by Writ to the Parliament as other Lords of Parliament be. Rot. Claus. 9 H. 4. m. 1. Glanvil. lib. 7. ca. 1. ver. finem. Bract. lib. 5. fo. 412. 427. a. 10 H. 4. 6. 21 E. 3. 60. 17 E. 3. 40. 43. 73. Dicetns Deane of London, a 5 R. 2. cap. 4. Stat. ult. so are they ranked. Prov. 11. 14. Salus ubi multa consistit. Rot. Parl. 7 H. 4. nu. 2. Multorum consilia requiruntur in magnis.

See the first part of the Institutes, Sect. 164. for the ancient and latter names of Parliament, and the antiquity thereof. Modus tenendi, Parl. cap. 2.

\* All the Bishopricks of England be of the Kings Progenitors incorporation, to have succession and foundation, Tenendum per comitatū seu Baroniam, and were of ancient time do-

Rot. Claus. 9 H. 4. m. 1. Glanvil. lib. 7. ca. 1. ver. finem. Bract. lib. 5. fo. 412. 427. a. 10 H. 4. 6. 21 E. 3. 60. 17 E. 3. 40. 43. 73. Dicetns Deane of London, a 5 R. 2. cap. 4. Stat. ult. so are they ranked. Prov. 11. 14. Salus ubi multa consistit. Rot. Parl. 7 H. 4. nu. 2. Multorum consilia requiruntur in magnis.

*Of what number.*

In the beginning Romulus ordained an hundred Senators for the good government of the Common Wealth: afterwards they grew to 300, and so many were of the House of Commons in Fortescues time; who treating with what gravity Statutes are made, saith; Dum non unius, aut centum solum consultorum virorum prudentia, sed plus quam trecentorum electorum hominum, quali numero olim senatus Romanorum regebatur, ipsa statuta edita sunt.

Erant autem Senatores majorum gentium, & Senatores minorum gentium, ex patriciis & nobilibus electi, hii ex populo.

And it is observed that when there is best appearance, there is the best success in Parliament. At the Parliament holden in the Seventh year of the reign of H. 5. holden before the Duke of Bedford, Guardian of England, of the Lords Spirituall and Tempozall, there appeared but thirty in all: at which Parliam-

Festus.

Fortescue cap. 13. fo. 40.

Cicero lib. 1. Epist. famil.

Rot. Parl. 7 H. 5.

Rot. Parl. 50 E. 3.  
Bonum Parli-  
amentum.

\* 14 H. 8. 3. per  
Fineux Hollenf.  
Chron. 34 H. 8.  
956 957. Dier  
38 H. 8. 60. 61.  
2 & 3 E. 6. ca. 36.  
a 28 E. 3. ca. 6.  
Regist. 177.  
F. N. B. 164. k.  
Pl. R. 2. 2.  
Stanf. Pl. Cor. 49  
b For this disti-  
nction, see the  
second part of  
the Institutes,  
Mag. Cart. verb.  
[per pares.] fo.  
29. a

Of ancient time  
both houses sat  
together.

Rot. Parl. 50 E. 3.  
nu. 8.

ment there was but one Act of Parliament passed, and that of no great weight. In Anno 50 E. 3. all the Lords appeared in person, and not one by Proxie. At which Parliament, as it appeareth in the Parliament Roll, so many excellent things were sped and done, as it was called bonum Parliamentum.

And the King and these three Estates \* are the great Corporation or Body politick of the Kingdome: and do sit in two houses, viz. the King and Lords in one house, called the Lords House, and the Knights, Citizens and Burgeses in another house, called the House of Commons.

<sup>a</sup> For this word [Commons] see the statute of 28 E. 3. whereby it is provided that the Choseners of Counties shall be chosen in full County per les Commons de mesme les Countiees. Commons are in legall understanding taken for the frank Tenants or Freeholders of the Counties. <sup>b</sup> And whosoever is not a Lord of Parliament and of the Lords House, is of the house of the Commons either in person, or by representation, partly coagmentative, and partly representative.

But of ancient time both Houses sat together. In 8 H. 4. an Act of Parliament concerning the succession of the Crown intailed to H. 4. whereunto all the Lords severally sealed, and Sir John Tebetot the Speaker in the name of the Commons, put to his seale.

Note, that in the Letters to the Pope by all the Nobility of England at the Parliament holden in 28 E. 1. the conclusion is this, In cujus rei testimonium sigilla nostra tam pro nobis quam pro tota Communitate præd. Regni Angliæ præsentib<sup>9</sup> sunt appensa. Hereby I gather, that at this time the Commons had no Speaker, but both Houses sat together, for if the Commons had then had a Speaker, they would have appointed him to have put to his seale for them, as in 8 H. 4. they did. Certain it is, that at the first both Houses sat together, as it appeareth in the Treatise De modo tenendi Parliamentum. Vide Rot. Parl. 5 E. 3. nu. 3. and in other places in the same Roll, and in 6 E. 3. in divers places it appeareth that the Lords and Commons sat together, and that the Commons had then no continuall Speaker, but after consultation had, they agreed upon some one or more of them that had greatest aptitude for the present businesse to deliver their resolution, which wrought great delaies of proceeding, and thereupon the Houses were divided, and the surest mark of the time of the division of them is, when the House of Commons at the first had a continuall Speaker, as at this day it hath.

After the division the Commons sat in the Chapter house of the Abbot of Westminster.

And this Court is aptly resembled to a Clock which hath within it many wheels, and many motions, all as well the lesser as the greater must move: but after their proper manner, place, and motion; if the motion of the lesser be hindered, it will hinder the motion of the greater.

### The Names.

This Court is called by severall names, as anciently [Witenage Mote] Conventus sapientum; Parliamentum, of which we have spoken in another place; Comitia, à coeundo, quia coeunt ibi deliberaturi de a arduis & urgentibus negotiis regni, & statum, & defensionem regni, & Ecclesiæ Anglicanæ concernentibus. <sup>b</sup> Commune concilium regni, <sup>c</sup> Generale concilium regni, & <sup>d</sup> Concilium regni, and Assisa generalis, and Assisa ab assidendo, as Assisa de Clarendon 22 H. 2.

Upon some of the Records and Rolls of the Parliament it is written,

Perlege quæ regni clarissima Conciliorum  
Sunt monumenta, aliter nil præter somnia cernis,

<sup>e</sup> And Virgil writing of the Parliament of the Gods useth the same word of Concilium in the same sense,

Panditur interea domus omnipotentis Olympi,  
Conciliumq; vocat divûm pater, atq; hominum Rex, &c.

Tacitus in vita Agricola in the time of the Britons calleth it Conventus, à conveniendo,

Ingulphus

See Co. Just<sup>2</sup> pars 3 pag 2.

See the first part  
of the Institutes,  
Señ. 164. ubi su-  
pra.

a Breve Parliam.  
b Brevis origi-  
nalia de vasto,  
&c.

c W. 1. in exordio.  
d Glanvil lib 8.  
cap. 10. & lib. 13.  
cap. 32.

Lib. 9. cap. 10.  
Brañon lib. 3.  
tract. 2. cap. 7.

e Encidos 10.  
concliu Deorû.

Ingulphus, who died before 1109. saith, Rex Eldredus convocavit magnates, Episcopos, proceres, & optimates ad tractandum de publicis negotiis regni, Tully calleth it, Confessum senatorum, à confidendo.

34 H.6.40.a.  
Pufot.

*Parliaments in Scripture.*

And the like Parliaments have been holden in Israel, as it appeareth in the holy History. Convocavit David omnes principes Israel, duces, tribunos, & præpositos turmarum, tribunos, centuriones, & qui præerant substantiis & possessionibus regis, filiosque suos, cum eunuchis, & potentes, & robustissimos quosque in exercitu Jerusalem. And when they were all assembled, the King himself shewed the cause of calling that Parliament. Audite me fratres mei & populus meus, cogitavi ut ædificarem domum in qua requiesceret arca fœderis Domini, & ad scabellum pedum Dei nostri, & ad ædificandum omnia præparavi, &c. <sup>b</sup> And the like Parliament did King Solomon son of King David hold. Congregavit Solomon majores natu Israel, & cunctos principes, tribunos, & capita familiarum de filiis Israel in Jerusalem, &c. <sup>c</sup> There was also a Parliament holden in the time of the Judges. Convenit universus Israel ad civitatem quasi homo unus eadem mente, & uno consilio, &c. And that Parliament builded on such unity, had blessed successe.

1 Chron.ca.23.

*Preparation.*  
Actus ætivorum sunt in pariente disposito, such the Philosopher.  
<sup>b</sup> 2 Chron ca.5.2.  
<sup>c</sup> Judges 20.11. Convencus.

Of this Court of Parliament the King is Caput: principium & finis. And as in the naturall body when all the sinews being joyned in the head do join their forces together for the strengthening of the body, there is ultimum Potentiæ: so in the politiqu body when the King and the Lords Spirituall and Temporall, Knights, Citizens, and Burgeses, are all by the Kings command assembled and joyned together under the head in consultation for the common good of the whole Realm, there is ultimum Sapienciæ.

Modus tenend.  
Parl.

*What properties a Parliament man should have.*

It appeareth in a Parliament Roll, that the Parliament being, as hath been said, called Commune concilium, every member of the House being a Counsellor, should have three properties of the Elephant; First, that he hath no gall: Secondly, that he is inflexible, and cannot bow: Thirdly, that he is of a most ripe and perfect memory: which properties; as there it is said, ought to be in every member of the Great Councell of Parliament. First, to be without gall, that is, without malice, rancor, heat, and envy, In Elephanre melancholia transit in nutrimentum corporis. Every gallish inclination (if any were) should tend to the good of the whole body, the Common wealth. Secondly, that he be constant; inflexible, and not to be bowed, or turned from the right, either for fear, reward, or favour, nor in judgement respect any person. Thirdly, of a ripe memory, that they remembring perils past, might prevent dangers to come, as in that Roll of Parliament it appeareth. Whereunto we will adde two other properties of the Elephant, the one, that though they be Maximæ virtutis, & maximi intellectus, of greatest strength, and understanding, tamen gregatim semper incedunt, yet they are sociable, and goe in companies: for animalia gregalia non sunt nociva, sed animalia solivaga sunt nociva. Sociable creatures that goe in flocks or heards are not hurtfull, as Deer, Sheep, &c. but Beasts that walk solely, or singularly, as Bears, Fores, &c. are dangerous and hurtfull. The other, that the Elephant is Philanthropos, homini erranti viam ostendit, and these properties ought every Parliament man to have.

Rot.Parl.anno  
3 H.6.nu.3.

Virg. Georg.  
Illum non populi  
saces, non pur-  
pura regum  
Flexit.

Aristo:le.  
Bartholomæus.

*Of Records of Parliament.*

The reason wherefore the Records of Parliament have been so highly extolled, is, for that therein is set down in cases of difficulty, not only the judgment, or resolution, but the reasons, and causes of the same by so great advice. <sup>a</sup> It is

<sup>a</sup> Mich.5 E.1. in  
comuni banco.  
Rot.100 Linc.  
Pasch.19 E.1.

Rot.145. Abbot de Selby. Pasch.28 E.1. Coram Rege Rot. between the King and Venables in Mich.3 E.2. Coram Rege Rot.6 and many others where the causes and reasons, pro & contra, have been set down, &c. 6 E.3.fo.5. per Herle. 3 E.4.2.b.7.a. 19 H.6.63.a. per Fray.

true

true that of ancient time in judgements at the Common law, in cases of difficulties either criminall, or civill, the reasons and causes of the judgement were set down in the Record, and so it continued in the reigns of E. 1. and most part of E. 2. and then there was no need of Reports: but in the reign of E. 3. (when the law was in his height) the causes and reasons of judgments, in respect of the multitude of them are not set down in the Record, but then the great Casuists and Reporters of cases (certain grave and sad men) published the cases, and the reasons and causes of the judgments or resolutions, which from the beginning of the reign of E. 3. and since we have in print. But these also, though of great credit, and excellent use in their kind, yet far underneath the Authority of the Parliament Rols, reporting the Acts, Judgements, and resolutions of that highest Court.

22 E. 4. 18. per  
Huffey. Rot. Par.  
19 E. 1. Rot. 12.  
Margery Wey-  
lands case. Nota  
quia optime, &c.

Prov. 13 16. Sa-  
piens omnia agit  
cum consilio.

Vide infra.

These writs of  
Summons you  
shall find in for-  
mer times in the  
close Rol, for  
they are not in  
the Register, and in that Rol are the writs De expensis militum, civium & burgensium, & procuratorum cleri, and these are in the Register also.

\* Regist. 261.  
F. N. B. 229. a. ib.  
called Accen-  
dants.

### The Summons of Parliament.

The King de advisamento concilii (soz so be the words of the Writ of Parliamt) resolving to have a Parliament, doth out of the Court of Chancery send out writs of Summons at the least forty days befoze the Parliament begin: Every Lord of Parliament, either Spirituall, as Archbishops, and Bishops, or Temporall, as Dukes, Marquisses, Earls, Viscounts and Barons; Peers of the Realm, and Lords of Parliament ought to have severall writs of Summons.

And the writs De expensis militum, civium & burgensium, & procuratorum cleri, and these are in the Register also.

### Temporall Assistants.

And all the Judges of the Realm, Barons of the Exchequer of the Coit, the Kings learned Councell, \* and the Civilians Masters of the Chancery are called to give their assistance and attendance in the upper house of Parliament, but they have no voices in Parliament; and their writs differ from the writs to the Barons: soz their writs be, Quod intersitis nobiscum & cum ceteris de consilio nostro (and sometimes nobiscum only) super pramissis tractaturi, vestrumque consilium impensuri; but the writ to the Barons is, Quod intersitis cum praelatis, magnatibus & proceribus super dictis negotiis tractaturi, vestrumque consilium impensuri.

### Spirituall Assistants. Procuratores cleri.

And in every writ of Summons to the Bishops, there is a clause requiring them to summon these persons to appear personally at the Parliament, which is in these words, Pramonientes Decanum & capitulum Ecclesie vestre Norwicensis, ac Archidiaconos eorumque clerum vestre Diocesi. quod idem Decani & Archidiaconi in propriis personis suis, ac dictum capitulum per unum, idemque clerus per duos procuratores idoneos plenam & sufficientem potestatem ab ipsis capitulo & clero divisim habentes predicti die & loco personaliter intersint ad consentiendum hiis que tunc ibidem de communi consilio dicti regni nostri divina favente clementia contigerit ordinari: and the Bishop under his seal make Certificate accordingly. And these are called Procuratores cleri, and many times have appeared in Parliament as Spirituall Assistants, to consider, consult, and consent, ut supra, but had never voices there, because they were no Lords of Parliament. Some have thought, that because the Clergy were not party to the election of the Knights, Citizens, and Burgeses, that these Procuratores Cleri were appointed to give their consent soz them, but then they should have had voices, which questionlesse they never had. And by the words of the writ it was to consent to those things which by the Common Councell of the Realm should happen to be ordained, so as their consent was only to such things as were ordained de communi concilio Regni, and that there might be an Act of Parliament without them: and in many cases multitudes are bound by Acts of Parliament which are not parties to the elections of Knights, Citizens, and Burgeses, as all they that have no freehold

Mod. Tenend.  
Parl. ca. 2.  
Rot. Claus.  
8 E. 2. m. 15. Dorf.  
Ib. 5 E. 2. m. 15.  
Ib. 11 E. 3. part 1.  
m. 1. Ib. 22 E. 3.  
part 2. m. 3.  
Ib. 36 E. 3. m. 16.  
Rot. Par. 18 E. 3.  
nu. 1. 3 R. 2.  
11 R. 2. 21 R. 2.  
Procuratores  
Cleri. Reg. 261. a.  
F. N. B. 229. a.  
Procuratores de  
Clero.  
In fascicul. lire-  
rarum procurat.  
&c. 13 H. 4. &  
5 H. 5.  
See her: after tit.  
Proxies.

freehold, or have freehold in Ancient demesne, and all women having freehold or no freehold, and men within the age of one and twenty years, &c. And it appeareth by the treatise De modo tenendi Parliament', &c. that the Proctors of the Clergy should appear, cum presentia eorum sit necessaria (which proveth that they were voicelesse Assistants only) and having no voices, and so many learned Bishops having voices, their presence is not now holden necessary.

It is to be observed that in the writs of Parliaments to the Bishops (being Lords Ecclesiasticall secular) they are named by their Christian names and name of their office; as, Rex, &c. Reverendissimo in Christo patri Johanni eadem gratia Archiepiscopo Cantuar', or Rex, &c. Reverendo in Christo patri Johanni Episcopo Norwicensi. &c. But if the Surname be added it makes not the writ vicious.

But the Abbots and Priors being Lords of Parliament, religious and regular, might be named by the name of their office only, as Rex dilecto sibi in Christo Abbati Sancti Edmondi de Bury. &c.

A Duke, a Marquisse, an Earl, and Viscount are regularly named by their Christian names, and the names of their dignities, and rarely (yet sometimes) by their Surnames; nor are they named by their Knighthood, if they have any, but rarely. If a Baron be a Knight, he is regularly named by his Christian name, Surname, and by Miles or Chivalier, and his Barony. If he be no Knight, then he is named by his Christian name, and the name of his Barony; but if the Surname be added, it maketh not the writ vicious. And this holdeth as well where the Baron taketh his dignity of a place, as where he taketh it of his Surname; but where the Surname is dignified, there to make a sozmall writ, it is good to add the place of his Barony.

Of ancient time the Temporall Lords of Parliament were commanded by the Kings writ to appear, In fide & homagio, quibus nobis tenemini, and in the reign of E. 3. in fide & ligeancia, and sometime, in fide & homagio, but at this day constantly in fide & ligeancia, because at this day there are no feodall Baronies, in respect whereof homage is to be done, which in 21 E. 3. was the true cause of this alteration.

The Ecclesiasticall Barons secular or regular were commanded by the Kings writ to be present, in fide & dilectione, quibus nobis tenemini, as the Bishops are at this day.

We find in the Rols of Parliament a writ in Anno 23 R. 2. and successively in every Parliament untill and in the fift year of H. 6. amongst the Barons that came to the Parliament, it is said Magistro Thomæ de la Warre, and some say that the addition of Magister, was to distinguish him from them that were Knights: as in the Roll of 1 E. 4. amongst the Barons it is said, Johanni de Audeley armigero, so that the rest of the Barons (saving himself) and the Lord Clynton were Chivaliers. And others doe hold that he was of the Clergy before the dignity descended to him, and in that respect he was called Magister.

In the Roll of 5 H. 5. and in many succeeding Rols we find Baro applied to the Lord of Greystock, as Radulpho Baroni de Greistock, and Johanni Baroni de Greistock, and to few other.

In many Rols we find the Barons that were Knights, named Chivaliers, wherein we observed, that they liked to be called Chivaliers rather then Milites after the legall word (so Eques auratus is not used in Law.) For example, In anno 1 E. 4. Edmundo Grey de Ruthin Chivalier, &c. and under subscribed thus, Milites omnes, exceptis Johanne de Audeley armigero, & Johanne domir o de Clynton. And in 3 E. 4. all the Barons (saving the Lord Scales) have the additions of Chivaliers, and subscribed thus, Equites aurati omnes prater dominum Scales. And in 7 E. 4. all the Barons have the addition of Chivaliers, and therefore subscribed thus, Equites aurati omnes. Whereby and by many others it appeareth that the Barons, if they were Knights, were so named; and that they were not named Chivaliers unless they were Knights. But in the reign of H. 8. and

12 E. 3. bfe 480.

31 E. 3. bfe 342.

32 E. 3. lfe 291.

7 H 6 17.

21 E. 4. 15.

For these regular Lords of Parliament, and when they ceased, see hereafter p2.

7 E. 4. bfe 163.

7 H. 6. 29.

11 E. 3. bfe 473.

11 E. 3. tit. Bfe 473.

since, Barons are named Chivaliers in the writ of Summons, though they be no Knights.

De Baneretto, & unde.

Baner legally Banerium, vexillum, Banerher, unde Banerherius or Banerius, i. Baro, vexillarius major, & Banerettus a diminutive of Banerius, vexillarius minor. A Baron is called Banerherius or Banerius of the Banner, (being the Ensigne of his honour) serveth for a guide and direction: so the Baron observing the end of his Nobility should be an example and guide to others, as well in war as in peace, in all notable habilities and vertues, and so of the Baneret: both the Baron and the Baneret hath one kinde of Baner: for the Baneret is created in the field in the Kings Host, and (amongst other things) by cutting the sharp point of his Pennon, and making it a Banner, i. Vexillum Baronis: so as the Baneret hath the Baner, but not the dignitty of the Baron. And this doth notably appear by the case in 22 E.3. the very words of which resolution I will first set downe, and then the effect. Un suit challenge pur ceo que il fuit a Baner, & non allocatur: car sil soit a baner, & ne tient per barony, il terra in Assise. That is, one was challenged because he had the Banner and was a Baneret, & non allocatur by the rule of the Court, because albeit he had the Banner, yet ne tient per Barony, that is, he was no Baron of Parliament.

22 E.3.18. tit. Challenge, 119.

Nora seriem temporis, John Coupland a valiant Leader in Anno 20 E.3. neer Durham, at Nevils Castle, took in aperto pralio, David the second, King of Scots; for which King E. 3. created him Knight Baneret, and gave him lands and livings, and in 22 E.3. the case in law fell out.

For this order of Knighthood see Camdens Britannia 124, and for this case of Sir John Coupland, Camden in Linc. pag. 618. See 35 H.6. fo. 46. There the challenge was that he was a Baneret a Lord of Parliament. See 48 E. 3. 30. 48 Ass. pl. ultimo, Lib. 6. fo. 55. But Sir John Coupland was not the first Baneret that England had, as some have thought, and was with us before the reign of E. 3. for in Pelle exitus anno 8 E.2. in Scaccario Johannes de Cromlewele Banerettus. And ex compoto Garderoba Anno 9 E. 2. Nicholaus de Gray was declared by Writ of E.2. to be de familia regis tanquam Banerettus, both for his precedency and fallery.

\* Speed.  
See hereafter,  
pag.

For summoning of the Commons a Writ goeth out to the Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports for the election of the Barons of the same, who in law are Burgesles, and to every Sheriffe of 52 Counties in England and Wales for the choise and election of Knights, Citizens, and Burgesles, within every of their Counties respectably.

### The beginning of the Parliament.

At the retorne of the Writs the Parliament cannot begin but by the Royall presence of the King either in person or by representation. By representation two wayes, either by a Gardian of England by Letters Patents under the Great Seale when the King is in remotis out of the Realme: or by Commission under the Great Seale of England to certain Lords of Parliament representing the person of the King, he being within the Realme in respect of some infirmity.

The patent of the Office of a Gardien of England reciteth his speedy going beyond sea, or in remotis, or urgent occasions and the cause thereof. Nos quod pax nostra tam in nostra absentia quam presentia inviolabiliter observetur, & quod fiat communis justitia singulis conquerentibus in suis actionibus & querelis, de fidelitate dilecti & fidelis nostri Edwardi ducis Cornubiæ, & comitis Cestriæ filii nostri primogeniti plenarie confidentes, constituimus ipsum custodem dicti regni nostri ac locum nostrum tenent' in eodem regno quam diu in dictis transmarinis partibus moram fecerimus, vel donec inde aliud duxerimus. (And this is that capitalis Justiciarius mentioned in Mag. Carta cap. 11. when the King is extra regnum) with a clause of assistance. But yet if any Parliament is to be holden, there must be a speciall Commission to the Gardien, to begin the Parliament, and to proceed therein: but the Teste of the Writ of Summons shall be in the Gardiens name,

Ror. Parl. 3 H. 6. nu. 1.

H. 6. sat in Parliament when he was 3 or 4 years old, and so did he in the 6 and 8 years of his reign. The Royall Person represented two wayes.

a Rot. pat. An. 24. E. 3. m. 18.

The Patent of the Gardianship.

See Rot. Parl. 25 E. 3. nu. 10.

A Parliament was holden in quinti quinto, viz. Anno 5 H. 5. before John Duke of Bedford, brother and Lieutenant to the King, and Gardien of England, and was summoned under the Teste of the Gardien or Lieutenant. [It is enacted, that if the King being beyond the seas, cause to summon a Parliament in this Realme, by his Writ under the Teste of his Lieutenant: and after such summons of Parliament gone out of the Chancery, the King arriveth in this Realm: that for such arrivall of the same King such Parliament shall not be dissolved, but the Parliament shall proceed without new summons.]

In 3 E. 4. a Parliament was begun in the presence of the King and prorogued untill a further day: and then William Archbishop of York the Kings Commissary by Letters Patents held the same Parliament and adjourned the same, &c. The cause of the said prorogation was, for that the King was enforced to go in person to Glocestershire to repress a rebellion there.

As hath been said, the Kings person may be represented by Commission under the Great Seale to certain Lords of Parliament authorizing them to begin the Parliament, and both the Gardien and such Commissioners do sit on a forme placed neer to the degrees that go up to the Cloth of Estate.

And in 28 Eliz. the Queen by her Commission under the Great Seale bearing date the 28 of October Anno 28, reciting that she for urgent occasions could not be present in her Royall Person, did authorize John Whiguis Archbishop of Canterbury, William Baron of Burghley Lord Treasurer of England, and Henry Carle of Derby Lord Steward of the Household then being, Ad inchoandum, &c. tenendum, &c. & ad procedendum, &c. & ad faciend' omnia & singula, &c. nec non ad Parliamentum adjornandum & prorogandum, &c. which Commission is entred in hæc verba in the Journall Book in the Lords house, and in the upper part of the page above the beginning of the Commission is written, Domina Regina representatur per Commissionarios, viz. &c. The 29 day of October, the said Commissioners sitting on a forme before the Cloth of Estate, after the Commission read, adjourned the Parliament untill the 15 of February following, &c. And this Parliament began the 29 of October, and not the 15 of February, wherein the Printed Book is mistaken, for then the Parliament begun, and was prorogued.

Thus much shall suffice, when the Kings person shall be represented.

But when the Parliament shall not begin at the day of the returne, but for certaine urgent causes then to be prorogued untill another day, and then to be holden before the King, there is a ready way for the effecting thereof, and that is by Writ Patent under the whole Great Seale, reciting the Writ of Summons, and to bear Teste before the returne thereof, and signed above with the Kings signe Manuell, and directed Prælati, magnatibus, proceribus hujus regni, ac militibus, civibus, & burgensibus convocatis & electis ad hoc Parliamentum pro quibusdam causis & considerationibus, &c. to prorogue the Parliament to a certaine day, and at the returne of the Summons, this Writ being read in the Upper House before certaine of the Lords of Parliament, and of the Commons there assembled, and prorogation made accordingly, the Parliament is prorogued: And this was so done in Anno 1 Eliz. the returne of the Summons of Parliament being the 9 of October, and by such a Writ it was prorogued untill the 25 of February following, at what time in judgement of law the Parliament did begin, and was holden, and not on the 9 of October, as it was adjudged. A like prorogation was made by the Queens like Writ of the Parliament holden Anno 5 Eliz. at both which dayes of prorogation, the Parliament did hold before the Queen her selfe, untill the dissolution of the same, which Writs are entred in hæc verba in the Journall book.

*What is to be done the first day of the Parliament.*

On the first day of the Parliament, the King or most commonly the Lord Chancellor or Keeper of the Great Seale in the presence of the Lords and Commons, do shew the causes of the calling of his High Court of Parliament, but the

Rot. Parl 5 H. 5. nu. 1.  
 8 H. 5. cap. 1. in print.  
*Nota, Quia in præsentia majoris cessat potestas minoris.* And the Letters Patents of this office is with a *quandiu in partibus transmarinis moram fecerint, &c. ut sup.*  
 Rot. Parl 3 E. 4. a Rot. 1. 13. 14.  
 Like Letters Patents to the Earl of Warw. in the same Parliament. nu. 15.  
 Parl. 28 Eliz.  
 See an excellent president hereof, Rot. claus. Anno 8 E. 2. 7. Sept. m. 26. & 1 pars. pat. An. 8 E. 2. m. 26. with a commandement of attendance.  
 Simile 10 E. 2. 2 pars. pat. m. 20. 13 E. 3. nu. 1. stat. 2. in absentia gardiani Angliz.

Prorogued by Writ Patent.

Dier. 3 El. 203. a  
 And herein the printed book of statutes erreth, for here the Parliament begun not.

22 E. 3. Sir *William Thorpe* Chief Justice.

27 E. 3. nu. 7, 8. Sir *Bart. de Burghersh*.

25 E. 3. nu. 1 6.

27 E. 3. nu. 2.

28 E. 3. nu. 1.

29 E. 3. nu. 1.

Sir *William Sharsull* Chief Just.

45 E. 3. nu. 8.

Sir *Robert Thorpe* Chief Justice

47 E. 3. nu. 2.

Sir *Jo. Knivet* Chief Justice.

50 E. 3. nu. 2. Sir *Jo. Knivet* Chief Justice. 51 E. 3. nu. 13. by Sir *Robert Ashton* the Kings Chamberlain. 6 Parl. 36 E. 3. nu. 1. *Simon Langham* B. of Ely Chancellor. c And so was it done ever after. 5 R. 2. nu. 2. The causes of Parliament were in ancient time shewed in the Chamber De point, or St. Edwards Chamber. d *Palia* 27. E. 3. nu. 1.

King may appoint any other : as many times, the Chiefe Justice of England, and sometime a some other, as may appear in the Parliament Rols, only one I will transcribe.

<sup>b</sup> At this day Sir Henry Green the Kings Chiefe Justice (although the Lord Chancellor were present) in the presence of the King, the Lords and Commons, declared the causes of the Parliament <sup>c</sup> in English, viz. for redresse of matters touching the Church, for observation of the peace, for the affairs of Scotland, for the inhauncing of the price of Wooll, &c. <sup>d</sup> But at the next meeting *Simon Langham* Bishop of Ely shewed the causes of Parliament, and in the end, he did in the Kings name require the Commons to make choice of a learned and discreet man to be their Speaker : and when a Bishop was Lord Chancellor, he took a text of Scripture which he repeated in Latin, and discoursed upon the same. But when a Judge was Lord Chancellor, he took no text, but in manner of an Oration shewed summarily the causes of the Parliament.

### The Election of the Speaker.

It is true the Commons are to chuse their Speaker : but seeing that after their choise the King may refuse him, for avoiding of expence of time and contestation, the use is (as in the Conge de eslier of a Bishop) that the King doth name a discreet and learned man whom the Commons elect : but without their election no Speaker can be appointed for them, because he is their mouth, and trusted by them, and so necessary, as the House of Commons cannot sit without him : and therefore a grievous sicknesse is a good cause to remove him, as in 1 H. 4. *John Chenye* Speaker chosen and allowed, was for sicknesse, so as he could not serve, discharged, and Sir *John Doreward* chosen in his place : and so was *William Sturton*, after he was chosen and allowed Speaker, removed for grievous sicknesse, and Sir *John Doreward* chosen in his place. At the Parliament holden in 15 H. 6. Sir *John Tirrell* Knight was chosen and allowed Speaker, and for grievous sicknesse removed, and *William Beerly* Esq; chosen in his place, &c.

But sicknesse is no cause to remove any Knight, Citizen or Burgesse of the House of Commons : So note a diversity between the Speaker, and any other of the House of Commons, and this diversity being not observed begat an error by some opinion in 38 H. 8. tit. Parliament Brook 7. for continuall experience is to the contrary.

### The presentment of the Speaker.

When the Commons have chosen their Speaker, the person elected standing in his place disabling himselfe to undergoe so weighty a charge, as in his discretion he thinks fit, desires them to proceed to a new choise: which being denied, and he set in the Chaire, then he prayeth them to give him leave, that he may disable himselfe to the King : after this they present him to the King in the Lords House ; where after he hath disabled himselfe to speak before the King, and for the whole body of the Realme, and made humble suit to the King, lest by his insufficiency the businesse of the Realme may be hindered, to be discharged, and a more sufficient man to be chosen : if he be allowed by his Majestie, then he maketh a Protestation consisting on three parts : First, that the Commons in this Parliament may have free speech, as of right and by custome they have used, and all their ancient and just priviledges and libertie allowed to them. Secondly, that in any thing he shall deliver in the name of the Commons (if he shall commit any error) no fault may be arretted to the Commons, and that he may resort again to the Commons for declaration of their true intent, and that his error may be pardoned. The third is, that as often as necessity for his Majesties service, and the good of the Common wealth shall requre, he may by the direction of the House of Commons have access to his Royall Person.

This

Sicknesse cause to remove the Speaker.

1 H. 4. nu. 62. 63.

Rot. Parl. 1 H. 5. nu. 9, 10, 11.

Rot. Parl. 15 H. 6. nu. 10. & 27.

Sickness no cause to remove a Member of the House of Commons.

38 H. 8. Parl. Br. 7

What the Speaker shall do when he is chosen.

The King may allow of his excuse, and disallow him, as Sir *John Popham* was.

28 H. 6. nu. 6.

The Protestation of the Speaker.



This is in the Parliament Rols called a Protestation in respect of the first part, the nature whereof is to be an exclusion of a conclusion, and herein that the House of Commons be not concluded to speak only of those things which the King or Lord Chancellor, &c. hath delivered to them to be the causes of the calling of this Court of Parliament, but in a Parliamentary course of all other arduous and urgent business, which principally consist in these five Branches, as it appeareth in the Writts of Summons to the Lords Spirituall and Temporall, viz.

2 H. 5. nu. 10. And so in succeeding times call

Rot. Par. 1. R. 2. nu. 15. &c.  
Rot. Par. 2 H. 4. nu. 8. Sir *Arnold Savage* Speaker. 5 H. 4. nu. 8. 7 H. 4. nu. 11. Sir *10. Tibotst* Speaker. & ibid. nu. 30. 1 H. 5. nu. 7 d a Protestation

*The matters of Parliament.*

1. Touching the King. 2. The state of the Kingdome of England. 3. The defence of the Kingdome. 4. \* The state of the Church of England: and 5. The defence of the same Church. And this appeareth by expresse words in the Parliament Writ in these words: Pro quibusdam arduis urgentibus negotiis, nos, statum, & defensionem regni nostri Angliæ, & Ecclesiæ Anglicanæ concernentibus quoddam Parliamentum nostrum, &c. teneri ordinavimus, &c. And these words [the state and defence of the Kingdome] are large words, and include the rest. And though the state and defence of the Church of England be last named in the Writ, yet is it first in intention, as it appeareth by the title of every Parliament: As for example, a To the honour of God and of holy Church, and quietnesse of the people, &c.

Now for as much as divers lawes and statutes have been enacted and prohibited for these ends aforesaid, and that divers mischiefs in particular, and divers grievances in generall concerning the honour and safety of the King, the state and defence of the Kingdome and of the Church of England might be prevented, an excellent law was made Anno 36 E. 3. which being applyed to the said Writts of Parliament doth in few and effectuall words set downe the true subject of a Parliament in these words. For the maintenance of the said Articles and Statutes, and redresse of divers mischiefs and grievances which daily happen, a Parliament shall be holden every year, as another time was ordained by a \* Statute.

Before the Conquest Parliaments were to be holden twice every year, Celebrimus autem ex omni satrapia bis quotannis Conventus agitur. King E. 1. kept a Parliament once every two year for the most part, and now it is enacted, that a Parliament shall be holden once every year.

The Roman vanquished our Ancestors the ancient Britains, so that they assembled not, they consulted not in common with them, nor Common Councils, as Tacitus in vita Agricolæ saith. Nec aliud adversus validissimas gentes pro nobis utilius, quam quod in \* commune non consulunt. Rarus ad propulsandum commune periculum conventus: Ita dum singuli pugnant, universi vincuntur. But to return to the matters of Parliament.

And it is enacted and declared by Authority of Parliament in Anno 4 H. 8. That all suits, accusements, condemnations, executions, fines, amerciaments, punishments, corrections, charges, and impositions at any time from thenceforth to be put, or had upon any member, either of that present Parliament, or at any Parliament at any time after that Act to be holden, for any Bill, \* speaking, reasoning, or declaring of any matter or matters concerning the Parliament, to be communed, or treated of, be utterly void and of none effect. Which latter branch is generall. Now what matter or matters concern the Parliament appear before. And this clause of the Act of 4 H. 8. is declaratory of the ancient law and custome of the Parliament.

And this doth not only appear by the Writts directed to the Lords of Parliament, but by the Writts for election of the Commons. For example. The Writ to the Sheriffe of Norfolk for election of the Knights, Citizens, and Burgesses within that County is, Rex Vicecomiti Norff. Salurem. Quia nos de avifamento & assensu concilii nostri pro quibusdam arduis & urgentibus negotiis, nos, statum, & defensionem regni nostri Angliæ, & Ecclesiæ Anglicanæ concernentibus quoddam

Rot. Parl 9 H. 4. An Act intituled *Indemnitie des seigniors & Commours*, not printed. \* See W. 1. Anno 3 E. 1. in the preamble, the state of the Realme, & of holy Church. And the 2 part of the Institutes, W. 1. cap. 1. and in the preamble. a 36 E. 3. 50 E. 3. &c.

36 E. 3. cap. 10. Parliaments ought to be holden once in a year. \* 4 E. 3. cap. 14. Inter leg. Edgar cap. 5.

Tacitus in vita Agricolæ, pag. 306.

\* Nota, Cōmune concilium. Conventus.

4 H. 8. c. 8.

\* Neq; timida probitas, neque improba fortitudo Rei publicæ est utilis.

The like Writ to all the other Counties, saving in Wales they have but one Knight and one Burgesse.

*a Nota, ad faciendum & consentiendum.*

And every City two Citizens, and our of every Burgh two Burgeses.

*b Nota, super negotiis antedictis.*

dam Parliamentum nostrum apud, &c. teneri ordinaverimus, & ibidem cum Prælatiſ, magnatibus, & proceribus dicti regni noſtri colloquium habere & tractatū: ipſi Vicecom. Norff. præcipimus firmiter injungend, quòd facta proclamatione in proximo comitatū tuo poſt receptionem ejuſdem brevis, duos milites gladiis cinctos, &c. elegi faceret, &c. <sup>a</sup> ad faciendum & conſentiendum hiis quæ tunc ibidem de communi concilio noſtro Angliæ (ſavente Deo) contingerent ordinari <sup>b</sup> ſuper negotiis antedictis, ita quòd pro defectu poteſtatis hujusmodi, ſeu propter improvidam electionem Militum, Civium & Burgenſium prædicta dicta negotia noſtra infecta non remanerent quovis modo. And this power extendeth equally to all Knights, Citizens and Burgeses of Parliament.

### *What the Speaker ſhall doe after his allowance.*

After the Commons with their Speaker are come from the Lords houſe, and that the Speaker is ſet in the Chair, then he deſireth the Commons, that ſeeing they have choſen him for their mouth, that they would favourably aſſiſt him in their arduous and important affairs, and that he will doe them the beſt ſervice he can with all diligence and faithfull readineſſe, or to the like effect.

### *The Writs of Summons of Parliament, which are to be found in the cloſe Roll from time to time.*

\* Braſt. l. 5. f. 413.  
Britton 122. 227.  
Fleta li. 2. ca. 12.  
W. 2. ca. 25.

1. pt of the Inſt.  
Sect 101. Epit.  
ad librum.

c 7 H. 4 ca. 15.

Rot. Par. 5 R. 2.  
nu. 1, 2 &c. they be  
now returned in-  
to the Chancery,  
and kept in the  
office of the Clerk  
of the Crown  
there.

d 23 H. 6. ca. 15.

Parl. 6 H. 4.

This was called  
*in doctum Parliamen-*  
*tum*, lack-  
learning Parliamen-  
ment.

Rot. Par. 46 E. 3.

nu. 13. 5 R. 2. c. 4.

7 H. 4. ca. 15.

See hereafter  
more of this mat-  
ter, in this chapt.  
pa. and who be  
eligible, &c.

\* Nota.

W. 1. ca. 5. 3 E. 1.

Seeing the ſummons of Parliament (as hath been ſaid) is by the Kings writs, which tend to the beginning of the Parliament, it ſhall be neceſſary to ſpeak ſomewhat of thoſe writs. And it is to be obſerved, that the ſubſtance of thoſe writs ought to continue in their originall eſſence without any alteration, or addition, unleſſe it be by Act of Parliament. For <sup>a</sup> if originall writs at the Common law can receive no alteration or addition but by Act of Parliament, à multo fortiori, the writs for the Summons of the higheſt Court of Parliament can receive no alteration, or addition, but by Act of Parliament. Where the writs of Summons iſſued out of the Chancery, and were returnable in the Court of Parliament, the return thereof could not be altered, and returnable into the Chancery, but by Act of Parliament. And becauſe the words of the writ for election of Knights, &c. were, <sup>d</sup> duos milites gladiis cinctos, &c. it required an Act of Parliament, that notable Eſquires might be eligible.

Walsingham ſaith, that in Anno Domini 1404. which was anno 6 H. 4. in the writs of the ſummons of Parliament, there was added by the King a commandment in the writ, that no Lawyer ſhould be returned Knight or Burgeſſe, (but the Hiſtorian is deceived, for there is no ſuch claule in thoſe writs, but it was wrought by the Kings Letters by pretext of an Ordinance in the Lords Houſe, in 46 E. 3.) But at the next Parliament in 7 H. 4. at the grievous complaint of the Commons, being interrupted of their free election by thoſe letters (which were letters of Juſtice and right) it is, amongſt other things, enacted, That elections <sup>a</sup> ſhould be freely, and indifferently made notwithstanding any prayer, or commandment to the contrary, i. ſine prece, by any prayer or gift, & ſine precepto, without commandment of the King by writ, or otherwiſe, or of any other; which was a cloſe, and prudent ſalve, not only for that ſore, but for all other in like caſe, and is but an Act declaratory of the ancient law and cuſtome of Parliament.

### *Petitions in Parliament.*

On the firſt day of the Parliament, after the Commons be departed to chooſe their Speaker, then are certain Juſtices Aſſiſtants, and Civilians Maſters of the Chancery Attendants, viz. four Juſtices, and two Attendants appointed

appointed to be receivers of the Petitions of England, Ireland, Wales, and Scotland, and that those that will deliver their petitions, are to deliver them within six days following. At that time there are other Justices and Civilians attendants, viz. three Justices and two Attendants appointed to be receivers of petitions for Gascoign and other \* places beyond the Seas, and of the Isles; and that they deliver their petitions within six days, &c.

Then are appointed of the Nobility Lords of Parliament and Bishops, viz. Six of the Nobility, and two Bishops to be triers of the said Petitions for England, Ireland, Wales, and Scotland, they together, or four of the Prelates and Lords aforesaid, calling to them the Kings learned Councell, attendants in Parliament when need should be, and to sit in the Chamber of the Treasury. The like appointment of the Nobility and Bishops to be triers of the Petitions for Gascoign, and other places beyond the Seas, and of the Isles, and a place appointed for their sitting, calling to them the Kings learned Councell when need should be. For Petitions to be preferred into the Lords House in Parliament for the Countries and places aforesaid, this was the ancient constant law, and custome of the Parliament continued untill this day. Wherein these three things are to be observed. First, the extent of the Jurisdiction of the Parliament of England. Secondly, that for expediting of causes, there should be receivers of all Petitions, both of Judges of the Realm for their knowledge in the laws of the Realm, and of Civilians attendants, who might prepare and inform the triers, being Lords of Parliament, of the quality of those Petitions. Thirdly, that there should be of the Lords Spirituall and Temporall triers of those Petitions to try out whether they were reasonable, and good and necessary to be offered and propounded to the Lords.

Of Petitions in Parliament some be of Right, some of Grace, and some mixt of both: some preferred by the Lords Spirituall, some by the Lords Temporall, some by the Commons, some by the Lords and Commons. Extra Parliamentum nulla petitio est grata, licet necessaria; In Parlamento nulla petitio est ingrata, si necessaria. <sup>a</sup> All Petitions ought to contain convenient certainty and particularity, so as a direct answer may be given to them.

<sup>b</sup> Petitions being timely preferred (though very many) have been answered by the law and custome of Parliament before the end of the Parliament. This appeareth by the ancient Treatise, De modo tenendi Parliamentum, &c. in these words faithfully translated in a fair and ancient Manuscript, for Bills and Petitions. The Parliament ought not to be ended while any Petition dependeth undiscussed, or at the least, to which a determinate answer is not made.

And in the Parliament Rols, there is a Title towards the end of the Parliament. The Petition of the Commons, &c. with their answer entred and recorded in the Roll of Parliament. <sup>c</sup> And one of the principall ends of calling of Parliaments is for the redresse of the mischiefs and grievances that daily happen. \* Innovations and Novelties (sometimes learned in Rols of Parliament Novelries) in Parliamentary proceedings are most dangerous, and to be refused. <sup>d</sup> And sometime the King doth answer the Petition of the Commons by the assent of the Prelats, Counts, Barons, and Commons themselves, such unity hath been for the common good in Parliaments in former times.

*Appointment of Committees of Grievances, &c.*

The Commons being the generall Inquisitors of the Realm, have principall care in the beginning of the Parliament to appoint days of Committees, viz. of grievances (both in the <sup>e</sup> Church and Common-wealth) of

quam temporalem ledere majestatem. And it appeareth by the statute of 36 E.3. cap.10. That it is one of the principall ends of the Parliament to redresse grievances. And the words of the Writ of Parliament be, *De arduis & urgentibus negotiis statum & defensionem Ecclesie Anglicane concernentibus.*

Receivers of Petitions of England, Ireland, Wales, Scotland. \* Gascoign, Guyan, Poitiers, Normandy, Anjou, &c.

Triers of Petitions.

<sup>a</sup> Ro. Par. 18 E. 1. fo. 3. & 16.  
<sup>50</sup> E. 3. nu. 125.  
 66. 81. 17 E. 3. nu. 55, 56.  
 36 E. 3. nu. 35.  
 43 E. 3. nu. 19.  
 45 E. 3. nu. 33.  
 47 E. 3. nu. 16.  
 1 R. 2. nu. 132. &c.  
<sup>b</sup> Ro. Par. 17 E. 3. nu. 60. 25 E. 3. nu. 60. 50 E. 3. 212. 1 R. 2. 134. &c. 2 R. 2. nu. 38.  
 1 H. 4. 132. 2 H. 4. 3. 25. 3 H. 4. 113.  
 23 E. 3. nu. 42.  
 25 E. 3. nu. 12.  
 36 E. 3. nu. 31.  
 50 E. 3. nu. 52.  
<sup>c</sup> 36 E. 3. ca. 10.  
 18 E. 3. ca. 1. 4.  
 50 E. 3. nu. 17.  
 Lions case.  
 Rot. Par. 1 H. 5. nu. 17. 13 H. 4. nu. 9. 11 H. 4. c. 9.  
 \* Innovations & Novelties.  
<sup>d</sup> 36 E. 3. Rot. 19. &c.

<sup>e</sup> Bracon. Gravus est aeternam

Courts of Justice, of privileges, and of advancement of trade. These Committees when they meet, they elect one of them to sit in the Chair in likeness of the Speaker: the Committee may examine and vote the questions handled by them, and by one, whom they appoint, report their resolution to the House, and the House, sitting the Speaker, to determine the same by question.

### Absents, Proxies.

Any Lord of the Parliament by licence of the King upon just cause to be absent, may make a Proxy: and in the bundle of Proxies Anno 5 H. 5. it appeareth, that in those days a Spirituall Lord of Parliament might have made his Proxy to the Procurators of the Clergy, or to any other Clerk, but at this day he cannot make it but to a Lord of Parliament: but a Knight, Citizen, or Burgesse of the house of Commons cannot by any means make any Proxy, because he is elected and trusted by multitudes of people.

### Of the ancient Treatise called Modus tenendi Parliamentum.

Now for Antiquity and Authority of the ancient Treatise, called Modus tenendi Parliamentum, &c. whereof we make often use in this part of the Institutes; certain it is, that this Modus was rehearsed and declared before the Conquerour at the time of his Conquest, and by him approved for England, and accordingly the Conquerour according to Modus held a Parliament for England, as it appeareth in 21 E. 3. fo 60.

After King H. 2. had conquered Ireland, he fitted and transcribed this Modus into Ireland in a parchment Roll, for the holding of Parliaments there, which no doubt H. 2. did by advice of his Judges, being a matter of so great weight and legall. This Modus in the parchment Roll transcribed as aforesaid, by H. 2. remained in Ireland, and in anno 6 H. 4. was in the custody of Sir Christopher Prekton Knight, a man of great wisdom and learning, which Roll King H. 4. in the same year, De assensu Johannis Talbot Chivalier his Lieutenant there, and of his Councill of Ireland, exemplified for the better holding of the Parliaments there; and in the exemplification it expressly appeareth that H. 2. did transcribe this Modus, as is aforesaid.

This Modus was seen by the makers of the Statute of Magna Carta, Anno 9 H. 3. ca. 2. concerning the reducing of the \* ancient reliefs of entire Barldomes, Baronies, and Knights fees according to such propositions as is contained in the Modus, which they could not have done so punctually, if they had not seen the same, whereof you may read more at large in the First part of the Institutes, Sect. 103, fo. 76. Verbo Relief. And some part of this Modus is cited in the Parliament Roll, Anno 11 R. 2. and other Records of Parliament, and upon diligent search we can find nothing against it. But many very ancient copies you may find of this Modus, one whereof we have seen in the reign of H. 2. which containeth the manner, form, and usage of Gilbert de Scrogel Marshall of England, in what manner he occupied and used the said room and office in all his time, and how he was admitted, &c. at the Coronation of H. 2. and of his Knight Marshall, and other inferiour officers, &c. and adjoynd thereunto, and of the same hand is this Modus, as fit for him to know.

But lest it might be said to me, as it was once said to an Orator, who having spoken much in commendation of Hercules: It was demanded of one that stood by, *Quis vituperavit? Ad quod non fuit responsum.* But now let us return to Proxies.

A Lord of Parliament by licence obtained of the Queen to be absent, made a Proxy to three Lords of Parliament, *Conjunctim & divisim dans eis potestatem tractandi, tractatibusque auxilium & consilium impendendi, atque statutis & ordinationibus, que in actat' contigerint, consentiendi, Ita quod non sit melior conditio occupantis.* And one of the Procurators gave consent to a bill, and

21 E. 4. 50.  
The ancient Record, *De modo tenend' Parl. & c. vers. finem, optime.*

See the Second part of the Inst. Mag. Carta ca. 2. pag. 7, 8.  
See the first part of the Institutes Sect. 164, fo. 110.  
See the 2. part Inst. pa. 8. the Charter of King H. 1. at his Coronation having relation to *Modus tenendi Parl.*  
See also the Ch'ce of King John anno 17. Mar. par. 246. *per antiquum relevium, viz. hæres comitis pro comite integro 100 l. hæres Baronis pro Baronia integra 100 marc. & hæres militis de feodo militis integro. 5. l.*  
See Mag. Cart. cap. 2.  
\* It is justly called *antiquum relevium*, because it is according to the proportion of this ancient Modus.

At the Parliament holden A. D. 1 Eliz.

the two others said, not content. And first it was by order of the Lords debated amongst the Judges and Civilians attendants, and conceived by them that this was no voice, and the opinion was affirmed by all the Lords of Parliament seriatim. Another question was moved at that time, that if a Lord of Parliament make a Provy, and after come into the Lords house of Parliament, and sit there without arguing, consenting or speaking any thing: and it was conceived by the Judges and Civilians, that his sitting there without saying any thing was a revocation in law of his Provy; à Fortiori, if he moved, or spake to any matter there propounded, and their opinion was resolved by the Lords seriatim. And these were the proxies of the Bishop of Bath, the Lord Howard Chamberlain, and of the Lord Windesor.

King John in the 13 year of his reign being in extreme fear of both the Pope and the French King, and especially of his own subjects (and what is fear, saith Solomon, but a betraying of the succours that reason offereth?) sent Ambassadors to Admirallus Marmelinus great Emperour of Turkey Sir Thomas Hertington and Sir Ralph Nicholson Knights, and Sir Robert of London Clerk, nuntios suos secretissimos, to offer to be of his Religion, and to make his kingdome Tributary to him, and he and his subjects to be his vassals, and to hold his kingdome of him. But that Infidell great Prince, as a thing unworthy of a King, to deny his religion, and betray his kingdome, utterly refused to accept. King John in the 14 year (the next year) of his reign by his Charter 15 May, by the threats and perswasion of the Popes Commissary Pandalphus surrendered his kingdomes of England and Ireland to Pope Innocent the Third, cum communi consilio Baronum (as he inserted therein) and that thence forward he would hold his Crown as feodary to the Pope, paying for both the said kingdomes 1000. marks. Whereupon doing homage and fealty to the Pope by the hand of Pandulphus, and taking off the Crown from his head surrendered it to the Pope by Pandulphus, at whose feet he laid also the royall Ensignes, his Scepter, Sword and Ring; all which was afterward accepted, approved and ratified by the Pope, by his Bull which was called Bulla aurea.

Gregorius Papa petiit à Rege E. i. per literas annum censum 1000 merc. Rex respondet se sine praelatis & proceribus regni non posse respondere, & quod Jurejurando in Coronatione sua fuit astrictus, quod jura regni sui servaret illibata, nec aliquid quod Diadema tangat regni ejusdem absque ipsorum requisit' consilio faceret.

In anno 40 E. 3. the Pope by his Ambassadoꝝ demanded of the King Homage for the kingdome of England and land of Ireland, and the averages of 1000. marks by the year, granted by King John to Pope Innocent the third and his successors, and threathned that if it were not paid, the Pope was resolved to proceed against the King. Whereupon the King in the same year calleth his Court of Parliament, and in the beginning of that Parliament (saith the Record) Fuit monstre a les Prelates, Dukes, Countes, Barons, les Chivaliers des Counties, Citizens & Burgeses en le presence le Roy per le Chancelor, comment' ils avoient entendue les causes del summons del Parliament en generall, mes la volunte le Roy fust que les causes feussent monstres a eux en especiall: Jour disoit coment le Roy avoit entendue que le Pape per force dun fait quel il dit que le Roy Johan feisoit au Pape de luy faire homage pur le realme D'engleterre & la terre D'irland, & que per cause du dit homage qil luy devoit payer chescun an perpetuellement mille marcs, est en volute de faire proces devers le Roy & son roialm pur le dit service & cens recoverir; de quoi le Roi pria as dits Prelats, Dukes, Countes & Barons leur avys & bon conseil, & ce qil enferroit, en case que le Pape vorroit proceder devers luy, ou son dit roialme per celle cause: & les Prelats requeroient an roy quils se purroient per eux soul aviser & respondre lendemain, queux Prelatz le dit lendemain adeprimes per eux mesmes, & puis les autres Dukes, Countes, Barons & Gentz respondirent & disoient, que le dit Roy Johan ne nul autre purra mettre lui, ne son roialme, ne son people

Lib. Sap 17. 13.  
Mat. Par. pa. 233.

Rot. Cl. An. 3 E. i.  
m. 9. in Schedula.

Rot. Par. 40 E. 3.  
nu. 8. An Act  
never yet printed.

I have thought  
good to transcribe  
it in proprio  
Idiomate.

No King can put himself nor his Realm, nor his people, in such subjection without assent of the Lords and Commons in Parliament, and therefore if K. John had done it by the Common Councell of his Barons as his Charter purporteth, yet it bound not, for that it was not done in Parliament by the King, the Lords and Commons: and albeit it might (as here it appeareth, it cannot be done without Authority of Parliament) yet it is *Contra legem & consuetudinem Parliamenti*, to doe such a thing as by the next Record in 42 E. 3. appeareth.

\* Ro. Par. 42 E. 3. nu. 7. *Lex & consuetudo Parliamenti.*

en tiele subjection sanz assent & accorde deux: & les communes sur ce demandez & avisez respondirent en mesme le manere; sur qui feust ordeine, & assentu per commune assent en manere quensuyt. En se present Parlement tenuz a Westm' Lundy proschein apres la invention de la Sainte Croice lan du reign le Roy Edward quarantisme, tant sur lestat de Sainte Eglise, come des droitz de son roialme & de sa Corone maintenir, entre autres choses estoient monstrez coment ad este parlee, & dit que le Pape per force dun fait quele il dit que le Roi Johan, iadis Roy d'engleterre fesoit au Pape au perpetuite de luy faire homage pur le Roialme Dengleterre & la terre de Irland, & per cause du dite homage de luy rendre un Annuel rent: ad este en volente de faire processe devers le Roi pur les ditz services & ceus recoverir; la quele chose monstree as Prelats, Ducs, Countes, Barons, & la commun' pur ent avoir lour avys & bon conseil, & demandee de eux ce que le Roi enferra en case que le Pape vorroit proceder ou rien attemper devers lui ou son roialme per celle cause? Queux Prelats, Ducs, Countes, Barons & Communes en sur ce plein deliberacion responderont & disoient dune accorde, que le dit Roy Johan ne nul autre purra mettre luy ne son roialme ne son people en tiel subjection sanz assent de eux, & come piert per plusieurs evidences, que si ce feust fait, ce feust fait sanz leur assent, & encontre son serement en la Coronacion, Et outre ce le Ducs, Countes, Barons, Gents & Communes accorderent & granterent que en case que le Pape se afforceroit ou rien attemperoit per proces, ou en auter manere de fait de constreindre le Roi ou ses subjects de per fair ce quest dit q'il voer clamer telle partie qils resistront & contresterront ove toute leur puissance.

This Noble and prudent King took the fairest and surest way to give satisfaction, whereof the Pope being certified, the matter ever since hath rested in quiet.

\* It is declared by the Lords and Commons in full Parliament, upon demand made of them on the behalf of the King, that they could not assent to any thing in Parliament, that tended to the disherison of the King and his Crown, whereunto they weresworn. See hereafter in the case of Ireland.

### Lex & consuetudo Parliamenti.

7 E. 2. *Stat. De defensione portland. arma.*

2 E. 3. ca. 3.  
Rot. Par 6 E. 3. nu. 1. 13 E. 3. nu. 2. 14 E. 3. nu. 2.  
15 E. 3. nu. 2.  
17 E. 3. nu. 3.  
18 E. 3. nu. 2.  
20 E. 3. nu. 1.  
25 E. 3. stat. 1. nu. 58. 25 E. 3. flu 2 nu. 5. &c.  
Privy coat or Armour.  
Games or plays.  
Rot. Par. Anno 13 E. 3. nu. 5. & 8.  
\* See hereafter pa.

By the ancient law, and custome of the Parliament a proclamation ought to be made in Westminster in the beginning of the Parliament, that no man upon pain to lose all that he hath, should during the Parliament in London, Westminster, or the Suburbs, &c. wear any privy coat of plate, or goe armed, or that games or other playes of men, women, or children, or any other pastimes or strange shewes should be there used during the Parliament: and the reason hereof was, that the High Court of Parliament should not thereby be disturbed, nor the members thereof (which are to attend the arduous and urgent businesse of the Church and Common-wealth) should not be withdrawn.

\* It is also the law, and custome of the Parliament, that when any new device is moved on the Kings behalf, in Parliament for his aid, or the like, the Commons may answer, that they tendered the Kings estate, and are ready to aid the same, only in this new device they dare not agree without conference with their Countries; whereby it appeareth, that such conference is warrantable by the law and custome of Parliament.

And it is to be observed, though one be chosen for one particular County, or Borough, yet when he is returned, and sit in Parliaments, he serveth for the whole Realm, for the end of his comming thither, as in the writ of his election appeareth, is generall, ad faciendum & consentiendum hiis quæ tunc & ibidem de communi consilio dicti regni nostri (favente deo) contigerint ordinari super negotiis prædictis, i. pro quibusdam arduis & urgentibus negotiis nos, statum, & defensionem regni nostri Angliæ & Ecclesiæ Anglicanæ concernentibus, which are rehearsed before in the writ.

And as every Court of Justice hath laws and customes for its direction, some by

by the Common law, some by the Civill and Canon law, some by peculiar lawes and customes, &c. So the High Court of Parliament Suis propriis legibus & consuetudinibus subsistit. It is *lex & consuetudo Parliamenti*, that all weighty matters in any Parliament moved concerning the Peers of the Realm, or Commons in Parliament assembled, ought to be determined, adjudged, and discussed by the course of the Parliament, and not by the Civill law, nor yet by the Common lawes of this Realm used in more inferiour Courts; which was so declared to be *secundum legem & consuetudinem Parliamenti*, concerning the Peers of the Realm; by the King and all the Lords Spirituall and Temporall; and the like *pari ratione* is for the Commons for any thing moved or done in the House of Commons: and the rather, for that by another law and custome of Parliament, the King cannot take notice of any thing said or done in the House of Commons, but by the report of the House of Commons: and every member of the Parliament hath a judiciall place; and can be no witness. And this is the reason that Judges ought not to give any opinion of a matter of Parliament, because it is not to be decided by the common lawes, but *secundum legem ad consuetudinem Parliamenti*: and so the Judges in divers Parliaments have confessed. And some hold, that every offence committed in any Court punishable by that Court, must be punished (proceeding criminally) in the same Court, or in some higher, and not in any inferiour Court, and the Court of Parliament hath no higher.

Upon his petition exhibited to the King, wherein the question was, whether the power which he had raised was High Treason, &c. which petition (saith the King) let be delibered to the Justices by them to be considered. Whereupon the Lords made protestation, that the order thereof belonged to them, which was to them allowed, and they resolved it to be no treason.

And because we have a case in 3 E.3.19. concerning the law and custome of Parliament, we have thought good to set down the Record of that case *De verbo in verbum*, and then to examine the report of the said case, and the opinion there delivered, wherein we shall desire the learned to consider well the statute of 5 R.2. stat.2. cap.4. and thereupon to consider what (as that statute speaketh) hath been done of old times, &c. And how that Act saith done, and not said,

**I**ohannes Episcopus Winton in misericordia pro pluribus defaultis. Idē Iohannes Episcopus attachiat' fuit ad respond' Domino Regi, de eo quare cum in Parlamento Regis apud novā Sarū nuper tent' per ipsum Dominū Regem inhibitum fuisset, nō quis ad dictum Parliamentum summonitus ab eodem recederet sine licenc'. Regis: Idem Episcopus durante Parlamento prædict. ab eodem sine licentia Regis recessit in Regis contemptum manifestum, & contra inhibitionem Regis supradictam. Et unde idem Dominus Rex per Adam de Fincham, qui sequitur pro eo, dicit, quod prædictus Iohannes Episcopus fecit ei transgress. & contemptum prædict. &c. in contempt. Regis mille librarum. Et hoc offert verificare pro Domino Rege, &c.

Et prædictus Episcopus in propria persona sua venit, & defendit omnem contemptum & transgress. & quicquid, &c. & dicit, quod ipse est unus de paribus regni, & Prælati sacros. Ecclesie, & eis in est venire ad Parliamentum Domini Regis per summonitionē & pro voluntate ipsius Domini Regis cum sibi placuerit, \* Et dicit, quod si quis

Ista lex ab omnibus est quærenda, a multis ignorata, a paucis cognita.

Fleta lib. 2. cap. 2. \* Rot. Par. 11 R. 2 nu. 7.

See the first part of the Institute. Sect. 3. Verb. *En la ley.*

Rot. Parl. 2 H. 4. nu. 11.

Rot. Parl. 3 H. 6. In le Countee de Marshalls case. Rot. Par. 27 H. 6. nu. 18. the Earle of Arundels case.

Rot. Parl. 31 H. 6 nu 26, 27, 28. Baron Thorps case.

5 H. 4. nu. 22.

The Barl of Northumberlands case.

Vid. Rot. Parl.

9 H. 4. *Indemnity des Seigniors & Commons.*

Pasch. 3 E. 3 coram Rege Rōr. 9. in Dorst. Southt. Nota, that this was by Writ Originall.

The Declaration

The Plea of the Bishop to the jurisdiction of the Court.

\* Nota hoc.

eorum deliquerit erga Dominum Regem in Parlamento aliquo, in Parlamento debet corrigi & emendari, & non alibi in minor' cur' quàm in Parlamento: per quod non intendit, quod Dominus Rex velit in cur' hic de huiusmodi transgr. & contempt. factis in Parlamento responderi, &c. Et super hoc datus est eis dies coram Rege à die Sanctæ Trin. in quindecim dies ubicunq; &c. salvis rationibus. Ad quem diem præd. Episcopus venit in propria persona sua, & datus est ei dies coram domino Rege à die Sancti Mich. in 15 dies ubicunq; &c. in eodem statu quo nunc &c. salvis rationibus suis, &c. Ad quem diem venit prædict. Adam qui sequitur, &c. Et similiter prædictus Episcopus in propria persona sua. Et prædictus Adam pro prædicto Domino Rege dicit, quòd cum placeat ei Parliamentum suum tenere pro utilitatè regni sui de regali potestate sua facit illud summoneri ubi & quando, &c. pro voluntate sua, & etiam facit prohiberi existentibus tunc ad Parliamentum, ne quis eorum abinde recedat contra prohibitionem suam, &c. absq; licentia, &c. Et si quis eorum abinde recedat contra prohibitionem, &c. in contempt. regis, &c. bene liceat ipsi Domino Regi sumere sectam erga huiusmodi delinquentes in qua curia placeat sibi, &c. Et ex quo Dominus Rex pro voluntate sua Parliamentum sua tenet, &c. petit iudicium pro ipso domino rege, si idem Dominus Rex duci debeat, seu compelli ad prosequend' in hac parte alibi contra voluntatem suam, &c.

This is the allegation of the Kings Attorney.

Et prædictus Episcopus dicit ut prius, quòd cum aliquis deliquerit in Parlamento, ibidem debet corrigi & emendari, &c. & licet aliquis summonitus esset veniendi ad Parliamentum, & non venisset ibidem, debet puniri, per quod non intendit, quòd dominus rex velit alibi responderi quam in Parlamento, &c. Et super hoc datus est eis dies usq; in Crō. Animarum ubicunque, &c. in eodem statu quo nunc, &c. Ad quem diem venit tam prædict. Adam, qui sequitur pro domino rege, quam prædict. Episcopus in propria persona sua. Et datus est eis dies coram domino rege in Octab. Sancti Hilarii ubicunq;, &c. salvis rationibus suis, &c. Ad quem diem prædict. Episcopus venit, & datus est ei dies ulterius coram domino rege in Octab. Pur. beatæ Mariæ ubicunq;, &c. Ad quem diem venit tam prædictus Episcopus, quam Iohannes de Lincoln' qui sequitur pro domino rege, & datus est eis dies ulterius coram domino rege à die Paschæ in quinque septimanas ubicunq;, &c. Salvis rationibus, &c. Ad quem diem venit tam præd. Episcopus in propria persona sua, quàm prædict. Iohannes de Lincoln, qui sequitur pro dicto domino rege, &c. Et datus est eis dies ulterius a die Sancti Michaelis in 15 dies ubicunq; &c. salvis sibi rationibus suis hinc in dicend' &c.

The B. maintains his former plea to the jurisdiction.



And this is all that is in the Record, whereby it appeareth that the plea of the Bishop to the Jurisdiction of the Court after divers dayes given did stand, and was never over-ruled agreeably to the said resolutions in former times, that Judges were not to determine matters concerning the Parliament, as is aforesaid. Touching the report of the said case, thus far forth it agreeth, that this contempt cannot be punished in any other Court then in the Kings Bench: so as the question is only for that Court. It appeareth that the reporter never saw the said Record, only took it by the care of that which was spoken in Court (a dangerous kind of reporting, and subject to many mistakings, for seldome or never the right case is put) as in this case it fell out. For first, where the Record saith, that the Parliament was holden at Sarum, the report is of a Parliament holden at Salop. 2. The Report saith, that John B. of Winchester was arraigned, which implieth that he was indicted, &c. where he was sued by originall Writ. 3. The Inhibition made by the King alledged in the Record, is not in the Report. 4. Concerning the sudden opinion of Scrope in this Report: By his opinion the Parliament it selfe could not have punished this contempt; for he saith, *Ceux q̄ sont Judges de Parliament, sont judges de leur Piers, mes le Roy nad my pier in son terre demesn, pur q̄ il ne poet p eux estre judge, donques ailors que cy ne poet estre judge,* whereas without question the Parliament might have punished this contempt: and concludeth with a rule at the Common law, that the King may sue in what Court it pleaseh him. But matters of Parliament (as hath been often said) are not to be ruled by the Common law: and it seemeth that the rest of the Judges were against Scrope, for the plea was never over-ruled, as by the Record it appeareth.

Vide per Indictamenta Termino Paschæ 1 & 2 Ph. & Mar. coram Rege Rot. 48. Informations preferred by the Attorney Generall against 39 of the House of Commons for departing without license contrary to the Kings Inhibition in the beginning of the Parliament; whereof 6 being timorous Burgeses ad redimendam vexationem submitted themselves to their Fines, but whether they paid any, or very small, we have not yet found. And \* Edmond Plowden the learned Lawyer pleaded, that he remained continually from the beginning to the end of the Parliament, and took a Travers full of pregnancy: and after his plea was sine die per demise le Roign.

Mich. 3 & 4 Ph. & Mar. Rot. 36. inter Plac. Regis & Regine.

If offences done in Parliament might have been punished elsewhere, it shall be intended that at some time it would have been put in ure. Vid. the first part of the Institutes. Sect. 108.

Now the said Informations Anno 1 & 2 Ph. & Mar. against 39 of the House of Commons follow in these words. *Pasch. 1 & 2 Ph. & Mar. Regis & Regine. Midd. ss. Memorand' quod Edwardus Griffyn ar' Attornat' domin. regis & regine generalis, qui pro eisdem domino rege & domina regina sequitur, venit hic in Cur' dictorum dñorum regis & regine coram ipsis rege et regina apud Westm' die Sabbathi proxim' post quind' Pasch. isto eodem Termino, & dat Cur' hic intelligi & informari. Quòd cum ad parlamentũ dominorum regis & regine nunc tent' apud West' Annis regnorum suorum primo & secundo inhibitum fuit per ipsos dominum regem et dominam reginam in eodem parlamento, quod nullus ad idem parlament' summonitus, & ibidem interessens, ab eodem parlamento absque speciali licentia dictorum dominorum regis et regine, et Cur' parliament' prædict' recederet, seu seipsum aliquo modo absentaret. Quidam tamen Thomas Denton de in com' Oxon' ar' Henricus Cary de in com' gent' Richardus Warde de in com' ar' Edmund. Plowden de*

Edw. Griffin.

Inhibitum fuit.

de Tybmershe in com. Berks armiger. Henricus Chiverton de in  
 com. ar. Robertus Browne de in com. Iohannes Courke de in  
 com. Iohannes Pethebrige de in com. Iohannes Melbewes  
 de in com. Iohan. Courtney de in com. Radulphus Michel de  
 in com. Thomas Mathew de in com. Richardus Brassey de  
 in com. Thomas Massye de in com. armig'. Petrus  
 Frechwell de in com. miles. Henricus Vernon de Sydbery in com.  
 Derby armig. Willielmus Moore de Villa Derb. in com. Derby gen.  
 Willielmus Banibrigge de in com. Iohannes Eveleigh de in com.  
 gen. Nich. Adamps de Dartmouth, alias Clifton Harnys in com. Devon  
 gen. Richardus Phelipps de in com. ar. Anthonius Dylvington de  
 in com. Andreas Hoorde de in com. Christopherus Hoell de  
 in com. Dorf. gen. Iohannes Mannocke de in com. gen.  
 Thomas Phelipps de in com. Iohannes Hamond de in com.  
 Iohannes Phelipps de in com. Willielmus Randall junior,  
 de in com. Iohannes Moyne de in com. Hugo Smyth  
 de in com. gen. Rogerus Gerrard de in com. gen. Ra-  
 dulphus Scroope de in com. gen. Thomas Moore de Hambled.  
 in com. Buck. gen. Willielmus Reade de in com. ar. Henricus  
 Mannock de in com. ar. Ioh. Maynard de Villa Sancti Albani,  
 in com. Hertf. ar. Nich. Debden de in com. gen. & Philippus  
 Tirwhyt de in com. ar' qui summoniti fuerunt ad dictum Parlia-  
 mentum, & in eodem Parlamento comparuerunt, ac ibidem interfuerunt  
 mandat' et inhibitionem dominorum regis et regine supradict' parvi pen-  
 dentes, ac statum reipublice hujus regni Anglie minime curantes aut pon-  
 derantes postea scil. 12 die Ianuarii Annis regnoru dictoru dominoru regis  
 et regine nunc primo et secundo supradictis, et durante parlamento predi-  
 cto ab eodem parlamento sine licentia dictorum dominorum regis et regi-  
 ne et cur' sue predict' contemptuose recesserunt in ipsorum dominorum re-  
 gis et regine ac mandat' et inhibitionis suorum predict' curieq; predict'.  
 contempt manifestum, ac in magnum reipublice statum hujus regni Anglie  
 detriment', nec non in perniciosum exemplum omnium aliorum, &c. Unde  
 idem Attornatus dominorum regis et regine petit advisamentum cur' in  
 premis. et debet' legis process. Vers. eosdem Thomam Denton, Henricum  
 Cary, Richardum Warde, Edm. Plowden, Henricum Chiverton, Rober-  
 tum Browne, Ioh. Courk, Ioh. Pethybridge, Ioh. Melbewes, Ioh. Courtney,  
 Radulph. Michell, Thomam Mathewe, Richardum Brassey, Thomam  
 Massye, Petrum Frechwell, Henricum Vernon, Will. Moore, Will.  
 Banibrigge, Ioh. Eveleigh, Nich. Adamps, Richardum Phelipps, An-  
 thonium Dylvington, Andream Hoorde, Christopherum Hoell, Iohannem

Mandatum & In-  
 hibitionem.

Mannock

Mannock, Thomam Pbelipps, Iohan. Hamond, Iob. Pbelipps, Willielmum Randall, Iob. Moyne, Hugonem Smith, Rogerum Gerrard, Radulphum Scroope, Tho. Moore, Will. Read, Henricum Mannock, Iohan. Maynard, Nicholaum Debden, & Phil. Tyrwbytt fieri ad respondend. domino regi, & dominae reginae de contempt' praedict. &c.

Et modo scil. die Veneris prox' post Crast' animarum isto eodem Termino coram domin. rege et dña regina apud West' ven' praedict' Edm. Plowden per Andream Tuffer Attornatū suum: & habit' audit' Informationis praedictae dic' quod ipse non intendit quod dominus rex & domina regina nunc ipsum Edmundū pro praemissis vel aliquo praemissorū impetere seu occasionare velint aut debent: Quia dicit quod ipse ad dict' Parliament' in informatione praedict' specificat' interfuit & praesens fuit, ac in eodem Parlamento continue remansit, viz. à principio ipsius Parliamenti usq; ad finem ejusdem. Absq; hoc quod ipse idem Edmund. Plowden dicto 12 die Ianuarii, An. primo & secundo supradict' durant' Parliament' praedict' ab eodē Parliament' sine licentia dictorum dominorum regis & reginae, & cur' suae praedict' contemptuose recessit in ipsorum dominorum regis & reginae ac mandat' & inhibitionis suorū praedict' curiaeq; praed' contempt' manifest', ac in magnum reipublicae stat' hujus regni Angliae detriment', nec non in perniciosum exemplum omnium aliorū modo & forma prout per informac' praedict' vers' eum supponitur. Et hoc paratus est verificare prout cur. &c. unde pet' judicium: & quod ipse de praemiss. per cur' hic dimittatur, &c.

Mic. 3 & 4 Ph. & Mar. Ro. 36. inter plac. regis & reginae.

Nota, the pregnancy of this travers. Sine die per demise le Roigne.

Midd. Ve. fac' Thomam Constable de Grimbsbye in com. Lincoln. Ar. Hen. Leigh, de in com. Francis. Farnham de Querne in com. Leic. ar. Li. lo. Mic. 2 & 3 Ph Regis & Mar. Reginae. Iob. Holcroft. Sen. de in com. milit. Will. Bromley de in com. ar. Tho. Somersset de in com. ar. Georg. Ferrers de Markyat' in com. Hertf. gen. Nich. Powtrel de Exincton in com. Nott' ar. F. Hill. 3 & 4 Ph. & Mar. Tho. Moyle de in comi Kanc' milit. Tho. Waters de in com. ar. Will. Tylcock de civit' Oxon' gen. Li. lo. Hil. 2 & 3 Ph. & Mar. Tho. Balkden de Wechyngeleigh in com. Sur. milit. Li. lo. Mic. 2 et 3 Ph. et Mar. Math. Cradock de villa Staff. gen. Li. lo. Hil. 2 & 3 Ph. & Mar. Georgium Lye de villa Salop. gen. Cess. process. per mandat' Attornat' dominorum regis & reginae, quia ulterius prosequi non vult vers' ipsum Geo. Lye. Iob. Hoord de Bridgenorth in com. Salop. gen. F. Mic. 5 & 6 Ph. & Mar. Iob. Alsop de villa de Ludlowe in com. Salop. gen. Wil. Laurence de Civ. Winton. gen. Li. lo. Mich. 2 & 3 Ph. & Mar. Robert. Hudson de Civ. Winton. gen. Li. lo. ut antea. Edm. Rowse de Donwiche in com' Suff. mil. Rob. Coppinge de Donwiche in com' Suff. ar. Iob. Harman de Hospicio dom. regis & dom. reginae gen. Will. Crouch de Wellowe in com' Somers. ar. Tho. Lewes de villa de Wels in com'

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com' Somers. gen. Li. lo. Hil. 2 & 3 Ph. & Mar. Wil. Godwyn de Wels præd' in com' Somers. gen. F. Mich. 3 & 4 Ph. & Mar. Ioh. Ashburnham de Ashburnham in com' Suff. ar. Li. lo. Mic. 2 & 3 Ph. & Mar. Walt. Reynicum de Civ' Cicest' in com' Suff. gen. Li. lo. Tr. 2 & 3 Ph. & Mar. Wil. Moodyere de Slindon in com' Suff. gen. F. Tr. 4 & 5 Ph. & Mar. Ioh. Roberts de in com' Suff. gen. utlegat. & c. Wil. Pellet de Steininge in com' Suff. gen. F. Pasch. 2 & 3 Ph. & Mar. Rich. Bowyer de Arundell in com' Suff. gen. Li. lo. Mic. 3 & 4 P. & M. Will. Danby de in com. Westmerl. gen. Rob. Griffyth de Civ' Novæ Sarum in com Wilts, Draper. Li. lo. ut supra. Ioh. Hooper de Civ. Novæ Sarū in com' Wilts, gen. Li. lo. Mic. 2 & 3 Ph. & Mar. Wil. Clark de in com. Grif. Curtys de Bradstock in com' Wilts gen. Li. lo. ut supra, & c. Tho. Hil. de Denyses in com. Wilts gen. F. Hil. 2 & 3 Ph. & Mar. Edw. Vmpton de London gen. Li. lo. Mic. 2 & 3 Ph. & Mar. Tho. Parker de in com' Ioh. Reade de London gen. F. Hil. 2 & 3 Ph. & Mar. Arth. Allen de civ' Bristol Merch. Egid. Payne de civ' Bristol. gen. Wil. Hampshire de London gen. Li. lo. Mic. 3 & 4 Ph. & Mar. & Pet. Tayler de Marlborow in com' Wilts, Taylor. Li. lo. Mic. 3 & 4 Ph. & Mar. Resp. Regi de quibusdam transgress. & contempt. unde impetit sunt.

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Mid. Ve. fac' cr' Trin. Edw. Braxden de civ' Wigorn. gen. Georg. Newport de Droitwich in com' Wigorn. gen. Wil. Wigstone de Wolstone in com' War. mil. Li. lo. Mic. 2 & 3 Ph. & Mar. Radulph. Browne de Woodlowes in com' War. gen. Li. lo. Mic. 3 et 4. Ph. et Mar. Iohan. Harforde de civ' Covent. gen. Cess. process. & c. Nich. Fryshe de in com' Rich. Rayleton de in com. Marc. Wyrley de civ. Lichfield, gen. Walt. Iobson de villa de Kingston super Hull. Iac. Brenne de in com. gen. Ioh. Payton de in com. Kanc. ar. Ioh. Cheney de in com. Kanc. armigerum. Willielmum Oxenden de in com. Kanc. Armigerum. Tho. Keys de in com. Kanc. gen. Wil. Hannington de in com. Kanc. Ioh. Tyssars de in com. Nich. Crypse de in com. Kanc. ar. Edw. Herbert de Stawley in com. Salop ar. F. Hil. 4 et 5 præd. Ph. et Mar. & c. Rich. Lloyde de in com. Kanc. gen. Ioh. de Knylle de in com. ar. Hen. Iones de in com. mil. Meredith Games de in com. gen. & Rich. Bulkeley de in com. mil. Resp. regi de quibusdā transgr' & contempt. unde impetit' sunt. Et postea, scil. Termino sanct. Trin. Annis 4 & 5 Ph. et Mar. pro eo quod sufficienter hic in cur' testatū est quod prædict. Ioh. Harford habuit licentiam recedere à Parlamento. & c. Ideo Edw. Griffyn ar. Attornat. dominorū regis & reginæ generalis qui pro ipsis rege & regina in hac parte sequitur, dicit quod ipse ulterius in hac parte vers. præfatum Ioh. Harford prosequi non vult. Ideo cess. hic process. vers. eum omnino, & c.

Non prof. vers.  
Harford tantum.

Sine die per de-  
mise le Roync.

And

And to deal clearly, this is all that we can find concerning this matter. Thus you may observe, that the poor Commons, Members of the Parliament, in diebus illis, had no great joy to continue in Parliament, but departed. But now to proceed.

*Of Writs of Error in Parliament.*

If a Judgement be given in the Kings Bench either upon a writ of Error, or otherwise, the party grieved may upon a petition of Right made to the King in English, or in French (which is not ex debito Justitiæ, but for decency, for that the former judgement was given Coram Rege) and his answer therunto, fiat Justitia, have a writ of Error directed to the Chief Justice of the Kings Bench for removing of the Record in præsens Parliamentum, and thereupon the Roll it self, and a transcript in parchment is to be brought by the Chief Justice of the Kings Bench into the Lords House in Parliament: and after the transcript is examined by the Court with the Record, the Chief Justice carrieth back the Record it self into the Kings Bench, and then the Plaintife is to assign the errors, and thereupon to have a Scire fac' against the adverse party, returnable either in that Parliament, or the next; and the proceeding thereupon shall be super tenorem recordi, & non super recordum. All this, and many more excellent matters of learning are contained in the Records following: whereof a light touch is hereafter given, the Records at large being too long here to be rehearsed. And the proceeding upon the writ of Error is only before the Lords in the Upper House, Secundum legem & consuetudinem Parliamenti.

Queritur Guilielmus de Valencia contra Concilium regis, i. Justic' Coram Rege, pro injusto judicio tangen' allocacionem Dionisæ filiz Guilielmi de monte Caniso ut hæred': sed dominus Rex ratum habet eorum factum, & judicium redditum est contra Guilielmum de Valencia.

If a Nobleman had been erroneously attainted of Treason, &c. he might have had his writ of Error in Parliament, notwithstanding the statute of 33 H 8, ca. 20. for that must be intended of lawfull records of Attainder: but if the Attainder be established by Authority of Parliament, then he must exhibite his petition in Parliament to be restored of grace. But now by the statute of 29 El. ca. 2. it is ordained, that no record of Attainder of High Treason that then was, for the which the party attainted had been executed for the same treason should be reversed for error: but this extendeth only to Attainders of High Treason, and not to any Attainder of High treason after that Act, nor to any High treason before, for the which the party was not executed.

The Prior and Covent of Pontague by their petition declare, that Richard Seinour had obtained an erroneous judgement against the said Prior in the Kings Bench, upon a judgement given in the Common place upon a fine for the Mannor of Witenhull in the County of Somerset, &c. And the principall error was for denying of aid of the King where it was grantable, and that hanging a writ of Right, the said Richard sued a Scire fac. And commandment was given to the Chancelor of England, that he should make a writ of possession and seison to be had, and other processe upon that judgment to be made: In this Record you shall observe excellent pleading.

Error in Parliament upon a judgment in an Appeal of death upon an acquittal of the Defendant, and inquiry of the Abettors, &c.

And that we may observe it once for all when one sueth in Parliament to reverse a judgement in the Kings Bench, he sheweth in his bill which he exhibiteth to the Parliament some error or errors, whereupon he prayeth a Scire facias.

The Bishop of Norwich sheweth that an erroneous judgment was given against him in the Common place for the Archdeaconry of Norwich belonging to his presentation, and prayed that those errors might be heard, and redressed

The House of the Lords is a distinct Court for many purposes. 22 E. 3. fo. 3. Regist. 17. Lib. Intr. Rast. 184.

Rot. Par. Post festum Sancti Hil. Anno 18 E. 2. Rot. 8.

Rot. Par. 4. E. 3. nu. 13. Rich. Earl of Arundels case. Ib. 28 E. 3. nu. 11, 12. Mortimer Earl of Marches case. See Pasc 18 E. 3. Coram Rege Rot 37 Wigorn. the same case. 33 H. 8. ca. 20. 29 Eliz. ca. 2. Rot. Par. 7 R. 2. nu. 20. 8 R. 2. nu. 14.

Rot Par. 13 R. 2. nu. 15. Sir Thomas Methams case.

Rot. Par. 50 E. 3. nu. 48.

there: whereunto answer was made that errors, by the law, in the Common place are to be corrected in the Kings Bench, and of the Kings Bench in the Parliament and not otherwise.

1 R. 2, nu. 28, 29. 2 R. 2, nu. 31. A writ of Error in Parliament between William Mountacute Earl of Sarum, and Roger of Mortimer Earl of March of a judgment in the Kings Bench,

<sup>a</sup> The Dean and Chapter of Lichfield recovered in the Common place against the Prior of Newport Pagnell: the Prior by writ of Error reverseth the judgment in the Kings Bench: the Dean and Chapter by writ of Error in Parliament reverseth the judgment in the Kings Bench, and affirmeth the judgment in the Common place, and a commandment given to the Chancellor, that the judgement in the Common place be executed by proccesse by him to be made.

<sup>b</sup> John Sheppy complains of a judgement in the Kings Bench in a writ of Error.

<sup>c</sup> Error in Parliament between William Mountacute Earl of Salisbury, and Roger de Mortimer Earl of March, for the Castle, Town, and honour of Denbeigh, &c. upon a judgment given in the Kings Bench, and had a Scire fac' returnable the next Parliament.

<sup>d</sup> William Seward alias Cheddre complaineth, that where he by that name was presented and inducted to the Parsonage of Wotton Under Egge in the County of Glouc', and thereof continued the possession by the space of four years, untill the King by untrue suggestion presented Sir John Dawtry to the Parsonage of Underhegge in that County, where there was no such Parsonage called Underhegge, as the said William pleaded in a Quare Impedit brought by the King in the Kings Bench; upon which writ the King recovered by the default the Parsonage of Underhegge, and not Under Egge, whereby upon a writ sent to the Bishop of Worcester, the said William was put from his Parsonage of Under Egge: for which mistaking and error, the judgment for the said John in full Parliament was reversed, and a writ awarded to the said Bishop for the restitution of the said William.

The Record and Judgment given in the Kings Bench for the King, against Edmond Bassel for certain lands, &c. was for divers errors reversed in Parliament, and restitution of the premises with the mean profits restored to the said Edmond.

An error in Parliament between Roger Deyncourt, and Ralph de Adderlye for a judgement given in the Kings Bench for the Manor of Anslye in Com' Warr'. Sir William Gascoign Chief Justice delivered a copy of the Record and proccesse, word for word, under his hand, &c. to the Clerk of the Parliament, &c.

In error in Parliament between Richard Quatermayns and William Hore, &c. upon an erroneous judgement given in the Kings Bench in an action of trespassse, and the Plaintiff entred his Atturney of Record to proceed therein.

John Beauchamp Lord Abergaveny complained in Parliament upon an erroneous judgement given upon a verdict in the Kings Bench in a Scire fac' upon a recognisance in the Chancery for keeping the peace. In the Record whereof are excellent points of learning, as well touching the recognisance, as the proccesse, and issue.

Error in Parliament, Pasch. 31 H. 6. upon a judgment given in an Assise in the Kings Bench, & intratur super marginem, Rot. mittitur in Parliamentum per Johannem Fortescue Termino Paschæ anno 31 H. 6.

And to omit many others, to descend to some of latter times, Richard Whalley recovered in Assise by verdict against divers tenants, who brought a writ of Error in the Kings Bench, where the judgment in the Assise was affirmed, the tenant complained in Parliament for error in the Kings Bench.

Error in Parliament upon complaint of Sir Christopher Heydon Knight of a judgment in a writ of Error in the Kings bench, between the said Sir Christopher Plaintiff, and Roger Godsalve and others Defendants, upon a judgment

<sup>a</sup> Ro. Par. 15 R. 2. nu. 23. & 18 R. 2. nu. 11, 12, 13, 14, 15. This Parliament of 18 R. 2. is not mentioned in the printed book, because no Act passed at this Parliament. See 2 H. 4. nu. 40.

<sup>b</sup> Ro. Par. 15 R. 2. nu. 22.

<sup>c</sup> 21 R. 2. nu. 25. 2 H. 4. nu. 13.

<sup>d</sup> Rot. Par. 1 H. 4. nu. 91.

Rot. Par. 15 R. 2. nu. 24. & 2 H. 4. nu. 38.

5 H. 4. nu. 40.

Rot. Par. 3 H. 5. nu. 19.

Rot. Par. 10 H. 6. nu. 51. & 11 H. 6. nu. 40.

Rot. Par. 31 H. 6.

Rot. Par. 23 El. Dier 23 El. f. 373.

Rot. Par. 12 Jac.

ment given for the said Roger, &c. against the said Sir Christopher in an Assise before Justices of Assise, wherein the judgment in the Assise was affirmed in the Kings bench, whereof the complaint was made, sed non pravaluit.

A Peer of the Realm being indicted of treason, or felony, or misprision of treason, may be arraigned thereof in Parliament, a Lord Steward being appointed, and then the Lords Spirituall shall make a Procurator for them; and the Lords, as Peers of the Realm, during the Parliament are Judges, whether the offence be treason, &c. that is supposed to be committed by any Peer of the Realm, and not the Justices, as it appeareth in the Earl of Northumberland's case, Rot. Parl. 5 H. 4. nu. 11, 12. See in the Parliament holden 21 R. 2. sub titulo Pl. Coronæ, in a Roll annexed, &c. before the Steward of England and other Lords Temporal, Richard Earl of Arundels case. Rot. Parl. 31 H. 6. nu. 49. Thomas Earl of Devon was arraigned of High Treason before Humphry Duke of Buck' Steward of England hac vice, and was acquitted by his Peers, 10 E. 4. fo. 6. b. Stanf. Pl. Coron. 153, b.

In case of treason, &c. the Lords Spirituall make their Proctors. The Peers are Judges of treason, &c. during the Parliament, &c. Rot. Par. 5 H. 4. nu. 11, 12. Rot. Par. 21 R. 2. sub rit. Plac. Coronæ, &c. Rot. Par. 31 H. 6. nu. 49.

*Of Indicature.*

Now order doth require to treat of other matters of Indicature in the Lords house, and of matters of Indicature in the house of Commons. And it is to be known, that the Lords in their House have power of Indicature, and the Commons in their House have power of Indicature, and both Houses together have power of Indicature: but the handling hereof according to the worth and weight of the matter would require a whole Treatise of it self; and to say the truth, it is best understood by reading the Judgments and Records of Parliament at large, and the Journals of the House of the Lords, and the book of the Clerk of the House of Commons, which is a Record, as it is affirmed by Act of Parliament in anno 6 H. 8. ca. 16.

\* Vide Placita in Parliam. Anno 33 E. 1. Rot. 33. Nicholaus Sec. grave adjudge per Prælatos, Comites, Barones & alios de concilio.

At the Parliament at York anno 12 E. 2. *Consideratum est per Prælatos, Comites, Barones, & Communitatem Angliæ.* The Lord Awdeleys case. At the Parl. at Westm' 15 E. 2. Hugh le pier adjudge per les seignours & Commons. Rot. Parl. 42 E. 3. nu. 20. Sir John at Lee adjudged by the Lords and Commons. Rot. Par. 50 E. 3. 2. parte, A pardon to the Lord Laumer of a Judgement in Parliament. Rot. Parl. 50 E. 3. nu. 34. Lo. Nevils case.

See Rot. Claus. 1 R. 2. m. 5. 8. 38, 39. A tresage Councill le Roy, les Seigniors & Commons, &c. Rot. Parl. 1 H. 4. nu. 79. it is no Act of Parliament, but an Ordinance, and therefore bindeth not in succession. Rot. Par. 2 H. 5. nu. 13. Erroz assigned that the Lords gave Judgement without petition or assent of the Commons. Rot. Par. 28 H. 6. nu. 19. & many others in the reign of King H. 6. King E. 4.

And of latter times, see divers notable judgements, at the prosecution of the Commons, by the Lords at the Parliaments holden 18 and 21 Jac. Regis, against Sir Giles Mompesson, Sir John Michel, Viscount S. Albone Lord Chancelor of England, the Earl of G. Lord Treasurer of England, whereby the due proceeding of Indicature in such cases doth appear.

Thomas Long gave the Mayor of Westbury four pound to be elected Burgesse, who thereupon was elected. This matter was examined and adjudged in the House of Commons, *Secundum legem & consuetudinem Parliamenti*, and the Mayor fined and imprisoned, and Long removed: for this corrupt dealing was to poison the very fountain it self.

In the book of the house of Commons at the Parliament holden 8 Eliz. Ownfloe Speaker. fo. 19.

Arthur Hall a Member of the House of Commons for publishing and discovering the conferences of the House, and writing a book to the dishonor of the House, was upon due examination, *secundum legem & consuetudinem Parliamenti*, adjudged by the House of Commons to be committed to the Tower for six months, fined at five hundred marks, and expelled the House.

23 El. ib. fo. 14. Popliam Atturney generall Speaker.

Munton stroke William Johnson a Burgesse of B. returned into the Chancery of Record, for which upon due examination in the House of Commons, it was resolved that *secundum legem & consuetudinem Parliamenti*, every man must take notice of all the Members of the House returned of Record at his

ib. 2 Aprilis. 1 Mariæ. Vid. 11 H. 6 c. 11. 5 H. 4. ca. 6.

See Rot. Parl.  
8 H. 6. nu. 57.

perill: but otherwise it is of the servant of any of the Members of the House; for there he that striketh, &c. must have notice. And the House adjudged Manton to the Tower, &c.

If any Lord of Parliament, Spirituall or Temporall, have committed any oppression, bribery, extortion, or the like, the House of Commons, being the generall Inquisitors of the Realm (coming out of all the parts thereof) may examine the same, and if they find by the Vote of the House, the charge to be true, then they transmit the same to the Lords with the witnesses and proofs.

### Priviledge of Parliament.

Vide Inter leges  
Edw. Confess. c. 3.

And now after Judicature, let us speak somewhat of priviledge of Parliament: Experience hath made the priviledges of Parliaments well known to Parliament men, yet will we speak somewhat thereof.

Petitiones corā  
domino rege ad  
Parliament post  
festum Sancti  
Mich. Anno  
18 E. 1. fo. 7.

Magister militiae Templi petit quod distringat (catalla unius de concilio) tempore Parliamenti pro redditu unius domus in London: Rex responderet, non videtur honestum, quod illi de concilio suo distringantur tempore Parliamenti, sed alio tempore, &c. Whereby it appeareth that a Member of the Parliament shall have priviledge of Parliament, not only for his servants, as is aforesaid, but for his horses, &c. or other goods distrainable.

plac' coram rege  
& ejus concilio  
ad Parliam. suum  
post festum Sancti  
Hil. Anno  
18 E. 1. fol. 1.  
Vide Inf. 10 E. 3.  
more hercof concern-  
ing serving  
of a Citation.

Querela Comitis Cornubiæ, versus Bogonem de Clare & Priorem Sanctæ Trinitatis London, quod ipsi tempore Parliamenti ipsum comitem in medio aulae Westm' ad procuracionem ipsius Bogonis citaverunt, quod compareret coram Archiepiscopo Cantuar', &c. Ipse prior venit & Bogo similiter, & ponunt se in gratiam, misericordiam, & voluntatem Regis de alto & basso, ob quod mandantur turri London: Postea venit dictus Bogo & finem fecit domino regi pro prædicta transgressione per duas mille marcas, &c. & quoad prædict' Comitem respondeat Comiti 1000. li. pro transgressione sibi fact', &c. & prædictus Prior mittitur ibidem ad faciend' secundū quod Thesaurarius ei dicet ex parte dñi Regis.

And yet the serving of the said citation did not arrest, or restrain his body, and the same priviledge holdeth in case of Sub pœna, or other processe out of any Court of equity.

Rot. Parliam.  
Anno 8 E. 2. in  
Dors. cl. 8 E. 2.  
Ibid. m. 33 & 22.

Rex mandavit Justiciariis suis ad Assisas, Jurat', &c. capiend' assignat' quod super sedent captioni eorundem ubi Comites, Barones & alii summoniti ad Parliamentum Regis sunt partes, quamdiu dictum Parliam. duraverit.

De non procedendo ad capiend' Assisas versus illos, qui ad Parliamentum Regis apud Eborum venerunt.

In Scacc' ex Ori-  
ginali de Anno  
10 E. 3. Ro. 27. No.  
\* That is, in  
Court of Parlia-  
ment.

Rex omnibus balivis & fidelibus suis ad quos, &c. Salutem, Sciatis, quod cum curiæ nostræ in quibus negotia regni nostri dedecantur ubiq; adeo liberæ sint & exemptæ, & a tempore quo non extat memoria liberæ & exemptæ fuerunt, quod nec aliqua forum ecclesiasticum concernentia in eisdem curiis nostris fieri seu exequi, nec aliqui easdem curias nostras ad aliqua forum ecclesiasticum contingentia faciendum vel exequendum ingredi debeant, vel consueverunt aliquibus temporibus retroactis, ac Magister Henricus de Harewedon clericus, Edmundus de Lukenore & Johannes de Wedlingburgh de eo quod ipsi nuper in Cancellaria nostra in præsentia venerabilis Patris I. Cantuariensis Archiepiscopi Cancellarii nostri quasdam citationes sive monitiones dilecto clerico nostro Johanni de Thoresby, nec non provocaciones, appellaciones & instrumenta publica super citationibus seu monitionibus prædictis in nostri contemptum & Coronæ nostræ ac Regiæ dignitatis nostræ præjudicium, & contra libertatem & exemptionem prædict' fecerunt per inquisitionem in quam se inde in curia nostra coram dilecto Cancellario nostro & aliis de concilio nostro posuerunt convicti fuissent & ea occasione prisonæ nostræ mancipati in eadem ad voluntatem nostram moraturi. Nos de gratia nostra speciali ad requisicionem Philippæ Reginæ Angliæ consortis nostræ charissimæ perdonavimus eisdem Henrico, Edmundo & Johanni impisonamentum prædictum; Ita tamen quod nobis satisfaciant de redemptione sua occasione præmissorum, & quod super citationibus, monitionibus, provocacionibus

Citationes. }  
This John de  
Thoresby was the  
Clerk of the  
Parliament.



bus, appellationibus seu instrumentis prædictis in dicta cancellaria nostra sic factis processum aliquem non faciant, nec quicquam quod in nostri vel juris coronæ nostræ præjudicium cedere possit attemptent vel attemptare faciant de cætero quovis modo. In cujus, &c. Teste Rege apud Turrim London 15 die Aprilis, ex originali de Anno 10 E. 3. Rot. 27. Not.

\* Priviledge of Parliament in informations for the King, generally the priviledge of Parliament do hold, unlesse it be in threc cases, viz. Treason, Felony, and the peace.

\* Rot. Parl. Anno 17 E. 4. nu. 36. Vid. 21 E. 4. fol. 38, 39. Rot. Parl. Anno 8. H. 6. nu. 57. Vide infra, pa.

*Of Statutes, or Acts of Parliament.*

There is no Act of Parliament but must have the consent of the Lords, the Commons, and the Royall assent of the King, and as it appeareth by <sup>a</sup> Records and our <sup>b</sup> Books whatsoever passeth in Parliament by this threefold consent, hath the force of an Act of Parliament.

The difference between an Act of Parliament, and an Ordinance in Parliament, is, for that the <sup>c</sup> Ordinance wanteth the threefold consent, and is ordained by one or two of them.

Fortescue fo. 20. cap. 18. Dier 1 Mar. 92. <sup>c</sup> Rot. Parl. 25 E. 3. nu. 16, &c. 39 E. 3. 12. 22 E. 3. 2. 8 H. 6. cap. 29. Dier 4 Mar. 144. 39 E. 3. 7. Thorp male erravit. Rot. Parl. 37 E. 3. nu. 39. 1 R. 2. nu. 56. diversity between Acts of Parliament and Ordinances. 2 R. 2. stat. 2. nu. 28.

<sup>a</sup> Vid. 14 R. 2. nu. 15. & 13 H. 4. nu. 25. <sup>b</sup> 4 H. 7. 18. b. p. tous les Justices. 7 H. 7. 14 & 16. 11 H. 7. 27. a. Brook prerogative 134.

<sup>d</sup> I have read of a restitution in blood, and of lands of one William de Lasenby by the King, by the assent of the Lords Spirituall, and Commons, (omitting the Lords Tempozall) this we hold is an Ordinance, and no Act of Parliament. And when the Clergy is omitted and the Act made by the King, the Lords Tempozall, and Commons. See the Rols of Parliament and authorities following, viz. Rot. Parl. Patch. <sup>e</sup> 15 E. 2. the case of the Spencers. 2 R. 2. cap. 3. in print. Our Sovereigne Lord by the common consent of all the Lords Tempozall, and at the petition of the Commons, &c. 7 R. 2. cap. 12. accord. 11 R. 2. nu. 9, 10, 11. See 1 H. 5. c. 7. <sup>f</sup> 21 R. 2. nu. 9. & 10. 6 H. 6. nu. 27. 7 H. 8. Kelw. 184. the opinion of the Justices agreeable with the said Acts of Parliament. And note the mutability in this particular case of the Spencers, of this High Court of Parliament. The judgement by Parliament in 15 E. 2. against the Spencers, was in the same year by Act of Parliament repealed: that repeal was repealed by authority of Parliament in 1 E. 3. that repeal of 1 E. 3. was repealed by Act of Parliament in 21 R. 2. and that of 21 R. 2. was repealed by authority of Parliament in 1 H. 4. And so the judgement against the Spencers standeth in force.

<sup>d</sup> 13 H. 4. nu. 20.

<sup>e</sup> Repeal 1 E. 3. cap. 2. stat. 1. 15 E. 3. tit. Petition. F. 2. See Rot. par. An. 1 H. 4. part 5. m. 36. the Isle of Man given to the King by the Lords Tempozall and Commons. <sup>f</sup> Repeal. 1 H. 4. cap. 3.

*The division of Acts of Parliament.*

Of Acts of Parliament some be introductory of a new law, and some be declaratory of the ancient law, and some be of both kinds by addition of greater penalties or the like. Againe, of Acts of Parliament, some be generall, and some be private and particular. All Acts of Parliament relate to the first day of Parliament, if it be not otherwise provided by the Act.

33 H. 6. fol. 17.

*The severall formes of Acts of Parliament.*

In ancient time all Acts of Parliament were in form of Petitions. And for the severall forms of Acts of Parliament, see the Princes case in the 8 Book of Reports. Now for the reading, committing, amending, ingrossing, voting, and passing of Bills in either House, and touching conferences with the Lords, and for the priviledge of any Member of either Houses, and of their servants more then hath been said, they be so ordinary and well known, and in such continuall practice, as it were but expence of time to treat any more of them. And for that many times the Rols of the Parliament have not been truly ingrossed, at the

Dier. 3 Mar. 131. lib. 8. fo. 1. the Princes case. Concerning the ingrossing in Rols of Acts of Parliament. Rot. Parl. 7 H. 4. nu. 65.

the request of the Commons certain of them are to be appointed, who should be at the ingrossing of the Rols of Parliament.

*In former times Acts of Parliament were proclaimed by the Sheriffes.*

When I read the case of Premunire in 39 E. 3. upon the statute of 27 E. 3. of Provisors against the Bishop of Chichester, and observing that Serjeant Cavendish of counsell with the Bishop objected two things: First, that the Act whereupon the Writ was grounded, was no statute. Secondly, that if it were a statute, it was never published in the County: whom Sir Robert Thorpe Chief Justice answered. Although proclamation be not made in the County, every one is bound to take notice of that which is done in Parliament: for as soon as the Parliament hath concluded any thing, the law intends, that every person hath notice thereof, for the Parliament represents the Body of the whole Realm: and therefore it is not requisite that any Proclamation be made, seeing the Statute took effect before. This gave me to understand, that albeit it was not required by law that statutes should be published in the County; yet seeing in those dayes and long after, the use of printing came not into this Realm; the use was (as it appeareth by Cavendishes speech) that they should be published in the County, to the end that the Subjects might have expresse notice thereof, and not to be overtaken by an intendment in law, which gave me occasion to search and inquire how this usage was, and how long it continued. And in the end I found, that at every Parliament the Acts that passed were transcribed into Parchment, and by the Kings Writ directed to the Sheriffe of every County of England, and commandement given to him, that all the said statutes in all places through his whole Bapliwick, as well within Franchise as without, where he should finde most fit, that he not only should proclaime them, but to see that they should be firmly observed and kept. And the usage was to proclaim them at his County Court, &c. and there to keep the transcript of the Acts, that who so would, might reade or take copies thereof. And this Writ was sometime in Latine and sometime in French, as in those dayes the statutes were enacted in Latin or in French. But an example of the one, and of the other will more illustrate this matter.

Edwardus Dei grat' Rex Angliæ & Franciæ, & Dominus Hiberniæ Vic' Norff. Salut. Quidam statuta p nos, Prælatos, Comites, Barones, & alios magnates ad Parliamentum nostrum tentum apud Ebornm in Crō. Ascensionis ultim' præterit' ordinavimus & stabillivimus, prout sequitur, and recite the severall statutes verbatim. And then the Writ concludeth. Et ideo tibi præcipimus, quod statuta illa & omnes articulos in eisdem contentos in singulis locis in baliva tua, tam infra libertates, quam extra, ubi expedire videris, publice proclamari & \* firmiter teneri & observari facias. Teste, &c.

Richard p la grace de Dieu Roy Dengleterre & de France, & Seignieur d' Iteland a nostre Viscount de Norff. Salut. Saches que al honneur de Dieu, & reverence de Saint Eglise & pur nurrer peace, unitie, & concord in tous parts deins nostre realme, le quel nous desirons mult entirement, del assent des Prelats, Dukes, Counts & Barons de mesme nostre realme, al instance & speciall request des Commons de nostre Realme assembles a nostre Parliament tenus a Westm. a la quinzim de S. Michael lan de nostre reigne premier avons fait ordeiner & stablier certaine statuts en amendment & relievement de mesme nostre Realme, & en la forme que sensuist. Primerment est assentus & establie, que saint Eglise eit & enjoyse tous les droitures, &c. rehearsing all the statutes that passed at that Parliament. And the Writ concludeth thus. Et pur ceo vous mandons que tous les statuts faces crier & publier, & firmament tener p my voire Baillie solonq; la forme & tenor de icel, & ceo ne lesses en aucun manner. Done p testmoignans de nostre grand seale al Westm. le premier jour de Feverer lan de nostre reigne primer. And the like Writs continued until the beginning of the reign of H. 7. long time after printing within the reign of H. 6. (as hath bin said) came unto us.

The

*Iohn Moore.*

Printing was invented in Meath in Germany, Anno Domini 1441. and came to us in the reign of H. 6. See Bodin De Methodo historiar. li. 7. Vna typographia cum omnibus omnium veterum inventis certare facile potest. Polydor Virgil de invent. rerum lib. 2. cap. 7. Cardan. de variestate rerum lib. 3. cap. 64.

At the Parliament in Anno 10 E. 3.

\* Note, that the Sheriffe that hath Custodiam Comitatus, should see the statutes within his County to be kept.

At the Parliament An. 1 R. 2.

*Prorogation, Adjournment, Continuance, and what maketh a Session of Parliament.*

The passing of any Bill or Bills by giving the Royall assent thereunto, or the giving any judgement in Parliament doth not make a Session; but the Session doth continue untill that Session be prorogued or dissolved: and this is evident by many presidents in Parliament ancient and late.

The Parliament of 14 E. 3. began at Westminster the Wednesday after Mid Lent: the first monday of the Parliament, the ninth part of their Great, Wooll, and Lanbe, &c. was granted to the King, on condition that the King would grant their petitions in a Schedule beginning. These be the petitions which by the Commons and Lords was drawne into a forme of a Statute, and passed both Houses, and the Royall assent thereunto, and the same exemplified under the Great Seal. After this the Parliament continued, and divers Acts made, and petitions granted, and in the end that Parliament was dissolved.

Rot. Parl. 14 E. 3.  
Stat. primu. nu. 7,  
8, 9, &c.

In the Parliament holden Anno 3 R. 2. it is declared by Act of Parliament that the killing of John Imperiall Ambassadour of Jenoa, was High Treason, crimen læsæ majestatis, and yet the Parliament continued long after, and divers Acts of Parliament afterwards made, and petitions granted: and in the end the Parliament dissolved.

Rot. Parl. 3 R. 2.  
nu. 18. &c.

In the Parliament begun the first day of March, Anno 7 H. 4. on Saturday the 8 day of May it was enacted by the King, the Lords Spirituall and Temporall, and the Commons, that certain Strangers by name, who seemed to be Officers to the Queen, should by a day depart the Realm, and proclamation thereof in kinde made by Writ, by authority of Parliament, which Parliament continued, and divers other Acts of Parliament made, and petitions answered: and on the 22 day of December 8 H. 4. dissolved.

Rot. Parl. 7 H. 4.  
nu. 29. &c.

The Parliament begun 7 November, and on the first day of the Parliament it was resolved by all the Judges, that those that were attainted of treason, and returned Knights, Citizens, or Burgesses of Parliament, that the attainders were to be reversed by authority of Parliament before they could sit in the House of Commons: and that after the attainders reversed, both the Lords, and those of the House of Commons might take their places, so; such as were attainted could not be lawfull Judges, so long as their attainders stood in force: and thereupon the attainders were reversed by Act of Parliament, and then they took their places in Parliament, and the Parliament continued, and divers Acts made.

Rot. Parl. 1 H. 7.  
nu.  
1 H. 7. fo. 4. b.

The Bill of Queen Katherine Howards attainer passed both Houses about the beginning of the Parliament, whereunto the King sitting the Parliament by his Letters Patents gave his Royall assent, and yet the Parliament continued untill the first day of Aprill, and divers Acts of Parliament passed after the said Royall assent given. Divers more might be produced, but these shall suffice. So as albeit Bills passe both Houses, and the Royall assent given thereunto, there is no Session untill a prorogation or a dissolution.

\* Rot. Par. 33 H. 8  
began the 16 day  
of January, and  
continued till the  
first of April fol-  
lowing.  
On the 12 of Fe-  
bruary the Queen  
was beheaded in  
the Tower, sit-  
ting the Parlia-  
ment.

*Prorogo, à porro  
& rogo, unde pro-  
rogatio.*

*Adjournet, unde  
adjournare, & ad-  
journalmentis, est  
ad diem dicere, or  
diem dare.*

Rot. Parl. 23 H. 8.  
24 H. 8. nu. 1.  
25 H. 8. nu. 1.  
26 H. 8. nu. 1.  
27 H. 8. nu. 1 &c.  
2 & 3 E. 6. nu. 1.  
3 & 4 E. 6. nu. 1.  
&c.

The diversity between a prorogation and an adjournment, or continuance of the Parliament, is, that by the prorogation in open Court there is a Session, and then such Bills as passed in either House, or by both Houses, and had no Royall assent to them, must at the next assembly begin again, &c. so; every severall Session of Parliament is in law a severall Parliament: but if it be but adjourned or continued, then is there no Session: and consequently, all things continue still in the same state they were in before the adjournment or continuance.

And the title of divers Acts of Parliament be, At the Session holden by prorogation, or by adjournment and prorogation, but never by continuance or adjournment tantum. And the usuall forme of pleading is, ad Sessionem tantam, &c. per prorogationem.

1 Mart. S. II. 2. 28. Eliz. nu. 1. &c. And in every of them it is said [and there continued untill such a day;] and yet in them divers adjournments were. See the Journall Book in the Lords House. *Vltimo Junii 14 Eliz. Custos Magni Sigilli ex mandato Domine Regine adjournavit presens Parliament' usq; in festum omnium Sanctorum.* And in the Parliament in Anno 39 Eliz. *Custos magni Sigilli ex mandato Domine Regine (the Queen being absent.)*

We have been the longer and more curious for the clearing of this point for two reasons, 1. For that the adjournment or continuance (as before it appeareth) is much more beneficiall for the Common-wealth for expediting of causes, then a prorogation. 2. In respect of a clause in the Act of Subsidie in the Parliament holden in Anno 18 Jac. Regis, which is but declaratory of the former law, as by that which hath been said appeareth.

When a Parliament is called and doth sit, and is dissolved without any Act of Parliament passed, or judgement given, it is no Session of Parliament, but a Convention.

Rot. Parl. 18 R. 2.  
which began 15  
Hilarii.

In the 18 year of R. 2. at a Parliament holden before the Duke of York (the King being in his passage to Ireland) the Petitions of the Commons were answered: and a Judgement given in the Kings Bench for the Brior of Newport-pannell, against the Dean and Chapter of Lichfield was reversed, but no Act of Parliament passed, and therefore this Parliament is omitted in the print; but it is no question but it was a Session of Parliament, for otherwise the Judgement should not be of force: and many times Judgements given in Parliament have been executed, the Parliament continuing before any Bill passed.

### *The House of Commons is a distinct Court.*

Nota, the House of Commons is to many purposes a distinct Court, and therefore is not prorogued, or adjourned by the prorogation or adjournment of the Lords House: but the Speaker upon signification of the Kings pleasure by the assent of the House of Commons, doth say: This Court doth prorogue or adjourne it self; and then it is prorogued or adjourned, and not before. But when it is dissolved, the House of Commons are sent for up to the higher House, and there the Lord Keeper by the Kings commandement dissolveth the Parliament; and then it is dissolved, and not before. And the King at the time of the dissolution ought to be there in person, or by representation: for as it cannot begin without the presence of the King either in person or by representation (as before it hath been said) so it cannot end or be dissolved without his presence either in person or by representation. Nihil enim tam conveniens est naturali æquitati, unumquodq; dissolvi eo ligamine quo ligatum est.

Bracton.

33 H. 8. cap. 21.  
Royall assent by  
Letters Patents.  
Dier. 1 Mar. 93.  
Commission au 4  
Signiors, &c.  
a doner royall as  
sent, & indorcement fait. Soit  
fait come est de-  
fire.

It is declared by Act of Parliament, that the Kings Letters Patents under his Great Seale, and signed with his hand, and declared and notified in his absence to the Lords Spirituall and Temporall, and Commons assembled in the Higher House of Parliament, is, and ever was of as good strength and force, as if the Kings person had been there personally present, and had assented openly and publickly to the same.

### *Of Subsidies and Aides granted by Parliament.*

Subsidie is derived of the Verb Subsidiari, which signifieth to be ready to help at need, unde subsidium, which signifieth aide and help at need, so properly called, when Shoulders were ready to help the foreward of the battell: and aptly was the word so derived, as well because that which we call now subsidia, Subsidies, were anciently called auxilia, Aides, granted by Act of Parliament upon need and necessity: as also, for that originally and principally they were granted for the defence of the Realm, and the safe keeping of the seas, &c. Communia pericula requirunt communia auxilia.

ph. Cominæus,  
Lib. 5. fo. 233.

This word [Subsidie] is common, as well to the English, as to the French. Concerning Subsidies hear what a stranger truly wisteth. Reges Angliæ nihil tale, nisi convocatis primis ordinibus, & assentiente populo, suscipiunt. Quæ consuetudo valde mihi laudanda videtur; interveniente enim populi voluntate & assensu crescit robor, & potentia regum, & major est ipsorum autoritas, & feliciores progressus.

Subsidies taken in their generall sense for Parliamentary Aides are divided into perpetuall and temporary: perpetuall into three parts, viz. into Customa antiqua

antiqua, five magna, custuma nova five parva, and into custome of Broad  
a oth. Temporary, whereof there are three kindes, viz. 1. of Tonnage and  
Poundage of ancient time granted for a year or years uncertainly, and of latter  
times for life. 2. A Subsidie after the rate of 4 s. in the pound for lands, and  
2 s. 8 d. for goods. And 3 for an Aide called a Fifteenth. And of these in order.

*Custuma antiqua five magna.*

Custuma antiqua five magna was by Act of Parliament granted to King  
E.1. his heirs and successors for transportation of three things, viz. Wools,  
Woolfels, and Leather, viz. for every sack of wool containing thirty six stone,  
and every stone fourteen pound, half a mark; and for three hundred woolfels  
half a mark, and for a last of Leather thirteen shillings four pence, to be paid  
as well by Strangers as by English. Prelari, magnates, & tota communitas  
concesserunt quandam novam consuetudinem nobis de lanis, pellibus & coriis  
dimid' marc', de 300. pellibus dimid' marc', & de lasta coriorum unam marciam.  
In the statute called confirmationes cartarum Anno 25 E.1. there is a saving in  
these words, Save a nous, & nous heires la custome des leynes, pealx & quires  
grant' per le Comminalty du realm. See also the like in the Proemiale: \* Salva  
tamen nobis & heredibus nostris custuma lanarum, pellium & coriorum per Com-  
munitatem dicti regni nobis prim' concess.

<sup>a</sup> Note it is said in divers Records, per Communitatem Angliæ nobis concessi,  
because all grants of Subsidies or Aids by Parliament doe begin in the House  
of Commons, and first granted by them: also because in effect the whole profit  
which the King reapeth doth come from the Commons.

7 E.4. nu. 30. 1 E.6. ca.13. 1 Mar.cap.18. 1 Eliz. ca.19. & 3 Jac. Regis accord.

See hereafter, c.11.  
Veib. de nous  
Customes, &c.  
Rot. finium An.  
3 E.1. Rot. Pa.  
3 E.1. m.1. dat.  
10 Novemb.  
which was in the  
end of the year,  
for he began his  
reign 17 Nov.  
Confirmat. Car-  
tarum Ver. Mag.  
Cart. 2. parte fo.  
36. a.  
\* Int. brevia de  
Term Mich.  
26 E.1. In offi-  
remem. regis.  
a 12 H.4. nu. 45.  
6 H.6. nu. 11.  
12 E.4. ca. 3.  
12 E.4. ca. 3.  
Jac. Regis accord.

*Custuma parva & nova.*

In the 31 year of E.1. the Merchant strangers in consideration of certain li-  
berties and privileges granted to them, and a release to them of all prises and  
takings, gave to the King and his heirs, three shillings four pence, ultra anti-  
quam custumam ut prius concess. So as where the Subject paid a Noble, the  
Stranger paid ten shillings, &c. See the statutes of 1 H.7. ca.2. 11 H.7. cap.14.  
22 H.8. cap.8.

This was questioned Rot. ordinat. Anno 5 E.2. but allowed of in Parliament, Anno 1 E.3. 9  
Stat. Stapl. ca.26. F.N.B.227. d. 259. a.

Custuma is deri-  
ved of the Frēch  
word *custum*, i.  
tributum seu ve-  
ctigal.  
Rot. Cart. 31 E.1.  
nu. 44. called  
Carta mercatoria;  
E. 3. ca.1. 27 E.3.

*Custome of what things, ex antiquo.*

And it is to be observed, that of ancient time no Custome was by English or  
Stranger, but for Wools, Woolfels, and Leather. Whereby it appeareth how  
necessary the knowledge of ancient Records, and of the true originall of every  
thing is.

In the reign of E.3. a great part of the Wools for the which such Custome  
was granted, and paid, as is aforesaid, was draped into broad Cloth: whereupon  
question grew, whether upon the transportation of the Cloth, into which the  
Wool was draped, Custome should be proportionably paid, having regard to the  
quantity of the Wool so converted into Cloth: and it was resolved, that no Cu-  
stome should in that case be paid, because the Wool by the labour and industry  
of man was changed into another kind of merchandize: wherewith the King held  
himself satisfied, and so it appeareth in the Kings own Writs and Records en-  
rolled in the Exchequer.

The first Act of Parliament that gave any Subsidy of Cloth, was in Anno  
21 E.3. (not printed) viz. fourteen pence of Lieges, and one and twenty pence

1 El. Dier 165.

Of Wools dra-  
ped into Cloth  
no Custome was  
duc.

Int. Orig. de Scaccario. 24 E. 3. Rot. 13. 1b. 27 E. 3. Rot. 4. See the Second part of the Institutes, Mag. Cart. cap. 30. pa. 60. By 27 E. 3. stat. 1. & ca. 4. Custome of Cloth. \* Viz. the Subsidies granted in Anno 21 E. 3. The Alnagers see of the subject granted by Parliament. Mag. Cart. ca. 30. Consuetudines. Stat. de Scaccario. 51 H. 3. Custum des Leynes. 11 H. 4. ca. 7.

of Strangers, for every Cloth of Assise, and two shillings four pence of Lieges, and three shillings six pence of Strangers for every Cloth of Scarlet, &c. Vide inter Original de Scaccario, 24 E. 3. Rot. 13. And the reason of granting the said Subsidies of broad Cloth was, Quia jam magna pars lanæ regni nostri in eodem regno pannificatur, de qua Custuma aliqua non est soluta, per quod proficuum quod de Custumis & Subsidiiis lanarum, si extra dictum regnum ducerentur, percipere debemus, in multo diminuuntur, &c. And yet if in any case the King might by his Prerogative have set any imposition, he might have set one in that case, for that, as it appeareth by that Record, by making of Cloth the King lost his Customs of Wool: and therefore for further satisfaction of the King for the Custome of Wool; at the Parliament holden in Anno 27 E. 3. a Subsidy was granted to the King his heirs and successours, (\* over the Customs thereof due) viz. of every whole Cloth of Assise not ingrained, four pence, and for the half of such a Cloth, two pence, and of every Cloth ingrained five pence, and of the halfe two pence half penny, and of every Cloth of Scarlet six pence, and of the half three pence; and the Alnagers see is granted to him by Act of Parliament, viz. for the measuring of every Cloth of Assise of the Seller a halfpenny, and of half a cloth a farthing for his office, and no more, nor shall they take any thing for a cloth that is lesse; and that he take nothing of the Alnage of any cloth but only of such cloth as is to be sold. And both in this Act, and in some Acts in the reign of H. 3. consuetudines & custumæ, which are englished, Customs, are taken for the Subsidies that were granted by Parliament, for verily those were ancient and right Customs or Subsidies. And in the statute of 11 H. 4. Customs and Subsidies are used as Synonymæ.

### Butlerage.

Butlerage is a Custome due to the King of two shillings of every Tun of Wine brought into this Realm by Strangers: but Englishmen payeth it not.

Lib. rubeus in Scacc. fo. 265. Vid. 6 E. 3. fo. 5 & 6. the Archb. of Yorks case.

In libro Rubeo in Scaccario in custodia Rememoratoris Regis, fol. 265. the grant of King John to the Merchants of Aquitain trading for wines thence into England of divers liberties, viz. De libertatibus concessis mercatoribus vinetariis de Ducatu Aquitania, reddendo regi & hæredibus suis 2. s. de quolibet dolio vini ducti per eosdem infra regnum Angliæ vel potestate regis.

Rot. Cartarum Anno 31 E. 1. nu. 44. called Carta mercatoria.

All Merchant Strangers in consideration of the grant to them by the King of divers liberties and freedoms, concesserunt quod de quolibet dolio vini quod adducunt vel adduci facerent infra regnum, &c. solvent nobis & hæredibus nostris nomine Custumæ duos solidos, &c.

### Prisage.

Fleta li. 2. ca. 21. Rot. Pat. 40 H. 3. Rot. Pat. 28 E. 1. pro Math. de Coljumar'.

Prisage is a Custome due to the King of the wines brought in by the Merchants of England of every Ship having twenty Tuns or more, two Tuns, viz. one before the Mast, and the other behind, paying twenty shillings for each Tun; and this is called certa prisæ, and recta prisæ, and regia prisæ, as in the Record ensuing appeareth, and hereof Merchant Strangers are discharged, per cartam mercatoriam, 31 E. 1. Ubi supra.

P. Rec. 20 R. 2. Vid. Tr. 33 E. 1. Rot. 124. Prisæ Vinorum in Hibernia.

Memorandum quod rex habet ex antiqua consuetudine de qualibet nave mercatoris vini 6. carcat' applican' infra aliquem portum Angliæ de viginti doliis duo doliæ, & de decem doliis unum de prisæ regia pro quodam certo ab antiquo constitut' solvend'.

Hereby it appeareth that Prisage is due by prescription, and that it was a certainty of ancient time ordained to be paid.

43 E. 3. ca. 3. & 1 H. 8. ca. 5.

It is called Butlerage because the Kings chief Butler doth receive it, and Prisage, because it is a certain taking or purveyance for wine to the Kings use.

Concerning the Alnaging of new Draperies.

In Hilary Term, Anno 2 Jac. Regis, upon a suit made to the King by the Duke of Lenox, question was moved concerning new Draperies, as Friza-

does

does, Bayes, Northern Cottons, Northern Dozens, Cloth rash, Durances, Perpetuanoes, Fustians, Canvas, Sackcloth, Worsteads, and Stuffs made of Worstead yarn, whether the King might grant the Alnaging of them with a reasonable fee, or whether they were within the said statute of 27 E. 3. And these questions were by the Kings commandment in this Hilary Term referred to all the Judges of England to certifie their opinions concerning the suit to the Lords of his Privy Councell; who upon often hearing of the cause, and mature deliberation, and conference amongst themselves, in the end in Trinity Term following with one unanimous consent, certified in writing in these words following, viz. To the Lords and others of his Majesties most Honourable Privy Councell. Our duties to your Lordships remembered. May it please the same to be advertised, that according to your Letters in that behalf, we have heard the matter touching the fearm of the Alnage, and measurage, that is sought to be granted by his Majesty of sundry kindes, as well of new made Drapery, as of other Stuffs made within this Realm. And upon hearing as well of some of the part of the Master of Orkney, as of others, both of the behalf of the Duke of Lenox and Master Shaw, have informed our selves touching the same. And for our opinions we are resolved, that all new made Drapery made wholly of wool, as Frizadoes, Bayes, Northern Dozens, Northern Cottons, Cloth rash, and other like Drapery, of what new name soever, for the use of mans body, are to yeeld Subsidy and Alnage according to the statute of 27 E. 3. and within the office of the ancient Alnage, as may appear by severall decrees in that behalf made in the Exchequer in the time of the late Queen. But as touching Fustians, Canvas, Sackcloth and such like made neerly of other stuff then wool, or being but mixed with wool, we are of opinion, that no charge can be imposed for the search or measurage thereof, but that all such Patents so made are void, as may appear by a Record of the 11. year of H. 4. wherein the reason of the judgment is particularly mentioned, which we held not amisse to set down to your Lordships, which is thus, The same King H. 4. granted the measurage of all woolen Cloth and Canvas that should be brought to London to be sold by any stranger or denizen (except he were free of London) taking one half penny for every piece of Cloth so measured of the seller, and one other half penny of the buyer, and so after the rate for a greater or lesser quantity, and one penny for the measuring of 100. els of Canvas of the seller, and so much more of the buyer. And although it were averred that two other had enjoyed the same office before with the like fees, viz. one Shering by the same Kings grant, and one Clytheroe before by the grant of King R. 2. yet, amongst other reasons of the Judgment, it was set down and adjudged, that the former possession was by extortion, and coercion, & without right, and that those Patents were *in onerationem, oppressionem & depauperationem populi domini regis, & non in emendatione ejusdem populi, &c.* and no benefit to the King, and therefore the Patents void. And as touching the narrow new stufte made in Norwich and other places with Worstead yarn, we are of opinion that it is not grantable, nor fit to be granted, for we cannot find, that there was ever any Alnage upon Norwich Worsteads. And for these stufes, if after they be made and racked up for sale by the makers thereof, they should be again opened to be viewed and measured, they will not well fall into their old plaits to be racked up as before, which will be (as is affirmed) a great hinderance to the sales thereof in grosse, for that they will not then appear to be so merchandizable, as they were upon the first making of them up: And even so we humbly take our leaves. Serjeants Inn, the 24. of June. 1605. Which Certificate being read by the Lords of the Privy Councell (I being then Atturney generall and present) was well approved by them all, and commandment given, that it should be kept in the Councell Chest to be a direction for them to give answer to all suits of that kind.

And it is to be observed, \* that Acts of Parliament that are made against the freedom of trade, merchandizing, handicrafts, and mysteries, never live long.

See Rot. Parl.  
50 E. 3. nu. 142.  
Cogware Kerseys.

See hereafter,  
cap. 67.

See Rot. Parl.  
9 H. 4. nu. 34.  
Kendall Clothes,  
&c. 11 H. 4. c. 2.  
enact. 11 H. 4.  
nu. 26. for remnants of Cloth,  
&c. 11 H. 4. c. 7.  
Stat. 2.

37 E. 3. ca. 5, 6.  
38 E. 3. ca. 2.  
Lib. 11. fo. 54.  
de Taylers de  
Ipswich.

Bills, motions.

## Good Bills or motions in Parliament seldome die.

It is an obseruation proved by a great number of presidents, that never any good bill was preferred, or good motion made in Parliament, whereof any memoriall was made in the Journall book, or otherwise, though sometime it succeeded not at the first, yet hath it never died, but at one time or other hath taken effect; which may be a great encouragement to worthy and industrious attempts, as taking some few examples for many, which I have quoted in the margin.

8 E.2. nu. 17 E.3. nu. 49 1 R.2. nu. 82. 4 R.2. nu. 36. 9 R.2. nu. 44. 1 H.4. nu. 121. 2 H.4. nu. 83. 3 H.4. nu. 70. 11 H.4. nu. 47. 1 H.5. nu. 23. 7 H.5. nu. 18. 1 H.6. nu. 41. 7 E.4. nu. 20. Acts of Parliament. 2 E.3. cap. 2. 25 E.3. ca. 5. 4 H.4. ca. 22. 1 H.5. cap. 1. 15 H.6. ca. 14. 1 R.3. ca. 3. 21 H.8. cap. 5. 23 H.8. cap. 4. 26 H.8. cap. 3. 31 H.8. ca. 1. 32 H.8. cap. 38. 3 E.6. cap. 8. & 13. 1 & 2 Ph. & Mar. cap. 13. Vide Infra, cap. 8. pa.

## The Subsidy of Tunnage and Poundage.

By the subsequent Records you shall observe 13. things. 1. The grant of Poundage only. 2. Of Tunnage and Poundage. 3. Seuerall rates, sometimes 6. d. 8. d. 12. d. for Poundage. 4. Sometimes 2. s. 18. d. 3. s. 5. Hac vice, 1, 2, 3, 4. years, for life. 6. To Merchants, &c. 7. To have intermission and to vary, lest the King should claim it as a duty. 8. Expressed upon free gift. 9. Upon condition to keep the Seas, and for commerce. 10. That is ever the consideration and cause of the grant. 11. Granted without retrospect. 12. Sometimes double of Strangers. 13. Cloth excepted, that it be not subject to Tunnage and Poundage. 31 H.6.

## The Records.

a 47 E.3. nu. 12.  
b 6 R.2. nu. 13.  
c 7 R.2. Stat. 1.

d 5 R.2. nu. 40.  
9 R.2. nu. 11.  
10 R.2. nu. 18.  
11 R.2. nu. 12.  
e 13 R.2. nu. 20.  
f 14 R.2. nu. 12.  
g 17 R.2. nu. 12.  
h 2 H.4. nu. 9.  
i 4 H.4. nu. 28.  
k 6 H.4. nu. 9.  
8 H.4. nu. 9.  
9 H.4. nu. 27.  
l 11 H.4. nu. 45.  
m 13 H.4. nu. 10.  
n 1 H.5. nu. 17.  
o 3 H.5. nu. 50.

p 2 H.6. nu. 14.  
q 3 H.6. nu. 17.  
9 H.6. nu. 14.  
r 23 H.6. nu. 16.  
s 31 H.6. nu. 8.  
& cap. 8.  
\* Nota.  
t 4 E.4. & 12 E.4. ca. 3. in print.

u Rot. Parl. 1 H.7. not printed, for he had many subsidies, but printed none.

\* Rot. Parl. 1 H.8. not printed. Vid. 6 H.8. ca. 14. in print.

a Of Poundage only, and 6. d. in the pound, for two years upon condition, &c.  
b 6. d. for Poundage, and 2. s. for Tunnage of wine, hac vice,  
c 6. d. of every pound of merchandize, and 2. s. of every tun of wine, upon condition, &c. hac vice.  
d Sometime to have intermission, and to vary, lest the King should claim as duties.  
e For Tunnage of wine 3. s. and 6. d. for Poundage for one year.  
f 3. s. for Tunnage of wine, 12. d. for Poundage, hac vice.  
g 6. d. for Poundage, and 18. d. for Tunnage of wine for three years.  
h 8. d. for Poundage and 2. s. for Tunnage of wine.  
i 12. d. for Poundage, and 3. s. for Tunnage of wine for three years.  
k 12. d. for Poundage, and 3. s. for Tunnage of wine for severall times upon condition, sometime for one year. In these and most of the former granted upon condition for due employment<sup>l</sup> of their own good will, and so entred, and the King to have a certain sum<sup>m</sup> more expressly.  
n 11. d. for Poundage, and 3. s. for Tunnage of wine for four years.  
o The like Subsidy is granted to the King for his life upon conditions, &c. which was the first grant of Tunnage and Poundage for life, which was a leading grant, as hereafter appeareth.  
p The Subsidy of Poundage only for two years.  
q Tunnage of wine and Poundage granted for severall years.  
r Tunnage and Poundage, ut prius of Dentzens, double of Strangers.  
s Tunnage of wine and Poundage granted to H.6. for life with an exception of all woollen<sup>r</sup> Cloth; and here Cloth was first excepted, and was a leading exception in all subsequent acts.  
t Tunnage of wine and Poundage granted to E.4. for life with no retrospect, but for the time to come.

u At the Parliament holden Anno 1 H. 7. a like Act was made for the grant of the Subsidies of Tunnage and Poundage to him for his life.

x And the like Subsidy was granted to King H.8. at the Parliament holden Anno 1. of his reign for his life.



The like grant was made to E.6, Queen Mary, Queen Eliz. and King James for their severall lives, and in all these it is affirmed, that the like grants were made by Act of Parliament to King H.7. and King H.8.

1 E.6.ca.13.  
1 Mar.cap.18.  
1 Eliz.cap.19.  
1 Jac.ca.33.

The consideration of the grant of these Subsidies of Tunnage and Poundage is ever, as is aforesaid, expressed in the grant, for the keeping and safeguard of the Seas, and for intercourse of merchandize safely to come into this Realm, and safely to passe out of the same. And this pertaineth properly to the office of the Lord Admirall to see the consideration of the Act to be performed. \* They are granted of the free good will of the subjects, and so expressly set down in the Parliament Roll.

\* Rot.Par.11 H.4.  
nu.45. 13 H.4.  
nu.10.

In King James his reign, when I was a Commissioner of the Treasury, these Subsidies granted for life amounted to One hundred and threescore thousand pounds per annum, and so lessen to farm. The values of the merchandize for the which the Subsidy of Poundage is paid, do appear in a book of rates in print, whereby the Merchant knows what he is to pay. The Subsidy of Tunnage of wine is certain in these Acts by the contents of the Vessels: and none of these Acts doe extend to any other liquid merchandize imported or exported, but unto wines only: and seeing nothing is more uncertain then the continuance of the values of merchandizes wherefore the Subsidy of Poundage is paid, it were good at every grant of them to set down the rates in a schedule annexed to the bill.

A book of rates  
or values.

*Subsidies temporary and usuall at his day.*

Subsidies temporary and usuall at this day. And this is when the Commons in Parliament freely grant to the King an aid to be levied of every Subject of his lands or goods after the rate of 4 s. in the pound for lands, and 2 s. 8 d. for goods, and for Aliens for goods double, to such ends and for such considerations, and to be paid at such times, as by the Acts thereof (which are usuall and frequent) doe appear. And in former times in this kind of Subsidy, this order was observed, that ober and above the Subsidy of Tunnage and Poundage, the Commons never gave above one Subsidy of this kind, and two Fifteens, (and sometime lesse) one Subsidy amounting to Seventy thousand pounds, and each Fifteen at Twenty nine thousand pounds, or near thereabouts; nor above one Subsidy, which did rise to Twenty thousand pounds, the Clergy gave not.

At the Parliament holden in 31 Eliz. the Commons gave two Subsidies, and four Fifteens which first brake the circle.

In 35 Eliz. three Subsidies and six Fifteens.

In 39 Eliz. three Subsidies and six Fifteens.

In 43 Eliz. four Subsidies and eight Fifteens, &c.

In 21 Jac. Regis, three Subsidies and six Fifteens in shorter times then had been before.

In 3 Car. Regis, five Subsidies in shortest time of all.

And it is worthy of observation how quietly Subsidies granted in forms usuall and accustomable (though heavy) are borne; such a power hath use and custome: On the other side, what discontentments and disturbances Subsidies framed in new molds doe raise, (such an inbred hatred novelty doth hatch) is evident by examples of former times:

As that of 4 R.2. a new invention of Subsidies of the Kings Subjects of either sex by the poll, &c. for the furnishing of the Earl of Buckingham for his going into France, whereupon a strong and a strange Rebellion ensued, wherein three great and worthy Officers were by the rascall Rebels barbarously and wickedly murdered, viz. Simon Sudbury Archbishop of Canterbury, Chancelour of England, the Prior of S. Johns of Jerusalem, Treasurer of England, and Sir John Cavendish Chief Justice of England.

Rot.Par.4 R.2.  
nu.15.  
5 R.2.nu.32.

In 4 H.7. another like new found Subsidy was granted, which raised a rebellion in the North, in which the noble Earl of Northumberland a Commissioner in that Subsidy, was by the Rebels cruelly and causelessly slain.

Hollensh.Chron.  
769.

Hollensh. Chron.  
891.

In Anno 16 H. 8. to furnish the King for his going in his royall person into France, a new device for getting of money was set on foot, which made the headlesse and heedlesse multitude to rise in rebellion, untill Charles Brandon the noble Duke of Suff' quieted, and dispersed them.

Rot. Par. 9 E. 3.  
nu. 5.

At the Parliament holden in 9 E. 3. when a motion was made for a Subsidy to be granted of a new kind, the Commons answered, that they would have conference with those of their severall Countries and places, who had put them in trust, befoze they treated of any such matter.

9 H. 6. nu. 15.  
10 H. 6. nu. 50.

Vide 9 H. 6. nu. 15. Every Knights fee to pay 20 s. and so according to the value under or over, and so of the Clergy for lands purchased since 20 E. 1. And all other having 20 l. lands not holden as is aforesaid, 20 s. 11. This whole Subsidy for certain doubts the King utterly released, so as there is no mention made of the same: But hereof thus much shall suffice.

Sæpe viatorem nova, non vetus orbita fallit.

### Of Fifteens, Quinzims, &c.

Fifteens, Quinzim or Task, or Quinta decima.

A Fifteen is a temporary Aid granted to the King by Parliament, which without further inquiry is certain, and therein differeth from the Subsidy, which is ever uncertain, untill it be assessed.

Second part Inst.  
Mag. Carta cap.  
ultimo.

The Fifteen of ancient time was the fifteenth part of goods moveable, but in 8 E. 3. all the Cities, Boroughs, and towns in England were rated certainly at the fifteenth part of the value at that time generally upon the whole town, whereof you shall read more at large in the Second part of the Institutes, in the last Chapter of Magna Carta, Verb. Quintam decimam partem bonorum mobilium.

### Of Tenths.

There is decima pars of the Laity, and for the most part of Cities and Boroughs by their goods (Vid. 1 R. 2. nu. 26.) which proportionably is, secundum decimam quintam partem. That which we call Tax, Tallage, Tenth, and Fifteen, the Saxons called Geldinn, \* We use the word changing g to y, for gelding, yeelding, &c.

\* Doomsday.  
Norff. in Wanc-  
lunt, i. Wayland,  
& ibid. in Fre-  
bringe in Mas-  
singham, &c.

So \* Subsidy befoze the end of the Parliament, because it is to accompany the pardon.

\* Rot. Par. 11 R. 2. nu. 11. This is contained in the Act of Subsidy, and so an Act of Parliament: and accordingly Subsidies, &c. have been granted, as in the book of statutes appeareth.

### Of Acts of Parliament of confirmation of Letters Patents.

Rot. Par. 2 H. 5.  
nu. 20. 1 H. 6.  
nu. 46 3 H. 7. to  
the Queen. 6 H. 8.  
to the Duke of  
Suff.

We have read of particular Acts of confirmation of Letters Patents; but the first of lands, &c. that was the more generall, was the statute of 31 H. 8. ca. 13. of Monasteries (to make those lands the more passable) but after that, generall Acts of confirmation of Letters Patents have been very frequent.

### How the Lords give their voices.

In the Lords House, the Lords give their voices from the puisne Lord seriatim by the word of [content,] or [not content.]

Rot. Par. 6 H. 6.  
nu. 27.

A bill was preferred at the Parliament holden in Anno 6 H. 6. that no man should contract or marry himself to any Queen Dowager of England without speciall licence and assent of the King, on pain to lose all his goods and lands. The Bishops and Clergy assented to this bill, by the word of [content,] as far forth as the same swarved not from the law of God and of the Church, and so as the same imported no deadly sin. At this time there were besides the Archbishops

Bishops and Bishops, 27 Abbots and 2 Priors, (albeit in troth the number was many times uncertain, as in the close Roll it appeareth) which severally held per Baroniam, and were Lords of Parliament, and so continued untill they were dissolved in the reign of H.8. The entry of the said Act of 6 H.6. in the Roll is: It is enacted by the King, Lords Temporall, and Commons, that no man should contract or marry himself to any Queen of England, without the speciall license and assent of the King, on pain to lose all his goods and lands. The Bishops and Clergy assented to this Bill, as far soth as the same swerved not from the law of God, and of the Church, and so as the same imported no deadly sinne.

How many Lords Spirituall in former times.

This is holden to be an Act of Parliament: First, for that the assent of the Clergie could not be conditionall. Secondly, it was not against the law of God nor of the Church, nor imported any deadly sinne to make this law by authority of Parliament, as it appeareth by Magna Carta, cap. 7. which had by 32 Acts of Parliament been confirmed, and many others.

This Law was made after the marriage of Queen Katherine Dowager of H. 5. with Owen ap Meredith ap Grono (descended of the Princes of Wales) by whom she had issue Edmond of Hadham aforesaid, Earle of Richmond, and Jasper of Hatfeild, after Earle of Pembroke, and Duke of Bedford.

*How the Commons give their voices.*

The Commons give their voices upon the question, by Yeas or Nays, and if it be doubtfull, and neither party yeild, two are appointed to number them; one for the Yeas, another for the Nays: the Yeas going out, and the Nays sitting: and thereof report is made to the House. At a Committee, though it be of the whole House, the Yeas go of one side of the House, and the Nays on the other, whereby it will easily appear which is the greatest number.

Pl.com.126 mi-  
flaketh it, and  
that the Clerk  
number them.

*How Parliaments succeed not well in five Cases.*

It is observed by ancient Parliament men out of Record, that Parliaments have not succeeded well in five Cases. First, when the King hath been in displeasure with his Lords, or with his Commons. 2. When any of the Great Lords were at variance between themselves. 3. When there was no good correspondence between the Lords and the Commons. 4. When there was no unity between the Commons themselves. 5. When there was no preparation for the Parliament before it began.

<sup>a</sup> For the 1: So essentiall is the Kings good will towards his Commons, that it was one of the petitions of the Commons to the King, that he would require the Archbishop, & all others of the Clergy to pray for his estate, for the peace & good government of the land, & for the continuance of the Kings good wil towards his Commons: whereunto the thrice noble King assented with these effectuall words, The same prayeth the King: & many times the like petitions for the Lords. <sup>b</sup> How the King in all his weighty affairs had used the advice of his Lords & Commons, (so great a trust & confidence he had in them.) Alwaies provided, that both Lords & Commons keep them within the circle of the Law & custome of the Parliament.

<sup>c</sup> For the second: at the Parliament holden in 4 H. 6. what variance was there between the Duke of Gloce. and the B. of Winchester, and their friends on either side: the successe was, that little was done in any Parliamentary course at that Parliament, and that little was of no moment.

<sup>d</sup> At the Parliament holden in the third year of H.6. the great controversie was between John Earl Marshall, and Richard Earl of Warwick with like successe.

<sup>e</sup> The like controversie between William Earl of Arundell and Thomas Earl of Devon, for superiority of place, with like event. And many more might be cited. & And alwaies in the beginning unity was made between the Grantees of the Realm by shaking of hands and kissing, and sometime by \* submission.

For the third, when it was demanded by the Lords and Commons what might be a principall motive for them to have good successe in Parliament, it was answered, Eritis insuperabiles, si fueritis inseparabiles. Explosum est illud diverbium; Divide, & impera cum radix & vertex imperii in obedientium consensu rata sunt.

<sup>a</sup> Rot. Parl.  
37 E.3. nu. 2. and  
the Writ to the  
Clergie, *De oran-  
do pro rege &  
regno*, which was  
usuall in those  
dayes.

<sup>b</sup> Rot. Parl.  
43 E.3. nu. 1.  
25 E.3. nu. 15.  
50 E.3. nu. 2.

<sup>c</sup> Rot. Parl. 4 H.6.  
nu. 12. See the  
Acts of that Par-  
liament.

<sup>d</sup> Rot Parl. 3 H.6.  
nu. 1 & 10.

<sup>e</sup> Rot. Parl.  
27 H.6. nu. 13.  
<sup>f</sup> Rot. Parl. 2 H.4.  
nu. 14.

5 H.4. nu. 18, 20.  
<sup>\*</sup> Rot. Parl.

21 R. 2 by the  
Cunt of Arun-  
dell to the D. of  
Lancast.

4 H.6. nu. 12.

For

Rot. Parl. Anno  
11 H. 4. nu. 10.  
the King desired  
this unity.  
20 Judicum.

1 Chron cap. 28.

For the fourth, unity between the Commons themselves. It is most necessary in both these, and agreeable to the Parliament in the Book of Judges. Quasi homo unus, eadem mente, uno consilio.

For the fifth, the Summons of Parliament is by forty dayes or above before the sitting, to the end that preparations might be had for the arduous and urgent affaires of the realme: and that both the King, according to the example of King David, and likewise the Nobles and Commons should prepare; for preparata meditationes sunt semper saniores & meliores quam properata, wherein both Houses may greatly expedite the businesse of the Common-wealth in Parliament, if they will pursue the ancient custome of Parliament, viz. in the beginning thereof to appoint a select Committee to consider of the Bills in the two last Parliaments that passed both Houses, or either of them, and such as had been preferred, read, or committed, and to take out of them such as be most profitable for the Common-wealth.

### The honour and antiquity of the Parliament.

7 H. 6. 23. lib. 11.  
fo. 14.  
Inter leges Ed-  
wardi regis. ca. 8.

For the honour and antiquity of the Parliament, see the first part of the Institutes, Sect. 164. Verb. Veigne les Burgeses, and in the Preface to the ninth Book of my Reports, fo. 1, 2, 3, 4, &c. whereunto you may adde, Inter leges Edwardi regis, cap. 8. De decimis Ecclesiæ reddendis, Sect. De apibus vero, &c. Hæc enim prædicavit beatus Augustinus, & concessa sunt à rege Baronibus & populo. A grant by expresse Act of Parliament. Vide infra, cap. 79. pag.

### The power and jurisdiction of the Parliament.

a See 13 Eliz.  
cap. 1.

39 H. 6. 15.  
Vide infra. ca. 79.  
b Fortesc. ca. 18.  
c Virgil.

d Rot. Parl. 12 E. 4.  
nu. 20, 21, 22. the  
case of the wives  
of the Duke of  
Clarence and  
Glocester.

e 12 E. 4. nu. 34.  
Duke of Buck-  
ingham.

f 21 R. 2. nu. 27.  
Sir Ro. Plesing-  
ton.

31 H. 6. cap. 1.  
g This is usuall  
in many Parlia-  
ments.

h Rot. Parl. 5 & 6  
E. 6. the Lo. Mar-  
quisse of Winche-  
sters case.

i Rot. Parl. Anno  
20 R. 2. m. 6.

k Beaufort came  
to the House of  
Lanc. by marriage  
between Blanch

of Artois, and Edmond first Earle of Lancast. l Rot. Parl. 20 R. 2. membr. 7. m This John in Anno 21 R. 2. was created Earle of Somerset, and Marquisse Dorset. But in 1 H. 4. the Marquiship was taken away by Parliament. n This Henry was after Bishop of Winchester, Cardinall of S. Ewseby, and Chancellor of England. o This Thomas was in 21 R. 2. created Earle of Dorset. p For Domicellus, &c. See Lamb. inter leges Edw. fo. 139. b. Nos indifferete domicellus de pluribus dicimus, quia Baronum filios vocamus domicellos, Angli vero nullos, nisi natos regum. q Joane was s. It married to Ralph the first Earle of Westmerland, and after to Robert Ferrers Lo. of Owseley.

a Of the power and jurisdiction of the Parliament. for making of laws in proceeding by Bill, it is so transcendent and absolute, as it cannot be confined either for causes or persons within any bounds. Of this Court it is truly said: b Si antiquitatem spectes, est vetustissima, si dignitatem, est honoratissima, si jurisdictionem, est capacissima.

c Huic ego nec metas rerum, nec tempora pono.

Yet some examples are desired. d Daughters and Heirs apparant of a man or woman, may by Act of Parliament inherit during the life of the Ancestor.

e It may adjudge an Infant, or Minor of full age.

f To attain a man of treason after his death.

g To naturalize a meeere Alien, and make him a Subject borne. h It may bastard a childe that by law is legitimate, viz. begotten by an Adulterer, the husband being within the foure Seas.

To legitimate one that is illegitimate, and born before marriage absolutely. And to legitimate secundum quid, but not simpliciter. As to take one example for many.

i John of Gaunt Duke of Lancaster had by Katherine Swinford before marriage four illegitimate children, viz. Henry, John, Thomas, and Joane. And because they were borne at k Beaufort in France, they were vulgarly called Henry De Beaufort, &c. John before the 20 year of R. 2. was knighted, and Henry became Priest. l At the Parliament holden 20 R. 2. the King by Act of Parliament in forme of a Charter doth legitimate these three sonnes, and Joane the daughter: and the Charter beginneth thus. Rex, &c. Charissimis consanguineis nostris nobilibus viris m Johanni Militi: n Henrico Clerico: o Thomæ p domicello, ac dilectæ nobis nobili mulieri q Johanna Beaufort domicellæ Germanis præcharissimi avunculi nostri, Johannis Ducis Lancastriæ natis ligeis

nostris

nostris Salutē, &c. Nos dicti avunculi nostri genitoris vestri precibus inclinati, vobiscū qui (ut asseritur) defectū nataliū patimini, ut hujusmodi defectu (quē ejusq; qualitatis quascunq; præsentibus habere volumus pro sufficienter expressis) non obstante ad quæcunq; honoris dignitates, (\* excepta dignitate regali) præheminencias, status, gradus, & officia publica & privata tam perpetua quam temporalia, atq; feudal' ac nobil' quibuscunq; nominibus nuncupantur, etiamsi ducatus, principat', comitat', Baronia, vel alia feuda fuerint, etiamsi mediate, vel immediate vel à nobis dependeant seu teneantur, præfici, promoveri, eligi, assumi & admitti, illaq; recipere, retinere, perinde libere & licite valeatis, ac si de legitimo thoro nati existeretis, quibuscunq; statutis seu consuetudinibus regni nostri Angliæ in contrarium editis seu observatis (quæ hic habemus pro totaliter expressis) nequaquam obstantibus; de plenitudine nostræ regalis potestatis, ac de assensu Parliamenti nostri tenore præsentium dispensamus, vosque & vestrum quemlibet Natalibus restituimus, & legitimamus. In cujus rei testimonium, Teste Rege apud Westm. 9 die Febr. Per ipsum regem in Parlamento.

\* Nota.

In this Act are divers things worthy of observation. 1. The names whereby they were legitimated. 2. That this legitimation was not simpliciter, but secundum quid: for they were legitimated and made capable of all dignities, except the Royall Dignity: so as this legitimation extended not to make them or their posterities inheritable to the Crowne, but to all other dignities. 3. That before their legitimation, they were not created to any of their dignities. 4. The brieve and artificiall penning of this legitimation, with generall words, as if the particularity were expressed, and with a brieve non obstante, and with as little blemish as may be. 5. And hereby it appeareth, that <sup>a</sup> H. 7. being son of Edmond of Hadham C. of Richmond, & Margaret his wife, daughter & heir of John de Beaufort D. of Somerset: which Margaret lineally descended from the said John de Beaufort, legitimated & made capable of all dignities, as is aforesaid, excepta regali dignitate, that the best title of H. 7. to the Crowne, was by Elizabeth his wife, eldest daughter of E. 4. Yet before this marriage the Crowne was by Act of Parliament intayled to H. 7. and to the heirs of his body, the right of the Crowne then being in the said Elizabeth, eldest daughter of E. 4. 6. In this Act, the said Thomas before his legitimation could not be called Esquire, and therefore he hath this addition of \* Domicello, either derived of the French word Domoicell, which signifieth a young souldier not yet knighted, or signifieth nobly bozne. And note, Iohan. the daughter, had the addition of De Beaufort and Domicella in that sense also.

<sup>a</sup> Nota, pro corona.

Rot. Parl. Anno

1 H. 7. not in

print.

7 H. 4. cap. 2. the

like to H. 4. the

right of the

Crowne being

then in the de-

scendent from Philip

daughter and

heir of Lionel

Duke of Claren-

ce.

Vid. 1 H. 7. 12, 13

25 H. 8. cap. 22.

repeal by 28 H. 8.

cap. 7. & 1 Mar.

Parl. 1. cap. 1.

See 13 Eliz. ca. 1.

in principio.

\* See Hovenden,

pag. 608. for this

word Domicel.

b Rot. Parl.

22 H. 8.

The attainder of

Tho. Cromwell

Earle of Essex.

b And albeit I finde an attainder by Parliament of a subject of High Treason being committed to the Tower, and forth-comming to be heard, and yet never called to answer in any of the Houses of Parliament, although I question not the power of the Parliament, for without question the attainder standeth of force in law: yet this I say of the manner of the proceeding, Auferat oblivio, si potest; si non, utinque silentium tegat: for the more high and absolute the jurisdiction of the Court is, the more just and honourable it ought to be in the proceeding, and to give example of justice to inferiour Courts. But it is demanded, since he was attainted by Parliament, what should be the reason that our Historians do all agree in this, that he suffered death by a law which he himselfe had made. For answer hereof, I had it of Sir Thomas Gawdye Knight, a grave and reverend Judge of the Kings Bench, who lived at that time, that King H. 8. commanded him to attend the chiefe Justices, and to know whether a man that was forth-comming might be attainted of High Treason by Parliament, and never called to his answer. The Judges answered, that it was a dangerous question, and that the High Court of Parliament ought to give examples to inferiour Courts for proceeding according to justice, and no inferiour Court could do the like; and they thought that the High Court of Parliament would never do it. But being by the expresse commandement of the King, and pressed by the said Earle to give a direct answer: they said, that if he be attainted by Parliament, it could not come in question afterwards, whether he were called or not called to answer.

And albeit their opinion was according to law, yet might they have made a better answer, for by the Statutes of Mag. Cart. ca. 29. 5 E. 3. cap. 9. & 28 E. 3. cap. 5. No man ought to be condemned without answer, &c. which they might have certified, but facta tenent multa, quæ fieri prohibentur; the act of Attainder being passed by Parliament, did bind, as they resolved. The party against whom this was intended, was never called in question, but the first man after the said resolution, that was so attainted, and never called to answer, was the said Earl of Essex; whereupon that erroneous and vulgar opinion amongst our Historians grew, that he died by the same law which he himself had made. The rehearsal of the said Attainder can work no prejudice, for that I am confidently persuaded, that such honourable and worthy members shall be from time to time of both Houses of Parliament, as never any such Attainder, where the party is forth coming, shall be had hereafter without hearing of him.

<sup>a</sup> Nunquid lex nostra judicat hominem, nisi prius audierit ab ipso, & cognoverit quid faciat? Doth our law judge any man, before it hear him and know what he doth? <sup>b</sup> It is not the manner of the Romans to deliver any man to die, before that he which is accused have the accusers face to face, and have licence to answer for himself concerning the crime laid against him.

<sup>c</sup> Ait Josua ad Acab, Fili mi, da gloriam domino Deo Israel, & confitere mihi quid feceris, ne abscondas.

<sup>d</sup> Interrogatus Levita maritus mulieris interfectæ quomodo tantum scelus peccatum esset, &c. And the conclusion is after hearing and discerning the cause, consider, consult, and then give sentence.

<sup>e</sup> And as evil was the proceeding in Parliament against Sir John Mortimer; third son of Edmond the second Earl of March (descended from Lionell Duke of Clarence) who was indicted of high Treason for certain words, in effect, that Edmond Earl of March should be King by right of inheritance, and that he himself was next rightfull heir to the Crown after the said Earl of March; wherefore if the said Earl would not take it upon him, he would: and that he would goe into Wales, and raise an Army of 20000. men, &c. which indictment (without any arraignment or pleading) being meerly fained to blemish the title of the Mortimers, and withall being insufficient in law, as by the same appeareth, was confirmed by Authority of Parliament: the said Sir John being brought into the Parliament without arraignment or answer, judgement in Parliament was given against him upon the said indictment; That he should be carried to the Tower of London, and drawn through the City to Tiborn, and there hanged, drawn and quartered, his head to be set on London bridge, and his four quarters on the four gates of London, as by the Record of Parliament appeareth.

### The proceeding in Parliament against Absents.

The ancient law and custome of the Parliament was, that when any man was to be charged in Parliament with any crime or offence, or misdemeanour, the Kings Writ was directed to the Sherif to summon and injoin the party to appear before the King in the next Parliament. For example.

**D**ominus Rex mandavit Vic' quod assumptis secum quatuor de discretioribus & leg' militibus Com' sui in propria persona sua accederet ad Nicholaum de Segrave, & ipsum in presentia predictorum militum summon' & ex parte domini regis firmiter ei injungeret quod esset coram domino rege in proximo Parliament' suo apud Westm' in primo adventu domini regis ibidem ad audiendam voluntatem ipsius domini regis super hiis, que tunc ibidem proponere intenderet vers. eum, & ad faciendum & recipiendum ulterius quod curia domini regis consideraret in premissis. Et Vic' modo mandavit quod assumptis secum Thoma Wale, Waltero filio Roberti

de

<sup>a</sup> Lex Divina.  
John 7. v. 15.  
Deut. c. 17. v. 10.  
& ca. 19. v. 15.  
Mat. Par. 18 Joh-  
hannis 273.  
*In civile videtur*  
*& contra Canones*  
*esse in hominem*  
*absentem non vocatum, non*  
*convictum nec*  
*confessu ferre sententiam.* Hereof  
see paulo postea.  
<sup>b</sup> Acts 25. 16.  
Gen. 3. 9. Dixit  
dominus, Adam  
ubi es. Vide Gen.  
18 21. Ecclesi-  
asticus 11. 7, 8.  
<sup>c</sup> Praxis Sancti  
Josua. 7. 19. 22,  
23. &c.  
<sup>d</sup> Jud. 20. 3.  
<sup>e</sup> Rot. Par. 2 H. 6.  
nu. 18.

Placita in Par-  
liamento domini  
Regis, Ann<sup>o</sup> E. 1.  
33. Northampton.

*de Daventry, Roberto de Gray de Wollaston, & Radulpho de Normavill quatuor milit', &c. in propria persona sua accessit apud Stowe ad manerium pred'cti Nicholai, et in presentia eorundem militum summon' predictum Nicholaum, & ei firmiter injunxit quod esset coram domino rege in isto Parlamento nunc juxta formam & tenorem mandati pred', &c.*

*Almaricus de Sancto Amando, Magister Johannes de Sancto Amando Willielmus de monte acuto, Richardus Attehaw constabularius castr' Oxon' Ric'us de Hurle, Thomas de Carleton capellanus, Iohannes de Ros, Iohannes de Trenbrigg, Willielmus Attewarde frater ejus, & Philippus de Wigenton attachiat' fuerunt per Vic' in castro Oxon' per praecept' domini regis responsur' eidem domino regi in Parlamento suo in Crastino Sancti Mathaei Apostoli Anno regni sui xxxiiii. super quibusdam criminibus & transgressionibus infra scriptis, & inde per manucaptionem sufficient' adjornat' coram ipso domino rege hic ad hunc diem, scilicet a die Pasche in xv. dies, &c.*

¶ *As writ might be directed to the party himself, when any complaint was made against him, De injuriis, gravaminibus, aut molestationibus, to appear in his proper person before the King and his Councill, &c. As for example:*

*Dominus Rex mandavit breve suum Roberto de Burghersh in haec verba. Edwardus Dei gratia, &c. Dilecto et fideli suo Roberto de Burghersh constabular' castr' sui Dover et custod' suo quinque portuum, Salutem. Quia dilectus nobis in Christo Abbas de Faveresham & Robertus de Gurne balivus suus ejusdem villae coram concilio nostro apud Eborum existente de diversis injuriis, gravaminibus et molestationibus eis per vos voluntar' et absq' causa rationabili multipliciter illatis graves querimonias deposuerunt, petentes instanter ut eis super hoc fieri faceremus remedium opportunum; propter quod dedimus eis diem coram nobis et concilio nostro a die Pasch. in xv. dies, &c. ad querelas suas predictas tunc ostendend', et ad faciend' super hoc ulterius et recipiend' quod iustitia suaderet: Vobis mandamus, quod in propria persona vestra sitis coram nobis et concilio nostro ad diem predict' praefatis Abbati et balivis suis super praemissis respons' factur' et receptur' quod curia nostra consideraverit in hac parte, & ab injuriis, gravaminibus, molestationibus et distractionibus indebitis praefatis Abbati et balivis suis interim inferendis penitus desistendo. Et habeatis ibi hoc breve. Teste me ipso apud Linliscu xxx. die Ianuarii, Anno regni nostri xxx. Virtute cujus brevis predictus Robertus venit, et breve illud protulit ad diem in eodem contentum. Et predictus Abbas venit et querelas suas protulit in quodam rotulo scriptas, et quas in curia hic querelando ostendit et legere fecit, de quibus prima est haec, &c.*

Placita coram domino rege, Pas. 33 E. 1. Rot. 19. Oxon.

Placita coram Rege apud Cantuar' de Termino Pasce. Anno regni regis E. 1. 30. Consimile breve ubi supra eadem Roberto de Burghersh ad festam Majoris & Baronum quinque portuum.

¶ *How they which absent themselves shall be proceeded withall, Vide 50 E. 3. nu. 37. Adam Buries case, 2. parte Patent. 21 R. 2. nu. 15, 16. Rot. Par. 17 R. 2. nu. 28. 11 H. 4. nu. 37, 38. 15 H. 6. nu. 4. 33 H. 6. fo. 17. Sit John Pilkingtons case.*

¶ *And where by order of law a man cannot be attainted of high treason, unless the offence be in law high treason, he ought not to be attainted by generall words of high treason by Authority of Parliament (as sometime hath been used) but the high treason ought to be specially expressed, seeing that the Court of Parliament is the highest and most honourable Court of Justice, and ought (as hath been said) give example to inferiour Courts.*

¶ *There was an Act of Parliament made in the 11 year of King H. 7. which had a fair flattering preamble, pretending to avoid divers mischiefs, which were, 1. To the high displeasure of Almighty God. 2. The great let of the*

25 H. 8. ca. 12. Eliz. Barton, and others. And see the Act of the Attender of the Lord Cromwell, Anno 32 H. 8. ubi supra. A mischievous Act with a flattering Preamble in 11 H. 7.

Common law, and 3. The great let of the wealth of this land: And the Purvien of that Act tended in the execution contrary, *ex diametro*, viz. to the high displeasure of Almighty God, the great let, nay the utter subversion of the Common law, and the great let of the wealth of this land, as hereafter shall manifestly appear. Which Act followeth in these words:

11 H. 7. ca. 3.

**T**He King our Sovereign Lord calling to his remembrance that many good Statutes and Ordinances be made for the punishment of riots, unlawfull assemblies, reteinders in giving and receiving of liveries, signs and tokens unlawfully, extortions, maintenances, imbracery, excessive taking of wages contrary to the Statute of Labourers and Artificers, the use of unlawfull games, inordinate Apparell, and many other great enormities and offences, which been committed and done daily contrary to the good statutes, for many and divers behoofull considerations severally made and ordained, to the displeasure of Almighty God, and the great let of the Common law, and wealth of this land, notwithstanding that generally by the Justices of the Peace in every shire within this Realm in the open Sessions is given in charge to enquire of many offences committed contrary to divers of the said Statutes, and divers enquests thereupon there straitly sworn, and charged before the said Justices to enquire of the premisses, and therein to present the troth which any letted to be found by imbracery, maintenance, corruption and favour; by occasion whereof the said Statutes be not, nor cannot be put in due execution: For reformation whereof, for so much that before this time the said offences, extortions, contempts, and other the premisses might not, nor as yet may be conveniently punished by the due order of the law, except it were first found and presented by the verdict of twelve men thereto duly sworn, which for the causes afore rehearsed will not find nor yet present the truth: Wherefore be it by the advice and assent of the Lords Spirituall and Temporall, and the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by authority of the same enacted, ordained and established, that from henceforth as well the Justices of Assise in the open Sessions to be holden afore them, as the Justices of Peace in every County of the said Realm, <sup>a</sup> upon information for the King before them to be made, have full power and authority <sup>b</sup> by their discretion to hear and determine all offences and contempts committed and done by any person or persons against the form, Ordinance and effect of <sup>c</sup> any statute made and not repealed, and that the said Justices upon the said information have full power and authority to award and make like processe against the said offenders and every of them, as they should or might make against such person or persons as been present and indicted before them of trespasse done contrary to the Kings peace, and the said offender, or offenders duly to punish according to the purport, form, and effect of the said Statutes. Also be it enacted by the said Authority, that the person which shal give the said information for the King shall by the discretion of the said Justices content and pay to the said person or persons against whom the said information shall be so given his reasonable costs and dammages in that behalf sustained, if that it be tried or found against him, that so giveth or maketh any

<sup>a</sup> Upon information without any indictment.

<sup>b</sup> By their discretion, and not *secundum legem & consuetudinem Angl.* as all proceedings ought to be.

<sup>c</sup> Obsolete statutes and all, and specially such as time had so altered from the original cause of the making thereof, as either they could not at all, or very hardly be observed and kept.



any such information. Provided always, that any such information extend not to treason, murder, or felony, nor to any other offence, wherefore any person shall lose life, or member, nor to lose by nor upon the same information any lands, tenements, goods or chattels to the party making the same information. Provided also that the said informations shall not extend to any person dwelling in any other shire, then there, as the said information shall be given or made, saving to every person and persons, cities, and towns, all their liberties and franchises to them and every of them of right belonging and appertaining.

But it extended to a Premunire, misprision of treason, &c.

By pretext of this law Empson and Dudley did commit upon the Subject unsufferable pressures and oppressions, and therefore this statute was justly soon after the decease of H. 7. repealed at the next Parliament after his decease, by the statute of 1 H. 8. ca. 6.

1 H. 8. ca. 6.

A good caveat to Parliaments to leave all causes to be measured by the golden and straight metwand of the law, and not to the uncertain and crooked cord of discretion.

It is not almost credible to foresee, when any Marine, or Fundamentall law of this Realm is altered (as elsewhere hath been observed) what dangerous inconveniences doe follow, which most expressly appeareth by this most unjust and strange Act of 11 H. 7. for hereby not only Empson and Dudley themselves, but such Justices of Peace (corrupt men) as they caused to be authorized, committed most grievous and heavy oppressions and exactions, grinding of the face of the poor Subjects by penall laws (be they never so obsolete or unfit for the time) by information only without any presentment or triall by Jury being the ancient birthright of the Subject, but to hear and determine the same by their discretion, inflicting such penalty, as the statutes not repealed imposed: These and other like oppressions and exactions by or by the means of Empson and Dudley and their instruments, brought infinite treasures to the Kings Cofers, whereof the King himself in the end with great grief and compunction repented, as in \* another place we have observed.

See the 2. part of the Institutes, W. 1. ca. 26. See the Preface to the 4. part of the Reports. The danger ensuing by alteration of any of the Maximes of the law.

This statute of 11 H. 7. we have recited, and shewed the just inconveniences thereof, to the end, that the like should never hereafter be attempted in any Court of Parliament. And that others might avoid the fearfull end of those two time-servers, Empson and Dudley. Qui eorum vestigia insistant, eorum exitus perhorrescant.

\* In the Chapter of the Court of Wards and Liveries.

See the statute of 8 E. 4. ca. 2. the Statute of Liveries, an Information, &c. by the discretion of the Judges to stand as an original, &c. This Act is deservedly repealed.

Vide 12 R. 2. cap. 13. Punishment by discretion, &c. Vide 5 H. 4. ca. 6. 8. See the \* Commission of Sewers. Discretion ought to be thus described. Discretio est discernere per legem quid sit justum. And this description is proved by the Common law of the land, for when a Jury doe doubt of the law, and desire to doe that which is just, they find the speciall matter, and the entry is, Et super tota materia, &c. petunt discretionem Justiciariorum, and sometime, advisamentum & discretionem Justiciariorum in premissis, &c. that is, they desire that the Judges would discern by law what is just, and give judgement accordingly.

\* Lib. 5. fo. 100. Rooks case. Lib. 10. fo. 128. &c.

Pl. Com. 348. Barnards case.

## Acts against the power of the Parliament subsequent bind not.

1 H. 4. nu. 144.  
 21 R. 2. nu. 20. repealed by 1 H. 4. ca. 3.  
 1 H. 4. nu. 48.  
 Vid. 7 H. 4. nu. 37.

An Article of the Statute made in 11 R. 2. cap. 5. is, that no person should attempt to revoke any Ordinance then made, is repealed, for that such restraint is against the jurisdiction and power of the Parliament, the liberty of the subject, and unreasonable. And likewise the last Will and Testament of King R. 2. under the Great Seal, Privy Seal, and Privy Signet, whereby he devised certain money, treasure, &c. to his successors upon condition to observe all the Acts and orders at the Parliament holden in Anno 21 of his reign, was holden unjust and unlawfull, for that it restrained the Sovereign liberty of the Kings his Successors.

21 R. 2. ca. 16.  
 21 R. 2. nu. 44.

Sundry Lords of Parliament (but no Bishops) or six of them, and certain Knights of shires of the Commons or three of them are authorized by Authority of Parliament to examine, answer, and plainly determine all the Petitions exhibited in that Parliament, and the matters contained in the same by their good advice and discretion, &c. The high power of a Parliament to be committed to a few is holden to be against the dignity of a Parliament, and that no such Commission ought to be granted.

1 H. 4. nu. 70.

An Act in 11 R. 2. ca. 3. that no man against whom any judgment, or forfeiture was given should sue for pardon or grace, &c. was holden to be unreasonable without example, and against the law and custome of Parliament, and therefore that branch by Authority of Parliament was adnichaled, and made void.

2 H. 4. ca. 22.  
 Vide 21 R. 2. nu. 44.

Also I find that in times past the Houses of Parliament have not been clearly dealt withall, but by cunning artifice of words utterly deceived, and that in cases of greatest moment, even in case of High Treason, as taking one example for a warning in like cases hereafter.

26 H. 8. ca. 1.  
 Acts of Parliament ought to be plainly, and clearly, and not cunningly and darkly penned, specially in criminal causes.

King H. 8. after the Clergy of England had in their Convocations acknowledged him Supreme Head of the Church of England, thought it no difficult matter to have the same corroborated and confirmed by Authority of Parliament, but withall secretly and earnestly desired that the Impugnors and deniers thereof, though it were but by word, might incur the offence of High Treason, and finding the one, that is, the acknowledgement of his Supremacy likely to have good passage, and having little hope upon that which he found to effect the other concerning High Treason, sought to have it passe in some other Act by words closely couched, though the former Act of Supremacy had been the proper place. \* And therefore in the Act of recognition of his Supremacy it is enacted, that he should have annexed and united to the Crown of this Realm the Title and Stile thereof: \* and afterwards towards the end of the Parliament, a bill was preferred whereby many offences be High Treason, and thereby it is enacted, That if any person or persons by <sup>a</sup> word or writing, 1 practise or attempt any bodily harm to the King, the <sup>b</sup> Queen or their heirs apparant, 2 or to <sup>c</sup> deprive them or any of them, of their dignity, <sup>d</sup> title, or name of their royall estates, 3 or that the King should be an <sup>e</sup> Heretique, Schismaticque, Tyrant, Infidell, or Usurper of the Crown, &c. that every such persons so offending should be adjudged Traytors, &c. So as now by this latter Act, he that by word or writing attempts to deprive the King of the title of his royall estate is a Traytor, but the former Act had annexed to the Crown the title of the stile of Supremacy, and therefore he that should by word or writing attempt to deprive the King thereof should be a Traytor. And <sup>f</sup> upon this law of 26 H. 8. ca. 13. for denying of the Kings Supremacy divers suffered death as in case of High Treason, whereas all laws, especially penall, and principally those that are penall in the highest degree ought to be so plainly and perspicuously penned, as every Member of both Houses may understand the same, and according to his knowledge and conscience give his voice. <sup>h</sup> *Erit autem lex honesta, justa, possibilis, secundum naturam & secundum consuetudinem patriæ, temporique conveniens, necessaria & utilis, manifesta quoque, ne aliquid per obscuritatem incautum cap-*

\* 26 H. 8. ca. 1.  
 \* 26 H. 8. ca. 13.  
 a By word, &c. this by construction referres to the 2. clause.  
 b Shadowed with the Queen or Prince.  
 c Deprive, an obscure word.  
 d Note th's word [title] in the former Act.  
 e Parker B. of Cant. *Lib. de Antiquitate Brit. Ecclesiæ. Clorus animo toto obstupuit, nondum enim quid scio. hic nrovis zelus titulus, aut quorsum tenderit, prospexit, &c.*  
 f But this Act lived not long, for twic it was repealed, viz. by 1 E. 6. c. 12. & 1 Mar. c. 1.  
 g What qualities laws ought to have.  
 h *Idor. 2 Ety. n. ol.*

tionē contrudat, nullo privato commodo, sed pro communi civium utilitate conscripta, ideo in ipsa constitutione ista consideranda sunt, quia cum leges institutæ fuerint non erit liberum arbitrium judicare de ipsis, sed oportebit judicare secundum ipsas, which be excellent rules for all Parliaments to follow. But the Statute of 5 Eliz. ca. 1. hath concerning the Supremacy dealt plainly and perspicuously as by the same appeareth.

5 Eliz. ca. 1.  
Exod. 4. 16. Tu,  
i. Moses eris ei i.

Aaron, in hiis quæ ad deum pertinent, &c. Exod. 32. 15, 16. Moses custos utriusque tabule. Numb. 10. 1, 2. Moses Custos utriusque tabule. Joshua 24. 1. Congregavit Joshua, &c. 28. dimisit. 1 Chron. 15. 4. 1 Chron. 16. 43. Rex David, 2 Chron. 5. 2. Rex Solomon. 2 Chron. 29. 15. &c. Ezekias. Nota. 1 Sam. 15. 17 Et ait Samuel ad Saul, nonne tuus parvulus es? and the Tribe of Levi was one. 1 Maccab. 14. 44. See hereafter ca. 7. 4.

And albeit it appeareth by these examples, and many other that might be brought, what transcendent power and authority this Court of Parliament hath, yet though divers Parliaments have attempted to barre, restrain, suspend, qualifie, or make void subsequent Parliaments, yet could they never effect it, for the latter Parliament hath ever power to abrogate, suspend, qualifie, explain, or make void the former in the whole or in any part thereof, notwithstanding any words of restraint, prohibition, or penalty in the former: for it is a maxime in the law of the Parliament, quod leges posteriores priores contrarias abrogant.

Subsequent Parliaments cannot be restrained by the former.  
43 E. 3. ca. 1.  
11 H. 7. ca. 1.  
28 H. 8. ca. 17.  
1 E. 6. ca. 11.  
Lib. 4. fo. 46. the  
B. of Cant. case.

*Acts of Parliament enrolled in other Courts.*

For the better observation of any Act of Parliament enacted for the Commonwealth, or of a Petition of right, or Judgment in Parliament, or the like, and to encourage the Judges that the same may be duly executed, the same may be enrolled in the Courts of Justice in this manner. The tenor of the Record must be removed into the Chancery by writ of Certiorari, and delivered into the Kings Bench by the hands of the Chancellor or Lord Keeper, and sent by Mittimus to the Court of Common pleas, and by like Mittimus into the Exchequer, and the King by his writ may command any Court to observe and firmly to keep such an Act of Parliament, as it appeareth by these two precedents, *Ex Rotulo Claus. Anno 28 E. 1. m. 2. Dors.* Rex Thesaurar' & Baronibus suis de Scaccar' Salutē, Quia volumus quod Magna Carta domini Henrici quondam Regis Angliæ patris nostri de libertatibus Angliæ quam confirmavimus & etiam innovavimus in omnibus & singulis articulis suis firmiter & inviolabiliter observerent. Vobis mandamus quod Cartam prædictam in omnibus & singulis suis articulis quantum in vobis est coram vobis in dicto Scaccario observari faciatis firmiter & teneri. T. R. apud Dunfres 23. die Octobris.

Int. Placita Patl.  
18 E. 1. Rot. 18.  
Ibid. 20 E. 1.  
Magnum Placitū  
int. Com. Gloc'  
& Com. Heref.  
& Essex irr. Rot.  
Claus. An. 28 E. 1.  
in Dors. irr. le  
Magna Carta.  
Pasch. 33 E. 1.  
Rot. Par. Nich.  
Segraves case,  
Rot. 22.  
Tr. 12 E. 2. Ro. 60.  
de itr. Perition  
in Parliament, al  
banke le Roy.

Rex Justic' suis de Banco Salutem: Cum in alleviationem gravaminum quæ populus regni nostri occasione guerrarum hætenus toleravit, ac in emendationem status ejusdem populi, nec non ut ex hoc se exhibeat ad nostra servicia promptiorem, nobisque in agendis nostris libentius subsidium faciat in futurum, quosdam articulos eidem populo plurimum (annuente Domino) profuturos de gratia nostra speciali duxerimus concedendos. Vobis mandamus quod dictos articulos quos vobis mittimus sigillo nostro consignatos coram vobis in banco prædicto quantum in vobis est juxta vim, formam & effectum eorundem observari faciatis firmiter & teneri. T. R. apud Dunfres 30. die Octobris.

*Every Member of the Parliament ought to come.*

Every Lord Spirituall and Temporall, and every Knight, Citizen and Burgesse shall upon Summons come to the Parliament, except he can reasonably, and honestly excuse himself, or else he shall be amerced, &c. that is, respectively, a Lord by the Lords, and one of the Commons by the Commons.

By the Statute of 6 H. 8. ca. 16. no Knight, Citizen or Burgesse of the House of Commons shall depart from the Parliament without licence of the Speaker and Commons, the same to be entred of record in the book of the Clerk of the Parliament, upon pain to lose their wages.

5 R. 2. Stat. 2. c. 4.  
Rot. Par. 31 H. 6.  
nu. 46. fines were  
set, &c.  
If any of the  
Lords or Com-  
mons come not,  
&c. they shall be  
fined.

Vi. 3 E. 3. 18. sup.  
If any of the  
Lords or Com-  
mons depart, &c.  
they shall be fined  
1 & 2 Ph & M.  
Rot. 48. ut sup.  
\* 5 R. 2. Stat. 2. ca.  
4.

If a Lord depart from Parliament without license, it is an offence done out of the Parliament, and is punishable by the Lords: and so it is of a Member of the House of Commons, he may be fined by the House of Commons. Vide 1 & 2 Ph. & Mar. coram rege. Rot. 48. divers informations by the Attorney General for departing without license; ut supra.

\* The punishment of Sheriffs for their negligence in returning of Writs, or for leaving out of their returns any City or Borough which ought to send Citizens and Burgesses.

### Advice concerning new and plausible projects and offers in Parliament.

See before pa. 14  
Rot. Par. 13 E. 3.

When any plausible project is made in Parliament to draw the Lords and Commons to assent to any Act (especially in matters of weight and importance) if both Houses do give upon the matter projected and promised their consent, it shall be most necessary, they being trusted for the Common-wealth, to have the matter projected and promised (which moved the Houses to consent) to be established in the same act, lest the benefit of the Act be taken, and the matter projected and promised never performed, and so the Houses of Parliament performe not the trust reposed in them. As it fell out (taking one example for many) in the reign of H. 8. On the Kings behalfe the Members of both Houses were informed in Parliament, that no King or Kingdome was safe, but where the King had three abilities. First, To live of his own, and able to defend his kingdome upon any sudden invasion or insurrection. 2. To aide his confederates, otherwise they would never assist him. 3. To reward his well deserving servants. Now the project was, that if the Parliament would give unto him all the Abbies, Priors, Friories, Punnertes, and other Monasteries, that for ever in time then to come, he would take order that the same should not be converted to private use: But first, that his Exchequer for the purposes aforesaid should be enriched. Secondly, the Kingdome strengthened by a continuall maintenance of 40 thousand well trained souldiers with skillfull Captains and Commanders. Thirdly, for the benefit and ease of the Subject, who never afterwards (as was projected) in any time to come should be charged with Subsidies, Fifteenths, Loanes, or other common aides. Fourthly, lest the honour of the Realme should receive any diminution of honour by the dissolution of the said Monasteries, there being 29 Lords of Parliament of the Abbots and Priors (that held of the King per Baroniam, whereof more in the next lease) that the King would create a number of Nobles, which we omit. The said Monasteries were given to the King by authority of divers Acts of Parliament, but no provision was therein made for the said project, or any part thereof; \* only ad faciend' populum these possessions were given to the King his heirs and successors to do and use therewith his and their own wils, to the pleasure of Almighty God, and the honour and profit of the Realme.

27 H. 8. de mona-  
steries, & 31 H. 8.  
cap. 13. 32 H. 8.  
cap. 14.  
\* 27 H. 8. cap. 28.

32 H. 8. ca. 23. 50.  
34 H. 8. cap. 16. &  
27.  
37 H. 8. cap. 24.

Now observe the Catastrophe; in the same Parliament of 32 H. 8. when the great and opulent Priory of Saint Johns of Jerusalem was given to the King, he demanded and had a Subsidie both of the Clergie and Laity. And the like he had in 34 H. 8. and in 37 H. 8. he had another Subsidie. And since the dissolution of the said Monasteries he exacted divers loanes, and against law received the same.

### Whom the King may call to the Lords House of Parliament.

Rot. Claus. in  
derf. 10 H. 7.  
20 Septemb.  
Writs to divers  
ad ordinem militiae  
de Balno suscipi-  
end. juxta anti-  
quam consuetudinem in creatione usitatam. \* Of regular Prelats that hold per Baroniam.

If the King by his Writ calleth any Knight or Esquire to be a Lord of the Parliament, he cannot refuse to serve the King there in communi illo Concilio, for the good of his country. But if the King had called an \* Abbot, Prior, or other regular Prelate by Writ to the Parliament to the Common Council of the Realme, if he held not of the King per Baroniam, he might refuse to serve in

Parliament, because quoad secularia, he was mortuus in lege, and therefore not capable to have place and voice in Parliament, unlesse he did hold per Baroniam, and were to that Common Councell called by Writ, which made him capable: and though such a Prelat Regular had been often called by Writ, and had de facto had place & voice in Parliament, yet if in rei veritate he held not per Baroniam, he ought to be discharged of that service, and to sit in Parliament no more.

<sup>a</sup> For that the Abby of Leicester was founded by Robert Fitz-Rober Carle of Leicester (albeit the patronage came to the Crowne by the forfeiture of Simon de Mountford Carle of Leic.) yet being of a Subjects foundation, it could not be holden per Baroniam, and therefore the Abbot had no capacity to be called to the Parliament, and thereupon the King did grant, quod idem Abbas & successores sui de veniendo ad Parliamenta & concilia nostra vel hæredum nostrorum quieti sint & exonerati imperpetuum.

<sup>b</sup> De jure & consuetudine Angliæ ad Archidiaconatum Cantuariensem, &c. Abbates, Priores, aliosq; Prælatos quoscunque per Baroniam de domino rege tenentes pertinet in Parliamentis regis quibuscunque ut Pares regni prædicti personaliter interesse, ibiq; de regni negotiis ac aliis tractari consuetis cum cæteris dicti regni Patribus ac aliis ibidem jus interessendi habentibus consulere & tractare, ordinare, statuerè, & diffinire, ac cætera facere quæ Parliamenti tempore ibid. immunitur faciend'.

No man ought to sit in that High Court of Parliament, but he that hath right to sit there: for it is not only a personall offence in him that sitteth there without authority, but a publick offence to the Court of Parliament, and consequently to the whole Realme. But all the cases abovesaid, and others that might be remembred touching this point, as little Rivers, do flow from the fountaine of Modus tenendi Parliamentum, where it is said. Ad Parliamentum summoneri & venire debent ratione tenuræ suæ omnes & singuli Archiepiscopi, Episcopi, Abbates, Priores & alii majores cleri qui tenent per comitatum vel baroniam ratione hujusmodi tenuræ, & nulli minores, nisi eorum præsentia necessaria vel utilis reparetur, &c.

One rare and strange creation of a Lord regular of Parliament we cannot passe over, which was, That King H. 8. in the fifth year of his reign, by his Letters Patents under the Great Seale, did grant unto Richard Banham Abbot of Tavestock in the County of Devon, being of his patronage, and to the successors of the said Abbot, ut eorum quilibet, qui pro tempore ibidem fuerit Abbas, sic & erit unus de spiritualibus & religiosis dominis Parliamenti nostri, hæredum & successorum nostrorum, gaudend' honore, privilegio & libertatibus ejusdem.

By that which hath been said, it appeareth that this creation of a regular Lord of Parliament was void, for that the Abbot was neither Baro, nor had Baroniam, &c. And if the King might create Abbots or Priors Lords of Parliament in this manner, by the same reason he might create Deans and Archdeacons Lords of Parliament, which without question he cannot.

By the Act of Parliament of 10 H. 2. called the Assise of Clarendon, it is declared, Ut pars consuetudinum & libertatum antecessorum Regis, viz. Henrici primi & aliorum, quæ observari debent in regno & ab omnibus teneri, viz. Archiepiscopi, Episcopi, & universæ personæ regni, qui de rege tenent in capite habent possessiones suas de rege sicut baroniam, & inde respondeant Justiciariis & ministris regis, & sequantur & faciant omnes consuetudines regias, & sicut cæteri barones debent interesse judiciis Curie regis cum baronibus, cuousq; per veniantur ad diminutionem membrorum vel ad mortem. So as by this Act a tenure of the King in chiefe was in equipage with a Barony.

And King John by his great Charter of liberties made Anno 17 of his reigne, granteth, Quod faciemus summoneri Archiepiscopos, Episcopos, Abbates, Comites, & Majores Barones regni singulatim per literas nostras. Out of this Clause we are to observe these things: First, that these Barons called here Majores, were Lords of Parliament, and called thereunto by the Kings Writs. Secondly; that they were called Majores comparatively, and that was in respect

And so was it adjudged in the Parliament at York, An. 12 E. 2. in the case of the Abbot of S. James extra Northamp. Stanf. pl. cor. 153. 2. a Kor. pat. An. 26 E. 3. part 1. m. 22 See Rot. claus. in dorf. 11 E. 3. part 2. m. 11. Religions que teignent per Barony sont tenus de venir au Parliament Vid. ibid. 13 E. 3. part 2. m. 28 & 1. b Kor. pat. 11 R. 2. part 1. m. 2. Artic. 34.

Modus tenendi Parl. ca. 2. This is *infra* explained by the Assise of Clarendon.

10 H. 2. cap. 11. Mat. Par. 97 Assise de Clarendon

Rot. Parl. 11 & 21 R. 2.

Carr. libertat. a Rege Johanne Anno 17 regni sui concess. Mat. Par. 343.

\* Nota, a Knights fee is the service of a Knight, that is of a man at Arms, or of war. Hereof see the second part of the Instit. cap. de Militibus. 1 E. 2. Inter leges Edw. cap. 21. Ib. ca. 9.  
\* 1. Curiam Baronis. Glanv. li. 8. cap. 11. acc. Brañ. li. 3. 154. b. Camd. Brit. 121.

of others which were called Barones minores, or Nobiles minores, and were Freeholders that \* hold by Knights Service and Escuage. i. Servitium scuti, of three sorts, viz. Milites, Armigeri, & Generosi. Knights, Esquires, and Gentlehomes, or Gentlemen. These Barones minores were Lords of Mannors, and had not the dignity of Lords, but had Courts of their Freeholders, which to this day are called Court Barons, Curia Baroniar'. Of this Baron it is said in that law made by King Edward before the Conquest: Barones qui suam habent Curiam de suis hominibus, videant ut sic de eis agant, quatenus erga deum reatum non incurrant, & regem non offendant.

Baro à Bar, Germanica lingua liberum & sui juris significat, 1. Which agreeth well with that which hath been said. 2. That Baro major was called Baro major regni. 3. That every greater Baron was severally summoned by the Kings Writ, which continueth to this day.

### The fees of the Knights, Citizens, and Burgeses of Parliament.

Indors. clauf. An. 46 E. 3. nu. 4. Rot. clauf. 7 R. 2. nu. 1. de expensis milit. Regist. fo. 192. a. acc.

*Nota, Veniendo, Morando, Redeundo, per diem 4 s. Par. 51 E. 3. nu. 45 35 H. 8. cap. 1.*

See the ancient Treatise, De modo tenendi Parl. a Regist. f. 192. a See the stat. of 12 R. 2. ca. 12 & see 23 H. 6. ca. 11. how the Sheriffe shall levie the same.

See 8 R. 2. tit. Avowrie 260. what the Common law was.

b Nota; de communicate.

Vid. sup. pa. 1. For the legall understanding of this word Commons.

c Rot. Par. 1 R. 2. nu. 11.

d Regist. 261. 7 H. 6. 35 b. F. N. B. 14 E.

e Regist. 191, 192. 12 R. 2. ca. 12.

f 34 H. 8. ca. 24. 9 H. 6. nu. 46.

g Rot. Par. 1 H. 5 nu. 26. b Nota, for presidents. i Regist. 261. F. N. B. 229. a. k Vid. sup. pa. 4. 5. \* Parl. An. 4 E. 3. apud Winton. whereof there is no Roll now remaining.

First, for the Knight of any County it is 4 s. per diem, and so it hath been time out of mind, which is particularly expressed in many Records, but let us take one in hæc verba, Johannes Shordich unus militum comitatus Middlesex venientium ad Parliamentum tent' apud Westm' in C'ro. Animarum ultim' præterit' habet allocationem 4 li. & 4 s. pro 21 diebus pro expensis suis veniendo ad Parliament' prædict' ibid. morando, & exinde ad propria redeundo, capiendo per diem 4 s. Teste Rege apud Westm' 24 die Novemb. Anno 46. Every Citizen and Burgesse is to have 2 s. per diem, ut supra, muratis murandis.

a Nota the Writ De expensis militum, &c. doth comprehend the summe according to the abovesaid computation, and a commandement to the Sheriffe to levie the same b De communicate comitarus prædict' tam infra libertates, quam extra. (Civitatibus & Burgis de quibus cives & burgeses ad parliamentum nostrum, &c. venerunt duntaxat exceptis.) The like Writs to the Sheriffes De expensis civium & Burgenium, to levie the same in Cities and Boroughs.

c An. 1 R. 2. nu. 11, the Commons petitioned in Parliament, that all persons having Lay fee might contribute to the charge of the Knights, and to all tallages. The King answered, [The Lords of the Realm wil not lose their old liberties,] Note the Writ is De communicate.

d Also there is a Writ in the register De expensis militis non levandis ab hominib' de antiquo dnico, nec ab nativis. e Other discharges De expensis militū.

f For the wages of the Knights of the Shire of Cambridge see the statute of 34 H. 8. cap. 24. Consimile pro Insula de Ely, &c.

g H. 4. An. 14, of his reigne summoned a Parliament C'ro. Purificationis, and he deceased 20 Martii following, so as the Parliament was dissolved by his decease. Whereupon it was a question, whether the Knights and Burgeses should have their wages seeing nothing passed in that Parliament. And it was resolved, that if upon view of the Kings h Records any like presidents may be found, allowances of their fees shal be made. i Also the Clergy were contributory by reason of their Benefices to the expences of the procurators of the Clergy.

k But Chaplains which are Masters of the Chancery and attendants at the Parliament, shal not be contributory by reason of their Benefices to the expences of the Clergy, as by the Register ubi supra appears: and this was by an Act of Parliament made in \* 4 E. 3. which in generall woords is recited in the Writ directed to the Arch-deacon for their discharge.

### Who be eligible to be a Knight, Citizen, or Burgesse of Parliament.

A Knight Baneret being no Lord of Parliament is eligible to be Knight, Citizen, or Burgesse of the House of Commons being under the degree of a Baron, who is of the lowest degree of the Lords House. But Thomas Camois was not

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See the stat. of 5 R. 2. cap. 4. Vid. sup. pa. 4. 5. Rot. brev. 7 R. 2.

only a Knight Baneret, but a Baron and Lord of Parliament in Anno 7 R. 2. and served in that Parliament as a Baron of the Realme, and therefore as of a thing notorious he was discharged. One under the age of 21 years is not eligible, neither can any Lord of Parliament sit there untill he be of the full age of 21 years.

Dors. clauf. 7 R. 2. m. 10. & 37.

An Alien cannot be elected of the Parliament, because he is not the Kings liege subject, and so it is albeit he be made Denizen by Letters Patents, &c. for thereby he is made quasi, seu tanquam ligeus; but that will not serve, for he must be ligeus revera, and not quasi, &c. And we have had such an one chosen and disallowed by the House of Commons, because such a person can hold no place of judicature: but if an Alien be naturalized by Parliament, then he is eligible to this or any other place of judicature.

Vi. Stat. de 1 Mar. cap.

But it is objected that Gilbert de Umphrevill Earle of Andgos in Scotland, was called by the Kings Writ to the Parliament in 39 E. 3. by the name of Gilbert Earle of Andgos: and in a Writ of Ravishment of Ward brought against him, by the name of Gilbert Umphrevill Chivaler, he pleaded to the Writ, that he was Earle of Andgos not named in the Writ: and for that he was summoned to every Parliament by the name of the Earle of Andgos, and the King sent to him a Writ of Parliament under the Great Seale, as to a Peer of the land, by judgement of the Court the Writ did abate. We have searched for the truth of this case, and do finde it in the Plea Rols in this manner.

39 E. 3. 35, 36.

Richard de Umphrevill Baron of Prodhowe and Redesdale in the County of Northumberland, had issue Gilbert, who after the death of his Father was a Baron of this Realm, and in the reign of H. 3. married with Mawde daughter and heir of the Earle of Andgos in Scotland, who by her had issue Gilbert, who was Earle of Andgos as heir to his mother, and Baron of Prodhowe and Redesdale as heir to his father: he sat in Parliament upon summons by Writ in 27 E. 1. 28 E. 1. 30 E. 1. 35 E. 1. 1 E. 2. and 2 E. 2. by the name of Gilbert Earle of Andgos. Robert his sonne sat in Parliament, Anno 12 E. 2. by the same name of dignity, and so forth, all E. the Seconds reign. And Gilbert his sonne sat in Parliament in 6 E. 3. and in every Parliament following untill, and in 4 R. 2. by the same name. And in Gilbert his sonne (who deceased in Anno 15 H. 6.) that surname of Umphrevil ceased. Whereby it appeareth that the said Richard Umphrevil and his posterity, from whence soever they originally descended, were liege Englishmen: for if they had been Aliens, they could not have enjoyed the Lordships of Prodhowe, Otterborne, Harbottle, and Redesdale in England, nor the Barony of Kime in Lancashire, which the two last Gilberts enjoyed. And note, the Book in 39 E. 3. concludeth, that Gilbert Umphrevil was summoned to the Parliament under the Great Seale, Come un Pier del Realme.

All this doth appear in the Rols of Parliament in all the severall times.

These two were commonly called the Earles of Kime.

A Bishop elect may sit in Parliament as a Lord thereof.

Hil. 18 E. 1. fo. 4. nu. 105.

*Of Knights, Citizens and Burgeses of Parliament.*

None of the Judges of the Kings Bench, or Common Pleas, or Barons of the Erchequer that have judicall places can be chosen Knight, Citizen, or Burgesse of Parliament, as it is now holden, because they be assistants in the Lords House; & yet you may reade in the Parliament Roll, An. 31 H. 6. that Thorp Baron of the Erchequer was Speaker of the Parliament. But any that have judicall places in the Court of Wards, Court of Duchie, or other Courts Ecclesiasticall, or Civill, being no Lord of Parliament, are eligible.

\* Rot. Par. 31 H. 6. nu. 26, 27, 28.

Note, he could not be Speaker unless he were Knight of the Shire, &c. in the book of Burgeses of the Houle of Commons.

None of the Clergy, though he be of the lowest Order, are eligible to be Knight, Citizen, or Burgesse of Parliament, because they are of another body, viz. of the Convocation.

a Alexan. Nowels case, who after was Deane of Pauls being a Prebend. 1 Mar.

A man attainted of treason or felony, &c. is not eligible: for concerning the election of two Knights, the words of the Writ be, Duos milires gladiis cinctos magis idoneos, & discretos eligi fac. And for the election of Citizens & Burgeses,

the words of the Writ be, Duos. &c. de discretioribus & magis sufficientibus, which they cannot be said to be, when they are attainted of treason or felony, &c.

Mayors and Bailiffes of Townes Corporate are eleigible against the opinton in Brook, Anno 38 H. 8. tit' Parliament.

Any of the profession of the Common Law, and which is in practice of the same, is eligible. For he which is eligible of common right cannot be disabled by the said Ordinance in Parliament in the Lords House in 46 E. 3. unlesse it had been by Act of Parliament: and if it had been by authority of Parliament, yet had the same been abrogated by the said statutes of 5 R. 2. stat. 2. cap. 2. and 7 H. 4. cap. 15. which are generall lawes without any exception, as hath been said.

Rot. Parl. 46 E. 3. nu. 10.

5 R. 2. stat. 2. ca. 4. 7 H. 4. ca. 15.

Rot. Claus. Anno 6 H. 4.

See before pa. 10. 4 Petty Acts passed at this Parliament of little or no effect, as by the same appears.

Rot. Parl. 50 E. 3. nu. 83, an Ordinance that no Sheriffe should be Justice of peace, &c. bound not the subject untill a statute made 1 Mar. c. 8.

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At a Parliament holden at Coventry Anno 6 H. 4. the Parliament was summoned by Writ (and by colour of the said Ordinance) it was forbidden, that no Lawyer should be chosen Knight, Citizen, or Burgesse, by reason whereof this Parliament was fruitlesse, and never a good law made thereat, and therefore called Indoctum Parliamentum, or Lack-learning Parliament. And seeing these Writs were against law, Lawyers ever since (for the great and good service of the Common-wealth) have been eligible: for, as it hath been said, the Writs of Parliament cannot be altered without an Act of Parliament: and albeit the prohibitory clause had been inserted in the Writ, yet being against law, Lawyers were of right eligible, and might have been elected Knight, Citizen, or Burgesse in that Parliament of 6 H. 4.

By speciall order of the House of Commons the Attozny Generall is not eligible to be a Member of the House of Commons.

At the Parliament holden 1 Caroli Regis, the Sheriffe for the County of Buckingham was chosen Knight for the County of Dorst, and returned into the Chancery: and having a Subpena out of the Chancery served upon him, at the suit of the Lady C. pendente Parlamento, upon motion, he had the priviledge of Parliament allowed unto him by the judgement of the whole House of Commons.

### Who shall be Electors of Knights, Citizens, and Burgeses, how and when: and of Elections.

Who shall be electors, and who shall be chosen, and the time, place, and manner of election, and therein the duty of the Sheriffe, you may reade in the positive lawes of 7 H. 4. cap. 15. 11 H. 4. cap. 1. 1 H. 5. cap. 1. 8 H. 6. cap. 7. 10 H. 6. ca. 2. 23 H. 6. cap. 15. 6 H. 6. cap. 4. &c. which need not here be particularly rehearsed.

No Knight, Citizen or Burgesse can sit in Parliament before he hath taken the Oath of Supremacy.

Vide Rot. Claus. 7 R. 2. 7 Oatobris in Dorst. Sir Thomas Moreville elected one of the Knights for the County of Hertford, Ibid. James Berners chosen to serve in Parliament, and both of them discharged. See the Record.

No election can be made of any Knight of the Shire but between 8 and 11 of the clock in the forenoone: but if the election be begun within that time, and cannot be determined within those hours the election may be made after.

For the election of the Knights, if the party or the Freeholders demand the Poll, the Sheriffe cannot deny the scrutiny, for he cannot discerne who be Freeholders by the view: and though the party would waive the Poll, yet the Sheriffe must proceed in the scrutiny.

If the King doth newly incorporate an ancient Borough (which sent Burgeses to the Parliament) and granteth that certain selected Burgeses shall make election of the Burgeses of Parliament, where all the Burgeses elected before, this Charter taketh not away the election of the other Burgeses. And so, if a City, &c. hath power to make Ordinances, they cannot make an Ordinance that a lesse number shall elect Burgeses, for the Parliament then made the election before

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 3 H. 6: a further reference  
 under rot. and by the  
 show a 5 Eliz. cap. 1.  
 Mar.



before; for free elections of Members of the high Court of Parliament are pro bono publico, and not to be compared to other cases of election of Mayors, Bailiffes, &c. of Corporations, &c.

If one be duly elected Knight, Citizen, or Burgesse, and the Sheriffe returne another, the returne must be reformed, and amended by the Sheriffe: and he that is duly elected must be inserted: for the election in these cases is the foundation, and not the returne.

Rot. Parl. 5 H. 4. nu. 38.

By originall grant or by custome, a selected number of Burgessees may elect and binde the residue.

*Concerning Charters of Exemption.*

The King cannot grant a Charter of exemption to any man to be freed from election of Knight, Citizen, or Burgesse of the Parliament (as he may do of some inferiour Office or places) because the elections of them ought to be free, and his attendance is for the service of the whole Realme, and for the benefit of the King and his people, and the whole Common-wealth hath an interest therein: and therefore a Charter of exemption that King H. 6. had made to the Citizens of York of exemption in that case, was by Act of Parliament enacted and declared to be void. And though we finde some presidents that Lords of Parliament have sued out Charters of exemption from their service in Parliament, yet those Charters are holden to be void: for though they be not eligible, as is aforesaid, yet their service in Parliament is for the whole Realme, and for the benefit of the King and his people, of which service he cannot be exempted by any Letters patents. And if he hath *laxam phantasia* or be extremely sick, or the like, these be good causes of his excuse in not coming, but no cause of exemption, for he may recover his memory and health, &c. So as the said presidents were grants *de facto*, not *de jure*: for if the King cannot grant a Charter of exemption from being of the grand Assize in a Writ of right, or of a Jury in an Attaint for the mischief that may follow in those private actions, *a fortiori*, he cannot grant any exemption to a Lord of Parliament; for his service in Parliament is publick for the whole Realme. But if any Lord of Parliament be so aged, impotent, or sick, as he cannot conveniently without great danger travell to the High Court of Parliament, he may have license of the King under the Great Seale to be absent from the same during the continuance or prorogation thereof: but if the rehearfall be not true, or if he recover his health, so as he become able to travell, he must attend in Parliament. Or without any such license obtained, if he be so aged, impotent, or sick, as is aforesaid, and yet is amerced for his absence, he may reasonably and honestly excuse himselfe by the statute of 5 R. 2.

Pasc. 3 E. 3. fo. 19 tit. coron. F. 161.

29 H. 6. cap. 3.

Rot. pat. 1 part. 11 E. 3. Rot. pat. 4 part. 1 F. 4. m. 15 pro Do. Beauchamp. Rot. pat. 2 E. 4. part 2 in. 2. pro Dom. Vesey.

39 E. 3. 15. 34 H. 6. 25. 35 H. 6. 42.

5 R. 2. c. 4 stat. 2.

After the precept of the Sheriffe directed to the City or Borough for making of election, there ought *secundum legem & consuetudinem* Parliam. to be given a convenient time for the day of the election; and sufficient warning given to the Citizens or Burgessees that have voices, that they may be present: otherwise the election is not good, unlesse such as have voyces doe take notice of themselves and be present at the election.

Any election or voyces given before the precept be read and published, are void and of no force: for the same electors after the precept read and published may make a new election and alter their voyces, *secundum legem & consuetudinem* Parliamenti.

Thus much have we thought good to set down concerning Knights, Citizens, and Burgessees, because much time is spent in Parliament concerning the right of elections, &c. which might more profitably be employed pro bono publico.

Now to treat more in particular (as it hath been much desired) of the lawes, customes, liberties and priviledges of this Court of Parliament (which are the very heartstrings of the Common-wealth, whereof we have remembred some: and you may see some few other examples in the margent too long here to be

See before pag. 24. 25. \* 16 R. 2. Rot. Claus. in dor. Rot. Parl. 1 R. 2. nu. 7. 1 H. 5. nu. 9 cap. 1.

1 H. 4. nu. 143. 2 H. 4. nu. 11. 2 H. 4. ca. 1. Rot. Parl. 9 H. 4. *Indemnity des Seigneurs & Convoies.* 4 H. 8. ca. 8. ver. l. finem. a generall law. 6 H. 8. c. 6. in the Preamb.

rehearded)

2 Rot. Parl. 5 H. 4  
nu. 12.  
23 H. 6. nu. 45.  
27 H. 6. nu. 18.  
31 H. 6. nu. 26, 27  
Lamb. inter le-  
ges Edw. Confes-  
soris, ca. 3. Ad sy-  
nidis, ad capitula  
venientibus, sive  
summoniti sunt,  
sive per se quid  
agendū habuerint,  
sic summa pax.

rehearsed) would take up a whole Volume of it selfe: certain it is, as hath been said, that Curia Parlamenti suis propriis legibus subsistit.

All the Justices of England and Barons of the Exchequer are assistants to the Lords to informe them of the Common law, and thereunto are called severally by Writ, neither doth it belong to them (as hath been said) to judge of any law, custome, or priviledge of Parliament. And to say the truth, the lawes, customes, liberties, and priviledges of Parliament are better to be learned out of the Rols of Parliament, and other Records, and by presidents and continuall experience, then can be expressed by any one mans pen.

Per varios aſtus legem experientia fecit.

Multa multo exercitamentiſ facilius, quam regulis percipies.

### Consultations in Parliament for maintenance of the Navie:

In many Parliaments consultations have been had for the maintenance of the Navie of England, and remedies provided against decay of the same: as taking one example for many. In the Parliament holden in Anno 45 E. 3. the Commons amongst their petitions do affirme, that the decay of the Navie doth arise by three causes. First, for that sundry mens ships are seized for the King, long before they serve, whereby the owners are driven at their charges to find their Mariners, to their undoing. Secondly, for that Merchants, the nourishers of the Navie, are oft restrained in their shipping, whereby Mariners are driven to seek other trades and livings. Thirdly, for that the Masters of the Kings ships do take up Masters of other ships as good as their selves are, whereby the most of those ships do lye still, and the Mariners enforced to seek new livings: whereof they prayed remedy. To this petition of right the Kings royall answer was, That he would provide remedy.

The Kings Navie exceeds all others in the world for three things, viz. beauty, strength, and safety. For beauty, they are so many Royall Palaces: for strength (no part of the world having such Iron and Timber as England hath) so many moving Castles and Barbicans: And for safety, they are the most defensive walls of the Realm. Amongst the ships of other Nations, they are like Lions amongst silly Beasts, or Falcons amongst fearful fowle.

In the reign of Queen Elizabeth (I being then acquainted with this businesse) there were 33 besides Pinnaces; which so garded and regarded the navigation of the Merchants, as they had safe vent for their commodities, and trade and traffick flourished. A worthy subject for Parliaments to take into consideration, and to provide remedy as often as need shall require. For navigation, see Gen. 6. 14. Sapient. 14. 6. \* Remp. quasi navem existimare debemus, quæ omnium manibus officioq; indiget, &c. A leak in a ship is timely to be repaired: For as it is in the naturall body of Man, so it is in the politick body of the Commonwealth. Non morbus in plerisque sed morbi neglecta curatio corpus interficit. And thus much for consultations in Parliament concerning the Navie of England.

See the first part of the Institutes. Sect. 164. verb. [Veigne les Burgesſes al Parliament.] And there have been since the Conquest about 300 Sessions of Parliament, whereof divers are not printed.

In perusing over the Rols of Parliament we find first divers Acts of Parliament in print that are not of Record in the Roll of Parliament. Secondly, many Acts of Parliament that be in the Rols of Parliament, and never yet printed. Thirdly, divers Clauses omitted in the print which are in the Parliament Roll. Fourthly, more in the print then in the Record. Fifthly, many variances between the print and the Roll. Sixthly, Statutes repealed or disaffirmed, and yet printed, &c. Seventhly, whole Parliaments omitted out of the print. Eighthly, whole Parliaments repealed, or a great part.

And of every of these taking some examples; for to handle all at large would require a whole Treatise, which (we having broken the Ice) some good man and

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Rot. Parl. 45 E. 3.  
nu. 32.  
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\* Patricius, lib. 5.  
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Reipublicæ.

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As to the first, These are in print, and not of Record. \* 20 E. 3. the oath of the Judges. 27 E. 3. cap. 4, 5, 6, 7, 8. concerning the Alneger and Gascoigne Wines. 37 E. 3. cap. 7. touching silver vessel. 37 E. 3. cap. 19. of Hawks. 2 R. 2. cap. 5. of Jewes. Vid. 11 R. 2. 11. 2 R. 2. cap. 3. of fained gnifts. 7 R. 2. cap. 15. against maintenance. 9 R. 2. cap. 3. of erroz and attain. 11 R. 2. cap. 4, 5, & 6. not of Record. 13 R. 2. cap. 11. touching Clothes. 13 R. 2. cap. 19. concerning Salmons. 13 R. 2. cap. 2. touching Pilgrims. 13 R. 2. cap. 15. concerning the Kings Castles and Gaoles. 14 R. 2. ca. 7. concerning Tinne. 17 R. 2. cap. 8. of unlawfull Assemblies. 17 R. 2. cap. 9. concerning Salmons. 27 H. 6. cap. 3. touching Inemployments, &c.

To the first.  
\* See the third part of the Institutes, *De corrupto Iudice.*

As to the second: These Acts of Parliament are of Record, and not in print. An. 11 E. 3. the creation of the D. of Cornwall, &c. by authority of Parliament. 3 R. 2. nu. 39. concerning Justices of Peace, a profitable law for them. 8 R. 2. nu. 31. concerning the jurisdiction of the Constable & Marshall. 20 R. 2. concerning the legitimization of the children of John of Gaunt D. of Lane. by Kath. Swinford. 5 H. 4. nu. 24. a Commission of Act of Parliament for arraying & mustering of men. 8 H. 4. nu. 12. Clergy exempted from arraying and mustering of men. 11 H. 4. nu. 28. against Bribery and Borage in great Officers, Judges, &c. 11 H. 4. nu. 63. concerning Attornies, &c. 6 H. 6. nu. 27. that a Queen of England Dowager, shall not contract her selfe or marry without the Kings license. 9 H. 6. nu. 25. concerning fees of Privy Counsellors, and other head Officers. And very many others.

To the second.  
See the Princes case lib. 8 fo. 1.

As to the third: In these Acts of Parliament others clauses are omitted out of the print, which are in the Parliament Roll. 36 E. 3. cap. 3. in the Act of Purveyors, &c. in the clause of the penalty, the Steward, Treasurer, and Controller are expressly named, but omitted in the print. 2 R. 2. stat. 2. cap. 4. in confirmation of liberties, &c. saving the Kings regality, is omitted. 13 R. 2. cap. 1. concerning presentations of the King, the last clause, concerning ratifications of the King, is omitted. 13 R. 2. cap. 2. touching provisions. 14 R. 2. cap. 4. nu. 9. concerning Regrators of wools, high prices omitted in the print. 17 R. 2. cap. 4. of Malt, leaveth out Hertfordshire. 2 H. 5. cap. 3. nu. 38. concerning enquestes. 2 H. 5. ca. 1. nu. 30. concerning Justices of peace. 9 H. 4. cap. 8. nu. 43. concerning provisions. 8 H. 6. nu. 50. cap. 10. concerning proces during the Kings will, omitted in the print.

To the third.

As to the fourth: In these there is more in the print then in the Record. 9 H. 4. cap. 8. nu. 43. touching provisions. 2 H. 5. stat. 2. cap. 3. nu. 38. touching Juroz, &c.

To the fourth.

The fifth: In these the print vary from the Record in some material thing. Generally in all the statutes made concerning provisions, or other the usurpations of the Pope, the biting and bitter words are left out in the print. As to take an example or two. Vi. 38 E. 3. in print. cap. 1, 2, 3, 4. and in the Roll, nu. 9. & c. 3 R. 2. cap. 3. in print. Rol, nu. 37. &c. the Bishops being Lord Chancellors, 9 R. 2. nu. 1. the print mistake the beginning of the Parliament, viz. Monday after S. Luke, for Friday. 9 H. 4. cap. 2. nu. 26. concerning Attornies, &c. A Roll of Parliament intituled 14 E. 4. where it should be 13 E. 4. 9 H. 5. cap 2 & 3. printed as perpetual in some Books, where they were to endure but until the next Parliament.

To the fifth.

The sixth: Statutes pretended to be enacted, and after disaffirmed, and yet printed. 5 R. 2. cap. 5. stat. 2. touching inquiries of Heresies. Anno 6 R. 2. nu. 52. disaffirmed by the Commons, for that they protested it was never their meaning to be justified, and to binde themselves and their successors to the Prelats no more then their ancestors had done before them. Robert Braibroke Bishop of London was then Lord Chancellor. By this and that which followes, it appeareth how necessary it was in those dayes to have some of the Commons to be (as hath been said) at the ingrossing of the Parliament Rols, as appeareth Rot. Parl. Anno 6 H. 4. nu. 56. 7 H. 4. nu. 65. &c. & Modo tenend' Parl, cap. 8. 2 H. 4.

To the sixth.

cap,

Rot. Parl. 11 H. 4  
nu. 12. vide  
7 H. 4. nu. 11.

To the seventh.

cap. 15. disavowed by the Commons, and yet the pretended Act printed. 2 H. 5. cap. 6. against Preachers, disavowed the next Parliament by the Commons, so that they never assented, and yet the supposed Act printed.

The seventh: Whole Parliaments omitted out of the print, wherein there be many notable things to be observed. An. 3 E. 2. a Parliament holden at Westm. 3 Sept. Dors. Claus. 2 E. 2. m. 14. & 22. Annis 4 E. 2. apud London. 5 E. 2. apud Westm. 6 E. 2. ib. bis. 7 E. 2. ib. 8 E. 2. apud Eborum. 11 E. 2. apud Westm. 16 E. 2. apud Rippon, & postea apud Eborum. An. 6 E. 3. a Parliament holden at Westminster the monday after the feast of S. Gregory. Anno 8 E. 3. a Parliament holden at York the day before the feast of S. Peter in Cathedra. Anno 11 E. 3. at Westm. whereat the Prince was created Duke of Cornwall, &c. An. 13 E. 3. holden at Westm. in 15 Mich. 22 E. 3. at Westm. the Monday next after the week in the middelt of Lent. 29 E. 3. a Parliament holden at Westm. the day after S. Martin. 40 E. 3. at Westm. the Monday after the invention of the Crosse. 7 R. 2. at Westm. the Friday after the Feast of S. Mark, &c.

To the eighth.

The eighth: whole Parliaments repealed and made void by subsequent Parliaments. 1 H. 4. cap. 3. repealed. 21 R. 2. which had repealed the Parliament of 11 R. 2. and rebiveth the same. By 39 H. 6. cap. 1. a Parliament holden at Coventry Anno 38 H. 6. is wholly repealed. Rot. Par. 12 E. 4. nu. A whole Parliament holden Anno 49 H. 6. & readeptionis regni sui primo, is repealed and reversed. <sup>a</sup> Vide the Parliament of 15 E. 3. repealed. Rot. Parl. anno 17 E. 3. nu. 23. For there it is agreed that the statute of 15 E. 3. shall be utterly repealed, and lose the name of a statute, as contrarie to the laws and prerogative: and so that some Articles there made are reasonable, it is agreed, that such Articles and others agreed in this Parliament shall be made into a statute by the advice of the Justices.

<sup>a</sup> Where the printed book suppose that there was another Parliament in Anno 15 E. 3. whereby the former statute was repealed, the truth is, the Parliament was holden at Westm. 15 Pasc. Anno 17 E. 3.

<sup>b</sup> Histories sometime explaine Records of Parliament.

<sup>c</sup> Rot. Parl. 10 H. 6. nu. 14.

<sup>b</sup> Many Records of Parliament can hardly be understood, unless you joyne thereunto the History of that time. For example: <sup>c</sup> The Cardinal of Winchester, Uncle of the King, declareth in open Parliament, that he being in Flanders, in his journey to Rome, returned back of his own will to purge himselfe of a bruit, that he should be a Traytor to the Realm, whereof (no accusation being against him) he was easily purged by the Duke of Glouc. Protector, by the Kings commandement. But adde the History thereunto, that the Cardinall having certain of the Kings Jewels in gage, meant to have them brought after him: but these Jewels being arrested and stay'd at Sandwich by the Kings commandement, and the bruit hereof comming to the Cardinals care (he being therewith exceedingly troubled) for the recovery of them, returned in post to the Parliament. Now after he was purged of the bruit of supposed treason: touching the said Jewels stayed at Sandwich to the great hindrance of the Cardinall, as he complained. It was on a motion on his behalfe, ordered that the Cardinall should pay to the King Six thousand pound more for them, and lend to the King thirteen thousand pound, which was done.

This appeareth in the same Parliament nu 15.

And for a conclusion hereof, and of this Chapter of the High Court of Parliament, it is to be remembred, that by the statute of 42 E. 3. cap. 1. all Statutes are repealed that are against Magna Carta, or Carta de Foresta.

Parliaments in  
Scotland.  
In Ireland.

See hereafter cap. 75. how and in what manner Parliaments be holden in Scotland. And cap. 77. how and what manner Parliaments be holden in Ireland, and how Bills shall passe there, never before this time published, as we know.

C A P. II.

Of the Councell Board, or Table.

**T**his is a most noble, honourable, and reverend Assembly of the King and his Privy Councell in the Kings Court or Palace: <sup>a</sup> With this Councell the King himself doth sit at his pleasure. These Countelloz, like good Centinels and Watchmen, consult of, and for the <sup>b</sup> publique good, and the honour, defence, safety, and profit of the Realm. A consulendo, secundum excellenciam, it is called the Councell Table. <sup>c</sup> Private causes, lest they should hinder the publique, they leave to the Justices of the Kings Courts of Justice, and meddle not with them: they are called Concilium regis privatum, concilium secretum, & continuum concilium regis. <sup>d</sup> The number of them is at the Kings will, but of ancient time there were twelve, or thereabouts. Of the diversity of the Kings severall Councells, you may read in the First part of the Institutes, Sect. 164.

See Rot. Par. 42 E.3. parte 1. m. 13. de concilio regis.

Rot. Par. 1 R.2. nu. 87. 112. Rot. Par. 7 H. 4. nu. 41. 11 H. 4. nu. 14. 23. 47. d Rot. Par. 50 E. 3. nu. 10. 12. 1 R. 2. nu. 4. Rot. Par. 1. parte, m. 10. Rot. Parl. 7 H. 4. 31. 41. 66, 67. 1. part of the Institutes, Sect. 164. Rot. Claus. 16 E. 2. m. 5. in Dorf. Hen. De bello mente baro de magno & de secreto concilio regis jurat'.

King E. 3, would have his Countelloz to have four properties. 1. That he be parcus sui, knowing that he would never be provident for him, that would not be a good husband for himself. 2. That he should not be cupidus rei alienæ, no covetous, nor greedy man, for ei nihil turpe, cui nihil satis. 3. That he should be avarus reipublicæ, covetous for the Kings treasure and Commonwealth: and 4. That he super omnia sit expertus; in what place the King shall employ him, that he be expert; for great offices are never well managed by Deputy, where the Officer himself is but a Cipher.

To these Countelloz all due honour and reverence is to be given, for they are incorporated to the King himself, and bear part of his cares, they are his true Treasurers, and the profitable Instruments of the State. Such honour was given to Countelloz of State in ancient time; that if one did strike in a Senators or Countelloz house, or elsewhere in his presence, he was fined.

See Ver. Mag. Carr. fo. 51. 2. parte. Hugh Spencer the Father, Lord Spencer Earl of Winchester, and the Kings Chamberlain, and Hugh his son Earl of Gloce were adjudged in Parliament to be exiled, &c. amongst other Articles, six were. First, for that they by their evil covin would not suffer the Grantees of the Realm, nor the Kings good; Countelloz to speak with or come neer the King, or to give him good Councell, or that the King might speak with them, but only in the presence or hearing of the said Hugh the father, and Hugh the son or of one of them, & at their wil, & according to such things as pleased them. Secondly, for giving evil counsell to the King, not to answer the petitions of the great men and others, but at their pleasure. Thirdly, that they, to attain by their malice and covetousness to the disheritance of the great men of the Realm, and destruction of the people, put out good and covenable Ministers, which had their places by assent, and put in others false and evil of their covin, that they should not cause right to be done. And Sheriffs, Escheatoz, Constables of Castles, and others in the offices of the the King, not covenable for the King, nor for the people they did make, and caused Justices to be made not Conufants in the laws of the land, to hear and determine things touching the great men and people of the Realm, &c. And so, that which ought to be for the maintenance of the

<sup>a</sup> Rot. Claus. 12 E. 3. parte 2. m. 19. 39 E. 3. fo. 14. Rot. Par. 1 R. 2. parte m. 16. 8 H. 4. nu. 76 &c. Rot. Par. 2 H. 6. nu. 15. <sup>b</sup> Pro bono publico. <sup>c</sup> 20 E. 3. ca. 1. 25 E. 3. ca. 1. Stat. 4. 42 E. 3. ca. 3.

Stanf. 72. E. Senatores sunt partes corporis regis. Rot. Par. 3 H 6. m. 1. 3. <sup>e</sup> Inas ca. 46. <sup>f</sup> Alvredus c. 15. Hugh Spencer the father, and Hugh the son evil Counsellors.

Magna Carta.

peace, and of good men, and punishment of evill, was turned to the disheritance of the great men, and destruction of the people. Fourthly, that they falsely and maliciously did counsell the King to raise horse and arms, &c. in destruction of the good people, against the form of Magna Carta, and so by their evill counsell would have moved war within the Realm, to the destruction of Holy Church, and of the people, for their proper quarrell. Fifthly, for defeating by their evill Counsell that which the King had granted in his Parliament by his good Counsell, by the assent of the Peers of the Land, to the dishonour of the King, and against right and reason. Sixthly, they would not suffer the King to take reasonable fines, &c. upon alienations, &c. Read the whole.

Hereby it appeareth that one or two ought not to be sole Counsellors, and to make a Monopoly thereof: for true it is that Homer saith,

Homer.  
See the Articles  
against Cardinal  
Woolsey, hereaf-  
ter cap. Chancery,  
pa. Art. 9. 10. 15.  
\* Utilis sed non  
solus.

a Ro. Par. 11 H. 4.  
nu. 14. Nota.  
Vid. Vet. Mag.  
Cart. parte 1.  
fo. 165. juramen-  
tum consiliariorum.  
Vide Fleta lib. 1.  
ca. 17.  
Nota, vide inf. 5.

Haud quaquam poteris tu fortiter omnia solus,  
Namque aliis divi bello pollere dederunt,  
Huic saltandi artem, voce huic, citharaque canendi,  
Inseruitque sagax alii sub pectore magnus  
Jupiter ingenium, ac multis est utilis ille.

<sup>a</sup> The duty of a Privy Counsellor appeareth by his oath, which consisteth on these Articles or parts,

1. That he shall as far forth as cunning and discretion suffereth, truly, justly and evenly counsell and advise the King in all matters to be commoned, treated, and demeaned in the Kings Council, or by him as the Kings Counsellor.

2. Generally in all things that may be to the Kings honour and behoof, and to the good of his Realms, Lordships and Subjects, without partiality, or exception of persons, not leaving, or elchewing so to doe for affection, love, meed, doubt, or dread of any person or persons.

3. That he shall keep secret the Kings Council, and all that shall be commoned by way of counsell in the same, without that he shall common it, publish it, or discover it by word, writing, or in any otherwise to any person out of the same Council, or to any of the same Council, if it touch him, or if he be party thereof.

4. That he shall not for gift, meed, nor good, ne promise of good by him, nor by mean of any other person receive or admit for any promotion, favouring, nor for declaring, letting, or hindring of any matter or thing to be treated or done in the said Council.

5. That he shall with all his might and power help and strengthen the Kings said Council in all that shall be thought to the same Council for the unversall good of the King and his land, and for the peace, rest, and tranquillity of the same.

6. That he shall withstand any person or persons of what condition, estate or degree they be of, that would by way of feat, attempt, or intend the contrary.

7. And generally that he shall observe, keep and doe all that a good and true Counsellor ought for to doe unto his Sovereign Lord.

By force of this oath and the custome of the Realm he is a Privy Counsellor without any Patent or grant during the life of the King that maketh choice of him.

It is enacted that all the Kings Counsellors and other head officers there named shall have yearly out of the Exchequer such fees by way of reward as are there expressed.

Every Privy Counsellor hath a voice and place in the Court of Star-chamber, as in the Chapter of the Court of Star-chamber appeareth.

For the better performance of which oath, King H. 8. would with that his Counsellors would commit Simulation, Dissimulation & Partiality to the Porters lodge when they came to sit in Council.

Rot. Par. 11 H. 4.  
nu. 28.

Nota, supra. 2.

Rot. Par. 9 H. 6.  
nu. 25.

## Of the President of the Councell.

There is, and of ancient time hath been a President of the Councell, who was sometime called *Principalis consiliarius*, and sometime *Capitalis consiliarius*, Rot. Par. 9 E.2. Comes Lancast' 50 E.3. 1 R.2.1. pars. Pat. nu.22. 1 H.6. nu.26, 27. Dux Bedf. Rot. Par. 1 H.6. parte 3. Dux Gloc' Rot. Parl. 10 H.6. nu.9. Dux Gloc', See Rot. Parl. 11 H.6. nu.19. Rot. Parl. 22 H.6. Dux Eborum, Rot. Pat. 13 E.4. part 1. Johannes Russel Episcopus Roffen' & postea Lincoln' Præfidentens consilii. Int' Record Curie stellar' Johannes Fisher Episcopus Roff' Præfidentens consilii 12 H.7. A 25 H.8. usq; 37 H.8. Carolus Brandon Dux Suff' in libro pacis, Rot. Parl. 1 E.6. Pawler, In the Journall book of Parliament, 5 E.6. & 7 E.6. Dux Northumb. 1 & 2 Ph. & Mar. comes Arundel, &c.

Acts of Parliament naming the Presidents of the Councell, 21 H.8. cap.20. 31 H.8. ca.10. 34 H.8. ca.1.

This office was never granted but by Letters Patents under the great Seal duranre beneplacito, and is very ancient: for John Bishop of Norwich was President of the Councell in In Anno 7 Regis Johannis, Holl. fo.169. Math. Paris 205, & Math. Westm': Dormivit tamen hoc officium regnante magna Elizabetha.

The Lord President is said in the statute of 21 H.8. ca.20. to be attending upon the Kings most royall person, and the reason of his attendance is, for that of latter times he hath used to report to the King the passages, and the state of the businesse at the Councell Table, See 50 E.3. ubi supra.

Nert to the President of the Councell, (as more fully appeareth in the Chapter of Precedency) sitteth in Councell, &c. the Lord Pryvy Seal, who besides his oath of a Pryvy Counsellor, taketh a particular oath of the Pryvy Seal, which consisteth on four parts: 1. That he, as far forth as his cunning and discretion suffereth, truly, justly, and evenly execute, and exercise the office of the Keeper of the Kings Pryvy Seal to him by his Highnesse committed. 2. Not leaving or eschewing so to do for affection, love, meed, doubt, or dread of any person or persons. 3. That he shal take special regard, that the said Pryvy Seal in all places where he shall divert unto, may be in such substantiall wise used and safe kept, that no person without the Kings speciall commandment or his assent, or knowledge, shall move, seal, or imprint any thing wth the same. 4. Generally, he shall observe, fulfill, and doe all and every thing, which to the office of the Keeper of the Kings Pryvy Seal duly belongeth, and appertaineth.

This is an office of great trust and skill, that he put this Seal to no grant without good warrant, nor with warrant, if it be against law, undue, or inconvenient, but that first he acquaint the King therewith.

Upon the Lord Pryvy Seal are attendant four Clerks of the Pryvy Seal: Now how, and in what wise, the Kings grants, writings, and leases, shall passe the thres Seals, viz. the Pryvy Signet, the Pryvy Seal, and the Great Seal, and the duties of the Clerks of the Pryvy Signet, and Pryvy Seal, and what fees shall be paid, and where none at all, &c. and many Articles concerning the passing of the Kings grants, &c. you may read in the statute of 27 H.8. a last woꝝthy of observation. And of this Act you may read Lib. 8. fo. 18. b. in the Pryvies case. This officer is named in the statutes of 2 R.2. ca.5. and 12 R.2. ca.11.

\* Clerk of the Pryvy Seal. In Rot. Parl. 11 H.4. nu.28. Gardendel Pryvy Seal: and in the statute of 34 H.8. ca.4. Lord Pryvy Seal. This Seal is called by severall names. By the statute of 11 R.2. cap. 10. it is provided that Letters of the Signet, nor of the Kings secret Seal shall be from henceforth sent in damage or prejudice of the Realm, nor in disturbance of the law, Vide Mic. ca.3. §. Exceptional power de Judge.

In the statute of Articuli super Cartas, cap. 6. 28 E.1. it is called the little Seal, and likewise in the statute of 2 E.3. cap. 8. it is so called, Regist. fo. 186. Parvum Sigillum. 50 E.3. nu. 185. F.N.B. 180. Fleta lib.2. cap. 12. §. Est int' &c. Custos privati Sigilli, Clerks of the Signet, Clerici Signetti are named

*Principalis consiliarius.*  
*Capitalis consiliarius.*

You shall have what we have observed by our own reading, of others learn that which is here wanting.

21 H.8. ca.20.  
Vid. Rot. Parl.  
50 E.3. nu.12.

¶ Lord Pryvy Seal.

See Rot. Parl.  
50 E.3. nu.10. &  
nota bene.

The oath of the Lo. Pryvy Seal.

27 H.8. ca.11;

27 H.8. ca.11.

\* An humble name of a great Officer, and in those Acts ranked amongst the Grantees of the Kingdome.

See the 2. part of the Instit. Artic. super Cart. ca.6.

F. N.B. 85. 2.  
See Artic. super  
Cartas, ubi supra.  
Lib. 8. ubi supra.

In the said Act of 27 H. 8. &c. and are four in number attendant upon the Kings principall Secretary who always hath the keeping of this Seal or Signet, for sealing of the Kings Privy Letters: these four Clerks sit at the Secretaries Board. He that desireth to read more of the duty of Privy Counsellors, and how, and for what causes they are to be punished, if they offend; let him read the Parliament Roll of the 50 year of E. 3. nu. 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, &c. 34, 35. &c.

9 R. 2. nu. 12. and  
11 H. 4. nu. 28.  
not in print.  
3 E. 6. ca. 5. repea-  
led.

Acts of Parliament concerning the Kings Privy Councill, 25 E. 3. ca. 4. stat. 4. 28 E. 3. cap. 31. 42 E. 3. cap. 3. in print. 9 R. 2. nu. 12. 11 H. 4. nu. 28. 13 H. 4. cap. 7. 3 H. 7. cap. 14. 3 E. 6. cap. 5. 21 Jac. ca. 3. concerning warrants of assistance, &c. 3 Caroli. ca. 1. in the Petition of right, concerning loans, &c. imprisonment, &c. martiall law, soldiers, &c.

See hereafter pa. in the Chapter of the Chancery in the Articles against Cardinall Woolsey, Artic 9. 10. 15, &c. concerning Privy Counsellors.

It appeareth by the Writs and Records of Parliament, that the high Court of Parliament is resolved to be holden by the King per advisamentum concilii sui, that is, by advice of his Privy Councill.

Orders of Parliament for the Privy Councill, and other things concerning them in the Rols of Parliament. 50 E. 3. nu. 10, 12, 15. 21. 34. 42 E. 3. nu. 27. Sir John Lees case. 1 R. 2. nu. 87. 112. Rot. Pat. 1 R. 2. parte 1. m. 16. 2 R. 2. stat. 1. nu. 49. Rot. Parl. 1 H. 4. nu. 2. 7 H. 4. nu. 31, 32, 33. 41. 66, 67, 68. &c. 11 H. 4. nu. 14. 13 H. 4. nu. 3. 1 H. 6. nu. 30, 31, 32. 2 H. 6. nu. 15, 16, 17. 8 H. 6. nu. 27, 28. certain Articles to the number of eighteen touching the order of the Kings Councill (amongst which the eleventh is, that all offices and benefices of the Kings gift, such as had served him or his father, should be preferred thereunto) are established by the King, the Bishops and Lords. 9 H. 6. nu. 25. 11 H. 6. nu. 19. Six Articles, wherof the last was, that a Roll should be made of such as at any time had served in the wars, or otherwise, to the end they should be preferred to offices and benefits. 12 H. 6. nu. 4. De intendentiis consiliariorum. 31 H. 6. nu. 30. Vide Rot. Pat. 32 H. 6. parte 1. m. 22.

Acts of Councill concerning the same. Rot. finium. 20 E. 3. m. 8. Rot. Claus. 4 H. 4. in Dorf. m. 13. Claus. 25 E. 3. m. 10. Pat. 19 R. 2. parte 2. m. 8. Claus. 20 E. 3. parte 1. m. 26. The Clerks of the Councill are attendants upon the Lords and others of the Privy Councill. Concerning the Clerks of the Councill and their duty, see Rot. Parl. Anno 1 H. 6. nu. 32. 2 H. 6. nu. 17. &c.

Of these Acts of Parliament, orders in Parliament, and Acts of Councill we have referred you (for avoiding of tediousnesse) to the originals. Qui ambulat fraudulenter revelat arcana, qui autem fidelis est celat, &c.

Prov. 11. 13.

Bonum est abscondere sacramentum regis, opera autem dei revelare honorificum.

Tobie 12. 7.

Valerius lib. 4.  
Regule.

Nihil magis optandum, quam ut rerum gerendarum consilia, quoad ejus fieri poterit, quam maxime occulta sint.

Ovid.

*Eximia est virtus prestare silentia rebus,  
Ac contra gravior culpa tacenda loqui.*

Vegetius lib. 3.  
de re militari.

Nulla sunt meliora consilia, quam quæ ignoraverit adversarius antequam facias, &c. Quid fieri debeat, tractato cum multis; quid facturus sis, cum paucissimis ac fidelissimis, &c. Consilia nisi sint abscondita, exitum raro prospiciunt.

Erasmus in Epist.

Consilia callida & audacia primo fronte lata, tractatu dura, eventu tristia.

\* Curtius.

In consiliario imprimis requiritur temperantia, quia \* novandis, quam gerendis rebus aptiora ingenia illa ignea. And it is certain that men of fiery and furtous spirits easily become factious.

Plinie.

In consiliario Principis tria maxime requiruntur, libertas, fides, & veritas: libertas consilii est ejus vita & essentia, qua erepta, consilium evanescit.

Tacitus.

Privata res semper officere, officientque publicis consiliis, pessimum veri affectus & judicii venenum sua cuique utilitas.



Tu civem patremque geris, tu consule cunctis;  
Non tibi, nec tua re moveant, sed publica vota.

All which, and much more are comprehended within the oath abovesaid.

Some rules of Counsell, which in Councill we have observed, we will adde. First, that it is safest to give a King counsell, when he demandeth it. Secondly, the truest and best counsell is ever given to a King, when the question is so evenly propounded, as the Counsellor knoweth not which way the King himself inclineth. Thirdly, that \* *præpropera consilia sunt raro prospera*: for resolution should never goe before deliberation, nor execution before resolution. Fourthly, when upon debate and deliberation it is by the Councill Table well resolved, the <sup>a</sup> change thereof upon some private information is neither safe nor honourable. <sup>b</sup> nor that after resolution timely execution be delayed. Fifthly, it is a mean of prosperous successe when the question is debated with a few, not that he should rely upon them, but that thereby the state of the question may be well understood, to the end the same may be plenary & fully propounded to the whole Board. Sixthly, <sup>c</sup> good counsel is the soul of the State. Seventhly, when Counsellors doe hide or disguise the truth, it is full of danger both to the King and to <sup>d</sup> themselves. Eighthly, violent courses are like to hot waters that may do good in an extremity, but the use of them doth spoil the stomach, and it will require them stronger and stronger, and by little and little they will lessen their own operation. Lastly, such fear as doth not fall in constantem virum, is an enemy to good counsel: for what is fear, <sup>e</sup> but a betraying of such succours, as reason (and counsell) should afford.

So Lord of Parliament takes any place of precedency in respect he is a Privy Counsellour. But under that degree such place a Privy Counsellor shall take, as is set down in serie ordinum tempore H. 7. hereafter remembred in the Chapter of Precedency.

\* Book of Judg. 19. ver. ultimo. Consider, consult, and then give sentence.  
<sup>a</sup> Seneca. Non semper in uno gradu, sed in una via, non semitat, sed aprat.  
<sup>b</sup> Salust. priusquam incitias, consulto, & ubi consuleris mature facto opus est.  
<sup>c</sup> 11 H. 4. nu. 14.  
<sup>d</sup> Malum consilium consultori pessimum. Rot. Claus. 18 H. 3. nu. 19. Segraves case. Rot. Par. 50 E. 3. nu. 24. Segnior Latimers case.  
<sup>e</sup> Sap. 12.

## CAP. III.

Of the Power and Authority of the Protector  
and Defender of the Realm and Church of England  
during the Kings tender age.

**S**EE Rot. Parl. anno 1 H. 6. nu. 26. & 27. 2 H. 6. nu. 16. 6 H. 6. nu. 22, 23, 24. 8 H. 6. nu. 13. 11 H. 6. nu. 19. 32 H. 6. nu. 71. where you shall finde his authority, place, and precedency well expressed and described.

The surest way is to have him made by authority of the Great Councell in Parliament.

See Hollingheds Chronicle, pa. 1069. which may give you occasion to search for the Records of such Protectors as are there rehearsed.

## CAP. IV.

The Court of the High Steward of England,  
intituled, *Placita Coronæ coram Thom. Duce N.  
Seneschallo Angliæ.*

¶ *His Stile,*  
¶ *The antiquity of his Office,*  
Nota, then a Judge of the Peers of the Realm.  
1 H. 4. 1.  
13 H. 8. 13.  
Cust. de Norm. cap. 10.

**H**is title is Seneschallus Angliæ. This office is very ancient, and was before the Conquest. For I reade in an ancient and authentick Manuscript, intituled *Auctoritas Seneschalli Angliæ*: where putting an example of his authority, saith: *Sicut accidit Godwino comiti Kancix tempore regis Edwardi antecessoris Willielmi Ducis Normandiæ pro hujusmodi male gestis & consiliis suis (per Seneschallum Angliæ) adjudicatus & forisfecit Comitivam suam.*

In the time of the Conquerour William Fitz-Eustace was Steward of England. And in the reign of William Rufus and H. 1. Hugh Grantsemenel Baron of Hinkley held that Barony by the said Office.

Of ancient time this Office was of inheritance, and appertained to the Carl-dome of Leicester, as it also appeareth by the said Record: *Seneschalcia Angliæ pertinet ad Comitivā de Leicester, & pertinuit ab antiquo.* That is, that the Carl-dome of Leicester was holden by doing of the office of Steward of England. Other Records testify that it should belong to the Barony of Hinkley. The truth is, that Hinkley was parcell of the possessions of the Carle of Leicester, for Robert Bellomont Carle of Leicester in the reign of H. 2. married with Petronil daughter and heir of the said Hugh Grantsemenel Baron of Hinkley, and Lord Steward of England, and in her right was Steward of England. And so it continued, untill by the forfeiture of Simon Mountfort it came to King H. 3. who in the 50 year of his reign, created Edmond his second son Carle of Leicester, Baron of Hinkley, and High Steward of England, which continued in his Line untill Henry of Bullinbroke \* son and heir of John of Gaunt Duke of Lancaster and Carle of Leicester, who was the last that had any estate of inheritance in the office of the Steward of England. Since which time it was never granted to any Subject, but only hac vice. And the reason was, for that the power

\* Rot. Par. 21 R. 2 nu. 4.  
Int. placita coronæ John of Gaunt Duke of Lanc. and Earl of Leicester, Steward of England.

power of the Steward of England was so transcendent, that it was not holden fit to be in any subjects hands: for the said Record saith, *b* Et sciendum est quod ejus officium est supervidere, & regulare sub rege, & immediate post regem totum regnum Angliæ, & omnes ministros legum infra idem regnum temporibus pacis & guerrarum, &c. and proceedeth particularly with divers exceeding High powers and Authorities, which may well be omitted, because they serve for no present use.

*c* And albeit their power and authority have been since the reign of H. 4. but hac vice, yet is that hac vice limited and appointed. As when a Lord of Parliament is indicted of treason or felony, then the grant of this Office under the Great Seal is to a Lord of Parliament, reciting the Indictment, *c* Nos confidentes quod justitia est virtus excellens & Altissimo complacens, eaq; præ omnibus uti volentes, ac pro eo quod officium Seneschalli Angliæ, cujus præsentia pro administratione justitiæ & executione ejusdem in hac parte facien' requiritur, ut accepimus, jam vacat: De fidelitate, strenuitate, provida circumspectione, & industria vestris plurimum confidentes ordinavimus & constituimus vos *ex hac causa & causis* Seneschallum nostrum Angliæ ad officium illud cum omnibus eidem officio in hac parte debitis & pertinentibus hac vice gerend', accipiend', & exercend', *f* dantes & concedentes vobis tenore præsentiu' plenam & sufficientem potestatem & auctoritatem, ac mandatum speciale indictamentum prædict. &c. So as it appeareth, that this great Officer is wholly restrained to proceed only upon the recited indictment. And he to whom this Office is granted, must be a Lord of Parliament and his proceeding is to be *s* secundum leges & consuetudines Angliæ, for so is his Commission. And hereof you may read more at large in the third part of the Institutes, cap. High Treason. *h* Also at every Coronation he hath a Commission under the Great Seal hac vice, to hear and determine the claimes for grand Serjeanties and other honourable services to be done at the Coronation for the solemnization thereof: for which purpose the High Steward doth hold his Court some convenient time before the Coronation. See a præsent hereof before the coronation of King R. 2. John Duke of Lancaster then Steward of England, (who in claymes before him was stiled Tres honorable Seignior le Roy de Castile & Leon, & Seneschal D'angleterre) and held his Court in Alba Aula apud Westm. die Jovis proxime ante coronationem. Quæ quidem coronatio habita & solemnizata fuit die Jovis sequente, *viz.* 16 Julii Anno 1 R. 2.

The first that was created hac vice for the solemnization of the coronation of H. 4. was Thomas his second son. *1* And upon the arraignment of John Holland Earle of Huntingdon, the first that was created Steward of England hac vice, was Edward Earle of Devon.

Rot. Parl. 37 H. 6. nu. 49. Thomas Courtney Earle of Devon was arraigned of High Treason before Humphrey Duke of Glouc. hac vice Steward of England, and acquitted. And so was *k* the Lord Dacres of the North arraigned of High Treason before Thomas Duke of North. hac vice Steward of England, and acquitted by 20 Peers.

When he sitteth by force of his Office he sitteth under a Cloth of Estate, and such as direct their speech unto him, say, Please your Grace my Lord High Steward of England. The stile of the said John of Gaunt was, Johannes filius Regis Angliæ, Rex Legionis & Castellæ, Dux Aquitaniæ & Lancastræ, Comes Derbyæ, Lincolnæ, & Leicestræ, Seneschallus Angliæ. And in respect his power before it was limited was so transcendent, I finde no mention made of this great Officer in any of our ancient Authozs, the Mirror, Bracton, Britton, or Fleta. It seemeth they liked not to treat of his authority. Neither do I finde him in any Act of Parliament, nor in any Book case before 1 H. 4. and very few since: which hath caused me to be the longer in another place to set forth his authority and due proceeding upon the arraignment of a Peer of the Parliament, by judiciall record and resolution of the Judges, agreeable with constant experience.

For the Etymologie and signification of (Seneschallus) see the first part of the Institutes,

His authority *hac vice*: and therefore he is not mentioned in the statute of 31 H. 8. ca. 10. concerning the placing of great Officers.

*b* He ewi h agreeth the custom. of Norm. cap. 10. fo. 17. Hollensh. Chron. p. 866.

*c* His authority (*hac vice*) limited. *d* See the second part of the Institutes, Mag. Cart. cap. 29. 1 H. 4. cap. 1.

*e* He is sole Judge by the Common law, & can make no Deputy.

*f* Stanf. pl. cor. 152 1 H. 4. fo. 1.

13 H. 8. fo. 11. b.

*g* His rule.

*h* His further authority.

*i* V. 1 H. 4. fo. 1. Therefore *Tbo.*

*walsingham* p. 363 and others who affirme that he was beheaded at Pleshy in Essex by the Commons, do erre.

*k* Term. Pasch 25. H 8. of Justice *Spilmans* Report.

See the third part of the Institutes, cap. Treason.

First part of the  
Instit. Sect. 78.

Institutes : And though it hath severall derivations, yet as being applied to England, it is properly derived from Sen, that is, Justice, and Schale, that is, Governour or Officer, that is, Praefectus seu officarius justitiæ. And this agreeth well with his authority and duty to proceed (as hath been said) secundum leges & consuetudines Angliæ.

It is to be observed, that as the Peers of the Realm that be Triors or Peers, are not sworne, so the Lord Steward being Judge, &c. is not sworn : yet ought he according to his Letters Patents to proceed secundum legem & consuetudinem Angliæ.

## CAP. V.

### The Honourable Court of Star-Chamber, Coram Rege & Concilio suo : Of ancient time, Coram Rege in Camera, &c.

¶ That it is an  
eminent Court  
proved by Re-  
cords, and Acts  
of Parliament.

a 22 Lib. all. pl. 52  
b Rot. par. 1 part.  
m. 13.

¶ Fraud and  
falsehood.

c Rot. par. 1 part.  
m. 13.

¶ Falshood in an  
Officer and ra-  
sing of a Record

d Rot. clauf.  
42 E. 3. m. 8 in  
dors.

Vid. Rot. par.  
2 R. 2. 1 part. m.  
Camera Scollata,  
for raising.

12 R. 2 cap. 11.  
dev. le council.

e Rot. clauf.  
41 E. 3. Cambd.  
Brit 130.

f Rot. clauf.  
16 R. 2. in dors.  
m. 11.

g Par. 6 H. 5.  
& consimile  
Anno 7 H. 5 pro  
manerio de Fish-  
erwicke in Com'  
North.

h Rot. clauf.  
17 H. 6.

**I**n the 28 year of the reign of E. 3. it appeareth, that the returns Corā nobis, are in three manners. Coram nobis in Camera (which, it is said, was afterwards called Camera Sellata.) 2. Coram nobis ubicunque fuerimus in Anglia, which is the Kings Bench; and Coram nobis in Cancellaria. And of all the High and Honourable Courts of justice, this ought to be kept within his proper bounds and jurisdiction.

b In 38 E. 1. coram Rege & Concilio, John Redland complained of Robert Spinke for delivery of prisoners upon false suggestion made to the King: upon hearing the cause, the defendant was acquitted, the plaintife imprisoned.

c In 39 E. 3. Ralph Brantingham one of the Chamberlains of the Exchequer complained before the King and his Councell of Richard Cesterfeild Clerk Deputy of the Kings Treasurer, in the receipt, for divers allowances, payments, &c. unduly made, and for raising of Records, &c. Upon the hearing of the cause by the whole Councell, the defendant was acquitted, and the plaintife removed from his office, and committed to prison.

d The Abbot de Bruera, and Ragge his Monk sentenced coram Rege & Concilio; for raising of Letters Patents, and inserting other words: and the Letters Patents by sentence cancelled.

e In Anno 41 E. 3. in a Will of complaint exhibited to the King by Elizabeth the widow of Nicholas Awdeley plaintife, against Jane Awdeley defendant, who appeared before the Kings Councell, viz. the Chancellour, Treasurer, Justices, and others assembled En la Chamber des Estoies pres de la Receipts.

f A suit depending before the King and Councell between the Abbot of Saint Austen of Canterbury and others concerning Wrecks, &c. The Abbot brought his action at the Common law against the parties, who being thereupon arrested and imprisoned, the Sheriffe was commanded by the Kings Writ to deliver them, and to forbear to serve any other Proces against them: and the reason there yeilded is notable, Quia non est juri consonum; aut honestum, quod aliquis de hiis quæ coram nobis & concilio nostro in discussione pendent, alibi inde interrim placitari debeat, aut apparere.

g A suit depending before the King and his Councell, between W. G. of the one part, and H. S. of the other part: a Sequestration is ordered for the preservation of the things in question.

h In 17 H. 6 an intolment of a confession of John Ford of Lon. Mercer before the Lord Treasurer and others of the Kings Councell in the Star Chamber for  
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the fraudulent packing and transporting of Wooll, with a Writ to the Sheriffe of London to set him on the Pillory.

The Abbot of Westminster exhibited his Bill to the King against the Sheriffes of London for arresting and drawing out with force a privileged person out of the Sanctuary of S. Martins le grand belonging to the said Abbey: which matter after due proceedings being heard in the Court of Star-chamber before the Lords and others of the Kings Councill, and Hodey and Newton Chief Justices, which Justices determining, that by law the party ought to enjoy the privilege of Sanctuary, the Sheriffes were grievously fined in the Star-chamber by particular name: which sentence the Lord Dier, as he hath reported under his own hand, saw upon a reference to him and Justice Southcote out of the Star-chamber, Trin. 11 Reginae Eliz. concerning the Sanctuary of Westm. for Hampton and Whitacres being in for debt. And the Lord Dier made this Note with his own hand, Nota, per le Star-chamber. And this is a notable proof of the Jurisdiction of the Court for fining, &c. That the Bill was exhibited to the King, and that the two Chief Justices then did sit, and were Judges (amongst others) in that Court.

Anno 29 H. 6.  
Trin. 11 Eliz.  
Dier. Manuscript  
not imprinted.

For divers Riots, Exortions, opprissions, and grievous offences by divers persons done against the Kings peace and lawes, so divers of his liege people, commandement hath been given by the Kings Writs under the Great Seale (which continue untill this day) to appear before the King in the Chancery, or before him and his Councill at certain dayes to answer to the premises, which commandement hath been many times disobeyed. Provision is made by that Act for the punishment of such disobedience, as by that Act appeareth. True it is, that this Act was but temporary, yet it affirmeth so much as before hath been said.

Stat. de 31 H. 6.  
cap. 2.  
Vide Rot. Parl.  
1 H. 6. nu. 41.

Anno 35 H. 6. A Writ of Certiorari was directed: Thoma Kent Clerico Concilii: Volentes certis de causis certiorari super tenorem cujusdam Actus Pasch. ultime praeterito apud Westm. in camera stellata concernen' Johannem Ducem Norff. And see there proces of rebellion against the said Duke.

Ex bundello bre-  
via regis. 35 H. 6

Robert Davers a Counsellor at law by bill exhibited to the King, &c. for defamation of raising a Record. And the said Robert by the Kings Councill in Camera stellata was acquitted, and John Broket that made the rasure sentenced.

Rot. clauf. 11 H. 6

The Kings Councill assembled in the Star-chamber. The Lord Cromwells case.

Rot. clauf. 28 H. 6

An order in the Star-chamber for the Duke of Yorks Councill to have accesse to him; because called into the Chamber by Privy Seale, &c.

Rot. pat. 32 H. 6.  
m. 20.

An exemplification of a complaint by Richard Heron against John Prou; Coram rege & consiliariis suis in Camera stellata, for a great misdemeanour concerning Woolls.

Pat. 3 E. 4. part. 1.

Anno 8 E. 7. proceeding by english bill, answer, replication, &c. Coram rege & Concilio.

Rot. petit. 8 E. 4.

Anno 20 E. 4. a sentence in the Star-chamber for turbulent and undue elections between the Abbot of Wury and the inhabitants.

Rot. pat. 20 E. 4.  
part. 2.

We have omitted many other Records, but because they be of like nature we have contented our self with these. And now we will consult with our Book cases, and Reports of law: wherein either coram rege & concilio, or coram Rege & concilio in camera stellata, is named.

39 E. 3. fo. 14. 19 ass. pl. 1. 40 ass. 38. 13 E. 4. 9. in camera stellata. Vid. 27 E. 3. cap. 1. 3. 21 E. 4. 71. in camera stellata, 2 R. 3. fo. 2. & 11 in camera stellata. 1 H. 7. 3. in camera stellata. This Court in ancient times sat but rarely, for three causes. First, for that enormous and exorbitant causes which this Court dealt withall only in those dayes rarely fell out. Secondly, this Court dealt not with such causes, as other Courts of ordinary justice might condignely punish, ne dignitas hujus curiae vilesceret. Thirdly, it very rarely did sit, lest it should draw the Kings Privie Councel from matters of State, pro bono publico, to hear private causes, and the principall Judges from their ordinary Courts of Justice.

*Book cases and  
Reports of law,*

3 H.7.ca.1.

That which now is next to be considered in serie temporis is the statute of 3 H.7. The Letter whereof followeth :

21 H.8.ca.29.  
The President of  
the Kings Coun-  
cell added.

It is ordained that the Chancelour and Treasurer of England, and the Keeper of the Kings Privy Seal, or two of them, calling to them a Bishop and a Temporal Lord of the Kings most honourable Privy Councell, and the two Chief Justices of the Kings Bench and Common Place for the time being, or other two Justices in their absence, upon bill or information put to the said Lord Chancelour or any other against any person for unlawfull maintenance, giving of liveries, signs and tokens, and reteyners by Indentures, promises, oaths, writings or otherwise, imbraceries of his subjects, untrue demeaning of Sherifs in making of pannels, and other untrue returns, by taking of mony, by injuries, by great riots, and unlawfull assemblies, have authority to call before them by Writ or Privy Seale the said misdoers, and they and other by their discretion, by whom the truth may be known to examine, and such as they find therein defective, to punish them after their demerits, after the form and effect of statutes thereof made in like manner and form as they should, and ought to be punished, if they were thereof convict after the due order of law.

Camden Brit.

*Camera stellatæ auctoritatem prudentissimus princeps Henricus septimus ita Parliamentaria adauxit & constabilivit, nonnulli primum insituisse falso opinantur.*

Upon this statute and that which formerly hath been said, these Six conclusions doe follow. The first conclusion is, that this Act of 3 H.7. did not raise a new Court; for there was a Court of Star-chamber, and all the Kings Privy Councell Judges of the same. For if the said Act did establish a new Court, then should those four or any two of them be only Judges, and the rest that they should call to them should be but assistants, and aidants, and no Judges: for the statute of 31 E.3. cap.12. which raiseth a new Court, and before new Judges, is introductory of a new law, by having consuance of error in the Exchequer, which shall be reversed in the Exchequer Chamber before the Chancelour and Treasurer, or calling to them two Judges, there the Chancelour and Treasurer are only Judges in the writ of Error, and so in the like. But it is clear that the two Justices in the Star-chamber are Judges, and have voices, as it hath been often resolved, and daily experience teacheth. And further to clear this point, if the Justices should be but assistants and no Judges in the Star-chamber, for that they are to be called, &c. then, and for the same reason should neither Lord Spirituall nor Temporall, nor other of the Privy Councell be Judges, nor have voices in the Court of Star-chamber. And therefore the sudden opinion in 8 H.7. and of others not observing the said distinction between Acts Declaratory of proceedings in an ancient Court, and Acts Introductory of a new law in raising of a new Court, is both contrary to law, and continuall experience.

8 H.7.13. Plow.  
Com.393.

The second conclusion is, that the Act of 3 H.7. being in the affirmative is not in some things pursued. For where that Act directeth that the bill or information should be put to the Lord Chancelour, &c. all bills and informations in that Court are constantly and continually directed to the Kings Majesty, as they were before the said Act; and it is a good rule, that where the Act of 3 H.7. is not pursued, there (if there be many judiciall precedents in another sort) they must have warrant from the ancient Court; and yet it is good (as much as may be) to pursue this Act, there being no greater assurance of jurisdiction then an Act of Parliament. And where there be no such precedents, then the statute as to the Judges must be pursued: and that was the reason that in default

default of others, Sir Christopher Wray Chief Justice of England or a time was made Lord Privy Seal to sit in the Star-chamber, Ne curia deficeret in iustitia exhibenda.

Thirdly, that this Act being (as hath been said) in the affirmative, and enumerating divers particular offences, albeit (injuries) is a large word, yet that Court hath jurisdiction of many other, as is manifest by authority, and daily experiences, and this must of necessity be in respect of the former jurisdiction.

Fourthly, this Act in one point is introductory of a new law, which the former Court had not, viz. to examine the Defendant, which being understood after his answer made, to be upon oath upon interrogatories, which this ancient Court proceeding in criminal causes had not, nor could have but by Act of Parliament, or prescription, the want whereof especially in matters of frauds and deceits (being like birds closely hatched in hollow trees) was a mean that truth could not be found out, but before the statute the answer was upon oath.

Fifthly, where it is said in this Act, And to punish them after their demerits after the form and effect of statutes made, &c. The Plaintiff may choose whether he will inform upon such statutes as this Act directeth, or for the offence at the Common law, as he might have done before this Act, which proveth that this Act taketh not away the former jurisdiction.

6. Lastly, that the jurisdiction of this Court dealeth not with any offence, that is not malum in se, against the Common law, or malum prohibitum, against some Statute.

It is to be observed that neither the statutes of 37 E.3. ca. 18. 38 E. 3. cap. 9. 42 E.3. ca. 3. 17 R.2. ca.6 nor any other statute taketh away the jurisdiction of any settled Court of Justice, neither is the Court of Star-chamber named in any of them, and yet was it a Court then and before that time.

Divers special Acts of Parliament have given also jurisdiction to this Court, viz. 12 R.2. ca. 11; 2 R. 2. cap.5. 13 H.4. cap.7. 33 H. 8. cap. 1. 4 & 5 Ph. & M. cap.8. 5 Eliz. ca.9, 10. & cap. 14. 27 Eliz. cap. 4.

And seeing the proceeding according to the laws & customes of this Realm cannot by one rule of law suffice to punish in every case the exorbitancy and enormity of some great horrible crimes and offences, and especially of great men, this Court dealeth with them, to the end that the medicine may be according to the disease, and the punishment according to the offence, Ut poena ad paucos, metus ad omnes perveniat, without respect of persons, be they publique or private, great or small;

As for oppression, and other exorbitant offences of great men, (whom inferior Judges and Jurors (though they should not) would in respect of their greatnesse be afraid to offend) bribery, extortion, maintehance, champerty, imbezacery, forgery, perjury, dispersers of false and dangerous rumours, news, and scandalous libelling, false and partiall misdemeanours of Sheriffs and Bailiffs of liberties, frauds, deceits, great and horrible riots, routs, and unlawfull assemblies, single combats, challenges, duels, and other hainous and extraordinary offences and misdemeanours; but ordinary, and such offences as may be sufficiently and indignly punished by the proceeding of the Common laws, this Court leaveth to the ordinary Courts of Justice and dealeth not with them, ne dignitas hujus curiae vilesceret, as before is said.

The proceeding in this Court is by bill or information, by examination of the Defendant upon Interrogatories, and by examination of witnesses, and rarely ore tenas, upon the confession of the party in writing under his hand, which he again must freely confesse in open Court, upon which confession in open Court, the Court doth proceed. But if his confession be set down too short, or otherwise then he meant, he may deny it, and then they cannot proceed against him but by bill or information, which is the fairest way.

The Informations, bills, answers, replications, &c. and Interrogatories are in English, and ingrossed in parchment, and filed up. All the Writs and Procelle of the Court are under the Great Seal: The sentences, decrees and Acts of

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¶ *The Jurisdiction of this Court.*

Camden Brit. 130. In Camera Stellata tractantur criminalia, perjuriam, impostura, dolus malus, &c. &c.

For proceedings ore tenas, see before Ro. Claus. 17 H.6. John Fords case. Rot. Claus. 42 E.3. the Abbot of Brueries case, &c. In notorius ordo est ordinem juris non servare.

this Court are ingrossed in a fair book with the names of the Lords and others of the Kings Councell and Justices that were present and gave their voices.

Pasc. 12 Ja. Reg.

In an information in this Court by the Atturney Generall against Sir Stephen Procter, Birkenhead and others for conspiracy against, and scandall of the Earl of Northampton, and Edward Lord Mootton two of his Majesties Privy Councell: At the hearing of which cause there sat eight in Court, and four of them condemned the Defendant: and the Lord Chancelour, the two Bishops, and the Chancelour of the Exchequer acquitted him. And the question was, whether the Defendant should be condemned or no: and herein it was moved by the Kings learned Councell, that when the voices be equal, that in that case, of which part the Lord Chancelour was, on that side it should be decreed, without regard, whether it was for the Plaintiff or Defendant: And it was resolved, that regularly & de communi jure, in respect of the equality of the voices no sentence could be given in that case, as it holdeth in the High Court of Parliament, and all other Courts, according to the old rule, *Paribus sententiis reus absolvitur*. And therefore the Presidents of this Court were to be searched; for except presidents could make a difference between this Court and others, the Defendant could not be sentenced. Whereupon the Court referred this question to the two Chief Justices, that they calling unto them the Kings learned Councell to yield presidents, whether by the custome of this Court the common rule in other Courts is altered. Before whom in the presence of the Kings learned Councell two presidents were produced for proof of the said custome, viz. one Termino Hil. Anno 39 Eliz. between Gibson Plaintiff, and Griffich and others Defendants: wherein the complaint was for a Rot. And upon hearing of the cause eight sat in Court, and four gave their sentence that the Defendants were guilty, and the other four, whereof the Lord Chancelour was one, did acquit the Defendants, and no sentence of condemnation was ever entred. But the Justices took it, that that president tended not to prove any such custome, for it agreed with the rule in other Courts. Another president was shewed, Termino Hil. 45 Eliz. in an Information by the Queens Atturney Generall against Bathern and others for forging of a Will, &c. Upon the hearing of the cause, the presence consisting on eight, whereof four gave sentence against the Defendant for forgery, and to be punished according to the statute of 5 Eliz. the other four, whereof the Lord Chancelour was one, found him guilty of a misdemeanour, and not of the forgery, and imposed a fine of five hundred pound only, and imprisonment, and that was entred according to the Lord Chancelours voice. But no rule of Court was shewed for entring thereof in that manner: so as it appeared not that it was ever moved, or debated in Court, and in that case all concluded against the Defendant, and it is but one president. Now whether this one, being such a one as it is, and so late, be sufficient to alter the generall law and course of all other Courts, I leave to the judgment of this honourable Court: And sentence was never given against Sir Stephen Procter agreeable to the generall rule in other Courts. See Rot. Parl. 8 H. 6. nu. 28.

Erodus, fo. 112.

Hil. 39 Eliz. in Camera stellata Gibsons case.

Hil. 45 El. in Camera stellata, Batherns case.

Mic. 36 & 37 El.

Lawrence Hide and Henry Hide Esquires, exhibited a bill of complaint against George Coriet and others upon the statute of 32 H. 8. cap. 9. for unlawful maintenance; and complained for three severall Leases for certain years of the Parsonage of Dinton in the County of Wilts. whereof the Lessor nor any of his Ancestors were in possession within a year before, &c. and pursued the statute: Upon which part of the Bill (for the Bill concerned riots and other things) the Defendant demurred in law, and the causes of the demurrer were. First, that by the said Act this Court had no jurisdiction of this cause upon this statute, because that the Act which is introductory of a new law did not give jurisdiction to this Court, but the suit must be in the Courts of the Common law upon this Act, which (said they) also appeared, in that in the remedy given by the Act is this clause, In which action, bill, plaint, or information,

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tion no essoign, protection, wager of law or injunction shall be allowed, and that no essoign, &c. did lie in this Court. The second objection was, This Court had no power to give the Plaintiff remedy to have execution in this Court of the penalty given by this Act. Whereunto upon great advisement it was answered and resolved. As to the first: that the statute did give jurisdiction to this Court, for it is one of the Kings Courts, &c. intended in the Act: and the statute of 3 H. 7. declareth that this Court hath jurisdiction of maintenance, and this Act of 32 H. 8. doth adde but a greater penalty: and as to the clause of essoign, &c. it must be construed reddendo singula singulis, &c. for as no essoign, &c. lieth in this Court, so no injunction is awarded in the Court of Common Pleas, &c. As to the second: It was resolved that this Court had power in this case to grant execution of the penalty inflicted by this Act, as in a like case had been done, in the case of James Taverner. And both these points had formerly been resolved in this Court, 14 Maii. 27 Eliz. between Robert Bradshaw Esquire Plaintiff, and Robert Charnock Esquire Defendant, upon this statute, and the case decreed accordingly, and a Commission awarded out of this Court, to enquire of the value, &c. And for these causes by the rule of the whole Court, the demurrer was over-ruled, and the Defendant ordered to answer.

Dier Mich. 6 & 7 Eliz. fo. 236.

Dier 15 El. 323. in Camera sic illic? Taverniers case. Pasch. 27 El. in Camera stellata. Charnocks case.

This Court sitteth twice in the week in the Terme time, viz. on Wednesdays, and Fridays, except either of those dayes fall out to be the first or last day of the Terme, and then the Court sitteth not, but it constantly holdeth the next day after the Terme ended: but if any cause be begun to be heard in the Terme time, and for length or difficulty cannot be sentenced within the Terme, it may be continued and sentenced after the Terme.

It is the most honourable Court, (our Parliament excepted) that is in the Christian world, both in respect of the Judges of the Court, and of their honourable proceeding according to their just jurisdiction, and the ancient and just orders of the Court. For the Judges of the same are (as you have heard) the Grandees of the Realm, the Lord Chancellor, the Lord Treasurer, the Lord President of the Kings Council, the Lord Privy Seal, all the Lords Spirituall, Temporal, and others of the Kings most honourable Privy Council, and the principall Judges of the Realm, and such other Lords of Parliament as the King shall name. And they judge upon confession, or deposition of witness: And the Court cannot sit for hearing of causes under the number of eight at the least. And it is truly said, Curia Camera stellata, si vetustatem spectemus, est antiquissima, si dignitatem, honoratissima. This Court, the right institution and ancient orders thereof being observed, doth keep all England in quiet.

¶ The dignity of this Court.

¶ The Judges of this Court.

Camb. ubi supra.

Albeit the stile of the Court be Coram Rege & Concilio, yet the Kings Council of that Court hear and determine causes there, and the King in judgment of law is always in Court. As in the Kings Bench the stile of the Court is Coram Rege, and yet his Justices who are his Council of that Court doe hear and determine, and so Coram Rege in Cancellaria, and the like.

So this Court being holden Coram Rege & Concilio, it is or may be compounded of a three severall Councils. That is to say, of the Lords and others of his Majesties Privy Council, always Judges without appointment, as before it appeareth. 2. The Judges of either Bench and Barons of the Exchequer are of the Kings Council for matter of law, &c. and the two Chief Justices, or in their absence other two Justices are standing Judges of this Court. 3. The Lords of Parliament are properly De magno concilio regis, but neither these, being not of the Kings Privy Council, nor any of the rest of the Judges or Barons of the Exchequer are standing Judges of this Court.

a See the 1. part of the Institutes. Sect. 164. Verb. veigne les Burgeses at Parliament. 4 E. 3. 2. 3 aff. pl. 15. b 39 E. 3. 5. 19 E. 3. Judgment. 174. W. 1. ca. 1. 17 E. 2. Stat. de templariis.

16 R. 2. Stat. de Premunire. 43 Ass. pl. 15. Regist. 124, 125. 191. 27 H. 6. 5. 2 R. 3. 10. c 27 Aug. 5 H. 4. in the Exchange between the King and the Earl of Northumberland, in Turre. 37 E. 3. ca. 18. &c. Note the Parliament is called *Commune concilium*.

It is now, and of ancient time hath been called the Chamber of the <sup>d</sup> Stars, the Star:

¶ The name of this Court.

d 41 E. 3. ubi sup

e In many of the Records before cited.  
f 25 H. 8. ca. 1.  
Lambar.

Sir Tho. Smith.  
Lib. 2. ca. 4.

¶ The proceſſe.

¶ Officers of the Court ſworn.

Star-chamber, the Starred Chamber, in reſpect the roof of the Court is garniſhed with golden ſtars. Some have imagined that it ſhould be called the Star-chamber, becauſe crimina ſtellionat' are there handled: Others of this ſaron word Steeran, to ſteer or rule as doth the Pilot, becauſe this Court doth ſteer and govern the ſhip of the Common-wealth. Others, becauſe it is full of windows: but the true cauſe of the name is, becauſe, as is aforesaid, the roof is ſtarred. In all records in Latin it is called Camera ſtellata.

The proceſſe in this Court is Suppœna, Attachment, proceſſe of rebellion, &c. all under the Great Seal.

In this Court there is the Clerk of the Councell, which is an office of great account, and truſt, for he is to receive, endorſe, enter, keep, and certifie the bills, pleadings, records, orders, rules, ſentences and decrees of the Court; and I find that in former times men of great account have had that office in this Court: as to give you a little taſte thereof: King H. 6. by his Letters Patents, 15 July Anno regni ſui 22. granted the ſame to Thomas Kent Doctor of the law for his life, calling him Clericum Concilii noſtri, and ſoon after ſwore him of his Office by Councell. King H. 7. Anno 1. of his reign, granted the ſame office to John Bladeswell Doctor of laws for tearm of his life: But hereof this little taſte ſhall ſuffice.

Laſtly, it remaineth to be ſeen what Jurisdiction this Court hath in puniſhment, and where, and in what caſes this Court may inflict puniſhment by Pillory, papers, whipping, loſſe of ears, tacking of ears, ſtigmata in the face, &c. (For it extendeth not to any offence that concerns the life of man or obtruncation of any member, the ears only excepted, and thoſe rarely and in moſt hatnous and deteſtable offences.) But herein the ſureſt rule is, that ſeeing it is an ancient Court, the preſidents of the Court are to be followed, and the rather for that the Court conſiſteth of ſuch learned and honourable Judges. And novelties without warrant of preſidents are not to be allowed: generally ſome certain rules are to be followed, eſpecially where no preſidents are extant in the caſe. \* Quod arbitrio Judicis relinquatur, non facile trahit ad effuſionem ſanguinis: For generall Acts of Parliament which inflict puniſhment, viz. ſur forfeiture de corps & de avoir, &c. theſe are expounded not to extend to life, or member, but to impriſonment, &c.

See the Firſt part of the Inſtitutes, Sect. 745. Verb. Felony. *Majore pœna affectus, quam legibus ſtatut' eſt, non eſt infamis. Pœna gravior ultra legem poſita æſtimationem conſervat. Confessus in jure pro judicato habetur, cum quodammodo ſua ſententia damnatur. Cum conficente ſponte mitius eſt agendum.*

*In hac Curia non agitur de delictis ordinariis, ne dignitas hujus curiæ vileſceret, Quicquid Judicis authoritati ſubjicitur, novitati non ſubjicitur.*

Eccleſiaſticus  
20.8. *Qui potestatem ſibi ſumit in juſte, adietur.*

\* See Statut. de moneta tempſ  
E. 1. 35 E. 1.  
de Carlisle.

20 E. 3. ca. 4.  
Vid. 23 El. ca. 2.  
And note where he ſhall loſe his ears for defama-  
tion of the  
Queen.

## CAP. VI.

A Court for redresse of delayes of Judgements  
in the Kings great Courts.

**T**his Court is raised by the statute of 14 E. 3. which followeth in these words.

*Item*, Because divers mischieves have happened of that, that in divers places, as well in the Chancery, as in the Kings Bench, the Common Bench, and in the Exchequer, before the Justices assigned, and other Justices to hear and detemine deputed, the judgements have been delayed, sometimes by difficulty, sometimes by divers opinions of the Judges, and somerime for some other cause: It is assented, established, and accorded, that from henceforth at every Parliament shall be chosen a Prelate, two Earls, and two Barons, which shall have commission and power of the King to heare by Petition delivered unto them the complaints of those that will complaine them of such delayes and grievances made, and they shall have power to do come before them at Westminster, or elsewhere, where the places or any of them shall be, the tenor of Records and Proceses of such judgements so delayed, and to cause the same Justices to come before them, which shall be then present to heare their cause and reasons of such delayes: which cause and reason so heard by \* good advice of themselves, the Chancelor, Treasurer, the Justices of the one Bench, and of the other, and other of the Kings Councill, as many and such as shall seem convenient, shall proceed to take a good accord, and make a good judgement: and according to the same accord so taken, the tenor of the same Record, together with the judgement which shall be accorded, shall be remaunded before the Justices, before whom the Plea did depend; and that they shall give judgement according to the same Record: and in case it seemeth to them that the difficulty be so great, that it may not well be determined without assent of the Parliament, that the said tenor or tenors shall be brought by the said Prelate, Earles, and Barons in the next Parliament, and there shall be a finall accord taken what judgement ought to be given in this case, and according to this accord it shall be commanded to the Judges before whom the Plea did depend, that they shall proceed to give judgement without delay.

Before the making of this statute, delay of Judgements was forbidden both by the Common law, and by Acts of Parliament. By the Common law. 1. It is required, that *Plena & celeris iustitia fiat partibus, &c. non plena alone, nor celeris alone, but both plena & celeris. All Writs of Præcipe quòd reddat, are, Quòd iuste & sine dilatione reddat, &c. All iudiciall Writs are sine dilatione, &c. 2. Where did and yet doth lye a Writ de procedendo ad iudicium, when the Justices or Judges of any Court of Record, or not of Record, delayed the party plaintife or defendand, demandant or tenant, and would not give judgement: and thereupon an Alias, Plus, and an Attachment, &c. doth lye. And the words of the Writ*

14 E. 3 cap. 5.  
stat. 1.  
Rot. Parl. 2 R. 2.  
nu. 63. confirmed  
by Parliament.

Judgements de-  
layed.

\* Nota, by good  
advice of the  
Chancellour,  
Treasurer, and  
Justices.  
Good accord.

Vide Regist.  
fo. 124. b.  
Rex Johanni de  
B. Milti, &c.

Regist. 131. 2.  
F. N. B. 23. c.  
And so upon Co-  
nufans granted.

Regist. fo. 22.  
F. N. B. 153 b & c.  
Cust. de Norm.  
cap. 27.

Diuturna dilatio.

Regist. fo. 18.  
F. N. B. fo. 20. a.  
&c.

See hereafter, ca.  
Exchequer and  
Exchequer  
Chamber.

2 E. 3. fo. 7.  
Ellys Callers case  
Braft. lib. 1. ca. 2.  
Rot. Parl. 14 E. 3.  
nu. ult. Sir Geff.  
Stantons case.

Mag. Cart. ca. 29

2 E. 3. fo. 3. per  
Aldham.  
14 E. 3. jour. 24.  
18 E. 3. 47. 57.  
31 E. 3. an. 161.  
39 E. 3. 37.  
11 H. 4. 5. 76.  
9 H. 6. 58. b.  
5 E. 4. 132. For-  
refc. cap. 5.  
F. N. B. 240. d.  
\* Regist. fo.  
F. N. B. 240. d.

Writ be, Quia redditio iudicii loquelæ quæ est coram vobis, &c. de quadam transgressione eidem A. per præfat' B. illata, ut dicitur, diuturnam cepit dilationē ad grave damnum ipsius A. sicut ex querela sua accepimus; Vobis præcipimus quod ad iudicium inde reddendum cum ea celeritate quæ secundum legem & consuetudinem regni nostri procedas, &c.

3. Likewise when Justices or Judges of any Court of record, or not of record gave judgement, and delayed the party of his execution, the party grieved may have a Writ De executione iudicii; by which Writ the Justices or Judges are commanded, Quod executionem iudicii nuper redditi, &c. de loquela quæ fuit, &c. per breve nostrum, &c. sine dilacione fieri fac'. And thereupon an Alias, Plur' and Attachment, &c. do lye.

4. By the meeting together upon adjournment of the cause out of the Court, where the cause dependeth, &c. All the Judges, &c. which now we call an Exchequer Chamber cause, warranted by the Common law and ancient precedents before this statute: and the frequent use of this Court of Exchequer chamber hath been the cause that this Court upon the Act of 14 E. 3. hath been rarely put in ure.

5. By the Kings Writ comprehending quod si difficultas aliqua interfit, that the Record should be certified into the Parliament, and to adjoine the parties to be there at a certain day. Si obscurum & difficile sit iudicium, ponantur iudicia in respect' usque magnam curiam. An excellent Record, whereof you may read in the Parliament holden at Westminster the Tuesday after the translation of Becket, Anno 14 E. 3.

Secondly, by Acts of Parliament. Nulli vendemus, nulli negabimus, aut differemus iustitiam vel rectum.

That it shall not be commanded neither by the Great-seale, nor by the Little-seale, nor by Letters, nor any other cause to delay right: and albeit such commandement come, &c. that by them the Justices surcease not to do right in no manner. Vide 2 E. 3. cap. 8. 14 E. 3. cap. 14. 18 E. 3. stat. 3. 2 R. 2. a statute not in print, Rot. Parl. nu. 51. whereby it is enacted, that no Justice shall stay justice for any Writ, Letter of the Great-seal or Privy-seal, or other commandement whatsoever against the laws and statutes before that time made. Rot. Par. 2 H. 4. nu. 64. Anno 5 H. 4. nu. 33. all which are declaratory of the Common law. \* And upon the said Act of 2 E. 3. a Writ is framed, directed to the Justices, by which they are commanded, Quod ad iustitiam partibus, &c. faciend' virtute alicujus mandati de magno sigillo, & parvo sigillo vobis direct' seu dirigend' nullatenus supersedeatis, &c. And thus much for the Common law and Acts of Parliament.

This statute of 14 E. 3. cap. 5. consisteth on two generall parts, viz. the Preamble and the Body of the Act. In the Preamble three things are to be observed. 1. That (notwithstanding the provision of the Common law) mischiefs do happen by delay of judgements. 2. It enumerateth in what Courts these delays do happen, viz. in the Chancery, in the Kings Bench, the Common Bench, and the Exchequer, the Justices assigned, and other Justices to hear and determine deputed. 3. It declareth how these delays have grown, viz. sometime for difficulty of the matter in law, sometime in diversity of opinion of the Judges, and sometimes for some other cause, that is, by Commandements, Letters, or Messages of the King or Great Men, &c. In the Body of the Act we have collected many observations. 1. That at every Parliament there shall be chosen a Prelate, two Barons, and two Bishops, (or one Bishop, two Barons, and two Bishops.) viz. At this Parliament were chosen, 1. John Stratford Archbishop of Canterbury, (a man famous for learning, loyalty, and vertuous living.) 2. Rich. Fitzalan Earle of Arundel, a man of great wisdom, prowess, and integrity. 3. William Clynton Earle of Huntingdon, and Admirall of England, a man lately before advanced for his singular valour, wisdom, and vertue. 4. The Lord Wake of Widel, and 5. Ralph Lord Basset of Drayton, two of the most renowned Barons of England. Quos omnes honoris causa nomino.

2. This

2. This Act doth appoint that the Bp̄late, two Earls, and two Barons are to have a Commission and power of the King under the Great Seal (and none of them can be absent) which Commission is to endure untill the next Parliament.

3. This Commission and power consisteth on ten parts, 1. Ad audiendum, to hear the petition delivered to them, the complaints of those that will complain them of such delays or grievances made. 2. Ad venire faciend' to do come before them at Westminster, or else where, the tenor of the Records and Proseses of such Iudgements so delayed; and this is to be done by the Kings Writ of Certiorari. 3. Ad venire faciend', to cause the same Justices to come before them. 4. Ad audiend' suas rationes & causas alium dilationum, to hear their reasons and causes of such delays which ought to be entred of Record. 5. Which causes and reasons so heard, Ad procedendum, to proceed to make a good accord. 6. But this must be done not only by themselves, but by the good advice of certain assistants appointed by the Act, viz. the Chancelour, Treasurer, the Justices of the one Bench and the other, and other of the Kings Council, as many, and such as they shall think convenient. 7. Ad capiendum, to take a good accord of the assistants. 8. Ad faciendum, to make a good judgement. 9. Ad remandandum, to remand before the Justices, before whom the plea did depend, the tenor of the said Record, together with the judgement that so shall be accorded. Lastly, that those Justices shall presently give judgement according to the said Record.

A Commission granted in 18 E. 3. grounded upon this statute, and referring to the same being enacted, as there it appeareth, at a Parliament holden die Mercurii proxim' post medium Quadragesimæ Anno 14 E. 3. regni Angliæ & Franciæ primo, there being two Parliaments in that year, which you may reade, being worthy of observation, for it is a good exposition of this Act.

4. It is further provided by the said Act of 14 E. 3. that in case it seemeth to them, that the difficulty is so great, that it cannot well be determined without assent of Parliament, that the tenor or tenors shall be brought by the said Bp̄late, Earls, and Barons unto the next Parliament, and there shall finall accord be taken what judgement shall be given in this case.

<sup>a</sup> It is better that the demandant be delayed, then the tenant disherited, or that the law be altered. Shard. we cannot nor will delay any man in respect of our Oath.

<sup>b</sup> The Justices ought to delay no man in the name of the King where the King hath no right. The demandant shall not be legally delayed twice for one cause.

<sup>c</sup> Delay in a Quare impedit, though it be by essoign, is a disturbance. <sup>d</sup> Semper fur est in mora. <sup>e</sup> In circuitu impij ambulat.

<sup>f</sup> In divers cases the party grieved shall have an action for unjust delay.

<sup>g</sup> Tolle moram, semper nocuit differre paratis.

But seeing neither the Common law, nor any of the Acts of Parliament do extend to Ecclesiasticall Courts, it is then demanded, what if an inferior Ordinary will refuse, or delay to admit and institute a Clerk presented by the right Patron, to a Church within his Dioces, or the like: Or delay, or refuse to give sentence in a cause depending before him. It is answered, That the Archbishop of the Province may grant his <sup>h</sup> Letters under his Seale to all and singular Clerks of his Province, to admonish the Ordinary, within nine dayes to performe that which by justice is desired, or otherwise to cite him to appeare before him or his Officiall at a day in those Letters prescribed, and to cite the party that hath suffered such delay, then and there likewise to appeare, and further to intimate to the said Ordinary, that if he neither performe that which is enjoyned, nor appear, he himselfe without further delay will performe the justice required. Or in the former of the said cases, the party delayed may have his Quare imp. but that is thought not to be so speedy a remedy.

Ror. par. 18 E. 3.  
2 part.

¶ Rules concerning delays,

<sup>a</sup> 18 E. 3. 54. a.

13 H. 4. 4.

24 E. 3. 64. a.

<sup>b</sup> 4 E. 3. 2. a.

22 H. 6. 39. per

Newton.

10 E. 3. 57.

40 E. 3. 22. & c.

<sup>c</sup> 4 E. 3. 14.

6 E. 3. 4.

<sup>d</sup> Bracon.

<sup>e</sup> Psal. 12. 9.

<sup>f</sup> 44 E. 3. 4.

18 E. 3. 12. 13.

20 H. 6. 10.

21 E. 4. 22. 23.

F. N. B. 66. f. 97. b.

<sup>g</sup> Ovidius,

<sup>h</sup> This is called

dupl. x q: erelz,

necessary to be

known for find-

ing of Instituti-

ons, & c.

## CAP. VII.

The Court of Kings Bench, *Coram Rege.*

Lib. 3. cap. 7.  
fo. 105. b.

Fo. 108. a.

\* Nota.

\* A granter prohibitions.

**B**Racton doth make in few words a notable expression of this Court. Habet Rex plures Curias in quibus diversæ actiones terminantur, & illarum curiarum habet unam propriam, sicut Aulam regiam, & Justiciarios capitales qui proprias causas regias terminant. & aliorum omnium, per querelam, vel per privilegium, sive libertatem. And soon after speaking of the Justices of this Court saith: Item Justiciariorum quidam sunt capitales, generales, perpetui, & majores à latere regis residentes, qui omnium aliorum corrigere tenentur injurias, & errores.

And Britton saith: In droit des Justices que sont assignes de nous suer & tener nostre lieu ou q̄ nous seons en Anglittere. \* Voilons que eux eiant conusans de amender faux judgements, & de terminer appeales & auters trespasses faitz encounter nostre peace, & \* encounter nostre jurisdiction, & lour record se esteant solong; ceo que nous manderons per nostre bñe.

Fleta in describing this Court saith: Habet & Rex Curiam suam & Justiciarios suos tam milites quam clericos locum suum tenentes in Anglia, coram quibus, & non alibi nisi coram semetipso & concilio suo vel Auditoribus specialibus falsa judicia & errores Justiciariorum revertuntur & corriguntur: ibidem etiam terminantur brevia de appellis, & alia brevia super actionibus criminalibus & injuriarum contra pacem regis illatarum impetrata, & omnia, in quibus continentur ubi tunc fuerimus in Anglia.

Liber niger in  
Scaccario. cap. 4.

In the Black Book of the Exchequer, it is thus said of the Chief Justice of this Court: Capitalis Justitia præsidet primus in regno. Out of these three ancient Authors we observe these six conclusions.

\* Note this word  
a See Britton f. 1.  
speaking of the  
King, *Et pur ceo  
que nous ne suffi-  
sons in nostre pro-  
per person a oier  
& terminer tous  
querels del people,  
Avomus partie  
nostre charge en  
plusors parts come  
est ordeme, &c.*  
20 E. 3. cap. 1.  
b Stat. de Marlbr.  
52 H. 3. ca. 1.  
Vid. 4 H. 4. ca. 22.  
c 24 H. 8. cap. 2.  
in eff. ct.  
d Bract. lib. 1. ca. 5  
fol. 3. b.  
e 20 E. 3. cap. 1.  
speaking in the  
Kings person.

First, where Bracton saith, Habet Rex plures curias in quibus diversæ actiones terminantur; Hereby, and in effect by a Britton, and this conclusion followeth, that the King hath committed and distributed all his whole power of judicature to severall Courts of Justice, and therefore the judgement must be Ideo consideratum est per Curiam. And herewith do agree divers Acts of Parliament and Book cases, some whereof, for illustration, we will briefly remember; and leave the judicious reader to the rest.

b Provisum, concordatum & concessum est, quod tam majores, quam minores justiciam habeant & recipiant in curia Domini Regis c That the lawes Ecclesiasticall and Temporall were and yet are administered, adjudged and executed by sundry Judges, &c. d Expediit etiam magistratus reipublicæ constitui, quia per eos qui juredicendo præsunt effectus rei accipitur; parum est enim jus in civitate esse, nisi sint qui possunt jura gerere.

e For the pleasure of God & quietnesse of our subjects as to save our conscience, and to keep our Oath, by the assent of our Great men and other of our Councell, we have commanded our Justices, that they shall from henceforth do even law and execution of right to all our Subjects, rich and poor, without having regard to any person, without letting to do right for any Letters or commandement which may come to them from us, or from any other, or by any other cause.

W. 1. An. 3 E. 1.  
cap. 1.  
Fleta l. b. 1. ca. 29.

Agreeable to that great Canon of the law Anno 3 E. 1. which we have translated into Latin: Rex præcipit quod pax sacrosanctæ Ecclesiæ & regni solidè custodiatur & conservetur in omnibus, quodq; justitia singulis tam pauperibus quam divitibus

divitibus administratur, nulla habita personarum ratione. See the second part of the Institutes W. 1. cap. 1.

8 H. 4. the King hath committed all his power judiciall, some in one Court, and some in another, so as if any would render himselfe to the judgement of the King in such case where the King hath committed all his power judiciall to others, such a render should be to no effect. And 8 H. 6. the King doth judge by his Judges (the King having distributed his power judiciall to severall Courts) And the King hath wholly left matters of judicature according to his lawes to his Judges.

2 H. 4. fo. 19.

8 H. 6. 20 & tit. Grant. F. 5.

2 R. 3. fol. 11.

And albeit it be enacted that the Delinquent shall be fined at the will of the King. Non Dominus Rex in camera sua, nec aliter nisi per justiciarios suos (finem imponit) & hæc est voluntas regis, viz, per Justiciarios & legem suam, unum est dicere.

The second conclusion is, that in those dayes this Court of Kings Bench did follow the Court: and therefore Bracton calleth it Aulam regiam, because they sat in the Kings Hall. Britton calleth the Justices of this Court, Justices assignes de nous iuer; and Fleta, Ubi tunc iuerimus in Anglia.

The third is, that it is called the Kings Bench, and the Pleas thereof Coram rege: because in this Court (as Bracton saith) those Capirales justiciarii proprias regis causas terminant, and therefore the King himselfe cannot be Judge in propria causa.

The fourth is, that under these words, proprias causas are included three things. First, all pleas of the Crowne; as all manner of treasons, felonies, and other pleas of the Crown which ex congruo, are aptly called propria causa regis, because they are placita coronæ regis. Secondly, regularly to examine and correct all and all manner of errors in fact, and in law, of all the Judges and Justices of the Realm in their judgements, processe, and proceeding in Courts of record, and not only in pleas of the Crown, but in all pleas, reall, personall, and mixt, (the Court of the Exchequer excepted, as hereafter shall appear.) And this is proprium quarto modo to the King in this Court: for regularly no other Court hath the like jurisdiction, and therefore may be well called propria causa regis, and these two be of high and sovereign jurisdiction. Thirdly, this Court hath not only jurisdiction to correct errors in judiciall proceeding, but other errors and misdemeanours extrajudiciall tending to the breach of the peace, or oppression of the subjects, or raising of faction, controverisy, debate, or any other manner of misgovernment; so that no wrong or injury, either publick or private, can be done, but that this shall be reformed or punished in one Court or other by due course of law. As if any person be committed to prison, this Court upon motion ought to grant an Habeas corpus, and upon returne of the cause do justice and relieve the party wronged. And this may be done though the party grieved hath no priviledge in this Court. It granteth prohibitions to Courts Temporall and Ecclesiasticall, to keep them within their proper jurisdiction. Also this Court may baile any person for any offence whatsoever. And if a Freeman in City, Burgh, or Town corporate be disfranchised unjustly, albeit he hath no priviledge in this Court, yet this Court may relieve the party, as it appeareth in James Bagges case, ubi supra, & sic in similibus.

Of these you may read in Glanvil lib 1. cap. 2. & c. & lib. 10. cap. 18. and in the third part of the Institutes per totum, & Scam. per totum.

\* And in Ireland of errors in the Kings Bench there. Lib. 7. fo. 18. F. N. B. 22 34 Aff. 7. 39 E. 3. Error 88. 2 Lib. 11. fo. 98. Jam. Bagges case Vid. 10 E. 3. ca. 3. Marshallea.

Fourthly, this Court may hold plea by Writ out of the Chancery of all trespasses done Vi & armis, of Replevins, of Quare impedit, &c.

b See the second part of the Institutes, the 11 Chapter of Mag. Carta, Communia placita non sequantur curiam nostram.

Fifthly, this Court hath power to hold plea by Bill for debt, detinue, covenant, promise, and all other personall actions, ejectione firme, and the like, against any that is in custodia Marechalli, or any Officer, Minister, or Clerk of the Court: and the reason hereof is, for that if they should be sued in any other Court they should have the priviledge of this Court: and lest there should be a fayler of Justice (which is so much abhorred in law) they shall be impleaded here by Bill though these actions be common pleas, and are not restrained by the said Act

F. N. B. 89. 92. \* Tr. 19 E. 3. coram rege Rot. 56 Linc. b 2 part of the Institutes, Magna Carta. cap. 11.

of Magna Carta, ubi supra. Likewise the Officers, Ministers, and Clerks of this Court privileged by law in respect of their necessary attendance in Court, may impleade others by Will in the actions foresaid. And all this appeareth by Bracton, who lived when Magna Carta was made, ubi supra: where he saith, Et aliorum omnium per querelam vel per privilegium sive libertatem. And continuall experience concurreth with antiquity herein.

See the second part of the Institutes, ubi sup. 27 H. 3. coram Rege. Rot. 9. Hus & Haut.

H. P. captus per querimoniam mercatorum Flandriae & imprisonatus. offert domino regi Hus & Haut in plegio ad standum recto, & ad respondendum praeditis mercatoribus, & omnibus aliis qui versus eum loqui voluerint, &c. This plea was after the statute of Magna Carta, Anno 9 H. 3. Of these words Hus & Haut, two French words. Hus signifying an Elder-tree, and Haut the staffe of a Halbert, &c. I leave the conjecture that some have made thereof to themselves: we think it was then common ball changed now to Do and Ro, and the rather for this word [offert.] And it is observable, that then putting in baile at one mans suit, he was in custodia Marechalli to answer all others which would sue him by Will, and this continueth to this day. If any person be in custodia Marechalli, &c. be it by commitment, or by Latitat, bill of Misdemeanor, or other Proces of law, it is sufficient to give the Court jurisdiction: and the rather, for that the Court of Common pleas is not able to dispatch all the subjects causes, if the said actions should be confined only to that Court. And seeing none but Serjeants at law can practise in the Court of Common pleas, it is necessary that in this Court of Kings Bench Apprentices and other Counsellors of law might by experience inable themselves to be called Serjeants afterwards; otherwise Serjeants must want experience, which is the life of their profession. And the proceedings in that Court for so long time, & under so many honourable Judges and reverend Sages of the law, hath gotten such a foundation, as cannot now without an Act of Parliament be shaken. And the errors in the Kings Bench cannot be reversed (but in certain particular actions by the statute of 27 Eliz. cap. 8. wherein the jurisdiction of the Court is saved) but in the High Court of Parliament, as before in the Chapter of the Court of Parliament appeareth.

31 H. 6. ro. b. ad Judge.

Sixthly, If a Writ in a real action be abated by judgement in the Court of Common pleas, and in a Writ of Error the judgement is reversed in this Court, and the Writ is adjudged good, this Court shall proceed upon this Writ, and is not restrained by Magna Carta, ubi supra, ne curia Domini Regis deficeret in iusticia exhibenda.

1 H. 7. 12.  
14 H. 7. 14.  
21 E. 3. 46.  
11 H. 4. 49 in natio habendo.

F. N. B. 177.  
30 aff. 35. Aff. de mord.

This Court may hold plea in Assise of novel disseisin without any patent, for it is querela and not placitum, and so not within these words communia placita, as it hath been expounded and warranted by continuall experience.

3 H. 4. 7.

A Scire fac' to repeal a Patent of the King may be brought in this Court. And where Fleta saith, Nisi coram semetipso & concilio suo, vel Auditoribus specialibus falsa judicia ac errores iudicialiorum revertantur: It is to be known that all the Common law errors in the Court of Erchequer (being the proper Court of the King for his revenue and profit) were examinable before Commissioners appointed by the Kings Writ under his Great Seal, which Fleta here calleth Auditores speciales. But now by the statute of 31 E. 3. the Chancelour and Treasurer taking to them the Justices and other sage persons, such as to them seemeth to be taken, shall examine the errors in the Erchequer, &c.

See more hereof in the Chapter of the Erchequer. 31 E. 3. cap. 12.

2 Rot. Par. 18 E. 1 nu. 97. Placit. Int. Jo. de novo Burgo & Regman, &c.

b W. 1. cap. 14. Against preposterous hearings.

c Art. sup. cart. 28 E. 1. cap. 5. Glan. temps. H. 2

lib. 2. ca. 6. & lib. 1. ca. 1. Coram Iusticiis Domini Regis in Banco sedentibus. Vid. Adjudicat' coram Rege in every Terme, from 1 E. 1. during all his reign in every severall Terme in the yeare. And in all those times and Termes the Court of Chancery did sit.

a In ancient time, when pleas were holden in Parliament, when the parties descended to issue, the Record was adjourned into the Kings Bench to be tried there.

b See the statute of W. 1. against preposterous hearings in this Court, and the exposition of the same in the second part of the Institutes.

c By the statute of Artic' super Carr. the Chancelour and the Justices of the Kings Bench were to follow the Court: but notwithstanding both the Chancery and the Kings Bench were at this time settled Courts, during the severall

Terms



Terms of the year, as by infinite records both before and after this statute doth appear. So as at this time they did not attend in the Kings Court, but when they were called, yet were accounted as parcell of the Kings household as long as they followed the Court: But this cumbersome attendance wholly ceased in the reign of E. 3. and yet the Lord Chancellor would have had his purveyance, as if he had continued still as one of the household, untill he and all others, but those of the Kings, Queens, or Princes household only, were restrained by Act of Parliament. 34 E. 3. cap. 2.

Also upon perusal of the Records in the reign of H. 3. from the beginning of his reign untill the ending of it, this Court sat in the Term time where the other Courts of Justice did sit. And the pleas were stiled to be holden Coram Rege as to this day they are: and this appeareth by Fitzh. Abzidgment, in the titles of Corone, of Brief, of Wast, &c. and by Bracton who in many places voucheth Judgments in the reign of H. 3. in Terms Coram Rege. And this appeareth also in elder times: but hercof thus much shall suffice to prove, that at the making of the said Act of 28 E. 1. and long before, this Court in Term times sat with the Kings other Courts, and specially for Pleas of the Crown, &c. and that the said Act is to be intended, that the Chancellor and the Judges of this Court should attend the King and follow the Court when they were required.

It is truly said that the Justices De banco Regis have supream authority, the King himself sitting there as the law intends. They be more then Justices in Circ.

The Justices in this Court are the sovereign Justices of Oier and Terminer, Gaol-delivery, conservatoys of the peace, &c. in the Realm. See the books in the margent, you shall find excellent matter of learning concerning the supream jurisdiction of this Court.

In this Court the Kings of this Realm have sit in the High Bench, and the Judges of that Court on the lower Bench at his feet; but Judicature only belongeth to the Judges of that Court, and in his presence they answer all motions, &c.

The Justices of this Court are the sovereign Coroners of the land, and therefore where the Sherif and Coroners may receive appeals by bill, a Fortiori the Justices of this Court may doe it.

So high is the authority of this Court, that when it comes and sits in any County, the Justices of Eire, of Oier and Terminer, Gaol-delivery, they which have consuance, &c. doe cease without any writing to them. But if any indictment of Treason or Felony in a soverain County be removed before certain Commissioners of Oier and Terminer in the County where this Court sits, yet they may proceed, because this Court (for that this indictment was not removed before them) cannot proceed for that offence. But if an indictment be taken in Midd. in the Vacation, and after this Court sit in the next Term in the same County (if this Court be adjourned) then may speciall Commissioners of Oier and Terminer, &c. in the interim proceed upon that indictment, but the more usual way is by speciall Commission. And all this was resolved by all the Judges of England at Winchester Term, Anno 1 Jacobi Regis, in the case of Sir Everard Digby and others: and so had it been resolved, Mich. 25 & 26 Eliz. in the case of Arden and Somerville, for this kind of speciall Commission of Oier and Terminer: and herewith agreeth Pl. Com. in the Carl of Leic' case, Anno 1 Mar. regior.

And so supream is the jurisdiction of this Court, that if any Record be removed into this Court, it cannot (being as it were in his center) be remaunded back, unlesse it be by Act of Parliament. And this appeareth by the Judgment of the Parliament in Anno 6 H. 8. but by the authority of that Act indictments of felonies and murders removed into the Kings Bench may by the Justices of that Court be remaunded, and this Court may send down as well the bodies of all Felons and Murderers, as their indictments into the Counties where the same murders or felonies were committed or done, &c. in such manner, &c. as if the indictments had not been brought into the Kings Bench.

But

34 E. 3. c. 2.

And so did the Chancery both of them being to some purposes but one Court as it appeareth in the Chapter of the Court of Chancery.

3 El. Dier 187.  
27 Aff. p. 1.

7 E. 4. 18.  
4 H. 7. 18.  
14 H. 7. 21 li. 9.  
fo. 118. a & b.  
Segnior Sanch. rs  
case.

17 E. 3. 13. a.  
Lib. 4. fo. 57. in  
the Saedlers case.  
Pl. Com. 262.  
a 21 aff. 12 27 aff. 1.  
28 aff. 52. 21 H. 7.  
29.  
b Pasch 12 E. 3.  
Coram Rege.  
Ro 99 Chichest.  
W. 1. ca. 3.  
Lib. 9. fo. 118.  
Ubi supra.

Hil. 1 Jac. Sir  
Walter Raleighs  
case, &c.  
Pl. Com. fo. 388.  
Count de Leic'  
case acc'.

22 E. 3. 6. b.  
24 E. 3. 73.  
29 aff. 52.  
Stant. pl. Cor. 15.  
6 H. 8. cap 6. It  
extendeth only  
to Felonies and  
Murder.

See before cap. Parliam. pag. 21. when a writ of Error is sued of a Judgment, *Coram rege*, they proceed *super tenore recordi*, and the record it self remaineth in this Court.

2 H. 4. cap. 10.

26 ass. p. 47.

Designatio Justiciariorum est à rege, jurisdictio vero ordinaria à lege.

\* Glanvil lib. 1. ca. 6. 13. &c. s. penultimo.

2 Lib. nigro in Scaccario. par. 1. ca. 4.

Never in any legall record (which we have seen) they were called *Summi Justiciarii*.

Rot. Carr.

45 H. 3. 13 Aug.

Capitalis Justiciarius Angliæ.

But the Justices of the Kings Bench of their own authority may grant a *Nisi prius* in case of treason, felony, and other pleas; for there they send but the transcript of the Record, and not the Record it self, as shall be said in the Chapter of Justices of *Nisi prius*. But if the Justices of the Kings Bench doe perceibe that any indictment is to be removed into that Court by practise or for delay, the Court may refuse to receive the same, before it be entred of Record, and remaund the same back again for justice to be done.

By the statute of 2 H. 4. the Clerk of the Croton of this Court, if fourscore or an hundred men be indicted of felony or trespass, of one felony, or one trespass, and they plead to an Issue, as not guilty, the said Clerk ought not to take for the Venire fac, nor for the entring of the plea but two shillings only, and not two shillings for every one, which Act is made in affirmance of the Common-law. So if one man be indicted of two severall felonies or trespasses, and is acquitted, he shall pay but for one delibrance.

Out of this Court are other Courts derived, as from one fountain severall springs and rivers, in respect of the multiplicity of causes, which have increased. *Jurisdictio istius curiæ est originalis seu ordinaria, & non delegata.* The Justices of this Court have no Commission, Letters Patents or other means to hold pleas, &c. but their power is original and ordinary. They were called anciently \* *Justicia, Justiciarii, locum tenentes domini regis, &c.* The Chief Justice, *Justicia Angliæ, Justicia prima, Justiciarius Angliæ, Justiciarius Angliæ capitalis, and Justiciarius noster capitalis ad placita coram nobis terminand.* To observe the changes of these names, and the reason and change thereof, is worthy of observation,

Before the reign of E. 1. the Chief Justice of this Court was created by Letters Patents, and the form thereof (taking one example for all) was in these words.

*Rex, &c. Archiepiscopis, Episcopis, Abbatibus, Prioribus, Comitibus, Baronibus, Vicecomitibus, Forestariis, & omnibus aliis fidelibus regni Angliæ, Salutem. Cum pro conservatione nostra, & tranquillitatis regni nostri, & ad justitiam universis & singulis de regno nostro exhibendam constituerimus dilectum et fidelem nostrum Philippum Basset Justiciarium Angliæ quamdiu nobis placuerit capitalem. Vobis mandamus in fide qua nobis tenemini firmiter injungentes, quatenus in omnibus quæ ad officium Justiciarii prædicti, nec non ad conservationem pacis nostræ et regni nostri eidem dum in officio prædicto steterit, plenius sitis intendentes. Teste Rege, &c.*

Herein 6. things are to be observed. 1. That the creation of his office was by Letters Patents. 2. That this officer was originally instituted for three things. 1. Pro conservatione nostra. 2. Tranquillitatis regni nostri. 3. \* Ad justitiam universis & singulis de regno nostro exhibendam. The third thing to be observed is, that he was stiled *Justiciarius Angliæ capitalis*. 4. That Philip Basset was constituted Chief Justice of England, and after made Knight, for he was not knight at the making of the Letters Patents. This Philip was of Welledby in the County of Northampton, & was excellently learned in the laws of the Realm; he was younger brother of Baron Basset of Draiton Basset in the County of Staff. 5. That he was constituted *quamdiu nobis placuerit*. Lastly, the clause of attendance, and the persons that are to give attendance, &c. to him, are very remarkable. This Philip Basset was the last of this kind of creation by anylike Letters Patents, and he died Chief Justice neer to the end of the reign of H. 3. King E. 1. being a wise and prudent Prince knowing that *Cui plus licet quam par est, plus vult quam licet*, (as most of these *Summi Justiciarii* did) made three alterations. 1. By limitation of his Authority. 2. By changing *Summus Justiciarius*, to *Capitalis Justic.* 3. By a new kind of creation, viz. by Writ, lest if he had continued his former manner of creation, he might

\* This was the original jurisdiction of this Court.

might have had a desire of his former Authority, which three doe expressly appear by the Writ yet in use, viz.

*Rex, &c. E. C. militi Salutem. Sciatis quod constituimus vos Justiciarium nostrum capitalem ad placita coram nobis tenenda, durante beneplacito nostro. Teste, &c.*

Which writ being called Breve doth in few words comprehend the substance of the former Letters Patents: for Capitalis Justiciarius noster and ad placita coram nobis tenenda includes all that which was truly intended to be granted to him in the former Letters Patents, which alterations were made by Authority of Parliament, though not now extant. For it is a rule in law, that ancient offices must be granted in such forms and in such manner, as they have used to be, unlesse the alteration were by Authority of Parliament. And continuall experience approveth, that for many succession of ages without intermission, they have been, and yet are called by the said writ, Et optimus legum interpretis consuetudo. But after the said alteration, viz. in anno 25 E. 1. Reginaldus de Grey (was stiled) Justiciarius Angliæ, and he was in legall proceedings called Capitalis Justiciarius noster, when his Patent was, Capitalis Justiciarius Angliæ.

We have seen a Fine in these words: *Hæc est finalis concordia facta in curia domini regis apud Westm' à die Sancti Michaelis in tres septimanas, anno Regni regis Henrici filii regis Johannis 3. coram domino Huberto de Burgo capitali Justiciario Angliæ & aliis domini Regis fidelibus tunc ibi presentibus.*

<sup>a</sup> In the writ De homine replegiand', he (which was formerly called Capitalis Justiciarius Angliæ) is called Capitalis Justic' noster, and sometime Cap. Justic' Regis. The stile of this Court of Kings Bench is Anglia in the margent: and in divers Acts of Parliament he is called Chief Justice of England, 34 H. 8. cap. 26. 37 H. 8. cap. 12. 2 E. 6. cap. 13. 5 E. 6. cap. 11.

The Chief Justice in Ireland is called Capitalis Justiciar' Hiberniæ at this day, Pasch, 13 E. 1. (the pleas in this Court are Coram rege) then were stiled thus, Placita coram locum domini regis tenentibus, &c. Ideo venit inde jurata coram rege vel ejus locum tenentibus, 15 Paschæ, &c. within which words all the Judges of the Kings Bench were included.

<sup>b</sup> Anno domini 969. in the Abby of Ramsey this Epitaph was engraven, &c. D. Ailivinus inclyti regis Edgari cognatus totius Angliæ Aldermannus, &c. who was without question Chief Justice of all England. Inter leges Aluredi cap. 34. he is called *Cyninger caldorman*, i. Regis Aldermannus sive Senator, sive Iudex. Vide cap. 3. 15. & 38. Et inter leges Edovardi ca. 35.

The rest of the Judges of the Kings Bench have their offices by Letters Patents in these words, Rex omnibus ad quos presentes literæ pervenerint, Salutem. Sciatis quod constituimus dilectum & fidelem Johannem Doderidge militem unum Justiciariorum ad Placita coram nobis tenenda durante beneplacito nostro, Teste, &c. These Justices of the Kings Bench are stiled 1. Capitales. 2. Generales. 3. Perpetui. 4. Majores à latere regis residentes: but the Chief Justice is only called by the King, Capitalis Justiciarius noster. They are called 1. Capitales, in respect of their supreme jurisdiction. 2. Generales, in respect of their generall jurisdiction throughout all England, &c. 3. Perpetui, for that they ought not to be removed without just cause. 4. Majores à latere regis residentes, for their honor and safety, that they should be protected by the King in administration of justice, for that they be à latere Regis.

And where in 5 E. 4. it is holden by all the Justices in the Erchequer chamber that a man cannot be Justice by Writ but by Patent or Commission, it is to be understood of all the Judges, saving the Chief Justice of this Court. But both the Chief Justice, and the rest of the Judges may be discharged by Writ under the Great Seal.

None can be a Judge of this Court unlesse he be a Serjeant of the degree of the Coif, and yet in the Writ or Patent to them made, they are not named Serjeants.

See in the chapter of the Constable and Marshall for this point.

Rot. Par. 25 E. 1. so named in the Writ of Parliament to him directed.

Nora, this fine was levied, *Inter Martinum Abbatem de Missenden querentem, & Thustank Bassett deforcemem de 3 Carucan' terre in lega*, before him in the Kings

Bench, in 3 H. 3. before Mag. Car. and stiled *Capit. Justiciar' Angliæ*. Lib. de Missenden fo. 109. divers other fines with the same stile.

a Regist. fo 77. 24 E. 1. Stat. de consuet. 3 E. 3. Coron. 361. Lib. Int. Co. tit. action sur le case. Se & 5.

b Aldermanni Judices dicti sunt in diebus illis. c Bract. li. 3. f. 108.

L 5 E. 4. 137.

If a Writ be returnable Coram Iusticiariis nostris apud Westm', it shall be returned in the Common place: but if it be returnable in this Court, it must be Coram nobis ubicunque fuerimus in Anglia. See the Second part of the Institutes, Mag. Cart. cap. 11. and the exposition upon the same.

In former times some ill disposed Clerks of this Court, because they could have no originall out of the Chancery for debt returnable into this Court, they would sue out an originall action of trespassse (a meer feigned action) returnable into this Court, and so proceed to Exigent, (where in truth the cause of action is for debt) and when the Defendant appeared, &c. all the former proceedings were waved, and a bill filed for the Defendant for debt. This is an unjust practise in derogation of the dignity and honoz of this Court, and woorthy of severe punishment according to the statute of W. 1. c. 29. when it is found out: Vide in the Chapter of the Court of Common Pleas in the end thereof.

Now that we may here say somewhat to a vulgar objection of the multiplication of suits in law both in this Court, and other of his Majesties Courts at Westm' more then hath been in the reigns of E. 3. R. 2. H. 4. H. 5. H. 6. E. 4. and R. 3. It is to be observed, that there be six causes of the increase of them, whereof two be generall, & the other four particular. The generall be Peace, and Plenty: The particular, 1. The dissolution of so many Monasteries, Chanteries, &c. and the dispersing of them into so many severall hands. 2. The swarm of Informers. 3. The number of Concealors. 4. The multitude of Attornies.

For the first generall: In the reigns of E. 3. R. 2. H. 4. H. 5. and part of the reign of H. 6. in respect of the wars in France, &c. and in the residue of the reign of H. 6. and in the reign of E. 4. in respect of the bloody and intestine wars, and in almost continuall alarms within the bowels of this kingdome, between the houses of Lancaster and York, there could not be so many suits in law, as since this kingdome hath enjoyed peace, which is the first generall cause. Peace is the mother of plenty, (which is the second generall cause) and Plenty the Nurse of suits. In particular, by the dissolution of Monasteries, Chanteries, &c. and dispersing of them, &c. Upon the statutes made concerning the same (there being such a confluence of Ecclesiasticall possessions) there arose many questions and doubts, whereupon suits were greatly increased. 2. Informers and Relators raised many suits, by informations, writs, &c. in the Kings Courts at Westm' upon penall statutes, many whereof were obsolete, inconvenient, and not fit for those days, and yet remained as snares upon the subject, so as the subject might justly say with Tacitus, Prius viciis laboravimus, nunc legibus. 3. Concealors, Helluones, that endeavoured to swallow up Cathedral Churches and the Ecclesiasticall possessions of Church-men, and the livings of many others of the Kings subjects. Lastly, the multitude of Attornies, more then is limited by law, is a great cause of increase of suits.

<sup>a</sup> But now on the other side, to shew what great hope there is, that suits in law shall decrease, for that in effect all the particular causes of the increase of them are taken away, which we have thought good to remember.

<sup>b</sup> For the first, the statute of 35 Eliz. cap. 3. hath remedied part, but the statute of 21 Jac. ca. 2. hath given a plenary salve for the whole mischief, whereof you may read at large in the Third part of the Institutes, cap. 87. against Concealors, turbidum hominum genus. <sup>c</sup> For the second, by the statute of 21 Jac. cap. 4. Informations, &c. upon penall statutes are to be heard and determined in their proper Countles, and not in the Courts at Westminster, whereby the veratious swarm of Informers, who are best trusted where they are least known, are banished and turned again to their former occupations. <sup>d</sup> Concerning Attornies the number are set down, and that they ought to be learned and veracious, and as I understand, the Judges at this time have this matter in consideration. But besides these, there are some other statutes made for avoiding and decreasing of veratious suits. As an <sup>e</sup> Act in 21 Jac. Regi cap. 16. for limitation of actions and avoiding suits in law, a good and beneficiall law. Another Act at the same Parliament, cap. 13. for the further reformation of Feofails,

W. 1. ca. 29.

Vid. 30 H. 6. 37. 2.

30 E. 3. 32. It is fraud where one thing is pretended, and another done.

Multiplication of suits.  
Peace.  
Plenty.  
Dissolution of Monasteries, &c.  
Informers.  
Concealors.  
Attornies.]

*Silent leges inter arma.*

Concordia parvum res crescent, exopulentialites.

\* See the preambles of the Stat. of 4 H. 4. ca. 18. 33 H. 6. ca. 7. a Diminution of suits.

b Possessions of Monast. and Chanteries, &c. 35 El. ca. 3. 21 Jac. cap. 2. Concealors.

c 21 Jac. ca. 4. Informers.

See the Third part of the Inst. cap. against vexatious relators Informers, &c. d Attornies.

Rot. Par. 20 E. 1. Rot. 4. De Appreticis & Attornis. 15 R. 2. nu. 28. 4 H. 4. ca. 18.

33 H. 6. ca. 7. See Rot. Parl.

13 H. 4. nu. 63. not in print.

e 21 Jac. ca. 16.

falls, a good law for ending of suits. Another at the same Parliament, cap. 8. to prevent and punish abuses in procuring of processe of Superfedeas of the peace and good behabour, out of his Majesties Courts at Westminster, &c. whereby infinite verations, troubles and charges of the subjects are prevented. Another at the same Parliament, ca. 23. for avoiding of verattious delays in causes by removing of actions and suits out of inferiour Courts, wherein the former abuse was verattious, grievous, and chargeable to the subject. A branch of an Act at the same Parliament, cap. 16. for pleading of tender of amends in an action of trespassse, Quare clauf. fregit, for a trespassse by negligence, or involuntary, wherein the Defendant maketh no title, &c. an excellent and necessary law for avoiding of trifling and verattious suits, especially in Champion Countries. An Act at the same Parliament, cap. 2. against Monopolies and new projects, &c. a great quiet for the time to come. Anno 3 Caroli Regis nunc, cap. 1. The petition of Right concerning the rights and liberties of all the subjects of this Realm for their repose and quiet. Lastly, the repeal of so many obsolete penall Statutes is a great mean of diminution of suits.

See the 3. part of the Inst. c. 2. p. against Monopolists and Projectors.  
3 Car. Regis c. 2.  
21 Jac. ca. 28.  
3 Car. ca. 4.

For the abovesaid generall causes, viz. Peace and Plenty, long may they happily by the goodnesse of god continue without abuse within this Realm.

The Kings Bench hath authority for great misprisions and offences, to adjudge and inflict corporall punishment, as Pillory, Papers, and the like: whereof you may read many presidents in the Third part of the Institutes; pag. 219, 220,

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## CAP. VIII.

## The Court of Chancery.

¶ *The Antiquity of this Court.*  
26 E. 3. ass. p. 24.  
and the preface  
to the third book  
of Reports.  
History of Ely,  
Hugo Petrobur-  
genfis, Leland.  
Fortesc. cap. 17.

In the second book  
of the History of  
Ely, written in  
the reign of King  
Stephen soon af-  
ter the Conquest.  
\* Curia Canc'.  
Nota.

Mirror ca. 1. § 3.  
& vide ca. 5. § 9.  
*pur le enrolment  
de pardon le roy  
in le Chancery en  
le nps le roy Al-  
fred.* King Al-  
fred began to  
reign anno dom.  
872. and was fa-  
ther to King Ed-  
ward Senior, fa-  
ther of the said  
Athelstane.  
\* Error Polydoti.

Fitz. Stephen  
rempore H. 2. in  
the end of Stows  
survey of Lond.  
Brafton fo.  
See Glanv li. 12.  
ca. 1. & 5. &c.  
Fleta li. 2. ca. 12.

W. 2. 13 E. 1. c. 1.  
13 E. 1. ca. 23, 24.

**C**ertain it is, that both the Brittain and Saxon Kings had their Chan-  
celors and Court of Chancery, the only Court out of which originall writs  
doe issue: As taking some few examples before the Conquest.

Edward the Confessor had Reinbald his Chancelor. This Edward granted  
many Mannors, Lands, &c. and Franchises to the Abbot of Westminster; and  
endeth his Charter thus. Ad ultimum, cartam istam sigillari iussi, & ipse manu  
mea propria signum Crucis impressi, & idoneos testes annotari precepi: and a-  
mongst those witnesses this you shall finde Swardus notarius ad vicem Rein-  
baldi regie dignitatis Cancellarii hanc cartam scripsi & subscripsi. He had also  
Lestrick to his Chancelor.

King Etheldred also had a worthy name, and a worthy man to his Chancelor.  
Rex Etheldredus statuit atque concessit quatenus Ecclesiam de Elye ex tunc  
& semper in regis \* curia Cancellarie ageret dignitatem, &c. This King began  
his reign, Anno domini 978. which albeit it was void in law to grant the Chan-  
celorship of England in succession, yet it proveth that then there was a Court of  
Chancery.

King Edgar had Adulph: King Edred had Thurkettle: King Edmond the  
same: King Athelstane Wolfine their Chancelors, &c.

For further proof that there was a Court of Chancery before all these Kings  
time, out of which writs remediall issued, as they doe to this day: hear what the  
Mirror saith, Le primer constitutions ordenus per les viels roys, &c. ordein fuit  
que chescun eyt del Chancery le roy brief remedial a son pleint sans difficultie.  
Hereby it appeareth that in the reign of King Alfred there was a Court of  
Chancery out of which writs remediall issued, which was not then instituted,  
but affirmed to be a Court then in esse, & enacted that out of that Court writs re-  
mediall should be granted without difficulty, which law continueth to this day.  
And thus much touching the Court of Chancery before the Conquest: and  
therefore \* Polydor Virgill, who affirmeth this Court to come in with the Con-  
quero, perperam erravit.

In a Charter to the Abbot of Westminster by William the Conquero, and  
amongst the witnesses it is written thus, Ego Mauririus Regis Cancellarius fa-  
vendo legi, & sigillavi. Arfakus Bishop of Northelham in North. who trans-  
lated his See to Thetford, was also Chancelor to the Conquero.

Cancellarii Anglie dignitas est, ut secundus a rege in regno habeatur, ut al-  
tera parte sigilli regii, quod & ad ejus pertinet custodiam, propria signet man-  
data, &c.

Omnia brevia de pace, &c. irrotulari debent in rotulo Cancellarie,

Fleta saith, Est inter cetera quoddam officium quod dicitur Cancellaria, quod uno  
provido & discreto, ut Episcopo vel clerico, magnae dignitatis debet committi  
simul cum cura magni sigilli regni, cujus substituti sunt Cancellar' omnes in  
Anglia, Hibernia, Wallia, & Scoe' omnesque sigilla regis custodientes ubique  
prater custodem sigilli privati. Cui associantur clerici honesti, circumspetti do-  
mino regi jurati, qui in legibus & consuetudinibus Anglicanis notitiam habeant  
pleniorum, quorum officium sit supplicationes & querelas conquerentium audi-  
re & examinare, & eis super qualitibus injuriarum ostensarum debitum reme-  
dium exhibere per brevia regis.

Breve de forma donationis in revertere satis est in usu in Cancellaria.

In Cancellaria & in registro Cancellarie.

For the antiquity and authority of this book of the Register of the Chancery, see the first part of the Institutes, Verb. per le Register, and in the Epistle to the ninth book of my Commentaries.

But to proceed (omitting many others) Robert Parning took the state and degree of a Serjeant at law in 3 E. 3. and became the Kings Serjeant, and for his profound & excellent knowledge of the laws, in Trin. Term 14 E. 3. was 24 Julij by writ created Chief Justice of England: in which office he remained untill the 15 of December following, on which day he was made Lord Treasurer of England. In that office he remained untill the 15 year of the reign of the same King, and then was constituted Lord Chancellor. This man knowing that he that knew not the common law, could never well judge in equity (which is a just correction of law in some cases) did usually sit in the Court of Common Pleas, (which Court is the lock and key of the Common law) and heard matters in law there debated, and many times would argue himself, as in the report of 17 E. 3. it appears.

In the 30 year of E. 3. Sir Robert Thorpe Chief Justice of the Common Pleas (not Sir William Thorpe Chief Justice of England, convicted of sordid bribery) a man of singular judgement in the laws of this Realm, was constituted Lord Chancellor of England. And in the Parliament Anno 45 E. 3. a grievous complaint was made by the Lords and Commons, that the Realme had bin of long time governed by men of the Church in disherison of the Crown, and desired that Lay men only might be principall Officers, &c.

After the decease of Sir Robert Thorpe 5 Julij Anno 46 E. 3. Sir John Knivet Knight, chief Justice of England, a man famous in his profession, was made Lord Chancellor of England, who deceased in Anno 50 E. 3. &c.

In perusing the Rols of Parliament in the times of these Lord Chancellours, we finde no complaint at all of any proceeding befoze them. But soone after, when a Chancelour was no professor of the law, we finde a grievous complaint by the whole body of the Realm, and a Petition that the most wise and able men within the Realm might be chosen Chancellours, and that he seek to redresse the enormities of the Chancery. But leaving many other Records to their proper places hereafter, we will conclude this point concerning the antiquity and jurisdiction of this Court with the opinion of all the Judges of the Realm in 9 E. 4. in a suit in the Court of Exchequer against the Clerk of the Hamper in the Chancery upon his account in the Exchequer, where it was holden by all the Justices in the Exchequer chamber; that all the Courts of the King have been time out of memory, so as a man cannot know which of them is the ancientest Court. And Justice Yong the plaintife demanded of the Justices, what if the Chancelour command me upon a payne, that I shall not sue him? To whom Billing the chief Justice answered, You are not bound to obey it, because that commandment is against law: But seeing that toucheth upon the jurisdiction of the Court, let us in the next place handle that point.

*The Jurisdiction of the Court.*

In the Chancery are two Courts, one ordinary, Coram Domino Rege in Cancellaria, <sup>a</sup> wherein the Lord Chancellor or Lord Keeper of the Great Seal proceeds according to the right line of the laws and statutes of the Realm, secundum legem & consuetudinem Angliæ. <sup>b</sup> Another extraordinary according to the rule of equity, secundum æquum & bonum. And first of the former Court.

<sup>c</sup> He hath power to hold plea of Scire fac' for repeal of the Kings Letters patents, of Petitions, monstrans de droits, traverses of Offices, Partitions in Chancery, of Scire fac' upon recognisances in this Court, Writs of Audita querela, and Scire fac' in the nature of an Audita querela to avoid executions in this Court; <sup>d</sup> dowments in Chancery, the Writ de dote assignanda upon offices found, execution upon the Statute staple, or Recognisance in nature of a Statute staple upon the Act of 23 H. 8. but the Execution upon a Statute merchant is referable either into the Kings bench, or into the Common place, and all

1 part Instit. Sect. 101. Epist. lb 9.

Vid. postea ca. 10 of the Court of Common pleas.

Ubi non est scientia, non est conscientia. 17 E. 3. fo. 11. 14. 23. 37.

Rot. Parl. 45 E. 3. Rot. 22. nu. 15.

Rot. Par. 5 R. 2. nu. 20.

a 8 E. 4 5, 9 E. 4. 15. 14 E. 4. 7. b Stan. prax. c. 20 fo. 65. b. Pl. com. fo. 72. c Rot. Par. 8 H. 4. nu. 122. 2 R. 3. 1.

d Regist. 297. F. N. B. 263. Stanf. prax. ca. Rot. Par. 18 E. 3. nu. 41. 43.

personall actions by or against any Officer or Minister of this Court in respect of their service or attendance there. <sup>a</sup> In these if the parties descend to issue, this Court cannot try it by Jury, but the Lord Chancellor or Lord Keeper delivereth the Record by his proper hands into the Kings Bench to be tried there; because for that purpose both Courts are accounted <sup>b</sup> but one, and after triall had to be remanded into the Chancery, and there judgement to be given. But if there be a demurrer in law, it shall be argued and adjudged in this Court. Nota, the legall proceedings of this Court be not inrolled in Rols, but remaine in filicis being filed up in the Office of the Pety-bag. <sup>c</sup> Upon a judgement given in this Court a Writ of Error doth lye retornable into the Kings bench: <sup>d</sup> The stile of the Court of the Kings Bench is coram rege (as hath been said) and the stile of this court of Chancery is coram domino rege in Cancellaria, & additio probat minoritatem. And in this Court the Lord Chancellor or the Lord Keeper is the sole Judge; and in the Kings Bench there are four Judges at the least.

This Court is Officina Justitia, out of which all originall Writs and all Commissions which passe under the Great Seal go forth, which Great Seal is Clavis regni, and for those ends this Court is ever open.

Of this Court Fleta ubi supra, saith, Dicuntur Brevia cum sint formata ad similitudinem regulæ juris, quæ breviter, & paucis verbis intentionem proferentis exponant, sicut regula juris, rem quæ est breviter enarrat; non tamen ita debet esse bñe quin rationem & vim intentionis contineat. Et sunt quædam Brevia formata sub suis casibus, & quædam de cursu quæ consilio totius regni sunt approbata, quæ quidem mutari non poterunt absque eorundem contraria voluntate. Sunt & Brevia ex eis sequentia quæ dicuntur judicialia, & sæpius variantur secundum varietatem placitorum proponent' & respondent', petentis & excipientis & secundum varietatem responsonum. Sunt & quædam quæ dicuntur magistralia & sæpius variantur secundum diversitatem casuum, factorû & querelarum, & quorum quædam sunt personalia, & quædam realia, & quædam mixta, secundum quod sunt actiones diversæ vel variæ, quia tot erunt formulæ brevium, quot sunt genera actionum, quia non potest quis sine brevi agere, præcipue de libero tenemento suo, quia non tenetur quis respondere sine brevi, nisi gratis voluerit, & cum hoc fecerit quis, ex hoc ei non injuriabitur: volenti enim & scienti non fit injuria. De eadem autem re, plures alicui competere poterunt actiones, ordine autem, ut convenit, observato. Breve quidem regis in se nullam debet continere falsitatem, nec aliquem errorem: apparere debet vel in prima sui figura non vitiosum, maxime si fuerit patens sive apertum, quia originalia quædam sunt clausa, & quædam aperta. Et sive aperta, sive clausa, apparere non debent abrasa, nec abolita: & si inveniatur abrasio, tunc refert quo loco, à quo, & quando. Quo loco? videlicet utrum in narratione facti vel juris. Si autem in narratione facti, cadet coram Justic' quasi suspectum. Facta enim & nomina mutari non debent, sed jura ubique scribi possunt. A quo? utrum videlicet per Clericum Cancellar' cui autoritas data fuerit, vel ausu temerario per alium, sicut Clericum Justic', vel Vic' ad procurationem alicujus partis: quo casu omnes agentes & consentientes tanquam falsarii puniantur. Item quando? videlicet utrum hoc fiat antequam bñe in curia resuscitatum & publicatum, vel post, Si autem post, erit breve suspectum & cadet, si à tenente fuerit hoc calumpniatum. Fiunt autem brevvia judicialia in Cancellaria ex recognitionibus & contractibus habitis & in Rotulis Cancellariæ irrotulatis & ex recordo cancellario & Clericis sibi associatis per hanc constitutionem concessio. Quia de hiis quæ recordata sunt coram Cancellar' domini regis, & ejus Justic' qui recordum habent & in rotulis eorum irrotulantur, non debet fieri processus placiti per summonitionem, vel attachiamen', essonia, visus tñe & alias solemnitates Cur' sicut fieri consuevit ex contractibus, & conventionibus factis extra curiam. Observandum est de cætero quod ea quæ inveniuntur irrotulata coram hiis qui recordum habent vel in finibus contenta, cum sint contractus sive conventiones vel obligationes sive servicia aut consuetudines recognitæ sive alia quæcunq; irrotulata quib' Cur' regis sine juris & constitutionis offensa auctoritatem præstare potest, talem de cetero habeat vigorem, quod non

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a 13 E. 2. coram Rege, Rot. 51. London.

b 10 E. 3. 61. 24 E. 3. 65, 73.

c 18 E. 3. 25. 17. aff. 24.

d 14 Eliz. Dier 315 Pl. com. 393. a. d In Par. Tr. 9 h 6 Rot. 5. int. placita regis.

¶ Officina Justitia.

Fleta lib. 2. ca. 12. Bract. li. 5. fo. 413 Britton ca. 84. Fleta lib. 6. ca. 35 & 36.



fit necesse de hiis placitare in posterum, sed cum venerit querens ad curiam domini regis, si recens sit cognitio, vel finis, *viz.* infra annum per bñe levatus, statim habeat bñe de executione illius recognitionis factæ: & si forte à majore tempore transacto facta fuerit illa recognitio, vel finis levatus: præcipiatur Vic' quod scire fac' parti de qua fit querimonia, quod sit ad certum diem, ostens. si quid sciat dicere quare hujus irrotulata vel in fine contenta executionem habere non debeant, Et si ad diem venerit, & nihil sciat dicere quare executio fieri non debeat, præcipiatur Vic' quod rem irrotulatam vel in fine contentam exequi fac'. Eodem modo mandetur ordinario in suo casu, observato nihilominus quod inferius dicitur in statuto de medio qui per iudicium aut recognitionem est obligatus. Ex hac quidem constitutione oriuntur bñia judicialia in Cancellaria sicut coram ipsis Iustic. Ipsi autem collaterales & socii Cancellarii esse dicuntur præceptores, eo quod bñia causis examinatis remedialia fieri præcipiunt, & hoc quoque cum fine denar' ad opus domini regis, & quoque sine fine, eo quod omnia bñia non sunt omni tempore æquipollentia. De brevibus autem coram Iustic' ad primas Assisas cum in partes illas venerint, fines capere non consueverunt, eo quod ad tempus itineris Iustic', ligat constitutio Magnæ Cartæ quæ talis est; *Nulli justitiam negabimus, vendemus, vel differemus*: sed non inhibetur quin fines capiantur pro brevibus possessionum, & actionum personalium, pro celeriore Justitia habenda; qui quidem pro qualitatibus & quantitatibus portionem concessi in eisdem brevibus imbreviabuntur, & in rotulis Cancellariæ irrotulantur. Qui quidem rotuli singulis annis ad Scaccar' liberabuntur, & fines hujus extrahantur & per summon' Scaccarii leventur. Clausula vero finis talis est, *Et cape securitatem à prefato tali de 40 solid.* ad opus nostrum pro hoc brevi. Verba autem extract' de Scaccario sunt hæc. *De A. de B. pro brevi habend' dm' marc'* vel amplius prout finis factus fuerit. Conceduntur aliquando conquerentib' ob favorē paupertatis quod ubi præsumi potest sic quod plegios invenire non possunt de profequend' clamorē suum quod securitatem præstent Vic' per fidei interpositionem suam, non tamen in actionibus personalibus hoc concedendum est. Habet & Rex Clericos in officio illo expertos & legales qui formulas brevium cognoscunt, qui approbata admittunt & defectiva omnino repellunt, quib' omnia bñia priusquam ad sigillū proveniunt cum deliberatione distincte & aperte in ratione, dictione, litera & syllaba examinare injunctum est. Et sciendum quod nullum bñe nisi per manus eorundem ad sigillum debet admitti. Habet etiam sex Clericos suos prænotarios in officio illo, qui cum Clericis memoratis familiares, &c. esse consueverunt & præcipue ad victum & vestitum qui ad bñia scribenda secundum diversitates querelarum sunt intitulati. Et qui omnes pro victu & vestitu de proficuo sigilli in cujuscunque usus pervenerit debent honeste inveniri. Sunt etiam nihilominus Clerici juvenes & pedites quibus de gratia Cancellar' concessum est pro expeditione populi bñia facere cursoria, dum tamen sub advocacione Clericorum superiorum fuerint qui eorum facta in eorum receperint pericula. Et in quolibet bñi debet scribentis nomen inbrevari qui warrantizare poterint in peccatores si necesse fuerit. Et ne præfati Clerici superflua petant stipendia pro scriptura sua, constitutum est quod tam Clerici Iustic' quam Cancellar' de solo denario pro scriptura unius brevis se teneant contentos.

And this Court is the rather alwayes open, soz that if a man be wrongfully imprisoned in the Vacation, the Lord Chancelour may grant a Habeas corpus and do him justice according to law, where neither the Kings Bench nor Common Pleas can grant that Writ but in the Term time; but this Court may grant it either in Term time or vacation. So likewise this Court may grant Prohibitions at any time either in Terme or Vacation: which Writs of Prohibition are not retournable: but if they be not obeyed, then may this Court grant an Attachment upon the prohibition retournable either in the Kings Bench or Common Place.

The Authoz of that Book speaking of the Court of Chancery, and of the jurisdiction it then had, saith, Curia Cancellariæ Regiæ est curia ordinaria pro brevibus originalibus emanandis, sed non placitis communibus tenendis.

Divers Acts of Parliament give author'ity to the Lord Chancelour to heare

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\* New Tales, or Novæ Narrationes. written about the beginning of E. 3.

27 E. 3. cap. 13.  
2 R. 3. fo. 3.  
13 E. 4.  
Dier 12 El. 288.  
a. resolve.

¶ *Officers and Ministers of this Court,*

See the 2. part of the Inst. W. 2. ca. 24. *Verb. Clerici de Cancellaria.*

\* In the Parliament Rol of 5 R. 2. nu. 23. they are called chief Clerks.

¶ determine divers offences and causes in the Court of Chancery, which is ever intended in this Court proceeding in Latin, secundum legem & consuetudinem Angliæ, and the Defendant shall not be sworn to his answer, nor examined upon Interrogatories, and upon issue joyned it shall be tried in the Kings Bench, Ut in similibus casibus solet. But our purpose is not to enumerate all these Statutes, for our aim is principally at the generall jurisdiction of this Court.

The Officers and Ministers of this Court of Common law doe principally attend and doe their service to the Great Seal, as the \* twelve Masters of the Chancery, whereof the Master of the Rols is the chief, who by their original institution, as it is proved before, should be expert in the Common law, to see the forming and framing of original writs according to law, which are not of course; whereupon such are called in our ancient Authors Brevia Magistralia, The Clerk of the Crown, the Clerk of the Hamper, the Sealer, the Chase War, the Controller of the Chancery, twenty four Curstors for making writs of course or formed writs according to the Register of the Chancery, the Clerk of the presentations, the Clerk of the faculties, the Clerk examiner of Letters Patents, the Clerks of the Pettibag, and the six Attornies. The proccesse in this Court is under the Great Seal according to the course of the Common law.

Having spoken of the Court of ordinary jurisdiction, it followeth according to our former division, that we speak of the extraordinary proceeding according to the rule of equity, secundum æquum & bonum, wherein we will pursue our former order.

Albeit our ancient Authors, the Mirror, Glanvill, Bracon, Britton and Fleta, doe treat of the former Court in Chancery, and of original writs and Commissions issuing out of the same, yet none of them do once mention this Court of Equity. We have also considered what cases in this Court of Equity have been reported in our books, and we find none before the reign of H. 6. and in that Kings time, and afterwards plentifully, we then turned our eyes to Acts of Parliaments and Parliament Rols.

Some have thought that the statute of 36 E. 3. gave the Chancelor his first authority for his proceeding in course of equity, by which it is enacted, That if any man think himself grieved contrary to any of the Articles above written, or others contained in divers statutes, will come to the Chancery or any for him, and thereof make his complaint, he shall presently have there remedy by force of the said Articles and statutes, without elsewhere pursuing to have remedy. But certainly this Act giveth the Chancelor no power to proceed in course of equity, but that he grant to the party grieved original writs which are called remediall grounded upon any statute for his relief, and there is no statute that gives the party grieved remedy in equity. Lastly, the last words of the Act, without elsewhere pursuing to have remedy, doe manifest that the meaning of the makers of the Act is to direct the party to be relieved by the Common law, by actions upon these statutes, and not elsewhere.

In the Parliament holden 13 R. 2. the Commons petitioned to the King, That neither the Chancelor nor other Counsellor doe make any order against the Common law, nor that any Judgment be given without due proccesse of law. Whereunto the Kings answer was, The usages heretofore shall stand, so as the Kings royalty be saved. In the same Parliament another petition was, That no person should appear upon a writ *De quibusdam certis de causis*, before the Chancelor or any other of the Councell, where recovery is therefore given by the Common law: Whereunto the Kings answer is, The King willeth as his Progenitors have done, saving his regality.

In the Parliament holden in 17 R. 2. it is enacted at petition of the Commons, That forasmuch as people was compelled to come before the Kings Councell, or in Chancery, by writs grounded upon untrue suggestions, that the Chancelor for the time being presently after that such suggestions be duly found and proved untrue, shall have power to ordain and award dammages according to his

¶ *Of the Antiquity of this Court of Equity.*

Henry Beaufort son of John of Gaunt Bishop of Winch. Cardinal of St Eusebius, Lord Chancelor in the beginning of the reign of H. 6. and in that Kings reign John Kemp Cardinall of S. Ruleine Archbishop of York, Lord Chancelor. See Rot. Parl. 28 H. 6. nu. 10. & 35 H. 6. fo. 3. a 36 E. 3. cap. 9.

Rot. Parl. 13 R. 2. nu. 30.

17 R. 2. ca. 6.

his discretion to him which is so travelled unduly, as is aforesaid. This Act extendeth to the Chancelor proceeding in course of equity, and extendeth not to a demurrer in law upon a bill, but upon hearing of the cause upon these words in the Act [duly found and proved] and this is the first Parliament that I finde touching this matter. And in the Roll of the same Parliament, I finde the first decree in Chancery that ever I obserbed, the effect whereof was: John de Windsor complaineth and requireth to be restozed to the Mannors of Rampton, Cottenham and Westwick with their appurtenances in the County of Cambridge, the which were adjudged to him by the Kings award, then in the possession of Sir John Lisley, and now withholden by Sir Richard le Scrope, who by Champerty bought the same: the cause was this. Upon a petition of Windsor against Lisley, they both compromitted the matter to the Kings order, the King committed the same to the Concell, they after digesting of the same made a decree for Windsor under the Pryvy Seal, they send warrant to the Chancelor to confirm the same, which was done under the Great Seal by a special Injunction to Lisley, & to write to the Sherif to execute the same. After this, Lisley by petition to the King requireth that the same may be determined at the Common law, notwithstanding any former matter: the King accordingly by Pryvy Seal giveth warrant to the Chancelor to make a Superledeas, the which was done by Pryvy Seal, after which Sir Richard Lescrope bought the same. Upon the ripping of the whole matter, this sale was thought no Champerty, whereupon it was adjudged, that the said Windsor should take nothing by his said suit, but to stand to the Common law, and that the said Sir Richard should goe without day.

7 E. 4. fo. 14.

Rot. Par. 17 R. 2. nu. 10. William Courtney son of Hugh Earl of Devon, was then Bishop of Cant. and Lo. Chancelor when this decree was made.

Champerty.

The Commons petitioned that no Writs or Pryvy Seals be sued out of the Chancery, Erchequer or other places to any man to appear at a day upon a pain, either before the King and his Concell, or in any other place, contrary to the ordinary course of the Common law: whereunto the King answered: That such writs should not be granted without necessity.

Rot. Par. 2 H. 4. nu. 69.

Amongst the petitions of the Commons you shall find this, That all writs of Subpœna and Cerris de causis, going out of the Chancery and the Erchequer may be enrolled, and not granted of matters determinable at the Common law, on pain that the Plaintiff doe pay by way of debt to the Defendant forty pound: whereunto is answered, The King will be advised.

Rot. Par. 3 H. 5. nu. 46.

Edmond Stafford Archb. of York, was Lord Chancelor at this time.

Rot. Par. 9 H. 5. nu. 25.

Rot. Par. 1 H. 6. nu. 41.

It is enacted, to endure untill the next Parliament, that the exception (how that the party hath sufficient remedy at the Common law) shall discharge any matter in Chancery. At the next Parliament you shall find a petition in these words. No man to be called by Pryvy Seal or Subpœna to answer any matters but such as have no remedy by the Common law, and that to appear so by the testimony of two Justices of either Bench, and by Indenture between them and the Plaintiff, which Plaintiff shall always appear in proper person, and find surety by recognizance to prosecute with effect the matters of the Bill only, and to answer damages if the same fall out against the Plaintiff.

Never good Petition in Parliament dieth, but first or last will take effect.

Vid. sup. pa. 32. 15 H. 6. ca. 4.

But in anno 15 H. 6. for a perpetuall law, and for the true jurisdiction of this Court it is enacted in these words,

Item, forasmuch as divers persons have before this time been greatly grieved by Writs of Subpœna, purchased for matters determinable by the Common law of his land, to the great damage of such persons so vexed, in subversion, and impediment of the Common law aforesaid: Our Sovereign Lord the King will, that the statutes thereof made shall be kept after the form and effect of the same. And that no Writ of Subpœna be granted from henceforth till surety be found to satisfie the party so grieved and vexed for his damages and expences, if so be that the matter may not be made good, which is contained in the bill. In anno 31 H. 6. cap. 2. There is a proviso in these words, Provided that no matter determinable by the law of this

39 H. 6. fo 26.

4 E. 4. 8. 14 E. 4. 1.

16 E. 4. 9. b.

18 E. 4. 13.

6 E. 4. 10 b.

7 H. 7. 12.

Fortesc. ca. 34.

Rot. Par. 14 E. 4.

nu. 5. William

Theford ca. c

Doct. & Stud.

cap. 18. 24. 50.

31 H. 6. ca. 2.

Realm

Realm shall be by the said Act determined in other form then after the course of the same law in the Kings Courts having determination of the same law.

Trin. 2 Jac.

Tr. 2 Jac. Regis, upon suit made to the King for erecting of a new office for taking of surety according to the said Act of 15 H. 6. cap. 4. the King referred the cause to Popham Chief Justice, who upon conference with the Judges in Fleetstreet, resolved that the surety was by force of that Act to be by obligation, and to be made by the party grieved himself, because it concerneth his dammages and costs, and the Court was to set down the form and sum of the obligation, and in the end the suit prevailed not.

▪ Pasch 29 El. in Scaccario Woods case.

Vide 7 El. Dier

238. Scignior

Shandois case.

¶ Reasons, 1. &

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nus. Rot. Par.

2 R. 2. nu. 18.

Rot. Par. 13 R. 2.

nu. 10.

2 Regula.

3.

▪ Pasch. 29 Eliz. in Scaccario. In Woods case adjudged upon the statute of 2 E. 6. cap. 13. for the like reason, that the forfeiture for non-payment of tithes shall goe to the party grieved.

1. Rot. Par. 2 R. 2. nu. 18. The high Court of Parliament relieveth but such as cannot have remedy but in Parliament.

The Parliament for matters determinable at the Common law doth remit the parties thereunto,

2. Nunquam decurritur ad extraordinarium, sed ubi deficit ordinarium.

3. Whereas matters of fact by the Common law are triable by a Jury of twelve men, this Court should draw the matter ad aliud examen, that is, to judge upon deposition of witnesses, which should be but evidence to a Jury in actions real, personall, or mixt.

37 H. 6. 14.

27 H. 8. 18.

This Court of Equity proceeding by English Bill is no Court of Record, and therefore it can bind but the person only, and neither the state of the Defendants lands, nor property of his goods or chattels.

Trin. 3 Jac. Reg. in Scaccario.

Sir Thomas Themilthorps case.

Egerton Lord Chancelour imposed a fine upon Sir Tho. Themilthorpe Knight, for not performing his decree in Chancery concerning Lands of inheritance, & estreated the same into the Exchequer: and upon proesse the party appearing pleaded that the fine was imposed by the Lord Chancelor for not performance of his decree, and that he had no power to assesse the same. The Atturney Generall confessed the plea to be true, & petit advisamentum curie, concerning the power of the Chancelor in this case, and upon debate of the question in Court, and good advisement taken, it was adjudged that the Lord Chancelor had no power to assesse any such fine, for then by a mean he might bind the interest of the land where he had no power, but of the person only, and thereupon the said Sir Thomas Themilthorpe was discharged of the said fine.

Walters case.

Afterward the said Lord Chancelor decreed against Waller certain lands, and for not performance of the decree imposed a fine upon him, and upon proesse out of the Court of Chancery extended the lands that Waller had in Midd. &c. whereupon Waller brought his Assise in the Court of Common pleas, where the opinion of the whole Court agreed in omnibus, with the Court of Exchequer.

¶ The Judge of this Court of Equity, &c.

The Lord Chancelor or the Lord Keeper is sole Judge both in this Court of Equity, and in the Court concerning the Common law; but in cases of weight or difficulty he doth assist himself with some of the Judges of the Realm, and no greater exception can be taken hereunto then in case of the Lord Steward of England being sole Judge in triall of the Nobility, who also is assisted with some of the Judges.

For this Court of Equity the ancient rule is good. Three things are to be judged in Court of Conscience: Cobin, Accident, and breach of confidence.

All cobins, frauds, and deceits, for the which is no remedy by the ordinary course of law.

Accident, As when a servant of an Obligor, Mortgageor, &c. is sent to pay the mony on the day, and he is robbed, &c. remedy is to be had in this Court against the forfeiture, and so in the like.

The third is breach of trust and confidence, whereof you have plentifull authorities in our books,

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The case in the Chancery between the Earl of Worcester and other Plaintiffs, and Sir Moyl Finch and Eliz, his wife Defendants was this, The Queen being seised of the Mannor of Raveston and of certain lands in Stokegoldington, (which the Plaintiff pretended to be a Mannor either in right or reputation) granted by her Letters Patents the Mannors of Raveston and Stokegoldington to the said Sir Moyl, and John Awdelye, and their heirs: but this was upon confidence, that they should grant the Mannor of Raveston to Sir Thomas Heneage and Anne his wife, and to the heirs of Anne: and the Mannor of Stokegoldington to Sir Thomas and Anne; and the heirs of Sir Thomas. Sir Moyl and Awdelye by deed indented and inrolled Termino Trin. 1588. 30 Eliz. in this Court for a thousand pound bargained and sold to Sir Thomas Henage and his wife the Mannors of Raveston and Stokegoldington, and the Site of the Priory of Raveston in the County of Buck. and all other their lands, tenements and hereditaments in Raveston, Welton, Bedington, and Stokegoldington in the County of Buck. To have and to hold the Mannor of Raveston and the Site of the said Priory, and all the premises in Raveston, Welton, Bedington, and Stokegoldington (other then the said Mannor of Stokegoldington) to the said Sir Thomas and Dame Anne, and the heirs of the said Dame Anne: and to have and to hold the said Mannor of Stokeg. to the said Sir Thomas and Dame Anne, and to the heirs of Sir Thomas. Sir Thomas had issue by the said Dame Anne the said Elizabeth one of the Defendants his only child, and afterwards the said Dame Anne died: the Defendant alleadged that Sir Thomas was disseised of Stokegoldington, and the Plaintiff denied it. And after Sir Thomas by deed indented and inrolled, bargained and sold the Mannor of Stokegoldington to the Plaintiff for payment of his debts and died: and for payment of his debts, they exhibited their bill against Sir Moyl, and the said Eliz, his wife, for the said Mannor of Stokegoldington, and the Lord Chancellor decreed it for the Plaintiff. And upon a petition preferred by the Defendants to Queen Elizabeth, she referred the consideration of the whole case to all the Judges of England: and after hearing of the counsell of both parts on severall days, and conference between themselves, these points for rules in equity were resolved. First, that if there were any disseison, that nothing passed to the Plaintiff either in right or equity, for the disseisor was subject to no trust, nor any Subpœna was maintainable against him, not only because he was in the post, but because the right of inheritance or freehold was determinable at the Common law and not in the Chancery, neither had Cesti que use (while he had his being) any remedy in that case. Secondly, it was resolved by all the Justices, that admitting that Sir Thomas Heneage had a trust, yet could not he assign the same over to the Plaintiff, because it was a matter in privity between them, and was in nature of a chose in action. for he had no power of the land, but only to seek remedy by subpœna, and not like to cesti que use, thereof there should be possessio fratris, and he should be sworn on Juries in respect of the use, and he had power over the land by the statute of 1 R. 3. cap. and if a bare trust and confidence might be assigned over great inconvenience might thereof follow by granting of the same to great men, &c. Thirdly, when the land descended to Elizabeth one of the Defendants, as heir to her mother, and the trust descended to her from her father, the trust was drowned and extinguished. Fourthly, when any title of freehold or other matter determinable by the Common law come incidently in question in this Court, the same cannot be decided in Chancery, but ought to be referred to the trial of the Common law where the party grieved may be relieved by error, attain, or by action of higher nature. And when the suit is for evidences, the certainty whereof the Plaintiff surmisseth he knoweth not, and without them he supposeth that he cannot sue at the Common law: It was resolved that if the Defendant make no title to the land, then the Court hath just jurisdiction to proceed for the evidence; but if he make title to the land by his answer, then the Plaintiff ought not to proceed, for otherwise by such a surmise, inheritances, freeholds, and matters determinable

Mich 42 & 43  
El. in Cancellar.  
Sir Moyl Finches  
case.

A Disseisor sub-  
ject to no trust,

A trust cannot be  
assigned over,  
22 El. Dier fo.  
369. pl. 50.

Matters detem-  
minable by the  
Common law  
cannot be deci-  
ded in Chancery.  
Sunt for Evidēce.

by the Common law shall be decided in Chancery in this Court of Equity. And thus were these points resolved by Sir John Popham, Sir Edmond Anderson, Sir William Periam, and VValmelye, Cawdye, Fenner, and Kingesmill Justices, and Clark and Savill Barons of the Exchequer, and all this amongst other things they certified under their hands into the Chancery, and thereupon the former decree was reversed. And in debating of this case it was resolved by the two Chief Justices, Chief Baron, and divers other Justices, that if a man make a conveyance, and expresse an use, the party himself or his heirs shall not be received to averre a secret trust, other then the expresse limitation of the use, unlesse such trust or confidence doe appear in writing, or otherwise declared by some apparent matter. And Popham said, that cobin, accident, and breach of confidence were within the proper jurisdiction of this Court.

Mich. 39 & 40  
El. in Cancellar'.

Thomas Throckmorton Esquire exhibited a bill in this Court against Sir Moyl Finch Knight, claiming a lease of the manors of R. and S. for many years to come, and shew clear matter in equity to be relieved against a forfeiture pretended by Sir Moyle for breach of a condition where there was no default in the Plaintiff, &c. Unto which bill the Defendant pleaded this plea, that for the triall of the forfeiture of which lease, he made a lease for years to one promised in the Exchequer, who brought an Ejectione firme against the Plaintiff, and upon pleading a demurrer in law, the Lessee had judgment to recover against Thomas Throckmorton (now Plaintiff in Chancery:) whereupon Thomas Throckmorton brought a writ of error in the Exchequer Chamber, where upon due proceeding the judgment was affirmed, and demanded judgment, if after these judgments given at the Common law he ought to be drawn to make any further answer in this Court of Equity. And Egerton Lord Chancellor delivered his opinion in Court, that the Defendant should answer to the bill: And forasmuch as the case was of great consequence, the consideration of the demurrer was by the Queen referred to all the Judges of England: before whom the Council of Throckmorton said, that the intent of the Lord Chancellor was not to impeach the said judgments, but confessing the said judgments, to be relieved upon matter in equity: As if a man hath (as he is advised) two matters to aid him, matter at the Common law, and matter in equity, and being impleaded at the Common law, doth by advice of his council assay the Common law, where his adversary prevaileth against him, and hath judgment accordingly, yet in this case the party may, confessing the judgment, sue to be relieved upon a collateral matter in equity: and thereupon they shewed some precedents in time of H. 8. E. 6. &c. and one in the point between Ward and Fulwood. But upon great deliberation it was resolved by all the Judges of England, that the plea of Sir Moyl Finch was good, and that the Lord Chancellor ought not to examine the matter in equity after the judgment at the Common law: for though the Lord Chancellor (as hath been said) would not examine the judgment, yet he would by his decree take away the effect of the judgment: and for the precedents, they were grounded upon the sole opinion of the Lord Chancellor, and passed sub silencio. But that such a course should be permitted, it should be not only full of inconvenience, but directly against the laws and statutes of the Realm, against which no president or prescription can prevail; \* which you may read at large in the Third part of the Institutes, cap. Premunire. Which resolution of the Judges was signified by Popham Chief Justice to the Lord Chancellor, and thereupon no further proceeding was against Sir Moyle Finch, but his plea stood.

\* 27 E. 3. cap. 1.  
4 H. 4. cap. 22. &c.  
in the preamble.  
Doct & Stud. 30.  
W. 2. ca. 5.  
Vid. Pasch. 5 E. 4.  
Coram rege Ror.  
35. Sir Simon  
Norres case.  
Nota.  
Mich. 37 & 38  
El. in Cancellar'.

In a case depending in Chancery by English bill between Mears Plaintiff and Saint-John and his wife Administratrix of John Alnion Defendant, the case was this: That the Intestate took the profits of the lands of the Plaintiff being within age by force of a trust reposed in him by the father of the Plaintiff by his last Will, the yearly value of which lands was fourscore pounds per annu, and the Intestate took the profits from the 23 year of Queen El. until the 33 year of her reign, and with parcell of the profits purchased lands in fee which descended to his heir, and left assets to his Administratrix one of the Defendants

dants to satisfie the plaintiff, all debts paid. The question was, whether in this case the Administratrix might not be charged in equity for the said mean profits: And Sir Thomas Egerton master of the Rols said, that he had seen a case in Chancery in Anno 34 H. 6. resolved by all the Judges of England remaining in the Tower, that where the Feoffees to use took the profits of the land, and received the rents, and made their Executors, and died leaving assets to satisfie all debts over and above the said rents and profits, that the Executors should be charged to satisfie ceteri que use for the said rents and profits, and accordingly it was decreed in Mears case against the Defendant: but whether the heir should be contributory or no, it was doubted.

VWithams case in the Chancery was, that a term for years was granted to the use of a feme sole, she took husband and died, whether the husband should have the use, or the Administrators of the feme, was referred to the Judges; and by them it was resolved, that the Administrators should have it, and not the husband, because that this trust of a feme was a thing in privacy, and in nature of an action, for which no remedy was but by writ of Subpoena. And so it was resolved by the Justices in VWaterhouses case, Hil. 8 Eliz. Eborum, for the trust runneth in privacy in this case, and a husband should not be tenant by the curtesie of an use, nor the Lord of the Willain should have it at the Common law.

A man possessed of a term for years in lands, by his last Will devised the same to one and the heirs of his body begotten, made his Executors and died, the Devisee entred by the assent of the Executors, hath issue and alien the term and dieth: this alienation barreth the issue, for a term for years cannot be entailed. And afterwards Anno 31 Eliz. in a case depending in Chancery between Higgins and Milles it was certified by the Lord Anderson and Justice VValmsley (to whom it was referred) that no estate tail could be of a term, and that the alienation of the Devisee did bar the issue.

In a Promittre between John Perrot Plaintiff, and T. M. H. W. and others Defendants, it was resolved by Sir Christopher Wray Chief Justice, and the Court of Kings Bench, that the Queen could not raise a Court of Equity by her Letters Patents, and that there could be no Court of Equity but by Act of Parliament, or by prescription time out of mind of man. But the Queen might grant power tenere placita, or consulas de plea, for all must judge according to one ordinary rule of the Common law, but otherwise it is of proceedings extraordinary without any certain rule.

These cases which upon so great and mature deliberation have been resolved by the Judges of the Realm, and whereunto we were privy and well acquainted with, we have thought good to report, and publish for the better direction in like cases hereafter.

He is made Lord Chancellor of England, or Lord Keeper of the Great Seal, per traditionem magni sigilli sibi per dominum regem, and by taking his oath. Forma Cancellarium constituendi regnante Henrico secundo fuit appendendo magnum Angliæ sigillum ad collum Cancellarii electi.

Some have gotten it by Letters Patents, <sup>a</sup> at will, and <sup>b</sup> one for term of his life; but it was holden void, because an ancient office must be granted, as it hath been accustomed.

◦ It is enacted and declared, that the Common law of this Realm is and always was, and ought to be taken, that the Keeper of the Great seal of England for the time being hath always had, used, and executed, and from thenceforth may have, take, use, and execute the same and the like place, authority, preheminance, jurisdiction, execution of laws, &c. as the Lord Chancellor of England for the time being lawfully used, &c. And so it appeareth in 18 E. 3. nu. 41. that the Lord Chancellor, or Lord Keeper for the time being ought to have consufance.

Pasch. 32 El. in Cancellaria. Withams case. Eborum. Vide 7 E. 4. 14. & 18 E. 4. 11. & 12.

*41 Eliz 40  
1509 100  
Hil. 15  
14 July 35*

Trin. 28 El. adjudge in the Kings Bench, in Peacocks case.

31 Eliz. between Higgins and Mills in Cancellaria.

Mic. 26. & 27 El. Coram Rege. Perot. case. 10 H. 6. 15. in London by prescription. Nota this resolution is against the Court of Requests, See here after, cap. 9.

¶ *How he is created.*  
Camden p. 131.

<sup>a</sup> 35 H. 6. 3. B. of Winch. 1 H. 6. nu. 16.  
<sup>b</sup> Cardinal Woolsey.  
c 5 El. ca. 18.

Rot. Par. 18 E. 3. nu. 41.

*a* Rot. Par. 1 H. 6  
nu. 13, 14.  
13 R. 2 nu. 7.  
Vide Camden  
ubi supra.  
*b* Stat. de forma  
mittendi extra ct.  
in Scaccarium,  
Anno 16 E. 1.  
vet. Mag. Carta,  
2 part. fo. 47. b.  
*c* An. 27 E. 1.  
de libertatibus  
perquirendis.  
Vet. Mag. Carta,  
part. 1. fo. 126, &  
2 part fo. 57, &c.

¶ *Cancellarius unde.*

6 E. 4. 9.  
Dier 3 Eliz. 137.  
2 E. 3. 7.  
17 E. 3. 59.  
21 E. 3. 47.

Lib. 2. fo. 14. &c.

¶ *The Lord Chancelours Oath,*

*a* Rot. Par. 10 R. 2  
Rot. 8. the Oath  
recited.  
Vid. Rot. Par. 1.  
11 H. 4. 1. nu. 28.  
*b* Because he  
hath power of  
judicature, as  
is aforesaid.  
*c* 10 R. 2. Rot. .  
Par. nu. 8.  
2 H. 4 nu. 10.  
15 E. 3. nu. 10.  
15. 37. 41. 42.  
*d* Laine is an  
ancient French  
word, and signi-  
fiet to hide. *e* Rot. Par. 10. R. 2. nu. 6, 7, 8. &c. the case of *Mich. de la Pole* Chancelour of England.

*a* I finde that King H. 5. had two Great Seals, one of gold, which he delibe-  
red to the Bishop of Duresme, and made him Lord Chancelour of England, and  
another of silver, which King Henry the 5 delivered to the Bishop of London to  
keep.

*b* William de Ayremin Garden des Rolles del Chancelar' & ses compagnions  
gardens del Grand Seale. At this time was Robert Burnel Bishop of Bath and  
Wells Chancelour of England.

*c* It is to be obserbed, that where diuers ancient statutes speak of the Chan-  
celour and of his Lieutenant, it must of necessity be intended of such a Lieute-  
nant, as the law doth allow of, and that cannot be of a Deputy, for the Chance-  
lour cannot make a Deputy; but Locum tenens is to be taken for one that holdeth  
the place, or hath equall authoritie of the Chancelour, and that is Custos Magni  
Sigilli: and this agreeth with the judgement of the said Parliament in 5 Eliz.  
But all questions are now taken away by the said Act of 5 Eliz. and at this day  
there being but one Great Seale, there cannot be both a Lord Chancelour and a  
Lord Keeper of the Great Seale at one time, because both these are but one Of-  
fice, as it is declared by the said Act.

It is said before, that the Chancelour by his ordinary power may hold plea of  
Scire fac' to repeale the Kings Letters Patents under the Great Seal being  
alwayes inrolled in this Court, which we (to make a true derivation of his name)  
shall now particularly touch. This Writ of Scire fac' to repeal Letters patents  
doth lye in this ordinary course of Justice in thre cases. The first, when the  
King by his Letters patents doth grant by severall Letters patents one and the  
self same thing to severall persons, the former Patentee shall have a Scire fac' to  
repeale the second patent. Secondly, when the King granteth any thing that is  
grantable upon a false suggestion, the King by his prerogative Jure Regio may  
have a Scire fac' to repeal his own grant. Thirdly, when the King doth grant  
any thing, which by law he cannot grant, he Jure Regio (for advancement of ju-  
stice and right) may have a Scire fac' to repeal his own Letters patents. Now  
the Judgement in all these three cases is, Quod predictæ litteræ patentis dicti do-  
mini Regis revocentur, cancellentur, evacuentur, annullentur, & vacuæ, & invali-  
dæ; pro nullo penitus habeantur, & teneantur; ac etiam quod irrotulamentum  
eorundem cancelletur, cassetur, & adhibetur, &c. Hereof our Lord Chancelour  
of England (for forein Chancelours, it may be, have not like authority) is called  
Cancellarius, à cancellando, i. à digniori parte, being the highest point of his  
jurisdiction to cancell the Kings Letters patents under the Great Seale, and  
damning the inrolment thereof, by drawing strikes through it like a Lettice.

And all this which hath been said concerning the office of the Lord Chance-  
lour, or Lord Keeper is included within his *a* Oath, which followeth in these  
words, and consisteth upon six parts. He shall swear,

1. That well and truly he shall serve our Soveraigne Lord the King and his  
people in the office of Chancelour (or Lord Keeper.)
2. That he shall doe right to all manner of people, poo:re and rich, after the  
lawes and usages of the Realm.
3. That he shall truly counsell the King, and his countell he shall layne  
and keep.
4. That he shall not know nor suffer the hurt or disheriting of the King, or  
that the rights of the Crowne be decreased by any meanes as far as he may  
let it.
5. And if he may not let it, he shall make it clearly and expressly to be known to  
the King, with his true advice and counsell.
6. And that he shall do and purchase the Kings profit in all that he reasonably  
may. As God him help, and by the Contents of this Book,



Articles against Cardinall Woolley.

Now for as much as the Articles exhibited to King H. 8. 1 die Decembris Anno 21 of his reign, by the Lords and others of his Privy Councell (whereof Sir Thomas More Lord Chancelour was one) and by two of the principall Judges of the Realm against Cardinall Woolley, do in divers of the Articles concern the jurisdiction of the Chancery, (viz. the 20 and 26 Articles, &c.) and other titles of this fourth part of the Institutes, we have thought good justly and truly to transcribe from the very Originall, under the proper hands of the Lords and others of the Privy Councell, and of the said Judges, (which we have seen and had in our custody) and have compared this Transcript with the Originall it selfe, and have (because they are of great weight and use to many purposes) transcribed it de verbo in verbum, without omission of any thing, as matters of that nature ought to be: and the rather, for that in our Chronicles they are very untruly rehearsed: and before this time (that we finde) the true Articles were never printed.

Vid. Artic. 20,  
21, 26, 38, 41, 12,  
43, 46.

Constrained by necessity of our fidelity and conscience, complaine and shew to your most Royall Majesty, we your Graces humble, true, faithfull, and obedient subjects: That the Lord Cardinall of York, lately your Graces Chancelour, presuming to take upon him the authority of the Popes Legat *De latere*, hath by divers and many sundry wayes and fashions committed high and notable grievous offences, misusing, altering, and subverting the order of your Graces laws: and otherwise contrary to your High Honour, Prerogative, Crown, Estate, and Dignity regall, to the inestimable great hinderance, diminution, and decay of the universall wealth of this your Graces Realm. And it is touched summarily and particularly in certain Articles here following, which be but a few in comparison of all his enormities, excesses, and transgressions committed against your Graces lawes.

That is to say:

1. First, where your Grace & Noble Progenitors within this your Realm of England, being Kings of England, have been so free, that they have had in all the world none other Soberaigne, but immediate subject to Almighty God in all things touching the regaly of your Crown of England, and the same preeminence, prerogative, jurisdiction, lawfull and peaceable possession your Grace and your noble Progenitors have had, used, and enjoyed, without interruption or businesse therefore by the space of 200 years and more: whereby your Grace may prescribe against the Popes Holinesse, that he should not, nor ought to send or make any Legat, to execute any authority Legatine contrary to your Graces prerogative within this your Realme. Now the Lord Cardinall of York being your subject and naturall liege bozne, hath of his high, or gallous, and insatiable minde, for his own singular advancement and profit, in derogation, and to the great imblemishment and hurt of your said regall jurisdiction and prerogative, and the long continuance of the possession of the same, hath obtained authority Legatine: by reason whereof he hath not only hurt your said prescription; but also by the said authority Legatine, hath spoiled and taken away from many houses of Religion within this your Realm much substance of their goods. And also hath usurped upon all your Ordinaries within this your Realme much part of their jurisdiction, in derogation of your prerogative, and to the great hurt of your said Ordinaries, Prelates, and Religious.

The soveraignty, prerogative, regall jurisdiction, and freedome of the Crowne of England.

Prescribe.

Cardinal of York

Authority Legatine. Spoyled many houses of religion Usurped upon Ordinaries.

2. Also the said Lord Cardinall being your Ambassadour in France, made a treaty with the French King for the Pope, your Majesty not knowing any part thereof, nor named in the same; and binding the said French King to abide his order and award of any controversie or doubt should arise upon the same, betwixt the said Pope and the French King.

Ambassadour.

3. Also the said Lord Cardinall being your Ambassadour in France, sent a Commission to Sir Gregory de Cassalis under your Great Seale in your Graces name, to conclude a treaty of Amity with the Duke of Ferrare, without any commandment

Ambassadour.

commandment or Warrant of your Highnesse, nor your said Highnesse advertised or made privy to the same.

The King and I.

4. Also the said Lord Cardinall, of his presumptuous minde, in divers and many of his Letters and instructions sent out of this Realm to outward parts, had joynded himself with your Grace, as in saying and writing, The King and I would ye should do thus. The King and I do give unto you our hearty thanks. Whereby it is apparent that he used himself more like a fellow to your Highnesse, then like a subject.

Oath.

5. Also, where it hath ever been accustomed within this Realm, that when Noble Men do sweare their household servants, the first part of their oath hath been, that they should be true liege men to the King and his Heirs Kings of England: The same Lord Cardinall caused his servants to be only sworn to him, as if there had been no Sovereign above him.

Great Pocks.

6. And also whereas your Grace is our Sovereign Lord and Head, in whom standeth all the surety and wealth of this Realm; the same Lord Cardinall knowing himself to have the soule & contagious disease of the Great Pocks broken out upon him in divers places of his body, came dally to your Grace, rowning in your eare, and blowing upon your most Noble Grace with his perilous and infective breath, to the marvellous danger of your Highnesse, if God of his infinite goodnesse had not better provided for your Highnesse. And when he was once healed of them, he made your Grace to beleve, that his disease was an Inipostume in his head, and of none other thing.

Provision.  
Premunire.

7. Also the said Lord Cardinall by his authority Legatine, hath given by prevention the Benefices of divers persons, as well Spirituall as Temporall, contrary to your Crown and dignity, and your Lawes and Statutes theretofore provided: by reason whereof he is in danger to your Grace of forfeiture of his lands and goods, and his body at your pleasure,

Counsellour.  
Forein Ambassadors.

8. Also the said Lord Cardinall taking upon him otherwise then a true Counsellour ought to do, hath used to have all Ambassadors to come first to him alone, and so hearing their charges and intents, it is to be thought he hath instructed them after his pleasure and purpose before that they came to your presence, contrary to your High commandment by your Graces mouth to him given: and also to other persons sent to him by your Grace.

Letters sent from  
beyond sea.  
First to him.

9. Also the said Lord Cardinall hath practised so, that all manner Letters sent from beyond the sea to your Highnesse, have comen first to his hands, contrary to your high commandment by your own mouth, and also by others sent to him by your Grace: by reason whereof, your Highnesse nor any of your Councell had knowledge of moe matters but of such as it pleased him to teler them; whereby your Highnesse and your Councell have been compelled of very force to follow his devices, which oftentimes were set forth by him under such crafty and covert meanings, that your Highnesse and your Councell have often times been abused: inso much that when your Councell have found and put divers doubts and things which afterward have ensued, he to abuse them used these words, [I will lay my head that no such thing shall happen.]

Forein intelligence to him, &c.

10. Also the said Lord Cardinall hath practised, that no manner person having charge to make espiall of things done beyond the sea, should at their returne come first to your Grace, nor to any other of your Councell, but only to himself: and in case they did the contrary, he punished them for their so doing.

Licenses to transport  
grain and  
viſuall.

11. Also the said Lord Cardinall hath granted licenses under your Great Seal for carrying out of Grain and other Victuals after the restraint hath been made thereof, for his own lucre and singular advantage of him and his servants for to send thither as he bare secret favour, without your Graces Warrant or knowledge thereof.

Ambassadors  
resident with other  
Princes.

12. Also the said Lord Cardinall used many years together not only to write unto all your Ambassadors resident with other Princes in his own name, all advertisements concerning your Graces affaires being in their charge, and in the same his Letters wrote many things of his own mind without your Graces pleasure

pleasure known, concealing divers things which had been necessary for them to know; but also caused them to write their advertisements unto him. And of the same Letters he used to conceale for the compassing of his purpose many things both from all your other Counsellours, and from your self also.

13. Also where good hospitality hath been used to be kept in houses and places of religion of this Realm, & many poore people thereby relieved, the said hospitality & relief is now decayed & not used: and it is commonly reported that the occasion thereof is, because the said Lord Cardinall hath taken such impositions of the Rulers of the said houses, as well for his favour in making of Abbots and Priors, as for his visitation by his authority Legatine. And yet neverthelesse taketh yearly of such Religious houses, such yearly and continuall charges, as they be not able to keep hospitalitie as they were used to do: which is a great cause that there be so many Vagabonds, Beggars, and Thieves.

Hospitality in houses of Religion decayed.

Impositions.

Yearly charges.

14. Also where the same Lord Cardinal said before the suppression of such houses as he hath suppressed, that the possessions of them should be set to ferme among your lay subjects after such reasonable yearly rent as they should well thereupon live, and keep good hospitality: and now the demesne possession of the same houses since the suppression of them hath been surveyed, met, and measured by the Acre, and be now set above the value of the old rent. And also such as were fermors by Covent seal, and copieholders be put out and amoved of their fermes, or else compelled to pay new fine contrary to all equitie and conscience.

Suppression of houses.

Reasonable rents.

Above the value.

New fine.

15. Also the said Lord Cardinall sitting among the Lords and other of your most honourable Privie Councell, used himself, that if any man would shew his minde, according to his duty, contrary to the opinion of the said Cardinall, he would so take him up with his accustomed words, that they were better to hold their peace then to speak. so that he would heare no man speak but one or two great personages, so that he would have all the words himselfe, and consumed much time with a fair tale.

Abused the Privie Councell.

All the words himselfe.

16. Also the said Lord Cardinall by his ambition and pride hath hindered and undone many of your poore subjects for want of dispatchment of matters, for he would no man should meddle but himselfe, insomuch that it hath been affirmed by many wise men, that ten of the most wisest and most expert men in England were not sufficient in convenient time to order the matters that he would referre to himselfe. And many times he deferred the ending of matters, because that suiters should attend and wait upon him, whereof he had no small pleasure, that his house might be replenished with suiters.

Ambition and pride.

Want of dispatch  
No man to meddle but himselfe.

Suters to attend.

17. Also the said Lord Cardinall by his authority Legatine hath used, if any spirituall man having any riches or substance, deceased, he hath taken their goods as his own, by reason whereof their wifs be not performed: And one mean he had to put them in fear, that were made Executors, to refuse to meddle.

Taken the goods of spirituall men deceased.

18. Also the said Lord Cardinall constrained all Ordinaries in England yearly to compound with him, or else he will usurpe halfe, or the whole of their jurisdiction by prevention, not for good order of the Diocesses, but to extort treasure: for there is never a poore Archdeacon in England, but that he paid yearly to him a portion of his living.

All Ord'naries, &c. to compound with him.

19. Also the said Lord Cardinall hath not only by his untrue suggestion to the Pope shamefully slandered many good religious houses, and good vertuous men dwelling in them, but also suppressed by reason thereof above thirty houses of Religion. And where by authority of his Bull he should not suppress any house, that had no men of Religion in number above the number of 6 or 7, he hath suppressed divers houses that had above the number. And thereupon hath caused divers offices to be found by verdict untrue, that the Religious persons so suppressed had voluntarily forsaken their said houses, which was untrue, and so hath caused open perjury to be committed, to the high displeasure of Almighty God.

Slandered religious houses to the Pope.

By authority of his Bull suppressed 30 houses of Religion.  
Caused divers Offices to be found untrue, Perjury.

20. Also the said Lord Cardinall hath examined divers and many matters in the Chancery after judgement thereof given at the Common law, in subversion of

Examined matters in Chancery after judgement.

of your lawes, and made some persons restore againe to the other party condemned that, that they had in execution by vertue of the Iudgement at the Common law.

Injunctions.

21. Also the said Lord Cardinall hath granted many Injunctions by Writ, and the parties never called thereunto, nor Bill put in against them: and by reason thereof, divers of your subjects have been put from their lawfull possession of their lands and tenements. And by such means he hath brought the more party of the suiters of this your Realm before himself, whereby he and divers of his servants have gotten much riches, and your subjects suffered great wrongs.

His servants rich.

The Popes pardons.

22. Also the said Lord Cardinall to augment his great riches hath caused divers pardons granted by the Pope to be suspended, which could not be revived, till that the said Lord Cardinall were rewarded, and also have a yearly pension of the said pardon.

Oppression.

23. Also the said Lord Cardinall not regarding your lawes nor justice, of his exorbitant power hath put out divers and many fermors of his lands, and also Patentees of the Arch-bishoprick of York and the Bishoprick of Winchester, and of the Abbey of St. Albons, which had good and sufficient grant thereof by your lawes.

Elections of Abbots, Priors, &c.

24. Also the same Lord Cardinall, at many times when any houses of Religion have been void, he hath sent his Officers thither, and with crafty persuasions hath induced them to commit their election in him. And that before he named or confirmed any of them, he and his servants received so much great goods of them, that in manner it hath been to the undoing of the house.

Visited. Extortion.

25. Also by his authority Legatine, the same Lord Cardinall hath visited the most part of the religious Houses and Colledges of this your Realm, and hath taken from them the twenty fifth part of their lively-hood, to the great extortion of your subjects and derogation of your lawes and prerogative, and no law to bear him so to do.

Injunctions. Threatned Judges

26. Also when matters have been near at judgement by Proces at your Common law, the same Lord Cardinall hath not only given and sent Injunctions to the parties, but also sent for your Judges, and expressly by threats commanding them to defer the judgement, to the evident subversion of your lawes, if the Judges would so have ceased.

Pension out of France. His son Winter.

27. Also whereas neither the Bishop of York nor Winchester, nor the Abbey of S. Albons, nor the profit of his Legation, nor the benefit of the Chancery, nor his great pension out of France, nor his Wards, and other inordinate taking could not suffice him, he hath made his sonne Winter to spend seven and twenty hundred pounds by the year, which he taketh to his own use, and giveth him not past two hundred pounds yearly to live upon.

Legat De latere. His promise. Nothing against prerogative or regality. Or to the prejudice of ordinary jurisdiction. Breach of promise.

28. Also where the said Lord Cardinall did first sue unto your Grace to have your assent to be Legat de latere, he promised and solemnly protested before your Majesty, and before the Lords both Spirituall and Temporall, that he would nothing do nor attempt by the vertue of his Legacie, that should be contrary to your gracious prerogative or regalitic, or to the damage or prejudice of the Jurisdiction of any Ordinary, and that by his Legacie no man should be hurt nor offended: And upon that condition, and no other, he was admitted by your Grace to be Legate within this your Realm: which condition he hath broken, as is well known to all your Subjects. And when that he made this promise, he was busie in his suit at Rome to visit all the Clergy of England both exempt and not exempt.

Vntrue surmise to the Pope of the Clergy.

29. Also upon the suit of the said Lord Cardinall at Rome to have his authority Legatine, he made untrue surmise to the Popes Holinesse against the Clergie of your Realm: which was, that the regular persons of the said Clergie had given themselves in reprobum sensum; which words S. Paul writing to the Romans applyed to abominable sinne: which slander to your Church of England shall for ever remain in the Register at Rome, against the Clergy of this your Realm.

30. Also the said Lord Cardinall had the more part of the goods of Doctor Smith late Bishop of Lincoln, Bishop Savage of York, Master Dalbye Archdeacon of Richmond, Master Tonyers, Doctor Rothall late Bishop of Durham, and of Doctor Foxe late Bishop of Winchester, contrary to their wills, and your laws and justice.

Oppression and extortion.

31. Also at the Oier and Terminer at York, Proclamation was made that every man should put in their bills for extortion of Ordinaries, and when divers bills were put in against the Officers of the said Lord Cardinall of extortion, for taking twelve pence of the pound for probation of Testaments, whereof divers bills were found before Justice Fitzherbert and other Commissioners, the said Lord Cardinall removed the said Indictments into the Chancery by Certiorari, and rebuked the said Fitzherbert for the same cause.

Extortion of Ordinaries. Indictments of extortion of Ord. removed into the Chancery.

32. Also the said Lord Cardinall hath busied and endeavored himself by crafty and untrue tales to make dissention and debate amongst your Nobles of your Realm, which is ready to be proved.

Made debate between the Nobles of the Realm.

33. Also the said Lord Cardinals Officers have divers times compelled your subjects to serve him with Carts for carriage, and also his servants have taken both Corn and Cattle, Fish, and all other Victuall, at your Graces price, or under, as though it had been for your Grace, which is contrary to your laws.

Purveyance for him. Purveyance at the Kings price, Vid. inf. 35, 36.

34. Also the said Lord Cardinall hath misused himself in your most honorable Court, in keeping of as great estate there in your absence, as your Grace would have done if you had been there present in your own person.

Keeping great estate in Court.

35. Also his servants by vertue of your Commission under your Broad Seal by him to them given, have taken cattel and all other victuall at as low a price as your Purveyors have done for your Grace by your Prerogative, against the laws of your Realm.

purveyance. Prerogative in purveyance.

36. Also where it hath been accustomed that your Purveyors for your honorable household, have had yearly out of your Town and liberty of S. Albons three or four hundred quarters of wheat, truth it is, that since the Lord Cardinall had the room of the Abbot, that your said Purveyors could not be suffered by him and his officers to take any wheat within the said town or liberty.

Purveyance.

37. Also he hath divers times given injunctions to your servants that have been for causes before him in the Star-chamber, that they, nor other for them should make labour by any manner way, directly or indirectly to your Grace to obtain your Graces favour or pardon; which was a presumptuous intent for any subject.

Injunction not to sue for pardon for causes in the Star-chamber. A great presumption.

38. Also the said Lord Cardinall did call before him Sir John Stanly Knight, which had taken a farm by Covent Seal of the Abbot and Covent of Chester, and afterward by his power and might contrary to right committed the said Sir John Stanly to the prison of Fleet by the space of a year unto such time as he compelled the said Sir John to release his Covent Seal to one Leghe of Adlington, which married one Larks daughter; which woman the said Lord Cardinall kept, and had with her two children. Whereupon the said Sir John Stanly upon displeasure taken in his heart made himself Monk in Westminster, and there died.

Oppression.

Legh of Adlington.

The Card. kept Larks daughter and had by her two children.

39. Also on a time your Grace being at S. Albons according to the ancient custome used within your Uerge, your Clerk of the Market doing his office, did present unto your Officers of your most honorable household the prices of all manner of Victualls within the precinct of the Uerge. And it was commanded by your said Officers to set up the said prices both on the gates of your honorable household, and also within the market place within the town of S. Albons, as of ancient custome hath been used. And the Lord Cardinall hearing the same, presumptuously, not like a subject, caused the aforesaid prices which were sealed with your Graces Seal, accustomedly used for the same, to be taken off and pulled down in the said market place, where they were set up; and in the same places set up his owne prices sealed with his seale, and

Clerk of the Market. Prices of victualls.

Pulled down the price, &c.

would if it had not been letted in semblable manner, used your seal standing upon your gates. And also would of his presumptuous mind have openly set in the stocks within your said town your Clerk of your market. By which presumption and usurpation your Grace may perceiue that in his heart he hath reputed himself to be equall wth your reall Majesty.

40. Also the said Lord Cardinall of his further pompous and presumptuous mind hath enterprised to join and impzint the Cardinals hat under your arms in your coin of groats made at your City of Pozk, which like deed hath not been seen to be done by any subject within your Realm before this time.

The Cardinals hat in the Kings coin of groats, &c.

41. Also where one Sir Edward Jones Clerk Parson of Dzewly in the County of Buck in the sighteenth yeer of your most noble reign let his said Parsonage with all tithes and other profits of the same to one William Johnson by Indenture for certain years, within which years, the Dean of the said Cardinals Colledge in Drenford pretended title to a certain portion of tithes within the said Parsonage, supposing the said portion to belong to the Parsonage of Chichelly, which was appointed to the Priory of Tykeford lately suppressed, where (of truth) the Parsons of Dzewly have been peaceably possessed of the said portion out of the time of mind. Whereupon a Subpœna was directed to the said Johnson to appear afore the Lord Cardinall at Hampton-Court, out of any fearm, with an Injunction to suffer the said Dean to occupy the said portion. Whereupon the said Johnson appeared before the said Lord Cardinall at Hampton-Court, where without any bill, the said Lord Cardinall committed him to the Fleet, where he remained by the space of twelue weeks, because he would not depart with the said portion. And at the last upon a recognisance made that he should appear before the said Lord Cardinall whensoever he was commanded, he was delivered out of the Fleet; howbeit as yet the said portion is so kept from him that he dare not deal with it.

Subpœna;

Injunction.

42. Also where one Martin Decowra had a lease of the Mannor of Balsfall in the County of Warwick for tearm of certain years, an Injunction came to him out of the Chancery by writ upon pain of a thousand pounds, that he should avoid the possession of the same Mannor, and suffer Sir George Throckmorton Knight to take the profits of the same Mannor to the time the matter depending in the Chancery between the Lord of S. Johns and the said Decowra were discussed. And yet the said Decowra never made answer in the Chancery, ne ever was called into the Chancery for that matter, and now of late he hath received a like Injunction upon pain of two thousand pounds contrary to the course of the Common law.

43. Also whereas in the Parliament Chamber, and in open Parliament communication and debates were had and moved, wherein mention was an incident made of matters touching heresies, and erroneous sects, It was spoken and reported by one Bishop there being present, and confirmed by a good number of the same Bishops, in presence of all the Lords Spirituall and Temporall then assembled, that two of the said Bishops were minded and desired to repair unto the Uniuersity of Cambridge for examination, reformation, and correction of such errors as then seemed and were reported to reign amongst the Students and Scholars of the same, as well touching the Lutherane sect and opinions, as otherwise. The Lord Cardinall informed of the good minds and intents of the said two Bishops in that behalf, expressly inhibited and commanded them in no wise so to doe. By means whereof, the same errors, as they affirmed, crept more abroad and took greater place; saying furthermore that it was not in their defaults, that the said heresies were not punished, but in the said Lord Cardinall, and that it was no reason any blame or lack should be arrected to them for his offence: whereby it evidently appeareth that the said Lord Cardinall besides all other his hainous offences, hath been the impeacher and disturber of due and direct correction of heresies, being highly to the danger and perill of the whole body, and good Christian people of this your Realm.

Heresies and erroneous sects.

44. Finally, forasmuch as by the aforesaid Articles is evidently declared to

to your most reall Majestie, That the Lord Cardinall by his outrageous pride hath greatly shadowed a long season your Graces honoz, which is most highly to be regarded, and by his insatiable avarice and rabinous appetite to have riches and treasure without measure, hath so grievously oppressed your pooe subjects with so manifold crafts of bribery and extortion, that the Common-wealth of this your Graces Realm is thereby greatly decayed and impoverished. And also by his cruelty, iniquity, affection, and partiality, hath subverted the due course and order of your Graces laws to the undoing of a great number of your loving people.

Please it your most royall Majestie therefore of your excellent goodnesse towards the Weal of this your Realm and subjects of the same, to set such order and direction upon the said Lord Cardinall, as may be to the terrible example of other to beware so to offend your Grace, and your laws hereafter. And that he be so provided for that he never have any power, jurisdiction or authority hereafter to trouble, vex, and impoverish the Common-wealth of this your Realm, as he hath done heretofore, to the great hurt and dammage of every man almost high and low, which for your Grace so doing, will daily pray, as their duty is, to Almighty God for the prosperous estate of your most royall Majestie, long to endure in honoz and good health, to the pleasure of God, and your hearts most desire. Subscribed the first day of December the 21 year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord King Henry the 8.

T. More. T. Norfolk. Charl. Suff. Tho. Dorset. H. Exon. John Oxinford. H. Northumberland. G. Shrewsbury. R. Fitzwater. T. Rocheford. T. Darcy. W. Mountjoy. William Sandys.

William Fitzwilliam. Henry Guldeford. \* John FitzJames. \* Anthony FitzHerbert.

So these Articles began to be subscribed by Sir Thomas More Lord Chancellor, and ended with the two Judges of the law.

There be in this Court many Officers, Ministers, and Clerks of the Court, the principall whereof is the <sup>a</sup> Master of the Rols, anciently called Garden des Rolles, Clericus rotulorum, Custos rotulorum. And this is an ancient office, and grantable either for life, or at will, at the pleasure of the King. <sup>b</sup> The house annexed to his office, is called domus Conversorum, so called because <sup>\*</sup> King H. 3. founded this house to be a house of Jews as should be converted to the true religion of Jesus Christ, and there should have maintenance and allowance, which continueth to this day. King E. 3. anno 15 of his reign, by Letters Patents annexed this house to the office of Custos rotulorum, and this office is grantable by Letters Patents: for the more assurance whereof, and of divers things worthy of observation, we have thought good to set down an Act of Parliament concerning this matter in these words.

<sup>c</sup> King E. 3. by his Charter anno 51 of his reign did grant after the death of VWilliam Burstall then Keeper of the Rols and of the same house of Converts of the Kings grant to the Keeper of the Rols for the time being, and annexed it to the said office imperpetuum, and further granted that after the decease of the said VWilliam, the Chancellor or Keeper of the Great Seal after the voidance of the said office of keeping of the Rols to institute successively the Keepers of the Rols, in dicta domo Conversorum, & custodes illos ponend' in possessione ejudem, &c. This Charter was confirmed by Act of Parliament, as by that which followeth appeareth.

*a A nostre tresdoute H. le roy & son honorable conseil en cest Parliament supplie son petit Clerke William de Burstall Gardeiner des rolles de la Cancellerie, & Gardeiner de la Meason des Converses de Londres quele est de vostre honorable Patronage que come le dit William a sestresgraundes custages & reparille la Chappelle de les edifices du dit meason, & nostre Seignior le roy dareine (que dieu assoil) pur maintenance de la dit Chappelle & meason a la prier du dit William granta pur luy & ses heires per*

<sup>a</sup> Chief Justice of England.

<sup>b</sup> Sir Anth. Fitzh. a Justice of the Court of Common Pleas.

<sup>c</sup> He was not called Master of the Rols, until

11 H. 7. ca. 20.

but never so called in any Letters Patents of this office.

<sup>d</sup> Fortesc. ca. 24.

<sup>e</sup> See the Charter of erection by King H. 3. Hollingh. 1281. Vid. Rot Pa l. 18 E. 1. r. u.

There were above fourscore Converts in 18 E. 1. and petitioned in Parliament for more relief.

<sup>f</sup> Rot. Pat. 11 Ap. 51 E. 3. which you may read at large in Hollingh. pa. 1281, 1282.

<sup>g</sup> Ex bundello petic. Parl. anno 1 R. 2.

*Garden des rolles de la Chancery & de la meason des Converses de Londres.*

Nota the Master of the Rols or Keeper is Garden of the house of Converts of the Parliament or gift of the King.

*ses Letters Patents que le dit Meason de Converse apres le decease du dit William demerera a tous jours as Gardein' de dits Rolles pur le temps este-ants tanque come ils seront en le dit office sans certain forme comprise en Letters sursdites, Please a nostre dit Seignior le roy & Seigniors deu Parliament confirmer ladic grant & les Letters Patents issint ent faitz, et les choses comprises en ycel en ouier de charitie. Wherunto full assent was giben by Authority of Parliament.*

Rot. Pat. 6 R. 2.

After which Act of Parliament John de Waltham Gardein or Keeper of the Rols obtained of R. 2. in the sixth year of his reign Letters Patents, where- by the King granted to him & successoribus suis Custodibus Rotulorum the said house of Converts; and the reason hereof seemeth to be, for that in the said Char- ter of 51 E. 3. Sibi & successoribus suis wanted. This John of Waltham was in 12 R. 2. Bishop of Salisbury, and after Treasurer of England. Whereby it ap- peareth what estate the Master of the Rols hath in domo Converforum. And this house is the place where the Rols of the Chancery are kept, and are so called because they are written in parchment, and made up in bundels of rols, that is to say, of Charters, Letters Patents, Commissions, Deeds enrolled, Re- cognizances, &c.

These Records since the beginning of H. 7. remain in the Rols, and all be- fore were transmitted into the Tower, and there remain.

Also for further manifestation hereof, we have thought good to set down a Letters Patents of this office in the 25 year of H. 6. and the rather for that it was granted Authoritate Parliamenti, in these words, Henricus Dei gratia Rex Angliæ, & Franciæ, & dominus Hiberniæ, omnibus ad quos presentes lras per- venerint. Sciatis quod cum nos tertio decimo die Novembris, anno regni no- stri decimo septimo constituimus dilectum clericum nostrum Johannem Sto- penden Custodem rotulorum & librorum Cancellariæ nostræ cum omnibus ad officium illud spectantibus, percipiend' in eodem officio feoda, commoditates, & proficua consueta, quamdiu nobis placuerit. Et ulterius dederimus, & con- cesserimus eidem Johanni custodiã domus nostræ Converforû præfato officio pro inhabitatione dicti Custodis per progenitores nostros quondam reges Angliæ ab antiquo depositæ, & annexæ: Habendum & tenendum custodiam illam cum omnibus juribus & pertinentiis spectantibus ad eandem, prout in lris nostris pa- tentibus inde confectis plenius continetur. Nos bonum & gratuitum serviciû quod dilectus clericus noster Thomas Kirkby nobis ante hæc tempora multi- pliciter impendit, indiesque impendere non desistit merite contemplantes, ac de fidelitate, circumspectione & industria ipsius Thomæ plenius confidentes, con- stituimus ipsam Thomam Custodem rotulorum & librorum Cancellariæ nostræ cum omnibus ad officium illud spectantibus, percipiendo in eodem officio feoda, commoditates, & proficua consueta à tempore quo officium illud per Cessionem seu alio modo quocunque proximo vacare contigerit, quamdiu nobis placuerit. Et ulterius dedimus & concessimus, ac p presentes damus & concedimus eidẽ Thomæ custodiam dictæ domus nra Converforum præfato officio pro inhabita- tione ejusdem custodis per dictos progenitores nros ab antiquo (ut præmittitur) dispositæ & annexæ, Habend' & tenend' eidem Thomæ custodiam illam cû om- nibus juribus & pertinentiis spectantibus ad eandem quamdiu ipsum Thomã dictum officium Custodis rotulorum & librorum prædictorû habere & tenere sive occupare contigerit. Eo quod expressa mentio de vero valore annuo officii præ- dicti & cæterorum præmissorum seu alicujus eorum, aut de aliis donis seu con- cessionibus per nos præfato Thomæ ante hæc tempora factis in præsentibus fa- cta non existit, aut aliquibus Actibus sive Ordinationibus in contrarium editis sive ordinatis, aut aliqua alia causa, re, seu materia in aliquo non obstantibus, In cujus rei testimonium has lras nras fieri fecimus patentes. Teste meipso apud Maidston vicesimo nono die Martii, Anno regni nri vicesimo quinto. Authori- tate Parliamenti,

Clericus noster  
Custos rotulorû  
& librorû Can-  
cellar' nostræ cû  
omnibus ad offi-  
cium illud spect'  
Custodia domus  
nostræ Conver-  
forum.

Custos Rotulo-  
rû, &c.



Of latter times in the grant of this office he is styled Clericus \* parva bagz, Custos rotulorum, & domus Conversorum.

The Master of the Rolls hath in jure officii, the gift of the offices of Six Clerks in the Chancery.

In the absence of the Lord Chancellor, he heareth causes and giveth orders.

See in the third part of the Institutes, cap. Premunire.

\* Belonging anciently to his office.

See the statute of 14 H. 8. cap. 8.

CAP. IX.

The Court of Requests.

**H**aving spoken of the Court of Chancery, swayed and governed by the Lord Chancellor, or Keeper of the Great Seal: It shall be fit in this place to treat of the Jurisdiction of the Court of Requests, wherein the Lord Privie Seal at his pleasure, and the Masters of Requests doe assemble and sit. And the originall institution hereof was, that such petitions as were exhibited to the King, and delivered to the Masters of the Requests, should be perused by them, and the party directed by them to take his remedy according to their case, either at the Common law, or in the Court of Chancery. And thereupon they were called Magistri à libellis supplicum: and in this respect this meeting and consultation was called the Court of Requests, as the Court of Audience and Faculties are called Courts, albeit they hold no plea of controverfie.

See hereafter the Courts of Audience and Faculties. pa.

Those which in former times would have this Court to be a Court of judicature, took their aime from a Court in France, which is called Curia eorum quos Requestarum, i. supplicationum palatii magistròs vocant, apud quos causa eorum tantum agitur, qui regis obsequiis deputati, vel privilegio donati sunt: hujus curiæ Judices octo sunt. But others taking this jurisdiction to be too narrow, contend to have it extend to all causes in equitie equall with the Chancery, and their decrees to be absolute and uncontrollable. But neither of these are warranted by law, as shall evidently appear.

Cassaneus 7 part, fo. 136. b.

In the reign of H. 8. the Masters of Requests thought (as they intended) to strengthen their jurisdiction by Commission, to hear and determine causes in equity. But those Commissions being not warranted by law (for no Court of Equity can be raised by Commission) soon vanished, for that it had neither Act of Parliament, nor prescription time out of minde of man to establish it.

See before cap. Chancery Perors case, pag. 87. See the Articles against Cardinal Woolfsy, pa. 89. See Hals Chronicle ubi supra. and Guines learned preface to his reading in the Inner Temple, about 16 El.

\* Mich. 40 & 41 Eliz. In the Court of Common Pleas, upon a Bill exhibited in the Court of Requests against Flood, for default of answer an Attachment was awarded against Flood under the Privie Seal, to Stepney then Sheriffe of Carnarven, who by force of the said Writ attached Flood, and would not let him go, untill he had entred into an Obligation to the Sheriffe to appear before his Majesties Councell in the Court of Requests: upon which Obligation the Sheriffe brought an Action of debt for default of appearance, and all this matter appeared in pleading. And it was adjudged upon solemn argument, that this which was called a Court of Requests, or the White Hall, was no Court that had power of judicature, but all the proceedings thereupon were Coram non Judice, and the arrest of Flood was false imprisonment, so as he might avoid the bond by Duces at the Common law, without aide of the statute of 23 H. 6. ca. 10.

\* Tr. 40 El. in Cò-muni banco inter Stepney et Lloyd. Rot. 1157. See Hals Chron. 8 H. 8. fo. 59. agreeth with the law.

The punishment of Perjury in the Court of Whitehall by the statutes of 33 H. 8. cap. 9. and 5 Eliz. cap. 9. doth not give it any jurisdiction of judicature, no more then the statutes that give against a Gaoler an action for an escape, or punisheth

punisheth a Gaoler of his owne wrong for extortion an officer of his owne wrong shall be punished by the statutes in that case provided, and yet the statutes thereby make them no lawfull officers; for it is one thing to punish, and another to give authority. So it was justice in the Parliaments to punish perjury in the Whitehall, although the Court were holden by usurpation, and so before it appeareth to be by the judgement in Scepneys case, See Beverlyes case lib. 4. 123, 124. and the case of the Orphans of London, Lib. 5. fo. 73. where it is called the Court of Requests, taking the same to be according to the Originall Institution. And as gold or silver may as currant money passe even with the proper Artificer, though it hath too much allay, untill he hath tried it with the Touchstone: even so this nominatve Court may passe with the Learned as justifiable in respect of the outside by vulgar allowance, untill he advisedly looketh into the roots of it, and try it by the rule of law; as (to say the truth) I my self did: *But errores ad sua principia referre, est resellere, To bring errors to their firsts to see their last.*

The Author of the book of diversity of Courts written in 21 H. 8. doth not so much as mention any such Court: nor the Doctor and Student who wrote in 23 H. 8. treating of matters of equity never mentioneth any such Court: nor in any of the Reports of H. 8. or of any other before him, we finde any mention made of any such Court. Herein, as in all other things, we have dealt clearly and plainly, upon what authorities and reasons we have grounded our opinion: and when we undertook to write, we resolved to publish nothing reluctante conscientia, which we (by Gods speciall grace) have performed, without any spark of contradiction, or respect of any private whatsoever: What Charge ever sounding in mine eare, that is giden to all that take upon them to write, *Ne quid fallum audeant, ne quid verum non audeant.* And although the law be such as we have set down; yet in respect of the continuance that it hath had by permission, and of the number of decrees therein had, it were worthy of the wisdom of a Parliament, both for the establishment of things for the time past, and for some certaine provision with reasonable limitations (if so it shall be thought convenient to that High Court) for the time to come: *Et sic liberavi animam meam.*

Error, qui non  
reflittur, appro-  
batur.

Regula.

CAP. X.

The Court of Common Pleas.

**B**y the statute of Magna Carta cap. 11. it is provided, Quod communia placita non sequantur curiam nostram, sed teneantur loco certo, Habet Rex etiam curiam, & Justiciarios in banco residentes, qui cognoscunt de omnibus placitis, de quibus auctoritatem habent cognoscendi, & sine warranto jurisdictionem non habent nec coercionem. *Et Paulo post*, Sunt etiam alii Justiciarii \* perpetui, certo loco residentes, sicut in Banco, loquelas omnes de quibus habent warrantum terminantes, qui omnes jurisdictionem habere incipiunt prestito sacramento.

Mag. Cart. ca. 11.

Bracton lib. 3. fo. 105. b.

\* Ut sup. fo. 108. a

Oltre ceo voilons q̄ Justices demorgent continualment a Westm. ou ailleurs la, ou nous voudrons ordeiner, a pleader comunes pleas solong; ceo que nous les manderons per nous breifes; issint que des parols deduces devant eux per nous breifes eyent record.

Britton fo. 2.  
Vide Fleta lib. 2. cap. 2. & Lib. 1. cap. 54.

Out of these, three things are to be observed: First what shall be said communia placita. They are not called communia placita in respect of the persons, but in respect of the quality of the pleas. Regularly Pleas are divided into Pleas of the Crown, and into Common or Civil Pleas. Pleas of the Crowne are Treason and Felony, and Disposition of treason and felony, &c. This Court is the lock and the key of the Common law in Common Pleas, for herein are reall actions, whereupon fines and recoveries (the common assurances of the Realm) do passe, and all other reall actions by Originall Writts are to be determined, and also of all Common pleas mixt or personall: in divers of which, as it appeareth before in the Chapter of the Kings Bench, this Court & the Kings Bench have a concurrent authority.

See the second part of the Institutes Mag. Cart. cap. 11. Vid. 17 E. 3. 50. *Quare incumbavit*, and in the Chapter of the Kings Bench here before.

\* Vide sup. pa. 79

\* Robert Parning the Kings Serjeant at Law 24 July 14 E. 3. was created Chief Justice of England, in which Office he remained untill the 15 of December following, and then he was made Lord Treasurer of England; In which office he continued untill the 15 year of E. 3. when he was made Lord Chancellor of England: and while he was Lord Chancellor, he would come and sit in this Court being the lock and key of the Common law, as is aforesaid: and there debate matters in law of greatest difficulty, as it appeareth in the report of the year of 17 E. 3. fo. 11. 14. 23. 37. &c. knowing assuredly, that he that knowes not the Common law, can never rightly judge of matters in equity: whereof at that time very few matters were depending before him in Chancery.

2. These words of Bracton, [sine warranto jurisdictionem non habent,] are well expounded by Britton, that that Warrant is by the Kings Writts, Solong; ceo que nous les manderons per nous breifes. So as regularly this Court cannot hold any common plea in any action, reall, personall, or mixt, but by Writt out of the Chancery, and retournable into this Court.

3. That in certain cases this Court may hold plea by Bill without any Writt in the Chancery, as for or against any Officer, Minister, or privileged person of this Court.

Also this Court without any Writt may upon a suggestion grant prohibitions to keep, as well Tempozall as Ecclesiasticall Courts, within their bounds and jurisdiction, without any originall or plea depending: for the Common law which in those cases is a prohibition of it self stands in stead of an Originall, whercof there be infinite presidents in this Court. And Sir Thomas Egerton

8 R. 2. Attachment sur. prohib. pl. ultimo. 9 H. 6. 61. 10 E. 2. action sur. restat. 34.

Lord

Lord Chancelour Mich. 7. Jac. Regis called Fleming Chiefe Justice and all the Judges of the Kings Bench, and Tanfeild Chief Baron, and the rest of the Barons of the Exchequer, of whom the Chancelour demanded whether the Court of Common Pleas had authority to grant any prohibition without Writ of Attachment or plea depending: who upon mature deliberation unanimously resolved, that this Court might grant prohibitions upon suggestions without any Writ of Attachment or plea depending for the reason aforesaid, and according to a multitude of presidents. The Justices of the Common Pleas were not called, because they had often resolved the point before. So as now this point concerning the jurisdiction of this Court for granting of prohibitions upon suggestions; where there is neither Writ of attachment, nor plea depending, is in peace, being resolved by the Justices of the Bench and of the Common Pleas, and by the Barons of the Exchequer.

See the second part of the Institutes all these points.

\* So called the Common Bench in respect of the Common pleas there holden.

4. This Court upon an adjournment upon a foreign voucher may hold plea likewise upon other foreign pleas, and upon generall bastardy, Ne unques accouple in loiall matrimony, &c. for none but the Kings Courts, and no inferiour Court shall write to the Bishop. So likewise upon ancient demesne pleaded, &c.

The Chiefe Justice of the Common Pleas is created by Letters Patents, Rex, &c. Sciatis quod constituimus dilectum & fidelem E. C. militem, capitalem Justiciarium \* de Communi banco, Habendum quamdiu nobis placuerit, cum vadiis & feodis ab antiquo debitis & consuetis. In cujus rei testimonium has literas nostras fieri fecimus patentes. Teste, &c.

And each of the Justices of this Court hath Letters Patents. Sciatis quod constituimus dilectum & fidelem P. W. militem unum Justiciariorum nostrorum de Communi banco, &c. But none can be constituted Judge of this Court unless he be Serjeant at Law of the degree of the Coife, and yet in the Letters patents to them made, they are not named Serjeants.

The Jurisdiction of this Court is generall, and extendeth throughout all England.

See the second part of the Institutes, Mag. Cant. cap. 11.  
6 E. 3. 52.  
39 E. 3. 24.  
18 E. 3. stat. 3.

For the antiquity of this Court see before in the Chapter of the Kings Bench adjoining thereunto, 6 E. 3. where a fine was levied in this Court 6 R. 1. and in 39 E. 3. a plea in this Court in 1 H. 3. And that I may speak once for all the Justices of the Kings Bench, or of this Court of the Common Bench, that they observe the ancient rule of law, Nemo duobus utatur officiis, for none of them can take any other office, or any fee, or reward but of the King only. And it were behoofesfull to the Common-wealth and advancement of Justice and right, and preferment of well deserving men, if the like course were holden concerning all offices, as well Ecclesiasticall as Temporal and Civill: and that no man following the example of the reverend Judges should enjoy two offices. For severall offices were never instituted to be used by one man.

Term. Trin.  
Anno 19 E. 1. in  
communi banco,  
Rot. 146 Rotel.  
in Theisaur.

The jurisdiction of this Court for punishment of their Officers & Ministers. *Petrus de Luffenham indictatus quod ipse in Curia hic à die Sancti Hillarii in 15 dies Anno regni regis nunc 19, falso et maliciose deleavit adjornationem ejusdem essoin' ad diem illum intrati de com' Rotel. pro Roberto Attehale de South-Luffenham petente & Radulph. de Kirkeby tenent' de placito terre, &c. Et questus qualiter se velit inde acquietare, dicit quod in nullo est inde culpabilis, & de hoc ponit se super juram' de sociis in Cur' hic. Et qui jurati dicunt super Sacramentum suum, quod predictus Radulphus predictis die & anno fuit in Cur' hic, & dixit predicto Petro quod predictum essoinum fuit adjornat', & predictus Petrus intravit infra Bancum & rotulos de essoin', et cum perpendisset quod le aff. fuit appositum molivit ipse pollicem suum & inde frotavit super le aff. quousq; illud fere omnino deleavit ut sic faceret predictum Robertum amisisse breve suum, &c. Ideo considerat' est quod predictus Petrus committitur Gaolæ de Fleete custodiend' per unum annum et unum diem pro falsitate et deceptione predictis, et tunc redimendus*

pro

pro voluntate domini regis, &c. Et sciend' quod liberatus fuit Gaoladie Mercurii prox' ante festum Sancte Margareta virginis hoc anno, &c. Postea die Veneris prox' ante festum Sancte Margareta virginis Anno 20 deliberatus est predictus Petrus, et inhibitum est ei, quod nihil habet nisi vestes pendentes in dorso, admittitur ad dimid' Marc. per 20 li. Wil. de Okeham, Ita tamen quod si ad plus sufficiat, &c. Iustic' reservant eis potestatem, &c.

Et quia predictus Iohannes de Vpton in Cur' hic recognovit quod hoc anno in estate concessit quod predictam defaltam remitteret, et pro illa concessione recepit 20 s. in Autumpno, et postea ad predictam tertiam septimanam Sancti Michaelis idem Iohannes remisit predictam defaltam, per quam predictus Willielmus recuperasse potuit predictum ten in fraudem et deceptionem predicti Willielmi; Ideo ipse pro falsitate predicta committitur Gaole de Fleet commoraturus per annum et diem, &c. per formam \* statuti, &c. Postea post annum et diem, &c. predictus Iohannes venit et deliberatus est secundum statutum, &c. et inhibitum est ei, &c. et finivit pro una marca.

Mich. 19 E. 1. in Banco Rot. 191. Northampton.

\* W. 1. cap. 29.

Bene examinatur fraus de Brevis in Iur' per Vic' retora' Termin' Trin' & per quendam alium panellum ejusdem mutatum & contrefectum, unde contrefactor per Iur' est culpabilis, & adjudicatur Gaole de Fleete per annum & diem. Et quia scriptor ejusdem brevis licet de falsitate & malitia non fuit particeps, nec aliquid mali fecisse putavit, &c. Custodiatur, &c. et finem fecit per unam marcam.

Eodem Rot. nu. 210. London.

Et quia Rogerus de Langeport Attornatus est male fama, & defatigavit Cur': Ideo committitur Gaole, &c. Et quesitis rotulis de Indictamentis Attornatorum, &c. compertum est quod idem Rogerus indictatus fuit, quod ipse fuit conversans in cancell' & socius Adx de Ponte fracto, qui falsavit sigillum Domini Regis, & falsa brevia composuit, &c. Et quesitus qualiter se velit acquietare, dicit quod Clericus est, et non potest in Curia hic Domino Regi inde respondere. Et quia nullus ordinarius ipsum petit, &c. nec ipse Rogerus aliter se velit inde acquietare, Ideo ipse committitur Gaole quousque, &c. Et mittitur ad Turrim London, &c.

Hil. 20 E. 1. in Banco Rot. 109. Northampton.

The Officers of this Court are many, viz. Custos Brevium, tres Prothonotarii, three Prothonotaries: Clericus Warrantorum, Clerke of the Warrants: Clericus Argenti Regis, Clerke of the Kings silver: quatuor Exigendarii, Exigenters: quatuordecem Falazarii, Filazers: Clericus Juratorum, Clerke of the Juries: Clericus Essoniorum, Clerke of the Estoignes: Clericus Uclagiariorum, Clerke of the Outlawries: this belongs to the Office of the Attozny Generall, who exerciseth it by Deputy.

In former times great abuses have been by Attornies of this Court, by suing out a judiciall Proces without any Originall; which when it hath been found out, it hath beene severely punished; for many inconveniences thereupon doe follow. For example, in 20 H. 6. an Attozny of the Common place had made a Capias directed to the Sheriffe of York, whereof there was no Originall; at which day of the retorne an Attachment was awarded by the Court against the Attozny to answer the deceipt, whereupon he was taken and examined, and confessed it, and thereupon by the Court he was committed to the Fleet, imprisoned for a moneth, and that his name should be drawn out of the Roll of Attornies, and never should be Attozny either in this Court or any other, and thereunto he was sworn. Note the severity of this judgement doth shew the heynousnesse of the offence.

20 H. 6. 37. 7. W. 1. cap. 29.

17 E. 3. 51, 52.  
Nota, he may be  
punished for the  
crime, & the par-  
ty grieved may  
have his action.

Pasch. 20 E. 1. in  
Banco, Rot. post  
135.

An Attorny sued out an Habere facias seisinam against one, by force where-  
of the true tenant was put out of his freehold, where in truth there was  
no Record of any recovery: the party grieved brought an action of deceit  
against the Attorny, and recovered damages, and the Attorny imprisoned.

*Memorandum quod Magister Johannes Lovell qui fuit Custos Rotulo-  
rum & Brevium Domini Regis de Banco per manus suas proprias libe-  
ravit Johanni Bacon Clerico de mandato Domini Regis in hac verba.  
Edwardus, &c. Dilecto Clerico suo Johanni Lovell Salutem. Cum com-  
miserimus dilecto Clerico nostro Johanni Bacon custod' Rotulorum &  
Brevium nostrorum de Banco; Habendum quam diu nobis placuerit: Vobis  
mandamus quod eidem Johanni Rotulos & Brevia predicta que sunt in  
custodia vestra ex commissione nostra per Chirographum inde inter vos &  
ipsum conficiend' sine dilatione liberetis custod' in forma predicta. T. me  
ipso apud Stebenbeth 17 Aprilis Anno regni nostri 20.*

*Super quo predictus Johannes liberavit dicto Johanni Bacon Rotulos  
& Brevia de Terminis Sancti Michaelis Anno 17, usque hunc Terminum, &  
similiter Rotulos de Esson'. Et scripta dedita & suspecta cum talleis  
dedita, una cum compotis dedita, Ac etiam 160 not' finium, duas ligulas  
de recordis sine die, & 14 Certificat' Episcoporum.*

CAP. XI.

The Court of Exchequer.

**T**he Authority of this Court is of originall jurisdiction without any Commission. Of this Court Britton speaking in the Kings person saith, <sup>a</sup> Volons nous que a nous Eschekers a Westm<sup>e</sup> & ailors eyent nous <sup>b</sup> Treasurers, & nous <sup>c</sup> Barons illonques Jurisdiction & record de choses que touchent leur office a oier & determiner tous les causes que touchent nous debts. & auxi a nous fees, & les incident choses, sans les queux tiels choses ne purront estre tries, & que ilz eyent power a conuster de detts que lon doit a nous dettors per ou nous puissions plus tost aprocher a nre dettr.

<sup>d</sup> En droit des purprestures voilons nous que le noisances soient oustes aux costages des purprestours, & les sufferables soient prise in nostre maine a la value per an soit inrolle, & selonque le discretion des Treasurers & des Barons de nous Eschequers soient arenes a fee farm a eux que plus voilent doner.

<sup>e</sup> Et soit auxi enquis de nos customes de quirs & de leynes qui les ount coilles, & combien les coillours ont bien suffert de passer de sackes de leyne sauns payer custome, & combien eit valu la custome chescun au en chescun mannere de custome a nous apurtenant & ceux articles soient terminees a nostre Eschequer selonc la discretion de nos Barons.

See the Customers of Normandy, cap. 5. & 6. touching the Exchequer there, both of another Jurisdiction, and of other Judges, and Officers, then our Court of Exchequer is.

L'eschequer est un place quarre que solement est ordeine pur le prou le roy ou deux Chivaliers, 2 Clerks, ou 2 homes, lies sont assignes pur Oier & Terminer les torts faits al roy & a sa corone en droit de ces hies & ces franchises, & les accounts des Bayliffs, & des receivors de deniers le roy & des administrators de ces biens per la vieve de une Sovereign que est *Treasorer de Angleterre*. Les deux Chivaliers soloient estre appeles deux Barons pur afferer les amerciements de counties, & des Barons & des tenants counties & baronies cy que nul ne fuit afferere forsque per ces Piers,

A celle place estoit assigne un Seale ove garden pur faire ent acquittance de chescun payment que avoir le voloit, & de sealer les bres & les estrets south cere verte issant de celle place pur le prou le roy. En celle place sont auxi Chamberleines & plusors auters ministers que ne touch my molt a la ley.

Ordeine fuit L'eschequer in manner come ensuit, & les paines pecuniels de Countees & Barons en certain, & auxi de tenants, Counties & \* Baronies dismemlies & que ceux amerciements fussent afferred per les Barons del Eschequer, & que lein envoiait les estrets de leur amerciements al Eschequer ou que ilz fussent amercies en la Court le roy.

<sup>f</sup> Onster ceo nul Common plea ne soit deformes tenus en L'eschequer encounter la form de la grand Charter.

<sup>g</sup> Fleta (for Bracton treateth not of this Court) saith. Habet & Rex Curiam suam & Justiciarios suos residentes ad Scaccarium. And this is all I finde in him.

This Court is divided into two parts, viz. judiciall Accounts, called Scaccarium computorum, and into the Receipt of the Exchequer. <sup>h</sup> Una origo utriusque Scaccarii, superioris scilicet, & inferioris, sed quicquid in superiori computatur, in inferiori solvitur.

Before we observe any thing out of these ancient Authors and Acts of Parliament, it shall be necessary to set down the great Officers, the Judges, and

<sup>a</sup> Britton fo. 2. b.

<sup>b</sup> Nota Treasurers in the plural number.

<sup>c</sup> Of ancient time they were Barons and Peers of the Realm, lib. nigro. Scaccar<sup>o</sup> parte 1. ca. 4. See the 14 chap. of Mag. Cart. and the exposition of the same.

<sup>d</sup> Et fo 29. b.

<sup>e</sup> Et fo. 38. b.

Mirror ca. 1. §. 14. De la place del Eschequer.

Et ca. 1. §. 3.

\* This was in respect of the tenure, for all Earldomes and Baronies were holden in Capite.

20 E. 3. ass. 120.

26 ass. 37.

f Artic. sup. Cart. cap. 4 28 E. 1.

Stat. de Rotelad.

10 E. 1. Reg. 187.

g Fleta li. 2. ca. 2.

<sup>h</sup> Cokam.

other Officers and Ministers of this Court, as they be at this day.

*Fiscus* in one sense is taken for the Exchequer, properly it is *Sporta a Hamper*, wherein the confiscations, sellments, and other moneys of the King were carried into the Treasury.

¶ *The Officers of this Court.*  
Rot. Par. 13 R. 2. nu. 6 & 7.

Vide Rot. Pat. 13 E. 3. part. 1. for this office.  
\* Math. Paris 18 H. 3. pa. 391. & 19 H. 3. anno Dom. 1234. And so was Tho. Wimondham. anno dom. 1258. 50 H. 3.

1. *Dominus Thesaurarius Angliæ*: which office he hath at this day by the delivery of a white staffe, at the Kings will and pleasure. In former times he had this great office by delivery of the keys (golden keys) of the treasury: when treasure failed, the white staffe serbed to rest him upon it, or to dye away importunate suiters.

2. *Thesaurarius Scaccarii*, anciently called *Arcarius ab arca*, and this office he hath by Letters Patents. For both these offices he hath 365. l. fees, robes out of the Wardrop 15. l. 7. s. 8. d. In toto 380. l. 7. s. 8. d. \* Hugo Pateshull was first Treasurer of the Exchequer, and after *Summus Thesaurarius*.

*Cancellarius Scaccarii*, that keepeth the Seal. See Pl. Com. 321. *Leschequer ad Chancelor & Seale*; & les B<sup>res</sup> usuall in le Chancery in *Leschequer*, &c. sont plus ancient que le Register. See of the Chancelor of the Exchequer hereafter in the Court of the Exchequer Chamber.

*Capitalis Baro & Barones alii*,

*Subthesaurarius Scaccarii*, anciently called *Locum tenens Thesaurarii*. *Petrus de Willebye locum tenens Thesaurarii*, Anno 30 E. 1. et plures alii: He nameth the two praasers of all the goods seised or not customed, and ordereth whether the party shall have them at the price or not, he appointed the Steward, Cook and Butler for the provision of the Star-chamber: he in the vacancy of the Treasurer doth all things in the Receipt, that the Treasurer doth. In the statute of 39 El. ca. 7. and 43 El. in the Subsidy of the Clergy he is called Under-treasurer of England. Concerning this matter I finde of record this writ following.

Rot. brevium. 20 E. 2.  
a Arch bishop Treasurer of the Exchequer.  
b Nota in dicto Scaccario.  
c Under-treasurer.  
d Treasurership of the Exchequer granted by Letters Patents.

*Edwardus Rex Angliæ & dominus Hiberniæ Baronibus & Camerariis suis de Scaccario suo, Salutem. Quum pro eo quod a venerabilis pater W. Archiepiscopus Eborum nuper Thesaurarius Scaccarii prædicti, circa diversa negotia in partibus borealibus est occupatus, quo minus intendere possit ad ea quæ ad officium illud in dicto Scaccario pertinent exercenda, constituerimus venerabilem patrem Johannem Wintoniensem Episcopum tenentem locum Thesaurarii Scaccarii prædicti, quousque de officio illo aliter duximus ordinandum, percipiendo in eodem officio (dum illud sic tenuerit) seodum consuetum, prout in litteris nostris patentibus præfato Episcopo inde confectis plenius continetur. Vobis mandamus quod ipsum Episcopum ad officium admittatis & ei in his quæ ad officium prædictum pertineant intendatis in forma prædicta. Teste Edwardo filio nostro primogenito Custode regni nostri, apud Hereford Sexto die Novembris, Anno regni nostri vicesimo.*

Custos regni.

Vid. The Lord Chancelors oath in the Chapter of the Chancery.

The office and duty of the Lord Treasurer of England doth appear by his oath, which standeth upon eight Articles.

1. That well and truly he shall serbe the King and his people in the office of Treasurer.

2. That he shall doe right to all manner of people, poor and rich, of such things as concern his office.

3. The Kings treasure he shall truly keep and dispend.

4. He shall truly counsell the King.

5. The Kings Councell he shall layn and keep.

6. That he shall neither know nor suffer the Kings hurt, nor his disheriting, nor that the rights of the Crown be decreased by any mean, as far forth as he may let it.

7. And if he may not let it, he shall make knowledge thereof clearly and expressly to the King with his true devtice and counsell.

8. And he shall doe and purchase the Kings profit in all that he may reasonably doe: which in effect agreeth with the oath of the Lord Chancelor, as you may read ubi supra.

\* *Lain* is an old French word, to hide.



Imprimis post sigillationem patentium de illo officio vocetur in cur' Cancellariæ, coram domino Cancellario genibus flexis facit sacramentum, ut superius scribitur, & deinde sigillatum erit breve regis directum Baronibus & Camerariis de Scaccario de attendenc' recitans effectum dictarum literarum patentium. Et inde recesserit dictus dominus Cancellarius ad Curiam Scaccarii & ibidem (dicto Thesaurario stante) ad barram legantur literæ Parentes prædicti & similiter prædictum bfe, & vocatus est idem Thesaurarius ad locum suum per dictum dominum Cancellarium accipiens cessum, & liberatæ erunt tunc & ibidem claves officii Thesaurarii, & omnes officarii sub se recedent cum ipso Thesaurario in Thesaurum & dantes ei attendenc'. This we have transcribed de verbo in verbum in eisdem verbis.

Forma constitutionis Thesaurarii Angliæ.

The Lord Treasurer of England hath also granted to him by Letters Patents under the Great Seal, Thesaurariam scaccarii regis Angliæ, which of ancient time was a distinct office by it self. The office of the Treasurer of the Exchequer did principally take care of the green war, fees, and tenures, as it is said; he hath also with the Barons the custody of records, as by the ensuing record appears.

Vid. Rot. Cartarum anno 17 H. 3.

In an Information of intrusion in the Exchequer against Brace, judgment was given for the Queen against Brace, who brought a writ of Error directed to the Lord Chancellor and Lord Treasurer, and they made a warrant under their seals to the Barons to bring the record before them. And Manwood Chief Baron objected against both the writ and the warrant, for that the statute of 31 E. 3. c. 12. that giveth this writ of Error is generall, that the Lord Chancellor and Lord Treasurer shall cause to come before them the record and processe of the Exchequer, and in as much as no speciall writ was given by the statute, therefore the writ ought to be directed to them that have the keeping of the record according to the course of the Common law. \* And for that the Treasurer of the Exchequer and Barons have the keeping of the Records of the Exchequer, the writ of Error ought to have been directed to them, and that the Lord Chancellor and Lord Treasurer of England are Judges in this case, and not the Treasurer of the Exchequer. And upon search of precedents all the writs of Error from the making of the statute untill 7 Eliz. were directed to the Treasurer of the Exchequer, and Barons to bring the Record before the Lord Chancellor and Lord Treasurer: but in 7 El. and divers writs since have been directed as this writ was, &c. But it was resolved by the Lord Chancellor, Lord Treasurer, and the two Chief Justices Assistants, that the writ ought to be directed to the Treasurer of the Exchequer and Barons that have the Record in their custody according to the ancient course and precedents, and thereupon this writ abated.

Hil. 25 El. Cora Baronibus.

Note the statute speaketh of the Chancellor and Treasurer generally which is intended of the Treasurer of England, in digniori sensu.

See lib. 1. fo. 11. Sir William Pelmams case.

\* Note hereby it clearly appeareth that the Treasurer and Barons of the Exchequer are keepers of the records judiciall of the Exchequer. Vid. 9 E. 3.

Here four things are to be observed. 1. That albeit the Barons, as hath been said, are the sole Judges, yet the Treasurer of the Exchequer is joyned with them in keeping of the Records, whereof the Barons are Judges, for they are parcell of the Kings Treasure. 2. That writs of Error are to be directed to them that have the custody of the Record wherein any judgment is given; as a writ of Error to reverse a judgment in the Court of Common Pleas, shall be directed to the Chief Justice only who hath the custody of the body of the Record wherein the judgment is given, but the originall writ and warrant of Atturney are not in his custody. 3. That albeit the Lord Treasurer is also Treasurer of the Exchequer, yet the writ of Error is directed to him as Treasurer of the Exchequer, and the Barons, to have the Record before himself as Treasurer of England & the Chancellor. 4. That at the making of the statute of 31 E. 3. that giveth the writ of Error, the offices of Treasurer of England and the Treasurer of the Exchequer were in severall hands, as by the writs of Error brought soon after appeareth. Before the said statute of 31 E. 3. the Errors in the Exchequer were sometimes examined in Parliament, and sometimes before Commissioners by force of the Kings writ under the Great Seal.

Par. 8 E. 3. nu. 40. &c. Vid. 1 R. 2. nu. Sir William de la Pools case. Mich. 33 & 34 E. 3. Coram Rogero de Heghan & aliis Justiciariis, &c.

It was petitioned in Parliament in 22 E. 3. nu. 25. that erroneous judgments in

in the Exchequer might be reversed in the Kings Bench, but it succeeded not Vide Term. Pasch 14 E. 3. a Writ directed to the Treasurer and Barons calling to them such Justices as they should think fit, to examine the Record, &c. of the judgement in the Exchequer, &c. for the Countesse of Kent against the Abbot of Ramsay, upon which judgement the Abbot brought his Writ of Error, Fitzherbert for another purpose abridgeth the case, Tit. Scire fac. 122.

Hil. 11 E. 3. in libro rubeo in Scaccario fo. 322. the case of John de Lecestre Chamberlaine of the Exchequer, a notable precedent to the like effect. Lege, quia optime.

Nota in the Act of 31 E. 3. that is called the Councell Chamber, which now is called the Exchequer Chamber, because there was the assembly of all the Judges being the Kings Councell for deciding of matters in law.

¶ The Chamberlaines of the Exchequer. For these officers see in the first part of the Inst. lib. 2. cap. Grand' Serjeanty. Sect. 153. the office mentioned in the Letters patents is, Officiū unius Camerariorū de Receipt' Scaccarii, five officii unius Camerariorum de Scaccario, & is granted for term of life to be exercised by him or his Deputy. To this Office belong the office of one of the Dozekeepers of the Receipt.

¶ Contrarotulator. Of so great regard is the right use of the Pipe, as there is a Controller thereof, which no other Office in this Court hath. And the Chancelour of the Exchequer is the Controller of the Pipe.

¶ Rememeratores, 2. viz Regis, Thesaurarii, & Primorum finium.

¶ Clericus Pipe. Of this Officer somewhat is necessary to be said. The originall institution of this Court was taken from a Conduit or conveyance of water into a Cisterne: for as water is conveyed from many Fountains and Springs by a Pipe into a Cisterne of a house, and from thence into the severall offices of the same: so this golden and silver streame is drawne from severall Courts as fountains of justice, and other springs of rebenus reduced and collected into one Pipe, and by that conveyed into the Cistern of his Majesties Receipt, &c. Therefore all accounts and debts to the King are delivered and collected out of the offices of the Kings Remembrancer, and Treasurers Remembrancer, &c. and drawn down & put in charge in the Pipe. So as whatsoever is in charge in this Roll or Pipe, is said in law to be duly in charge. The Clerk of the Pipe in the Patent of his office, is called Ingrossator magni Rot, in Scaccario.

Also the Treasurers Remembrancer is by his office to charge and enter from the Originall into the Annuall, otherwise called the Great Roll, all fees, farm rents and other rents whatsoever upon leases of lands within the survey of this Court: and whatsoever is in charge in this Roll is said to be duly in charge. Also he ought to keep another Roll, commonly called a Roll of reversions, as of grants of lands and offices in taile, for life or years absque compoto, aut aliquid inde reddendo, to the end, as often as need shall require, Writs may be granted to enquire whether the issue be spent, the lessee dead, &c.

¶ There be five Auditors of the Kings revenues within the survey of this Court, and their office is to take the accounts of the Kings Receivers, Sheriffs, Escheatoys, Collectors, and Customers, and to audite and perfect them. But an Auditor cannot allow any license or grant, for the Auditor knoweth not whether the license or grant be good or no: but upon petition it ought to be allowed by the Barons who know the Law, & sic de similibus. Neither can the Auditor put any thing in charge, for his office is (as hath been said) but to take and audite accounts: for the words of his Patent be, Concessimus B. officium unius Auditorum Scaccarii nostri quod I. S. nuper habuit & occupavit: Habendum & tenendum prædictum officium præfato B. quam diu se bene gesserit in eodem per se vel sufficient' deput' suum. Nay, though the Barons do order upon sight of any Record or evidence, that any thing shall be put in charge, this is used to be done to bring it in question, but it is not in law accounted to be duly in charge (untill it be recovered, received, and accounted for of Record; for it is not judicially done,

1 part of the Instructions, cap. Grand Serjanty, Sect. 153.

See the stat. of 5 R. 2. c. 14. stat. 126 All. p. 60.

Duly in charge.

The Annuel or great Roll.

Duly in charge. The Roll of revenues.

5 Auditors. 1 H. 7. 4. a. 7 El. Dier 238. b. Sir Rich. Lees case.

Quamdiu se bene gesserit.

Done, because it may be done in the absence of the party. Neither can any Auditor make a Super, but of that that hath been received and accounted for before.

¶ Auditor of the Prets take and audits the accounts of Ireland, Warwick, the Mint, and of any money impressed to any man.

¶ Auditor of the Receipts. First, he is a kinde of Filacer, for he stealeth the Tellers bills and entreth them. Secondly, he is a Remembrancer, for he giveth to the Lord Treasurer a Certificate of the money received the week before. Thirdly, he is an Auditor, for he maketh Debentures to every Teller before they pay any money, and taketh and auditeth their Accounts. Besides all these he keepeth the Black book of receipts, and the Lord Treasurers key of the Treasury, and seeth every Tellers money locked up in the new Treasury.

¶ Forinsec' Oppositor, the Foreign Opposer, he doth oppose all Sheriffes and Bailiffs of Liberties of their green war: Under these words [Green wax] are included Fines, Issues, and Amerciaments, Recognizances for the peace, Recognizances for appearance in any other Court, and good behaviour, and such like incertainties certified in severall Streets into the office of the Lord Treasurers Remembrancer, who delibereth the same to the Clerk of the Streets to be put into Proces. And because the Streets annexed to the Writ are under a Seale in green war, they are vulgarly called Greenwar. But Felons goods, Waifes, Strayes, Outlawes goods, Deodands, and such like, are within the Sheriffes accounts, with which the Escheator was wont to deale.

Green wax.

42 E. 3. cap. 9.  
7 H. 4. cap. 3.

¶ Clericus extractorum, Clerk of the Streets, his office is partly touched before.

Here it may be demanded what the meaning of these words (of Streets that sowne not) is. The Act of 4 H. 5. cap. 2. being originall in French, is in proprio idiomate, *Des Estreats nient sournem*, which by turning the two single v v into a w was first made sownn, and afterwards sowne. Now sowne properly signifieth to be remembred, and such casualties, as are not to be remembred run not in demand, that is, are not leviabie.

4 H. 5. cap. 2.

¶ Clericus Nihilorum maketh a Roll of all such summes as the Sheriffe upon Proces for the Greenwar retorn Nihil, and delibereth that Roll into the office of the Lord Treasurers Remembrancer to have execution done of it for the King. See the statute of 5 R. 2. cap. 13, stat. 1. concerning these retorns of Nihil and the discharge thereof.

See the stat. of Rotel. ver. finem

¶ Clericus Placitorum, Clerk of the Pleas. In this mans office all the officers and priviledged persons in this Court are to sue and be sued. Of this matter more hereafter.

¶ Marechallas, Marshall. To this Officer the Court committeth the keeping of the Kings debtors during the sitting of the Term, to the end they may provide to pay the Kings debts, or else to be further imprisoned. Such Offices as are found *Virtute officii*, and brought into the Exchequer, are delivered to him, to be delivered over to the Lord Treasurers Remembrancer. He also appointeth Auditors to Sheriffs, Escheators, Customers, and Collectors for taking their accounts.

Stat. de 51 H. 3. stat. 5.

¶ Clericus Summonitionum, Clerk of the Summons.

¶ Deputati Camerarii duo, called Under-chamberlains of the Exchequer: they cleave the Tallies written by the Clerk of the Tallies, and reade the same, that the Clerk of the Bell and the Controllers thereof may see their entries be true: they also search for all Records in the Treasury.

¶ Secundarii Rememoratoris regis duo,

¶ Secundarii Rememoratoris Thesaurarii duo,

¶ Secundarii Pipæ duo.

In the other part of the Exchequer which is called the Receipt. Concerning the course of the Receipt of the Exchequer, see Rot. Claus. 19 E. 3. m. 26.

Rot. claus. 39 E. 3. memb. 26.

¶ The two Chamberlaines. Of the duty of these Officers see in the first part of the Institutes. Vide 51 H. 3. stat. 5. 14 E. 3. cap. 14.

First part of the Instit. Sect. 153.

¶ Clericus Talliarum, There be two kind of Tallies or Tallies, the one is called

a 1 R. 2. cap. 5.  
 b 27 H. 8. ca. 11.  
 31 H. 8. cap. 16.  
 2 E. 6. cap. 4.

called a Tally of <sup>a</sup> debt, and the other is called a Tally of <sup>b</sup> reward; of both which you may read in divers Acts of Parliament.

¶ Clericus Pellis, Clerk of the Pele. His duty is to enter every Tellers bill into a Roll, called Pellis receptorum. His duty also is to enter in another Roll payments called Pellis exitus; and by what Warrant the payment was made.

¶ Numeratores, 4 Tellers. The office of a Teller consisteth in four duties. 1. To receive monies due to the King. 2. To give to the Clerk Pellis receptorum a bill thereof, whereby he may be charged. 3. To pay to all persons monies by Warrant of the Auditor of the Receipt. 4. They make yearly and weekly books of their receipts and payments, which they deliver to the Lord Treasurer.

¶ Junctores talliorum duo.

¶ Deputati Camerarii duo.

¶ Custos Thesauriarum.

¶ Tabellarii Ordinarii 4.

¶ Scribae duo.

¶ Officarii Decimarum & Præbendarum.

Parl. 5 R. 2. ca. 16.  
 Stat. 1.

By the Statute of 5 R. 2. for making a Commission in the Exchequer the Clerk shall not take for his fee above 2 s. only; nor for a Record of Nisi prius with the Writ but 2 s. only, as afore this time was wont to be done and used.

See in the end of a book containing many little books, as Fitzherberts Justice of Peace, Carta Feod', &c. the fees of the Officers of the Exchequer.

But it shall be necessary to set down the duties of the Kings Remembrancer, and of the Lord Treasurers Remembrancer.

Vid. in the Office of the Kings Remembrancer. Mich. 26 H. 6. Rot. 46.  
 The duties of the Kings Remembrancer.

The office of the Kings Remembrancer consisteth principally in eight duties. His first is to write Proses against Collectors of Customes, Subsidies, and Fifteens. 2. He entreteth in his Office all Recognizances before the Barons, and taketh bonds for any of the Kings debts, for observing of orders, or for appearances, and his duty is to make out Proses upon every of them. 3. He maketh Proses upon Informations upon penall statutes, all which Informations are entered in his office. 4. He maketh Bills of composition upon Informations upon penall statutes. 5. He taketh the payment of debts and entreteth them. 6. The Clerk of the Star-chamber certifieth into his office the fines set in the Star-chamber; this officer maketh a Record thereof, and draweth them down into the Pipe. 7. Into this office ought to be delivered to be safely kept, all Assurances, Conveyances, and Evidences, whereby any Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, or other things are granted to the King. 8. Also there is a Court of Equity holden in the Exchequer Chamber by English bill: all the Bills and proceedings thereupon are entered in the office of this officer. See the Statute of 5 R. 2. cap. 14. Stat. 1.

The duties of the Lord Treasurers Remembrancer.

The office of the Lord Treasurers Remembrancer principally consisteth in eight duties. 1. His duty is to preserve the broad-spreading and fruitfull tree of Tenures so many wayes beneficiall to the Crown, and the jurisdiction of the Court of Wards, which sometimes were within the survey of this Court, but since taken from it. He maketh out Proses for the Kings revenue by reason of the tenures of the King (Wards excepted.) 2. He maketh Proses of Fieri fac' and Extent for debts due to the King either in the Pipe, or with the Auditors. If a Clerk of this Court make any Writ of Proses for a debt which hath been paid and the Tallies thereof joynd and allowed, he shall lose his office, and be imprisoned untill he hath satisfied the party so much as by the discretion of the Treasurer and Barons he is endamaged. 3. He maketh Proses against all Sheriffs, Escheators, Receivers, and Bayliffs, to bring them to account. 4. To make an entry of Record, whereby it appeareth whether Sheriffs and other Accountants pay their proffers due at Easter and Michaelmas. 5. He maketh another Entry of Record, to the end it may be known whether Sheriffs and other Accountants keep their dayes of prescription. 6. The Green-war is certified into his office, and are by him delivered to the Clerk of the C'treats, as

See hereafter in the Chapter of the Court of Wards.

1 R. 2. cap. 5.

hath

hath been said. 7. There ought to be brought into this Office all the accounts of Customers, Controllers, and all other accounts, to make thereof in this Office an entry of Record, to avoid all delay and concealment in the Kings business.

8. See the statute of 5 R. 2. cap. 14. stat. 1.

Concerning these Officers there is an excellent law made in 5 R. 2. whereby it is enacted, [That from henceforth no Baron of the Exchequer, Clerk of the Pipe, Remembrancer, Opposer, Controller, Clerk of the Pleas, and Clerk of the Foreign Summons, Auditor, or other chief Officer of the Exchequer be made, unlesse he be well learned in the Law, or otherwise very skilfull in the courses and usages of the Exchequer.] Here is the heartstring of this Court, for albeit the lawes and orders thereof be most excellent, yet the benefit thereof consist in good and skilfull Officers and Ministers.

These things being understood, let us now peruse our ancient Authors, for out of the old fields must come the new cozne.

Eye new Treasurers. Hereby it appeareth being in the Plurall number, that there be two Treasurers, whereof we have spoken before. There is also a Treasurer of the Kings Chamber, Thesaurarius Camera Regis, which is not accountable in the Exchequer, but to the King himself. If the King appoint some whom he trusts to take his account, this is esteemed to be done by the King himself. Qui per alium facit, per ipsum facere videtur.

¶ Et nous Barons illoques jurisdiction. \* All judicall proceedings according to law in the Exchequer, are coram Baronibus, & not coram Thesaurario & Baronibus; But the Court of Equity holden in the Exchequer Chamber, is holden before the Lord Treasurer, Chancellor, and Barons. Of this Court we have given a touch before, and shall treat more hereafter. Note the judicall proceedings before the Barons are in Rols; but they are not numbred as in other Courts.

The Oath of the Barons of the Exchequer expressing their duties consisteth upon ten Articles. 1. That well and truly he shall serve in the Office of Baron of the Kings Exchequer. 2. That truly he shall charge & discharge all manner of people, as well poor as rich. 3. That for highnesse nor for riches, nor for hatred, nor estate of no manner of person or persons, nor for any deed, gift, nor promise of any person the which is made to him, nor by craft, nor by ingen he shall let the Kings right. 4. For none other persons right he shall disturbe, let or respite contrary to the lawes of the land. 5. For the Kings debts he shall put in respite, where that they may goodly be levied. 6. That the Kings need he shall speed before all others. 7. That neither for gift, wages, nor good deed, he shall layne, disturbe, nor let the profit or reasonable advantage of the King in the advantage of any other person, nor of himself. 8. That nothing he shall take of any person for to do wrong or right, to delay or to deliver, or to delay the people that have to doe before him; but as hastily as he may them goodly to deliver without hurt of the King, and having no regard to any profit that might thereof to him be therein, he shall make to be delivered. 9. Where he may know any wrong or prejudice to be done to the King, he shall put and do all his power and diligence that to redresse, and if he may not do it, that he tell it to the King; or to them of his counsell, which may make relation to the King, if he may not come to him. 10. The Kings Counsell he shall keep and layne in all things.

In the Exchequer at the suit of the King in an Information of intrusion of lands, where in issue is joyned, which may be tried by the Country; yet where the King hath a direct Record or Records for the manifestation of his title, the Kings Attorney may pray that the triall may be by Records, whereof you may reade a notable case, Mic. 27. & 28 Eliz. in the Exchequer where the case was, That in an Information of intrusion into certain lands, &c. against Savil, the issue was whether certain lands belonged to a house or no, and upon a tryall by Record judgement was given against Savil. Afterwards Savil the defendant died, and his sonne and heir brought a Writ of Error in the Exchequer Chamber, where it was holden, that this kinde of tryall by Records was before the statute of

Rot. Parl. 5 R. 2. nu. 105. and worthy to be printed.

Rot. Parl. 3 H. 6. nu. 47.

28 H. 6. 11, 12. 5 R. 2. ca. 9. stat. 1. 20 E. 3. cap. 2. *The Courts of Equity in the Exchequer Chamber.*

See hereafter. cap. 13. pag. 120. Rols not numbred. *The Oath of the Barons.* See the statute of 20 E. 3. cap. 2.

\* Layne, i. e. conceale or hide.

Triall by Record.

Mic. 27 & 28 El. In Scaccar. inter lecoigne & Savil.

33 H. 6. 19. 51, 52

33 H. 8.

For triall by Records, vid. Mich. 32 & 33 E. 1. coram Rege. Robertus Archiep. Cant. &c. Hil. 8 E. 2. coram Rege, Cornwall. Walterus Episc. Exon. &c.

33 H. 8. cap. 39. the words whereof be, That all and every triall and trials of all manner of Suits, Bils, Plaints, Informations, &c. and Issues in the Court of Exchequer, shall be made and tried by due examination of Witnesse, Writings, Prooves, or by such other wayes or means, as by the Court of Exchequer shall be thought expedient; and that every such Judgement, Decree or Decrees, shall be good, perfect, and in full strength, force, and effect in law, to all intents, contru- ctions, and purposes. And yet, notwithstanding the generallty of these words, if a Judgement be given upon a triall by Record, a Writ of Error doth lye there- upon; because, as to that point, this Act is but in affirmance of the Common Law.

22 E. 3. nu. 17.

It was petitioned in Parliament, that remedy might be found, that no Ac- countant in the Exchequer do run in issues befoze he be warned. The Kings an- swer was, The Proces therein shall be first a *Venire fac'*, then a *Distringas*, and after a Writ out of the Chancery to the Treasurer and Barons.

51 E. 3. nu. 27.

It was also petitioned in Parliament, that such as owe to the King may up- on their account be allowed of all such lones, as be due unto them, or to any of his Ancestors: whercunto the King answered, The Treasurer and Barons shall make allowance of due debts.

5 R. 2. cap. 9. Courte of the Exchequer a- gainst law, &c.

So great care was taken by the Court of Exchequer (which is the centre of the Kings revenue and profit) that no man might sue or plead for their discharge of any debts, account, or other demand, without having expresse commandement by Writ or Letter of the Great Seal. But by the statute of 5 R. 2. it appeared, that the parties ought to have been received thereunto, according to the Law, without any such Writ or Letter: and that the obtaining of such Writs or Letters was to the great disquietnesse, mischief, and delay of the parties im- peached, and no advantage to the King. And where befoze that time no plea could be allowed in the Exchequer by Attozny, but in proper person: by the said Act it is ordained that the Barons of the Exchequer shall have full power to hear every answer of every demand made in the same: so that every person that is im- peached or impeachable of any cause by himself or by \* any person, shall be recei- ved in the Exchequer, to plead, sue, and have his reasonable discharge without carrying or suing any Writ or other commandement whatsoever. So as by this Act both these mischiefs are provided for. And out of this Act this generall con- clusion may be justly collected, that such course of the Exchequer as tendeth to the disquietnesse, mischief, and delay of the Subject, and no advantage to the King, is against law, and ought not to be allowed. And it is to be observed, that Britton doth joyn in this clause, the Treasurers and Barons.

\* That is, by his Attozny: and therefore the ad- mittance of an Attozny in these cases, is not *ex gratia curie* (as is said in the com- mon pleading) but *ex debito jus- titie*.

a *Tempore regis Johannis*, the Ab- bot of Crowlands case.

*Judicarii hæc au- dentes surgentes de Banco, cum Ba-*

*ronibus Scaccarii & domini regis fidelibus illic residentibus colloquitur, &c. Rot. in Scaccario de Crowland. Pl. Corone coram Justic' Itinerantibus apud Turrim London. An. 4 E. 1. Rot. Claus. 13 E. 1. infra p. 121. Hil. 32 E. 1. Coram Rege W'gorn. Mic. 6 E. 2. in Communi Banco Despencers case. Mic. 11 E. 2. Coram Rege case of the Burgesses of Great Yarmouth.*

And into the Exchequer Chamber or the like, all cases of greatest difficulty in the Kings Bench or Common Pleas, &c. are, and of ancient time have been adjourned and there debated, argued, and resolved by all the Judges of England and Barons of the Exchequer. See more of this Court infra, cap. 13. pagin.

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4 H 6 12. b.

5 E. 4. 7.

7 E. 4. 14. b. 16 b

¶ A Oier & Terminer tous les causes que touchont nous debts. Here debts are taken for all manner of duties due to the King.

¶ Et auxi a nous sees. Here the tenures of the King (whereof we have spoken befoze) are expressed. And albeit there be many tenures of the King both in Ca- pite, and by Knights Service of some Honor or Mannor, &c. yet there be many more by the error or negligence of Solicitors, by suing out of licences or par- dons of alienation, where in troth the mannozs or lands were not holden of the King in Capite.

Mich. 39 & 40 El. Per tous les Jus- tices.

But Mich. 39 & 40 Eliz. it was resolved by all the Judges of England, when I was Attozny Generall: That if a man purchase a License or Pardon, and after

after being called into the Exchequer do plead the license or pardon, that neither the purchase nor pleading is any conclusion, but the tenure may afterwards upon another alienation be traversed or denied. For the words of the license or pardon be, *Quæ de nobis tenentur in capite (ut dicitur)*; for neither the charge in this case is direct being grounded upon a license or pardon, nor the plea; for the license or pardon is pleaded, as it is, *ut dicitur*: and therefore neither the one nor the other doth conclude. But if he in his plea doth by expresse words (with a bene & verum est, &c.) confesse a tenure, in Capite, and in discharge thereof plead the pardon or license in discharge thereof, there is a conclusion brought: and so are the books to be intended: which resolution I heard and observed, and have reported it for advancement of truth and right.

46 E. 3. 33.  
29 Aff. 38.  
7 E. 6. Estoppel.  
Br. 222. pl. com.  
39<sup>8</sup>.

Concerning licenses of alienation, and the short pleading of licenses and pardons, there is a profitable statute made Anno 18 Jac. Regis, and another Anno 1 Jac. cap. 26. concerning orders of the Exchequer.

18 Jac. cap.  
1 Jac. Reg. ca. 26.

¶ Et les incident choses sauns les queux, &c. Quando lex aliquid alicui concedit, concedere videtur & id sine quo res ipsa esse non potest.

¶ Et que ils eyent power a consulter des dettes que lendoit a nous dettors per ou nous puissions plus tost approcher a nostre dett. This is the ancient prerogative of the King as it appeareth in our books.

20 E. 3. ley 52.  
8 H. 5. 4.

The King brought an action of debt in this Court against a Prior Alien. The Prior had Process against A who deteined goods from him, without which he could not answer the King. A came and claimed the goods as his tithes as Parson of D, the Prior claimed the tithes as Parson of S; and thereupon Issue taken for the King triable in the Exchequer.

38 Aff. p. 20.

If he that is in execution will in this Court confesse himself debtor to the King, where he is no debtor of Record, he shall be remanded to the first prison, and after the creditor be satisfied, then to be committed to the Fleet until he hath paid the summe confessed.

1 R. 2. cap. 12.

¶ Solong; le discretion des Treasurers & Barons, &c. soient arents a searmer a eux que plus voillent doner. To the end that no lands in the Kings hands, which ought to be to the Kings profit, should be without a Farmor that should yeild a rent to the King, the Treasurer in certain cases, and with certain cautions ought to make a Warrant to the Great Seal for demising thereof, that is to say, not only of lands extended, of lands during the vacation of any Abbey, and of lands seised for an alienation without license, and before 23 H. 8. of land in ward, or the like upon uncertainties; but also of the demians of the Crown out of lease, &c.

The lease will be best expressed by an example, first of lands extended. *Rex omnibus ad quos, &c. Salurem. Sciatis quod per manucaptionem Walteri Mathew de Westm' in Com' Mid. Yeoman, & Nich. Whitefeld de eadem, Yeoman, Commisimus Ricō Folter, custodiam unius shopæ, 30 acr' terræ, 3 acr' prati, & 4 acr' pasturæ cum pertin' in Sranford in com' Lincoln, quæ fuerunt Silvani Southorpe, quæ in manus Regis Edwardi nuper Regis Angliæ tertii pro 138 li. 6 s. 8 d. in quibus idem Silvanus prefato nuper regi tenebat, seisciti fuerant, & in manibus nostris ea de causa adhuc existunt. Habendū à festo Sancti Michaelis Anno regni nostri 13 usque finem 10 annorum ex tunc proxime sequen' & plenarie complendorum. Reddendo inde nobis per annum in custodia prædicta 25 s, prout nobis responsum est, ad festa Paschæ, & Sancti Michael' per æquales portiones. Proviso semper quod si aliquis alius dare voluerit de incremento per annum pro custodia prædicta sine fraude vel malo ingenio, quod tunc dictus Richardus tantum pro eadem solvere teneatur, si custodiam prædictam habere voluerit. In cuius rei, &c. Teste R. apud Westm. 7 die Novemb. Anno regni nostri decimo sexto.*

In Original,  
Anno 16 E. 4.  
Rot. 13.  
Nota herein five things.  
1. Per manucaptionem.  
2. Commisimus.  
3. Custodiam.  
4. Yeilding a rent.  
5. Proviso, quod si quis alius plus dare voluerit.  
Nota Britton sup. A eux que plus voillent doner  
See 27 H. 8. cap. 11.

Note by many presidents the Lord Treasurer may make a Warrant to grant the lands extended, either for years, or quam diu in manibus nostris fore conigerit.

The Lord Treasurer made a Warrant to the Lord Chancelour to demise to John Pempons land parcell of the Dutchy of Cornwall for the term of fifteen

Rot. pat. 5 H. 6.

11 H. 6. 28. b.  
8 H. 6. 34. Br.  
Lease 71.  
Register 295.  
See for this word  
Commisimus.  
vide 27 H. 8.  
ca. 1. a speciall  
Proviso for the  
Lo. Treasurer.  
\* 32 H. 6. ca. 5.  
17 R. 2. cap. 5.  
4 H. 4. cap. 18.  
Dier fo. 303.

See in the Chap-  
ter of the Court  
of Wards.  
\* Vid. Pl. C6. 491.  
\* Hil. 18 E. 1. f. 9.  
nu. 128.

Second part of  
the Inst. Confir.  
Carr. Vid. supra  
cap. Parl. p. 29.

Mirror.  
Ockham.

2 E. 3. 25.  
Rot. Par. 31 E. 1.  
m. 12. Dorf.

Nota, the rob-  
bery of the King  
of his treasure is  
*damnum inestimabile*.

a 2 E. 3. 25. Jaffe-  
ry Sharlags case.  
14 E. 3. tit. Scire,  
fac' 122. 44 E. 3.  
27. Regit. 187. b.  
Prohit. it. 38 aff.  
p. 20. Rot. Par.  
1 R. 2. nu. 64.  
2 H. 4. 11.  
Rot. Par. 2 H. 4.  
101. *Dat' est no-  
bis intelligi*.  
Rot. Par. 11 H. 4.  
54. 56. 64. ibid.  
13 H. 4. 32.  
8 H. 5. Ley 66.  
20 E. 3. Ley 52.  
32 H. 6. 24.  
5 E. 4. 4. b.  
7 E. 4. 30.

21 E. 4. 44, 45. &c. 8 H. 6. 34. 36 H. 6. 26. Li. 5. f. 62. action sur le case. 11 H. 7. 26. b Stat. de Rutland.  
10 E. 1. Register 187. F. N. B. 90. f. Information de intrusion ou trans. & 217. c. terre taile. Vid. 32 H. 8.  
cap. 39. 16 Eliz. Dier 328. c 14 E. 3. breve 789. 20 E. 3. Ley 52. 2 H. 4. 9. 8 H. 5. 6. 10. 8 H. 5. Ley 66.  
11 H. 7. 26. Pl. Com. 322. Lib. 6. fol. 18. d 1 R. 3. cap. 14. 5 R. 2. cap. 9. stat. 1. the Barons shall hear, &c.  
without any writ, letter or commandment. 4 H. 4. cap. 9. 7 H. 4. cap. 11. concerning Commissioners. 13 Eliz.  
cap. 9. Sewers. 14 E. 3. cap. 12. Weights. 13 R. 2. cap. 2. No recognizance or bond in double.

years in the like form of words as the before recited Lease was. This Lease was pleaded in 11 H. 6. and though the lease was by the words of Commisimus, and Commisimus custodiam terræ, &c. yet in pleading the Lessee pleaded a demise of the land it self, and there allowed to be good, which is worthy of observation.

Vide in Original in seaccario de Anno 21 & 22 H. 7. Rot. 4. & ibid. 23 H. 7. Rot. 12. many such leases. But of ancient time, as it appeareth by Britton, both the Treasurer and Barons did demise, &c. \* Letters Patents of the Alnage shall passe only by the Lord Treasurers warrant. And the gift of the office of the Escheator belong to his office. Vide in the Chapter of the Court of Escheator.

By the statutes of 8 H. 6. cap. 16. and 18 H. 6. cap. 6; it appeareth that the Chancelor or Treasurer had power to make leases in certain cases of Wards lands: but that is altered by the statute of 32 of H. 8. of creation of the Court of Wards. \* Note the statute of 18 H. 6. ca. 1. extends only to the Kings warrant, and not to the warrant of the Lord Treasurer.

\* It is to be observed, that when in any Act of Parliament or other Record the Treasurer is named for demising, or other intermeddling with any of the Kings Revenue, it is to be intended of the Treasurer of the Exchequer.

¶ De nous customes de quirs & leynes, &c. What these customes were appeareth in the Second part of the Institutes, by the statute of Confirmation Cartarum, the last branch, and the Exposition upon the same, whereby it appeareth that the King had no Custome but such as was granted to him by Act of Parliament.

¶ Leschequer est un place quarre. It is foursquare and the Carpet that sometime lay upon it had wrought in it the form of a Chess board, and thereupon it was called the Exchequer: and about the end of the reign of E. 1. this Court was new built, and therefore in 2 E. 3. it was called the novel Exchequer, & it was new built upon this occasion. Both the parts of the Exchequer were of an ancient building, and weak; Fourscore and one persons (whereof the Abbot of Westminster and forty eight of his Monkes were part) brake into the Receipt, and feloniously robbed the King of a hundred thousand pounds, ad damnum inestimabile, sath the Record. All these fourscore and one were indicted of this felony, and committed to the Tower of London, &c. and this was the occasion of the new building of both these parts of the Exchequer.

¶ Qui solement est ordeine pur le prowe le roy. Here is a short, but an effectuall description of the jurisdiction of this Court, that is, for the profit of the King. This profit is either immediate, or mediate: <sup>a</sup> Immediate, as of lands, rents, franchises, hereditaments, debts, duties, accounts, goods, chattels, and other profits, and benefits whatsoever due to the King. <sup>b</sup> Mediate, as first, the priviledge of the Officers, and \* Ministers of the Court: for two things doe principally support the jurisdiction of a Court, viz. the just preservation of the dignity of it, and the due attendance of the Officers and Ministers of the same to sue and be sued in this Court. 2. <sup>c</sup> By Quo minus. 3. It extendeth (as hath been said) to the debtoz of the Kings debtoz. 4. To prisoners in this Court to be sued here. 5. To accountants that have entred into their account, except <sup>d</sup> Collectors of Dimes, they shall not be sued by bills, neither if he be sued in any other Court, shall he have the priviledge of this Court.

¶ Ou deux Chivaliers, & 2 Clerkes, ou 2 homes lettres. 2 Chivaliers be hereafter explained. 2 Clerks, ou 2 homes lettres, the one is intended to be the Baron of Course, the other the Clerk of the Pipe.



¶ De ses fees & franchises. Of fees, that is tenures, whereof we have spoken before. Franchises, being flowers of the Crown, are notorious and known.

¶ Et les Accounts, &c. All accounts to the King ought to be made upon oath, and it is best for the King to have the accounts to be taken in this Court, for accounts taken by Commission are little for the Kings benefit. ° The Keeper of the Wardrobe is to make his account once in the year in the Exchequer. Once in the year the Treasurer of Ireland shall account in the Exchequer of England. ° The accounts of the Exchequer to be more shortly heard, made, and ingrossed, &c.

<sup>h</sup> The Treasurers of the Kings Chamber are only accountable to the King, and not in this Court of Exchequer, but yet the King, by the advice of some whom he may trust in secret doth take account thereof, as before is said.

Vide recordum & processum contra Petrum de Rivalles alias Petrum de Oriall, Thesaurarium & Camerarium Regis totius Angliæ & Hiberniæ, & custodem omnium forestarum, & omnium portuum maris de compoto reddit' de officii prædictis, & de iudicio contra ipsum reddito per defaultam, quia venire recusavit, nisi salvo regis conductu, quod rex denegavit, quasi insolitum & indebitum.

¶ Per le view de un Sovereign que est Treasurer Denglitterre. Of this great Officer we have spoken before.

¶ Le 2 Chivaliers soloient ée 2 Barons, &c. And here with agreeth Bracton, Comitibus vero vel Barones non sunt ameriandi, nisi per pares suos secundum modum delicti, & hoc per Barones de Scaccario vel coram rege.

¶ En cel place sont auxi Chamberleins, & plusors autres ministers, que ne touch my molt a la ley. Hereof we have spoken before.

¶ Nul Common plea ne soit disformes tenuis in Leschequer enconter le form del Grand Charter. Upon this Act four severall opinions have been conceived. \* 1. That this Court might originally have holden plea of all Common pleas; and this they think to prove by the title of Glanvils book, which taking it altogether is this. Tractatus de legibus, &c. tempore Henrici 2. compositus, iustitiæ gubernacula tenente illustri viro Ranulpho de Glanvilla, juris regni & antiquarum consuetudinum eo tempore peritissimo, & illas solum leges continet & consuetudines, secundum quas placitatur incuria regis ad Scaccarium coram Iusticiis ubicunque fuerint. 2. Others think that at the making of Magna Carta, the Court of the Exchequer was parcel of the Kings Bench, which they infer upon the words of this Act, No Common plea shall be holden in the Exchequer against the great Charter, In which Charter Curia nostra is only intended of the Kings Bench. 3. That in Magna Carta, to which this statute refers, there is no restraint, and therefore this statute of Artic' super Cartas restraineth not. 4. That the Ordinance of Rutland is no statute, but made by the King for the order of this Court. In the Second part of the Institutes, in the Exposition of Magna Carta, cap. 11. we have spoken nothing of this matter, but thought good to referre it to this Act being his proper place.

As to the first: it appeareth by the said ancient Authors, and by the authority of our books, that the Institution and jurisdiction of this Court have been only for the Kings business and profit, &c. as hath been said. For the Title of Glanvils book: First, it was never of his own making, for he would never have given himselfe such high and superlative Titles, as Illustri viro juris regni, &c. eo tempore peritissimo. 2. He that added the title speaketh of three Courts, viz. 1. In Curia Regis. 2. Ad Scaccarium. 3. Coram Iusticiis ubicunque fuerint. For the first, viz. in Curia Regis, he intendeth Justice in Eire, &c. for example, Inquirentur purprestura vel in Capitali Curia, vel Coram Iusticiis Regis ad tales Inquisitiones faciend' in diversis regni partibus transmissas per Juratam patrem sive vicem. 2. Ad Scaccarium, this Court he doth mention but once (that I remember) in all his book in these words. Si vero dominus Rex aliquam custodiam alicui commiserit, tunc distinguitur utrum ei custodiam pleno jure commiserit ita quod nullum eum inde reddere compotum oporteat ad Scaccarium.

e Stat. de Rutland. 10 1.  
f Ro. Par. 21 E. 1.  
Rot. 3.  
g 5 R. 2. ca. 11.

b Rot. Par. 3 H. 6. nu. 47.

18 H. 3. fu. 110.

Bracton lib. 3. fo. 116. b.  
See the 2. part of the Inst. Mag. Cart. ca. 14.

Artic. sup. Cart. ubi supra. Stat. de Rotland. 10 E. 1. acc. \* Pl. Com. 209.

Glanv. lib. 9. cap. 11. &c.

Lib. 7. cap. 10.

which

which agreeth with the originall institution and jurisdiction of the Court concerning the profit of the King. 3. Coram Justiciis ubicunque fuerint is the Kings Bench, whereof Glanvil was Chief Justice, and of the Pleas in that Court is in effect the sum of his Treatise.

As to the second: 1. Glanvile who wrote in the reign of H. 2. doth (as hath been said) name the Exchequer as a distinct Court for the accounts to be made to the King. 2. In the \* Black Book of the Exchequer dedicated to H. 2. of the observations of the Exchequer, it is said, Nulli licet statuta Scaccarii infringere, vel eis quavis temeritate resistere, habet in hoc commune cum ipsa Domini Regis Curia, in qua ipse in propria persona jura discernit, nec recordationi nec sententiae in eo lata liceat alicui contradicere. Whereby it appears that the Kings bench and Exchequer were distinct Courts in the reign of H. 2.

To the third, our Statute is intituled Articuli super Carr', that is, Articles upon Magna Carta & Carta de Foresta: so as the sense of this Act is, that the Exchequer should hold no common plea no more then the Kings bench: for the form of the Great Charter is, Quod communia placita non sequantur Curiam nostram. Secondly, our Statute is but an affirmance of the Common law concerning the jurisdiction of this Court, and this doth expressly and notably appear in the Register in these words. Rex Thesaurar' & Baronibus de Scaccario Salutem. Cum secundum legem & consuetudinem regni nostri communia placita coram vobis ad Scaccarium praedict' placitari non debeant, nisi placita illa nos vel aliquem ministrorum nostrorum ejusdem Scaccarii specialiter tangant, &c. Here it is to be observed that this writ of prohibition is not grounded upon the Statute of Artic' super Carr' or any other Statute, but upon the Common law and custome of the Kingdome, which concerning the jurisdiction of this Court doth in omnibus agree with our ancient Authoꝝ and year-books, wherein you shall observe an admirable harmony and consent in so many successions of ages.

This is a Statute proved by the title thereof, and for that it is entred in the Parliament Roll, and in the Register 187. b. it is called Statutum de Rotland.

Now it is good to know, how the law commonly called Respondeat superior, holdeth in this Court and in other Courts, and first by the Records of this Court, and then by Acts of Parliament.

Memorand' quod allocuto praefate VVillielmo morantur nuper Vic' super levatione 40. s. extract' in magno Rotulo de anno 12 in Kane' sub nomine VVilliam Herlizan unius Coronatorum Com' Kane' pro falso returno. Idem VVillielmus Vic' dic' super sacramentum suum quod praefatus VVillielmus Herlizan non habet terr' vel ten'ta, bona, seu catalla in balliva sua, nec habuit unde di' denar' levare possint. Et quia ipse Coronator electus erat per Comitatum juxta formam statuti, &c. ita quod in defectu ejusdem Coronator', totus Comitatus ut elector & superior, &c. habeant regi respondere, praecip' nunc Vic' quod de terris & tenementis hujusmodi totius comitatus in balliva sua fieri fac' praed' xl. s. & eos habeat hic in C'ro clausi Paschae super proffrum suum regi solvend'. Ad quem diem Vic' non retoro' breve. Ideo sicut alias in C'ro Sancti Johan' Baptista. For more presidents in the Exchequer of this kind, see Mic. 17 R. 2. Rot. Mic. 19 H. 8. Rot. 4. Eborum. Pasch. 30 H. 8. Rot. 30. VViltes'. Mich. 5 E. 6. Rot. 130. &c. Stat. de 52 H. 3. de Scaccario.

How it holdeth in other Courts. Vid. 11 E. 2. tit. det. 172. where the Sheriffs be removable as in London for their insufficiency, respondeat superior, that is, the Mayor and Commonalty of London.

45 E. 3. 9, 10. Prior date & removeable suffer eschape, respondeat superior. 14 E. 4. Pur insufficiency del Bailie dun libertie respondeat dominus libertatis. Vid. 44 E. 3. 13. 50 E. 3. 5. 14 H. 4. 22. 11 H. 6. 52. 30 H. 6. 32. VV. 2. cap. 2. Si non habeat Balivus unde reddat, reddat superior.

There is a generall Statute concerning all the Courts of the King, worthy of observation in these words.

Item, To the intent that better and more sure Government be had within

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Regist. 187. b.

Stat. de Rotland. 10 E. 1. Vid. Pl. Com. 221. per 2 Barons. Regist. 187. b. Respondeat superior.

Int' Praecept' de Termino Sancti Hil. Anno 14 E. 3. exparte Remem. Regis Rot 9. in Scac' Coronator.

2 H. 6. cap. 10.

within the Courts of our Lord the King for his profit, and ease of his people, which have to pursue, and doe in the same. It is ordained and established that all the Officers made by the Kings Letters Patents royall within the said Courts, which have power and authority by vertue of their offices of old times accustomed, to appoint Clerks and Ministers within the same Courts, shall be charged and sworn to appoint such Clerks and Ministers, for whom they will answer at their perill, which be sufficient, faithfull, and attending to that which pertaineth to them in performance of the businesse, as well of the King, as of his people.

In the same manner we have ordained in the right of the Barons of the Exchequer, and we have expressly charged them in our presence, that they shall doe right and reason to all our subjects, great and small, and that they shall deliver the people reasonably and without delay of the businesse which they have to doe before them, without undue tarrying as hath been done in times past.

It was resolved in the case of Auditor Povie, that if A be indebted to B, and B is indebted to the King, that the King by his prerogative may levie his debt upon A: but this levying ought to be of an immediate, and not of a mediate debt to the debtor of the King. As if A be indebted to B, and B to C, and C to the King, the King cannot levy his debt of A, for then it might be levied in infinitum, quod reprobatum in jure, and this appeareth in our books.

For Assignment of debts made to the King, see in my Reports.

By the statute of 7 Jac. no debt shall be assigned to the King his heirs or successors by or from any debtor or Accountant to his Majesty, his heirs or successors, other then such debts as did before grow due originally to the Kings debtor.

No obligation, recognizance or statute made for saving harmlesse or performance of Covenants, &c. though it be forfeited, or for any cause, other then a due debt, can be assigned to the King by any of his debtors. These assignments of debts to the King are not favoured in law when the Kings immediate debtor is able to pay his debt; for by the assignment at the Kings suit the body, lands and goods of the debtor to the Kings debtor are liable to the King, whereas at the subjects suit, he could have had but his body only by Capias ad satisfaciendum, or his goods only by Fieri fac', or half his lands and goods by Elegit. By the statute of 1 R. 2. a penalty is provided for him who confesseth a debt to the King (that is not debtor to the King of record) to delay the execution of others.

The Barons of the Exchequer are the sovereign Auditors of England, for if a man assign Auditors to a Bailiff or receiver to account, and the Auditors will not allow just and reasonable allowances but commit the Bailiff or receiver to prison, such prisoner may have an original writ of Ex parte talis returnable before the Treasurer and Barons of the Exchequer, &c. for his relief in that behalf.

Upon the Accountant in the Exchequer of B. Fulham the Kings Butler, he demanded allowance of certain parcels of wines given by the King to certain persons by word of mouth without writing, and it was disallowed by the rule of the Court.

Upon the account in the Exchequer of Richard Bury Keeper of the Wardrobe, he demanded allowance for certain Vessels of gold and silver, and certain Jewels given by the King ore tenus to Isabell Queen of England, and others to Philip Queen of England Consort of the King, & non allocatur, by the like rule of the Court: for the gifts by word in both these cases are void, which with Perilians case that followeth are good rules to establish the law in a case where in there hath been variety of opinions in our books,

20 E. 3. ca. 2.  
Hereby it appeareth that to the belongeth doing of right and reason in legal proceedings.

Mich. 13 Ja. 1.  
Banke le roy in prohibition.  
8 H. 5. 4. 45 E. 3.  
Decies tantum  
12.

Li. 5. fo. 89. 90.  
7 Jac. cap. 15.

1 R. 2. ca. 12.

Fleta li. 6. ca. 64.  
2 E. 3. 12. 14 E. 3.  
account 74.  
8 E. 4. 16. F. N. B.  
129. f. Regist. 137.

Rot. Claus. anno  
4 E. 3. m. 2.

Rot. Claus. anno  
4 E. 3. m. 19.

35 H. 8 Prærog.  
B. 61. 14 E. 4. 2. 2.

Hil. 6 E. 4. Rot. 14. in Scaccario Inter Brevia in Dorf. Petilians case. A warrant under the Signet is not sufficient to issue any Treasure of the King out of the Receipt, but it must be under the Great or Privy Seal.

Regist. 191. 7. b.  
& 193.

If the Barons doe not allow unto an Accountant before them such just demands as he maketh, he may have a writ De allocatione facienda, directed to the Treasurer and Barons, commanding them to allow the same.

*Of a Liberate for payment of a pension or debt, &c.*

A Liberate is an originall writ issuing out of the Chancery, and is directed to some Officers that have of the Kings money in his hands to pay over a pension, debt, or duty. And it is not called a Liberate by reason of any such word contained in the writ, (as for the most part writs are) for the words be Quod solvas or solvatis, but it is so named ab effectu. But such a writ cannot be directed to the Kings Fermor to pay a pension, &c. because, though the ferm or rent be behind, yet it is not the Kings until it be paid, and all the writs in the Register are directed as is aforesaid to Officers, as to the Treasurer and Chamberlain, to a Customer, &c. The form of the writ appeareth in the Register 192, 193. And there it appeareth that there be two kinds of writs of Liberate, one dormant or currant and continuall, and another hac vice and particular. And it is sometimes accompanied with a writ of Allowance, as there you may read.

If the Officer have sufficient in his hands to pay, &c. at the time of the Liberate delivered to him, he is become debtor (by act of law) to the party, for which he may have an action of debt: but after the Liberate sued out, and before the delivery, the King may discharge the Officer of the Kings money in his hands. And if the King decease before the delivery of the Liberate, the Officer hath no warrant to pay it.

If the Officer at the time of the delivery of the Liberate have of the Kings money to pay but part, and not the whole, the writ is no warrant to him to pay part. See 21 H. 6. tit. det. 43. 27 H. 6. 9. 37 H. 6. 24, 25. 9 E. 4. 12. 14. 1 H. 7. 8. 2 H. 7. 9. F. N. B. 121. f. Br. Tit. Taile Deschequer.

Vid. Mag. Cap. 22. Liberationē antiquitus statuc', id est, precium antiquitus statutum.

The course of the Exchequer is, that as soon as a Sheriff or Escheator enter into his account for issues, amerciaments and mean profits, to mark upon his head O. Ni. which is as much to say, as Oneratur, nisi habeat sufficientē exonerationem, and presently he is become the Kings debtor, and a Debet set upon his head, and thereupon the parties peravaille are become debtors to the Sheriff or Escheator, and discharged against the King.

Dier 7 El. 238.

The ancient course of the Exchequer hath been, that if in an Information of Intrusion into lands or tenements the Defendant plead not guilty, he shall lose the possession; and it is said that the reason of this course is, first for that regularly the Kings title appeareth of the record, and therefore the Defendant may take knowledge thereof, and the rather for that in every Information of intrusion it is specified of whose possessions the lands, &c. were: but if the Defendant plead not guilty, the Kings learned Councell cannot know the Defendants title, to provide for answer the same, as the Defendant may doe to the Kings title.

## CAP. XII.

A Court to enquire of, and certifie unlawfull and untrue Accounts in the Exchequer.

**T**his Court sitteth by Commission under the Great Seale by force of the Statute of 6 H.4. directed and sent, together with the tenour of the account, to the most lawfull and discreet persons in the Counties, where the Accountants be Officers, to enquire and certifie the profits which the Sheriffs, Escheators, Alnagers, Controllers, and other the Kings Officers have received, &c. by them upon their said accounts deceitfully concealed, &c. and being attainted of the said frauds and deceits, they shall forfeit treble the value, and their bodies to prison, untill they have made fine and ransome to the King, after the discretion of the Judges.

But (as hath been said before) it is certain, that it is ever most for the Kings benefit that Accounts be yearly taken in the Exchequer, and not by Commission: and to that end an Ordinance was made in the Parliament holden Anno 21 E.1. in these words: Dominus Rex vult & præcipit, quòd de cætero singulis annis semel in anno compositus Vasconia & Hibernia, per Constabularium Burdegalia, & Thesaurarium Hibernia reddantur ad Scaccarium Anglia, & ibid. audiantur per Thesaurar' & Barones suos. A fortiori of Accounts within the Realm.

And of the Court of the Exchequer we will end with an old Verse ingraven in Stone in the Exchequer wall,

*Ingressus Jani, rediturus es armulus Argi.*

The Chief Baron is created by Letters Patents, and the Office is granted to him *Quamdiu se bene gesserit*, wherein he hath a more fixed estate (it being an estate for life) then the Justices of either Bench, who have their Offices but at will: And *Quamdiu se bene gesserit* must be intended in matters concerning his Office, and is no more then the law would have implied, if the Office had been granted for life. And in like manner are the rest of the Barons of the Exchequer constituted, and the Patents of the Attorney Generall, and Solicitor are also *Quam diu se bene gesserit*,

6 H.4. cap.3.  
See Rot. Parl.  
6 H.4. nu.59. for  
the print swar-  
veth from the  
Record,

Rot. Parl. Anno  
21 E.1. Rot.3.  
Vide Rot. Parl.  
28 E.1. Nich. de  
Clere Thesaura-  
rius Hibernia.

See Lit. 1 part of  
the Instit. Sec.

## CAP. XIII.

## The Court of Equity in the Exchequer Chamber.

**T**he Judges of this Court are the Lord Treasurer, the Chancelour, and Barons of the Exchequer. Generally, their jurisdiction is as large for matter of equity, as the Barons in the Court of the Exchequer have for the benefit of the King by the Common law: for all the proceedings both in this Court of Equity, and of that by the Common law ought to be, as hath been said, for the profit or benefit of the King, or touching the King: and if in either Court they hold any plea, which is not for the profit or benefit of the King, or which toucheth not the King, there lyeth a Prohibition, which, as is aforesaid, appeareth in the Register: for all are said Communia placita which are not Placita coronæ.

Art cler. cap. 4.  
Regist. fol. 187. b.  
stat. de Rotland.  
cap. ultimo.

Cancell.

Cancell.

Matter in law,  
reason and good  
conscience.

Lib. 7. fo. 18. Sir  
Thomas Cecils  
case, and resol-  
ved by English  
bill in the Exche-  
quer Chamber.  
See there divers  
presidents.

\* Lib. 7. fo. 20. ubi  
supra.

Et. lib. 3. fo. 12.  
Sir Wil. Herberts  
case.

Inheritance.  
Freehold.

By the statute of 33 H. 8. cap. 39. they have full power and authority to discharge, cancell and make void, all and singular Recognizances and bonds made to the King for payment of any debt or summe of money, or for performance of conditions, &c. upon shewing the Acquittance, &c. or any proof made of payment and performance. Also to cancell and make void by their discretion all Recognizances made for any appearance or other contempt. And that if any person of whom any such debt or duty is demanded, alledge, plead, declare, or shew in the said Court sufficient cause and matter in law, reason and good conscience in barre or discharge of the said debt or duty, and the same matter sufficiently prove in the said Court: then the said Court shall have power and authority to judge and allow the said proof, and clearly acquit and discharge such person and persons. Also lands chargeable to the Kings debts in the seisin and possession of divers and sundry persons, the same shall be wholly and \* intirely, and in no wise severably liable to the payment of the said debt and duty: but in the said Act of 33 H. 8. all manner of estates, rights, titles, and interests, as well of inheritance as freehold, other then joyntures for term of life, are excepted.

By the said Act of 33 H. 8. speciall jurisdiction is given to the Court of Augmentations, when title is pretended to any Mannors, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, bargained, sold, or exchanged by the King, upon which Letters Patents there is or shall be reserved any annuall Rents or Farms, payable in the Court of Augmentations, and divers other clauses which gave to the Court of Augmentation jurisdiction. But the Court of Augmentation is but in shew annexed to the Court of the Exchequer, and not de jure, as hereafter it appeareth in the Chapter of the Court of Augmentations. And therefore this Court of Exchequer Chamber cannot claime any jurisdiction given and appropriated to that Court, for that the Court of Augmentations is dissolved.

I. S. holdeth lands of the King by fealty and a yearly rent, and maketh a Lease thereof for years to A. B. pretends that I. S. leased the same to him by a former Lease; albeit there is a rent issuing out of these lands to the King, yet neither A nor B can sue in this Court by any privilege in respect of the rent, for that the King can have no prejudice or benefit thereby: for whether A or B doth prevaile, yet must the rent be paid: and if this were a good cause of privilege, all the lands in England holden of the King by rent, &c. might be brought into this Court.

But if black acre be extended to the King for the debt of A as the land of A, and the King leaseth the same to B for years, reserving a rent: C pretends that A had

32 E. 3. tit. Aid  
Le Roy 1.  
35 H. 6 56.

had nothing in the land, but that he was seised thereof, &c. this case is within the privilege of this Court, for if C prevaile the King toseth his rent.

The King maketh a Lease to A of Black acre for years reserving a rent and A is possessed of a farm for years in White acre, the King may distrain in White acre for his rent, yet A hath no privilege for White acre, to bring it within the jurisdiction of this Court.

Note Reader, where our Books say, that the King may distrain for his rent in all the other lands of his tenant, of whomsoever the same be holden, it is thus to be understood, that the other lands must be in the actual possession of the Kings tenant, for he cannot distrain in those lands in the possession of his tenant for life, tenant for years, or at will.

Some are of opinion that a Court of Equity was holden in the Exchequer Chamber before the statute of 33 H. 8. And then it must be a Court of Equity by prescription: for we find no former Act of Parliament that doth create and establish any such Court: and if it be by prescription, then judicall precedents in course of equity must guide the same: As to the Jurisdiction, certain it is that there hath been of ancient time an Officer of the Exchequer called Cancellarius Scaccarii, of whom amongst other Officers of the Exchequer Fleta saith thus: Officium vero Cancellarii est sigillum regis custodire simul cum controrotulis de proficuo regni. And the Mirrour saith, Perjure est per la ou il fait Chancellor del Eschequer vea a tiel a faire luy acquittance de tant que avoit pay al Eschequer de la dett le Roy south le seale del Eschequer ou delay a faire acquittance de tiel jour tanq: a tiel jour, &c. His ancient fee is 40 Marks. Livery out of the Wardrobe 12 li. 17 s. 4 d. in toto 39 li. 10 s. 8 d. See 25 H. 8. cap. 16.

\* The Exchequer hath a Chancelour and Seal, and the Writs usuall in the Chancery in the Exchequer to seale land, are more ancient then Prerog. Regis. Hereupon it is collected, that seeing there hath been time out of minde of man a Chancelour of the Exchequer, that there should also be in the Exchequer a Court of Equity.

Where some doe vouch 22 E. 4. tit. Petition 9. for the naming of the Chancelour of the Exchequer in granting of Writs of search to the Treasurer and Chancelour, the book is false printed, for it should be the Chamberlaines and Treasurer of the Exchequer: for no Writ of search is directed to the Chancelour, &c. but to the Treasurer and Chamberlain of the Exchequer, who have the custody of the Records, &c.

<sup>a</sup> We find a Petition of the Commons in 2 H. 4. that no Writs or Privie Seals be sued out of the Chancery, Exchequer, or other place, to any man to appear upon a pain, &c. to answer, &c. contrary to the ordinary course of the Common law: whereunto the King answered, That such Writs should not be granted without necessity.

<sup>b</sup> Anno 3 H. 5. the Commons petitioned that all Writs of Subpoena and Certis de causis going out of the Chancery and the Exchequer might be inrolled, and not granted of matters determinable at the Common law on pain of 40 li. The Kings answer was, That he would be advised.

<sup>c</sup> So as in the Exchequer there are these seven Courts. 1. The Court of Pleas, 2. The Court of Accounts, 3. The Court of Receipt, 4. The Court of the Exchequer Chamber being the \* Assembly of all the Judges of England for matters in law, 5. The Court of Exchequer Chamber for errors in the Court of Exchequer. 31 E. 3. cap. 8. & 31 Eliz. cap. 1. 6. A Court in the Exchequer Chamber for errors in the Kings Bench. 27 Eliz. ca. 8. 31 Eliz. ca. 1. Co. pl. Intr. fo. 2. 24. 37. And 7. This Court of Equity in the Exchequer Chamber.

supra, pag. 110. 31 E. 3. cap. 8. 31 Eliz. cap. 1. 27 Eliz. cap. 8. 31 Eliz. cap. 1. Co. pl. Intr. fo. 2. 24. 37.

44 E. 3. 45.  
13 E. 4. 6.  
8 H. 5. 4.  
Pl. com. 323. a.  
This prerogative holdeth not only in case of Rent service, but in case of a Rent charge, and Rent secke.

*Cancellarius Scaccarii,*  
Mirror. cap. 2.  
§ 13. & cap. 5.  
§ 2.

\* Pl. com. 321.

<sup>a</sup> Rot. Par. 2 H. 4. nu. 69.

<sup>b</sup> Rot. Parl. Anno 3 H. 5. nu. 46.

<sup>c</sup> 7 H. 6. 44.  
6 H. 7. 15.  
8 H. 7. 13.  
Lib. 1. fo. 11.  
Ver. N. B.  
\* Rot. Claus. in Dorf. An. 13 E. 1. in schedula pend. Et si centingat quod, &c. Vide

## CAP. XIV.

## Of First-fruits and Tenths Ecclesiasticall.

Stat. de 32 H. 8.  
cap. 45.  
Rot. Par. 47 E. 3.  
nu. 30.  
7 H. 4. nu. 43. acc.

26 H. 8. cap. 3.  
2 & 3 Ph. & M.  
cap. 4.

1 Eliz. cap. 4.  
observe the alteration and alteration.

25 H. 8. cap. 5.  
1 Eliz. cap. 4.

4 Walf. An. Dom.  
1316. Triver.  
Ranulphus Ci-  
strensis, li. 7. c. 42  
Polyd. Virg. lib. 8.  
cap. 2. Platina.  
Fox, &c.  
b 2 E. 3. Rot.  
claus. m. 4.  
c Parl. 1 R. 2.  
nu. 66.  
d Rot. Par. 4 R. 2.  
nu. 44.

e Note they were  
not so ancient  
with us, as is  
pretended.

f Rot. Par. 6 R. 2.  
nu. 50.  
g 6 H. 4. cap. 1.

h Rot. Par. 9 H. 4.  
nu. 43.

i 19 E. 3. tit. Ju-  
risdiction. 22  
k 26 H. 8. cap. 3.

**A** Court of the First-fruits and Tenths was raised, Officers constituted, of Chancelour, Treasurer, Kings Attorny, two Auditors, and two Clerks: Authority given them to compound for First-fruits, Bonds taken there-fore should be of like force as a Statute Staple: but this Court was dissolved by Queen Mary Parl. 1. Sess 2. cap. 10.

These were granted to the Crown by the statute of 26 H. 8. cap. 3. But all the Clergy were exonerated and discharged thereof afterwards, Anno 2 & 3 Ph. & Mar. cap. 4.

The statute of 26 H. 8. revived, and First-fruits and Tenths of the Clergy reunited to the Crown by Anno 1 Eliz. cap. 4. But no Court is revived, but First-fruits and Tenths to be within the rule, survey, and government of the Exchequer, and created a new Office, and Officer, viz. a Remembrancer of the First-fruits and Tenths of the Clergy, who taketh all compositions for the said First-fruits and Tenths, and maketh proces against such as pay not the same.

First-fruits, or Annates, Primitiæ, are the First-fruits after avoidance of every Spirituall Living for one whole year (except Vicarages not exceeding 10 li. and personages not exceeding 10 Marks) but all are to pay Tenths.

Ecclesiasticall Livings were sometimes valued by a Book of Taxation made in 20 E. 1. which remaineth in the Exchequer, and by another taxation in 26 H. 8. which also remaineth in that Court. And according to this latter taxation are the values of Ecclesiasticall Livings computed for the First-fruits and Tenths. What Pope first imposed First-fruits, untill a Historians do agree, I will not trouble my self.

What we finde of Record concerning First-fruits, we will summarly relate.

b The King forbiddeth H. P. the Popes Puntio to collect First-fruits, &c.

c That the Popes Collector be willed no longer to gather the First-fruits of Benefices within this Realm being a very novelty, and that no person do any longer pay them.

d The Commons do petition that prohibition may be made against the Popes Collectors for levying of the First-fruits of Ecclesiasticall dignities within the Realm. The answer of the King in Parliament is, There shall be granted a Prohibition in all such cases where the Popes Collectors shall attempt any such c novelties.

f Upon complaint made by the Commons in Parliament, The King wil- leth that Prohibitions be granted to the Popes Collectors for receiving of First-fruits.

g Against First-fruits by Arch-Bishops and Bishops to the Pope of Rome, terming it a horrible mischief and damnable custome.

h It is enacted, that the Popes Collectors should not from thenceforth levy any money within the Realm for First-fruits of any Ecclesiasticall dignity by any provision from Rome upon pain of the Statute of Provisors: but this is omitted out of the print of 9 H. 4. cap. 8.

i The Bishop of Norwich had in 19 E. 3. by prescription time out of minde of man First-fruits within his Dioces of all Churches after every avoidance. But these also were given to the Crowne k by the Statute of 26 Hen. 8. cap. 3.

Tenths Ecclesiasticall, Decimæ, these are the Tenth part of the value of all Ecclesiasticall



Ecclesiasticall Livings yearly payable to the King, his Heirs and Successors by the said Statute of 26 H. 8. and 1 Eliz. to be valued as is abovesaid.

These the Pope (as the Canonists holdeth) pretended to have De jure Divino, as due to the High Priest by pretext of these words, *Præcipe Levitis atq; denuncia, cum acceperitis à filiis Israel decimas quas dedi vobis, primitias earum offerre Domino, id est decimam partem decimæ, ut reputetur vobis in oblationem primitiarum tam de areis, quam de torcularibus & universis quorum accipieris primitias offerre Domino, & date ea Aaron Sacerdoti.* But the Parliaments in 25 H. 8. and 26 H. 8. were not of opinion that these Tenthhs did belong to the Bishop of Rome; as by the severall preambles thereof appeareth, which we have added; for that we have endeavoured to shew through all this work the severall claims or pretences of every thing whereof we have treated. And King Philip and Queen Mary yielded not these Tenthhs to the Pope, but (as hath been said) by authority of Parliament discharged the Clergy thereof: which they would never have done, if they had taken them to be due to the Pope De jure Divino. And the Bishop of Norwich could not have prescribed to have First-fruits within his Diocess, if they had been due to the Pope De jure Divino: and the rather, for that Anthony de Becke, for whom the prescription was made, was a reserter to the Court of Rome, and made Bishop of Norwich by the Pope.

Num. 18. 26. & c.  
Vi. Jerom. in Eze.  
ca. 44. v. 28. & c.

19 E. 3. tit. Jurisdiction, ubi sup.

C A P. XV.

The Court of Augmentations of the Revenues of the Crowne of England.

**T**his Court was created by authority of Parliament in Anno 27 H. 8. consisting of a Chancelour, Treasurer, Attorney, Solicitor. And all lands, &c. belonging to Monasteries, and purchased lands were within the survey and governance of this Court. This Court could not be created but by Parliament, because a Chancelour and a Court of Equity were constituted. More hereof in the next Chapter.

27 H. 8. cap. 27.

## CAP. XVI.

The Court of Generall Surveyours of divers of  
the Kings lands with power to make Leases for twenty  
one yeares erected by Act of Parliament  
in 33 *H. 8.*

33 *H. 8. cap. 39.*

*Bra&. Nihil tam  
conueniens est  
naturaliz quitati,  
unumquodque  
dissolvi eo liga-  
mine quoligatur  
est.*

7 *E. 6. cap. 2.*

1 *Mar. cap. 10.*

**B**oth these Courts King *H. 8.* by his Letters Patents Anno regni sui 38. dissolved, and created a new Court of Augmentations by his Letters Patents. The dissolution was holden void, because they were created by authority of Parliament. Vid. the rehearfall of the Statute of 7 *E. 6. cap. 2.* and the creation was also void for the cause aforesaid. And thereupon the said Letters Patents, as well for the dissolution of the former, and for the creation of the new Court of Augmentations were confirmed and established by the said Act of 7 *E. 6.*

Queene Mary according to the power giben to her for dissolution of the said Court by Act of Parliament holden the fifth of October in the first yeare of her reigne, did afterwards by her Letters Patents, bearing date 23 Januarii in the same yeare dissolve the said Court of Augmentations; and the next day following by other Letters Patents united the same to the Exchequer, which was utterly void, because she had dissolved the same befoze: so as she pursued not her authority.

Die 4 *Eliz. 16.*  
So resolved by  
all the Judges.

## CAP. XVII.

The honourable Court of Chivalry before  
the Constable and Marshall.

**R**ot. Pat. 12 H. 4. m. This Court is called Curia Militaris and Rot. Parl. 2 H. 6. nu. 9. the Marshall Court.

The Judges of this Court are the Lord Constable of England and the Earl Marshall of England, and this Court is the fountain of the Marshall law. And the Earl Marshall is both one of the Judges, and to see execution be done.

Constable or Cunstable is compounded of two Saxon words, Cuninge per contractionem Kinge, and stable, id est, columen, quasi columen regis, anciently written Cuningstable. Marshall anciently written Marsecale, likewise of two Saxon words, viz. Marc for equus; and Stalc curator, quasi curator equorum: For the Marshall Marischallus, and the derivation thereof, see the First part of the Institutes, Sect. 102, fol. 74. Sect. 154, fo. 106. Section 745, fo. 391.

This Court of Chivalry was anciently holden in the Kings Hall.

The jurisdiction is declared by the statute of 13 R. 2. stat. 1.

Because the Commons doe make a grievous complaint, that the Court of the \* Constable and Marshall have incroached to them, and daily doe encroach contracts, covenants, trespasses, debts and detinues, and many other actions pleadable at the Common law, in great prejudice of the King and of his Courts, and to the great grievance and oppression of his people, The King willing to ordain a remedy against the prejudices and grievances aforesaid, hath \* declared in this Parliament by the advice and assent of the Lords Spirituall and Temporall the power and jurisdiction of the said Constable in the form that followeth.

To the Constable it appertaineth to have conufance of Contracts and deeds of arms, and of war out of the Realm, and also of things that touch war within the Realm, which cannot be determined or discussed by the Common law, with other usages and customes to the same matters pertaining, which other Constables have heretofore duly and reasonably used in their time, joyning to the same that every Plaintiff shall declare plainly his matter in his petition afore that any man be sent for to answer thereunto. And if any will complain that any plea be commenced before the Constable and Marshall, that might be tried by the law of the land, the same Complainant shall have a Privy Seal of the King without difficulty directed to the said Constable and Marshall to surcease in that plea, till it be discussed by the Kings Councill, if that matter ought and of right pertaineth to that Court, or otherwise to be tried by the Common law of the Realm of England, and also that they surcease in the mean time.

See the Third part of the Institutes, cap. High treason, pag. 26. Rot. Pat. 25 E. 3. parte 1. m. 16. 1 H. 4. between the Lord Moly and the Earl of Sarum, the Record whereof we have seen. Rot. Pat. 2 H. 4. parte 1. m. 7. between Kighly and Scroop. Rot. Pat. 3 H. 4. Ballehuls case. Rot. Vascou. 9 H. 4. nu. 15. Bul-  
lemers

¶ The Stile of the Court.

¶ The Judges. 43 E. 3. fo. 3. See the First part of the Institutes, Sect. 745. many other authorities cited.

¶ The name. 1. part of the Institutes, Sect. 102 & 153.

¶ The place.

¶ The Jurisdiction.

Rot. Par. 8 R. 2. nu. 31. not in print 13 R. 2. stat. 1. ca. 2. Rot. Parl. 8 H. 6. nu. 38.

\* The Judges, Vide infra.

1 H. 4. cap. 14.

\* Nota declared.

¶ The power and jurisdiction.

lemers case. Rot. Parl. 21 R. 2. nu. 19. &c. Rot. Parl. 2 H. 6. nu. 9. Holl. Chron. 424. 3 H. 4. Sir John Annesley's case. See this case Walsing. pa. 237. Duellum petecussum. Ibidem 8 R. 2. 446. John Walthes case. For this case of Walsh, see Walsing. pa. 311. and Stowes Annals 477. Howes Chron. 8 H. 6. 371. between John Upton and John Down. Vide Stowes Survey of London 385. See this case, Rot. Parl. 8 H. 6. parte 2. m. 7. Annals 609. Stow. Ibid. Anno 25 H. 6. Anno domini 1446. between John Davye and William Catur his master, Annals 655. ibid. 386. battell joyned between Thomas Fitz-thomas Prior of Kilman and James Butler Earl of Dymond; but when it came to the point the King forbade it. Vide Rot. Parl. 2 H. 6. nu. 9. John Lord Talbot Lieutenant of Ireland accused the Earl of Dymond of High treason before the Earl of Bedford Constable of England in his Marshalls Court. the King did abolish the accusation.

What judgment shall be given when either party is vanquished, see the Articles of the Duke of Glouc' Constable of England about the beginning of the reign of R. 2. The law of arms is, that the Appellant being overcome shall incur the same punishment, that the Defendant ought to have done if he had vanquished.

See an ancient Manuscript in French entituled Modus faciend' Duellum coram Rege. Bone foy & droit & ley de Arms voer, que lappellant encourage mesme peyne que le defendant deveroit, sil soit convict & dicomfit. \* And this seemeth to be consonant to the law of God.

This Manuscript treateth both of the jurisdiction and manner of the proceeding before the Constable and Marshall, and so; that it is long, and I doubt not but copies thereof are in many hands, I have not inserted it here.

There are many in forain parts that have written of Combats, &c. in Latine, French, and Italian. As Alciat, Lancelottus, Conradus, Johannes de Lignano, Mutio Justino Politano, Berandier, Beutheus, Desdiguere, &c. to whom we refer the reader, so; that it is safe to follow the Acts of Parliament concerning the jurisdiction of this Court, and such presidents as have been before the Constable and Marshall in the Marshalls Court within this Realm.

[Out of the Realm.] This is to be understood in any forain part beyond the Seas, In partibus exteris & transmarinis. For upon the Sea the Admirall hath jurisdiction, which Admirall (our English Neptune) cannot meddle with any thing done beyond the Seas upon the Land, and the Constable and Marshall have no consufance of any thing done upon the Sea.

Where by these Acts it is provided, That all treasons, misprision of treasons, or concealment of treasons committed out of this Realm of England, should be inquired of, heard and determined in the Kings Bench by good and lawful men of the same Shire where the said Bench shall sit, or else before such Commissioners and in such Shire, as should be assigned by the Kings Commission by good and lawfull men of the same shire, in like manner and form to all intents and purposes as if such treasons, &c. had been done within the same, &c. None of these Acts doth take away the jurisdiction of the Constable and Marshall, where one accuseth another of High treason done out of the Realm: so; of such an accusation of one against another of any High treason done out of the Realm the Constable and Marshall should have consufance thereof: because High treason is not triable by Jury according to the course of the Common laws of the Realm in that case for want of proof, as by all the presidents aforesaid it appeareth. Neither doth the said Act of 35 H. 8. or 5 E. 6. take away the Statute of 28 H. 8. cap. 15. for tryall of treasons done upon the Sea, albeit they be done out of the Realm. See hereafter Cap. 23. and the Third part of the Institures, Cap. of Piracy, pa. 111, & 112. and there was no doubt conceived of the triall of them. See the preamble of the Statute of 35 H. 8. and of 5 E. 6.

\* If any Merchant English be spoiled, or his goods taken from him beyond Sea by any Merchants Strangers, and the English Merchant cannot upon suit attain

\* Deut. 19. 18.  
And the Judges shall make diligent inquisition, and if the accuser be found false; and that he hath given false witness against his brother, then shall you doe to him, as he had thought to doe to his brother, and thou shalt put evil away from the midst of thee.

26 H. 8. ca. 13.  
35 H. 8. cap. 2.  
5 E. 6. cap. 11.

See 1 E. 6. ca. 12.  
& 5 E. 6. ca. 11.  
in the 3. part of  
the Inst. pa. 24.

See 5 E. 6. ca. 5.

\* Vid. Regi. 129.  
F. N. B. 114. b.  
Note remedy by  
the Common law  
for wrong done  
beyond the Sea.

attain to justice there, he shall have upon testimony thereof a writ out of the Chancery to arrest the Merchants strangers if they come into England, or their goods, &c. untill they be satisfied. See hereafter the Chapter of Admiralty.

Before this Act at a Parliament holden in the 8 year of R. 2. It was enacted, that no plea which should concern the Common law should be tried before the Constable and the Marshall.

No addition either of persons or of jurisdiction can be added to this Court, unless it be by Act of Parliament, for ancient Courts ought to be exercised according to the ancient and right institution.

In the Appeal aforesaid between Upton and Down in 8 H. 6. after battell joyned, the Kings writ out of the Court of Chancery issued to the Sheriffs of London, as we find it entred and recorded in the great book of the Abby of Bury fo. 87. as followeth.

*Rex Vic' London Salutem: Precipimus vobis firmit' injungentes quod quasdam listas & barras de meremio fortes & satis sufficientes pro quodam Duello inter Iohannem Vpton Appellantem & Iohannem Down Defendentem, secundum legem Armorum die Lune prox' futur' apud Westsmithfield in suburb' Civitatis predictae Deo dante perficiend' contra diem predictum nostris sumptibus & expensis erigi, construi, & fieri fac' in omnibus prout in ultimo duello ibidem fact' fuerunt, & quod terra infra listas predict' cum sabulo sufficiente & equalit' cooperatur, Ita quod aliqui lapides grandes aut arena infra easdem listas minime inveniatur quovismodo: Et de omnibus & singulis pecuniarum summis quas circa premissa applicaveritis, nos vobis in compoto vestro ad Scaccarium nostrum per presens mandatum nostrum, debitam allocationem habere faciemus, &c.*

By this writ we observe 4. things. 1. That Sheriffs ought to make the lists, &c. 2. The manner how they are to make them. 3. That they ought to make them by the Kings writ. 4. That they are to be made at the Kings charges.

By the statute of 1 H. 4. all Appeals of things done within the Realm shall be tried and determined by the good laws of the Realm, &c. And that all Appeals made of things done out of the Realm shall be tried and determined before the Constable and Marshall of England for the time being, and that no Appeal be pursued in Parliament.

They proceed according to the customes and usages of that Court, and in cases omitted, according to the Civil law, secundum legem Armorum. And therefore upon attainders before the Constable and Marshall of England for the time being no land is forfeited, or corruption of blood wrought.

For Records, Book-cases, and other authorities in law as well for the exposition of the said statutes, as for the jurisdiction and proceedings of this Court, see the First part of the Institutes, Sect. 102. and 745. and peruse the Authorities there cited. See also the petition of Right, 3 Car. cap. 1.

It is to be observed that after sentence pronounced in this Court of Chivalry in case of Arms the party grieved may appeal to the King, whereof you may read a notable Record, Rot. Pat. 13 R. 2. page 3. Note also a speciall Rol, An. 14 R. 2. intituled Rot. process' in curia militari in causa Armorum, Int' Ricu le Scroop Chivalier, & Robertum Grovener Chivalier.

And for this cause (amongst others) the Heralds are Attendants upon this Court. Of these Heralds there be tres Reges, viz. Garter Rex Armorum, Cla-

Rot. Pat. 8 R. 2. nu. 31. not printed.

Rot. Par. 5 R. 2. nu. 39. Bennet Willmots case. 6 H. 7. 5. Simile. \* Regul. 6 H. 7. 45.

Breve Vic' London pro listas & barras, &c. pro duello fac'. Lex Armorum. Pro duello, &c. See the articles set down by Tho. of Woodstock Duke of Glouc' Constable of England, about the beginning of the reign of R. 2.

See mod' fac' duellum coram rege.

1 H. 4. cap. 14.

Rot. Pat. 11 H. 4. nu. 24.

a 13 H. 4. fo. 45. *By the Civil law, &c.*

\* 37 H. 6. fo. 3. Forfeic' cap. 32. fo. 38.

b 11 H. 4. nu. 24. All statutes made touching the Courts of the Constable and Marshall and Admiral of England shall be observed. Vide Rot. Parl. 5 H. 4. nu. 24. An Act not in print touching

a Commission for arraying and mustering of men, which at this day is of force, and no other. Vide 8 H. 4. nu. 12. Clergy exempt out of that. See also 14 E. 3. stat. 2. nu. 53. a Commission of Lieutenancy. See hereafter amongst the Ecclesiasticall Courts. Tit. Appeals. Vid. Glover 82, 83. c Saxonice Epnheld i. honorem tenens, Latine frciales. 5 E. 4. 6. b. Pl. Com. 12. b.

renceux Rex Armorum ex parte Australi. Norroy Rex Armorum ex parte Boreali, & sex alii Heraldii. These English Heralds are messengers of war and peace, skillfull in descents, pedegrees, and Armozies; they marshall the solemnities at Coronations, they manage combats before the Constable and Marshall, and upon request they solemnize the Funerals of noble, honourable, reverend, and worshipfull Parsonages. <sup>a</sup> They were first incorporated by King R. 3. and afterwards newly incorporated by King Philip and Queen Mary. Their learning and faithfull dealing in descents and pedegrees upon just proof may be a mean to quiet many controverties about the titles of honors, dignities, and inheritances.

<sup>b</sup> In the Prophet Ezechiel it is thus writtten: Dicit dominus deus, & erit manus mea super Prophetas, qui vident vana, et divinant mendacium: in concilio populi mei non erunt, & in scriptura domus Israel non scriptionentur.

Upon these latter words Divines doe hold, Quod mos erat in Israel, quod unaquaque familia genealogiam ejus scriberet, in qua dinoscebatur quilibet de qua tribu erat, & de qua familia, & quæ hæreditas ejus esse deberet, & ille qui penitus destrueretur non scriberetur.

<sup>c</sup> These Heralds are discharged of Subsidies, Tolls and other charges of the Common-wealth, by Letters Patents of E. 6. Anno 3. of his reign.

See the First part of the Institutes for degrees, and creations of Nobility, and triall thereof, Sect. 9. fo. 16. & Sect. 95. fo. 69. whereunto you may adde a notable writ in <sup>d</sup> the Register, when a Baron or any higher degree of Nobility is sued in the <sup>e</sup> Court of Common pleas, and proccesse awarded against him by Capias or Exigent, then may he sue out this writ.

*Rex Iusticiariis suis de Banco Salutem. Mandamus vobis, quod si G. T. miles coram vobis ad sectam alicujus per actionem personalem implacitatus existit, talem processum & non alium versus ipsum in actione predicta fieri faciatis, qual' versus dominos, magnates, Comites sive Barones regni nostri Angliæ qui ad Parlamentum nostrum de sommonitione nostra venire debent aut eorum aliquem secundum legem & consuetudinem regni nostri Angliæ fuerit faciend', quia predict' G. T. unum Baronum regni nostri predict' ad Parlamentum nostrum de sommonitione regia venientium recordari, &c.*

The Barony of Edmond de Eincourt commonly Deincourt of Langley in Lincolnshire originally created by writ, had long continued in his Surname, and having no issue male, desirous that his Surname, Arms, and Barony, all which he held in fee simple might continue, by humble suit importuned King E. 2. for that he conceived, Quod cognomen suum & arma post mortem suam deleterentur, & corditer affectabat ut post mortem ejus in memoria haberentur, ut de maneriis & armis suis feoffaret quemcunque voluerit: and in the end he obtained his suit by the Kings Letters Patents under the Great Seal, and afterwards about 19 E. 2. he assigned according to the Kings grant his Surname, arms, and possessions. For we find in the close Rolls that the said Edmond Baron of Eincourt sat in Parliament untill and in 18 E. 2. and that after his decease his assignee sat in Parliament in 1 E. 3. by the name of VVilliam de Eincourt, and in his heirs males the dignity, surname, and possessions continued <sup>\*</sup> untill 21 H. 6. and then his heir male together with the name and dignity ceased.

And I did hear the Baron of Burghley Lord Treasurer Deputy to the Earl of Shrewsbury then Earl Marshall of England, in hearing of the cause by the Queens commandment between Edward Nevil and Lady Mary Vane daughter and heir of Henry Lord of Aburgavenny for the right of the Barony of Aburgavenny, vouch a record in the reign of E. 4. That the Lord Hoe, who bare for his ensignes of honor quarterly Silver and Sable, having no issue male, by his deed,

<sup>a</sup> Rot. Pat. 1 R. 3.  
Rot. Pat. 2 &  
3 Ph. & Mar. 18.  
July: Their Col-  
ledge is in the  
Parish of S. Ben-  
ner in Castle  
Barnard Ward  
granted to the  
corporation of the  
Heralds by Let-  
ters Patents bear-  
ing date 13 July  
1555. Anno 2 &  
3 Ph. & Mar.  
<sup>b</sup> Ezech. 13. 8, 9.  
Psalm. 69. *delean-  
tur de libro viven-  
tium, & cum ju-  
stis non scribun-  
tur.* 1 Efdr. ca. 2.  
62. *Hi quaesierunt  
scripturam genea-  
logia suæ & non  
invenuerunt, & e-  
jecti sunt.*

<sup>c</sup> Discharged of  
Subsidies.

<sup>d</sup> Regist. 287. b.  
F. N. B. 247. c.

<sup>e</sup> Or in the Kings  
Bench or other  
Court.

Nota, pro Barone.  
Vid. 8 H. 6 9, 10.  
14 H. 6. 2. Lib. 6.  
fo. 53. b. le Coun-  
tes de Rutlands  
case.

10 E. 2. Camden  
Brit. Rot. Cart.  
23 H. 3. nu 32.  
34. Almarick  
Earl of Leic'  
Math. Par. pag.  
647.

<sup>\*</sup> Inquisit' 21 H. 6.  
Post mortem  
Willielmi domi-  
ni de Eincourt.

Hil. anno 31 El.

deed under his seal granted his name, arms and dignity over, but having not the Kings licence and warrant, the same was in Parliament adjudged to be void.

Our Heralds are constituted by Letters Patents, and have many ceremonies done unto them at their creation, but those ceremonies are not of the essence of their office, but the Letters Patents only: and so was it adjudged in the Kings Bench in the reign of Queen Eliz. in the case of Derhick King of Arms. But thus much of Heralds upon this occasion shall suffice; and now let us return to our Constable and Marshall.

In ancient laws before the Conquest, you shall read De Heretochiis or Heretogiis, i. ductoribus exercitus, ab hepe exercitus & *toech*, ducere.

Heretochius agreeth with either of these great Officers, Constabularius or Marischallus: Isti vero eligebantur per commune concilium pro communi utilitate regni per provincias & patricos in pleno Folkmote.

This office of the Constable of England was afterwards of inheritance by the tenure of the manors of Harlesfield, Petwman, and Whitenhurst by Grand Serjeanty, in the line of the Bohuns Earls of Hereford, and Essex, and afterwards of right in the line of the staffords and Dukes of Buckingham as heirs generall to them: at the last by the opinion of all the Judges it was lawfully descended to Edward Duke of Buckingham, who was attainted of treason, in Anno 13 H.8. whereby this office became forfeited to the Crown, and since that time both in respect of the amplitude of the Authority both in war and peace, and of the charge, it was never granted to any subject, but now of late hac vice.

For the office of the Earl Marshall, see the First part of the Institutes, Sect. 102. & 135.

The effect of the grant of this Office of Constable of England is in very few words, viz. Officium Constabularii Angliæ una cum omnibus feodis, proficuis, commoditatibus, & emolumentis quibuscunque officio prædicto qualitercunque pertinentibus, & ab antiquo debitis & consuetis. And by no means we are to follow the irregular precedent of the grant thereof by King E. 4. in the 7 year of his reign to Richard VVidevile Earl Rivers and Lord of Wrafton and De la mote for his life: which Patent you shall find Rot. Pat. Anno 7 E. 4. part 1. and is directly against the Common law and the statutes concerning the jurisdiction of this Office; and therein to over-reach all the good and wholesome laws made for the declaration of the jurisdiction of this great Office, power was given to the Earl Rivers to have consuance in case of High treason, and other causes and affairs, Quæ in Curia Constabularii Angliæ ab antiquo, viz. domini Guilielmi Conquestoris progenitoris regis, seu aliquo tempore citra, tractari, audiri, examinari & decidi consueverunt, seu de jure debuerunt si ve debent, & diversa alia perperam. And therefore by no means the same or the like is to be drawn into example.

For grants of this great Office of Constable of England, see the precedents, and by that which hath been said choose the best. Rot. Pat. 1 H. 4. parte 1. Henrico comiti North pro vita. Rot. Pat. 4 H. 4. parte 2. Johanni filio regis, ad placitum. Rot. Parl. 1 H. 6. nu. 23. Duci Glouc' ad placitum. Rot. Pat. 1 H. 6. parte 2. Johanni Duci Bedford pro vita. Rot. Pat. 8 H. 6. parte 1. Richardo Duci Eborum in absentia Johannis Ducis Bedford. Rot. Pat. 25 H. 6. parte 1. Johanni Vicecom' de bello monte. Rot. Pat. 28 H. 6. parte 2. m. 22. Henrico Com. Northumbr. ad placitum. Rot. Pat. 29 H. 6. parte 1. Edmundo Duci somerset ad placitum. Rot. Pat. 1 E. 4. parte 3. m. 188. Johanni Com' VVigorn'. Rot. Pat. 7 E. 4. parte 1. Johanni domino Tiptoft. Rot. Pat. 7 E. 4. Ubi supra Richardo Com' Rivers. Pat. 8 E. 4 parte 1. Pat. 9 E. 4. Georgio Duci Clarenc'. Pat. 9 E. 4. parte 2. Richardo Duci Gloc'. Pat. 10 E. 4. parte 1. Johanni Tiptoft Comiti VVigorn. pro vita. Pat. 16 E. 4. parte 1. Ricardo Duci Eborum. Henricus Stafford dux Buckingham jure hæreditario. Pat. 1 R. 3. Thomas dominus Stanley. Edwardus dux Buck' jure hæreditario.

Int' Leges Edwardi regis. Lamb. 136. Hovenden Annal. Cap. 35. De Heretochiis.

Of ancient time eligible. Lambard ubi sup. Hovend. ubi sup. \* See 11 El Dier 285. so resolved in 6 H. 8.

Hic omnium immanissimus: but the debts of cruelty are never unpaid, respice fræ.

This great office hath been usually granted, as by the presidents aforesaid appeareth, Exercendum per se vel per sufficientes deputatos suos, seu per sufficienti- en' deputatum suum.

There is also an Office of Subconstabularius granted to Thomas Kent Doctor of laws. Pat. 23 H. 6. parte 2. Simile Pat. 22 E. 4. m. 2.

There is also Clericus Constabulariæ Angliæ, & Promotor causarum & negotiorum regiam majestatem tangen'. This Office was granted to Thomas Appulton with a fee of five marks. Pat. 8 E. 4. parte 1.

Concerning the grants of the Office of Earl Marshall of England: for this Office ever passed by the grants of the King, and never belonged to any Subject by reason of tenure, as the Stewardship, and Constableship of England sometime did.

Ro. Cart. 20 R. 2.  
m. 1. n. 3.

\* This is the first  
file that ever  
came in any Pa-  
tent.

Rot. Cart. 9 R. 2.  
nu. 17.

Rex, &c. Sciatis quod cum nos nuper de gratia nostra speciali concesserimus dilecto consanguineo nostro Thomæ Comiti Nottingham Officium Mareschalli Angliæ: habendum ad totam vitam suam. Nos jam de ulteriori gratia nostra concessimus præfato consanguineo nostro officium prædictum \* *una cum nomine & honore Comitis Mareschalli*. Habendum sibi & hæredibus suis masculis de corpore suo exeuntibus cum omnibus feodis, proficiis & pertinentiis quibuscunque dicto officio qualitercunque spectantibus imperpetuum. Hiis testibus, &c. Dat' 12 Junii Anno regni sui 20. This Charter of creation is confirmed by Act of Parliament. The former grant before recited, yet shorter then this, was made anno 9 R. 2.

For other grants of this Office in Rot. Cartarum, Pat. & Parl. See Rot. Cart. 1 Johannis parte 2. nu. 85. Rot. Cart. 9 E. 2. nu. 32.

Vide Rot. Pat. {  
1 H. 3. m. 14. 16.  
22 R. 2. parte 1. m. 12.  
1 H. 4. parte 1. & 5. m. 6.  
1 R. 3. parte 1. m. 12.  
1 H. 7. parte 3.  
2 H. 8. parte 2.  
25 H. 8. parte 2.  
1 E. 6. parte 2. m. 19. & 22.  
19 Ja. parte 13. nu. 5.

Vide Rot. Parl. {  
3 H. 6. m. 181.  
1 Mariæ nu. 34.  
1 R. 2. m. 4. & 3.  
20 R. 2. nu. 33.  
Parl. 21 E. 1. Rot. 1. Quæ pertinent ad officium Comitis mareschalli, &c.

Pat. 22 E. 4. m. 2.

There was also Vicemareschallus, which office was granted to Tho: Grey hac vice.

Vide Lib. nigr' de Scaccario, concerning the offices of the Constable and Marshall, & Lib. rubro fo. 36.

See also the Marshall of England, Fleta lib. 2. cap. 45. and Britton in principio libri.

See Mich. 13 E. 2. in Scaccario pro feodis Constabularii Angliæ.

Hil. 5 E. 3. in Scaccario Certificatio fact' Regi pro officio Mareschalli. 1 E. 3. fo. 16. 2 E. 3. fo. 12. 48 E. 3. 3. Rot. Parl. 2 R. 2. nu. 47. 5 R. 2. Tit. Triali 54. Rot. Par. 5 H. 4. nu. 39. Keylwey 172. Stanf. Pl. Cor. 65. Fortescue Ca. 32. fo. 38. 5 Mar. Br. tit. battell 15.

Herellica signifieth a Soldier hired and departing without licence, derived of Here, exercitus, & sliten, to depart.

Regist. fo. 191. a.  
& Par. 5 E. 3.  
nu. 18.

If any Soldier have covenanted to serve the King in his war, and appear not at the time and place appointed, there lyeth by the Common law an originall writ of Capias conductos ad proficiendum, directed to two of the Kings Serjeants



Serjeants at Arms to arrest and take him wheresoever he may be found, and to bring him Coram concilio nostro with a clause of assistance: but of this matter see the Third part of the Institutes, Cap. [Soldiers that depart, &c.] See 3 Car. the petition of Right concerning martiall law, and the Commission to Lieutenants, &c.

To conclude with some short touch concerning right of war, Si quando accesseris ad expugnandam civitatem, offeres ei primum pacem: and see there many things concerning right of war. Quis rex iturus committere bellum adversus alium regem, non sedens prius cogitat si possit cum decem millibus occurrere ei qui cum viginti millibus venit ad te, alioquin illo adhuc longe agente legationem mittens rogat ea quæ pacis sunt,

Deut. 20. 10. &c.

Luc. 14. 31.

Haud facile vincitur qui de suis & adversarii copiis vere poterit judicare, Qui colloquium offert, semper pavescit, he that offereth parly is ever afraid, Nulla sunt meliora consilia quam quæ ignoraverit adversarius antequam facias,

Tacitus,  
Vegetius de re militari.

Cicero, Offic<sup>o</sup>.

Nullum bellum est justum, nisi aut pro rebus petitis geratur, aut ante denunciatum sit, & indictum,

Camden,

Jure gentium non licet indictas inimicitias exercere & bellum gerere, priusquam ille à quo injuria sit orsa moneatur illicitam injuriam resarcire, & ab injuria abstinere.

Lipsius,

Salust.

Veget. & Seneca,

Cicero ubi sup,

Arist. 10,

Vid. 24 E. 3. Tit.

Coron.

Justum autem bellum est quod tria hæc habet, Authorem, Causam, Finem.

Semper in prælio hiis maximum periculum, qui maxime timent.

Longa belli præparatio celerem dat victoriam.

Ideo suscipienda sunt bella, ut sine injuria in pace vivatur.

In republica maxime conservanda sunt jura belli.

\* Olim veteri lege armorum cives & burgenfes militiam tractare prohibiti fuerunt.

The touch Vegetius for his own honoz and worthinesse, and for that Fortescue fo. 70. b. citeth him.

## CAP. XVIII.

## The Court of the Marshalsea.

¶ *The name,*  
1. part of the In  
stitutes, §. 102. &  
135.

¶ *The Anti-*  
*quity and honor.*  
4 H. 6. 8. L. 5 E. 4.  
229.

¶ *Wherefore it*  
*is called the*  
*Court of the*  
*Marshalsea.*

¶ *The Juris-*  
*diction of this*  
*Court is origi-*  
*nal & ordinary,*  
4 H. 6. 1.

Hil. 20 R. 2. Corā  
Rege Rot. 58.  
Mild.  
W. 1. ca. 26. fees.

Rot. Par 17 E. 3.  
nu. 31.

**F**Or the derivation of Marescallus & Marescalcia, see before in the next preceding Chapter of the Court of the Constable and Marshall, that they be derived from two Saxon words which we conceive tendeth much for the proof of the antiquity and honor of our Nation, seeing other Nations have the same Officers and Offices; and in respect their name is derived from the language of our Ancestors, it is like they took the same from us.

Albeit in this Court the Steward and Marshall of the household are Judges, and the Steward hath the precedency, yet the Court is called the Court of Marshalsea for three causes. First, he is not only a Judge, but seeth that execution (which is the life of the law) be done. Secondly, his office is in force both in time of peace, and in time of war. Thirdly, though the Constable hath the precedency of the Marshall of England, yet the Court holden before them is called the Marshall Court, for the causes aforesaid. See before in the Chapter of the Constable and Marshall, see also Rot. Par. anno 8 H. 4. nu. 82. that the Court of the Marshall can hold no plea but such as were holden in the reign of E. 1.

For the jurisdiction of this Court, and within what precinct, see in my Reports, Lib. 10. fo. 68, 69, &c. Le case del Marshalsea. Lib. 6. fo. 20, 21. Michelbornes case. 7 H. 4. 15. in Calvins case. Lib. 4. fo. 46, 47. Swifts case. See Parl. 30 E. 1. Rot. 2. All inquisitions concerning any Citizen of London shall be taken in London.

Pertinet ad Marescallum Cur' hic venire fac' juratores super felones captos cum manuopere in Aula regis.

This Court hath his foundation from the Common law of England.

This Marshall by the statute of VV. 1. can take no fee for doing of his office, but only of the King, but such fees as latter Acts of Parliament have given him, he may take. See the Third part of the Institutes, Cap. Exortion.

For the fees of the Marshall of the Kings house, and of staffe bearers, and scrivoors of bills, see the statute of 2 H. 4. Cap. 23.

To conclude this Chapter with an Act of Parliament not in print. It is enacted that every person arrested into the Marshalsea, may tell his own tale, and that the Officers doe not passe the Werge. See Parl. 50 E. 3. nu. 91, 162.

## CAP. XIX.

## The Counting-house of the Kings Household.

*Domus Compotus Hospitii Regis.*

**I**T is commonly called the Greencloth, in respect of the Greencloth upon the Table, whereat the honourable Officers hereafter mentioned do sit, viz. the Lord Steward, the Treasurer of the Kings house, the Controller of the Kings house, the Master of the Household, the Cofferer, and two Clerks Controllers continually sitting in this Counting-house for these purposes. First, for daily taking the accounts for all expences of the said household. Secondly, for making of provisions for the said household, according to the Laws and Statutes of the Realme. Thirdly, for making of payment for the same accordingly. Fourthly, for the good government of the Kings servants of household. Fifthly, the Cofferer is to pay the wages to the Kings servants beneath the Staires, and the Lord Chamberlaine above the Staires of the Kings household. Vide 39 Eliz. cap. 7. and he is to account in the Exchequer for about 40000 li.

33 H 8. cap. 12.

See Fleta de officio Thesaurarii Hospitii regis, &c. Habet enim Rex alios clericos in hospitio suo, ut Thesaurarius Garderobæ suæ quæ est locus Clericis tantum assignatus, quæ in Francia Camera Clericorum appellatur. Huic enim Thesaurario curæ expensarum Regis & familiæ suæ committitur, quæ cum Clerico provido sibi associato pro Controlatore recordum habet ut in hiis quæ officium suum contingunt,

Fleta lib. 2. ca. 13.  
Thesaurarius.  
Garderobæ.

¶ Officium Thesaurarii Garderobæ est pecuniam, jocalia eximnia regi facta recipere & recepta regis que secreta custodire, & de receptis expensarum facere rationabiles, expensarumque particulas inbreviare, & de particulis compotum reddere ad Scaccarium singulis annis in festo Sanctæ Margaretæ absque sacro præstando, eo quod de consilio regis est juratus, Et unde primo debet distincte & aperte compotum reddere de omnibus receptis separatim per se in uno rotulo. In alio autem rotulo de expensis coridianis de quibus Senatus audiverit compotum, simul cum Thesaurario & consocio suo. Item de necessariis expensis in quibus emptiones equorum, cariagia & plura alia continentur. Item de donis. Item de oblationibus & eleemosynis. Item de vadiis militum, Item de vadiis balistarum. Item de feodis forinsecis. Item de præstitis & accommodatis.

Compotum reddere.

De consilio regis juratus.  
Modus compotum.

¶ Item de expensis Garderobæ in quibus emptiones pannorum, pelure, cere, speru tele, & hujusmodi comprehenduntur. Item de jocalibus. Item de expensis forinsecis, in quibus diversi onerantur in compotum reddend. Item de Nunciis. Item de Falconarum.

¶ Thesaurarius autem memoratus convenire debet singulis noctibus Senatus hospitii, Camerarij Controlatorem & clericum ejus, Cofferarium, Maritima & hostiarum milites, Maritima servientem & duos hostiarum aulæ & hostiarum camerarum servientes, assessorem ferculorum, pincernam, panetrem pistorem & clericum eorundem officiorum, qui de expensis dietarum, viz. panis, vini, & cervis, pichiorum, ciphorum, salis, fructus, casei & hujusmodi respondebit.

Convenire singulis noctibus,  
Cofferarius.

¶ Item duos magistros Cocorum, lardenarum, poletarum, scutellarum, falsarum, & clericum coquinarum qui de eisdem officiis pro omnibus in eorum præsentia de expensis illius dietarum reddit rationem, quorum omnium præsentia necessaria est. Item Eleemosinarum, janitorum servientem ad custodiam summarum & caretarum deputatum & clericum de Marefcalcia cum Marefcalli fractore equorum, qui quidem clericus de expensis feni & avenarum litere fractore equorum & harnesie pro equis & caretis ac de vadiis servientum scutiferarum clericorum & garum respondebit, cuius interest scire tam de hiis qui de novo erunt ad vadium Regis, quam de vagantibus & in hiis vadia minuere & augere. Vadia autem absentibus sine speciali præcepto regis nisi obsequio regis fuerint minime conceduntur, præsentia autem Coronatoris

Magistri Cocorum  
Clericus Coquinarum.

regis

Regis necessaria erit in pleno compoto, compoti auditores super foro frumenti & avenæ instruet & edocet qualiter proclamatur in eisdem partibus per quod melius scire possint quot panes obolati fieri debent de quart' frumentum quibus omnibus congregatis audire debent expens. & rationabilem compot' illius dietæ.

¶ Marechalli aurem de superveniens debent inferiori Mar' testimonium perhibere. Hostiarius miles hostiariis aliis de numero ferculorum lardena, coco, camera, hostiario came Regis, & sic quibus alii, & sic audiat' compotus de tota dieta.

And then followeth a description of the duties of the severall officers abovesaid, worthy the reading.

The Cofferer is in Fleta called Coffrarius of the Coffer: because he should have money in his Coffer to pay wages, &c. as is aforesaid. It is enacted by the statute of 28 E. 1. cap. 2. That all Purveyours shall account in the \* household, or in the Wardrobe. Rot. Parl. 28 E. 3. nu. 34. no Purveyour arrested shall be brought before the Councill, &c. but take his remedy by the Common law. See the Third part of the Institutes, cap. Purveyours.

\* See the statutes concerning Purveyours, Anno 36 E. 3. cap. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, &c. But observe that there is left out of the print the pain on the Steward, Treasurer, Controller, and other Officers of the household at the Kings will, for not executing the statute: which omission hath made those of the Greencloth the bolder.

At that Parliament it was also enacted, that the Kings carriages should be made in as easie manner as might be, and that in the Summer, and other times convenient, as in August (which is also left out of the print.) For the Kings Carriages see Mag. Cart. cap. 21. and the exposition upon the same in the Second part of the Institutes.

For the Wardrobe, Vide 15 E. 2. Rot. per se. 1 E. 4. ca. 1. Clerk of the Wardrobe, Rot. Parl. 7 H. 7. the expences of the Kings household and Wardrobe. 1 H. 8. an Act concerning the great Wardrobe. 3 H. 8. the assignment for the Kings Wardrobe. 39 Eliz. cap. 7. Passer of the Wardrobe, whose office is accountable in the Exchequer. See W. 1. cap. 44. What issues the Kings Justices are to estreat into the Wardrobe: more of the Wardrobe, Rot. Claus. 33 E. 1. m. 3. Rot. liberationum, 11 E. 2. m. 4. To conclude, See Rot. Claus. 18 E. 4. m. 17. where it appeareth that Letters and Writings concerning matters of state, which were not fit to be made vulgar, were inrolled in the Wardrobe, and not in the Chancery, as leagues were and ought to be, as it appeareth in 19 E. 4. 6. And thus much of the Wardrobe being mentioned in Fleta.

The Officers of the Counting-house never held plea of any thing.

Artic. sup. Cart.  
cap. 2.

\* Countingh. use  
having the  
Greencloth.

Rot. Parl. 28 E. 3.  
nu. 34.

\* 36 E. 3. ca. 2, 3, 4  
&c.

Rot. Parl. 36 E. 3.  
nu. 18.

Vid. infra, cap. 26

## CAP. XX.

The Court of the Lord Steward, Treasurer, and Controller of the Kings household, concerning felony by compassing or conspiracy to kill the King, or any Lord or other of the Kings Councill, &c.

**T**hey have jurisdiction by Act of Parliament, to enquire, heare, and determine the said offence, as particularly & at large appeareth in the Third part of the Institutes, cap. Felony, by compassing, or conspiracy to kill the King, &c.

3 H. 7. cap. 14.  
3 part of the Institutes cap. Felony by compassing or conspiracy to kill the King. fol. 67.

## CAP. XXI.

The Court of the Lord Steward of the Kings house, or in his absence of the Treasurer, and Controller of the Kings house, and Steward of the Marshalsea.

**T**hey have jurisdiction by Act of Parliament to enquire of, hear, and determine all Treasons, Disruption of treasons, Murders, Manslaughters, Bloodshed, and other malicious strikings, whereby blood shall be shed in any of the Palaces and houses of the King, or in any other house where the King in his Royall Person shall be abiding. And by that Act the limits and bounds of the Kings Palaces or house, or the house where the Royall Person is abiding, are particularly and expressly set forth and described. In this and like cases we refer you to the statute it selfe, for Compendia sunt dispendia.

33 H. 8. cap. 12.  
See the statute for the trial and manner of proceeding.  
Rastall pl. 124.  
See the third part of the Institutes, cap. Misprision. fol. 229.  
\* Vide 28 ca. 12.

## CAP. XXII.

The Court of the Admiralty proceeding  
according to the Civill Law.*Articuli Admiralitatis.*

*Articuli Admiralitatis.*  
The Articles of the Admiralty & The Proces and proceedings in this Court are in the name of the Lord Admirall.

The complaint of the Lord Admirall of England to the Kings most Excellent Majesty against the Judges of the Realme, concerning Prohibitions granted to the Court of the Admiralty 11 *die Febr. penultimo die termini Hilarii, Anno 8 Jac. Regis*: The effect of which complaint was after by his Majesties commandement set downe in Articles by Doctor *Dun* Judge of the Admiralty; which are as followeth, with answers to the same by the Judges of the Realme: which they afterwards confirmed by three kindes of authorities in law. 1. By Acts of Parliament. 2. By Judgements and judiciall proceedings: and lastly, by Book cases.

*The Title of the Complaint.*

Certaine grievances whereof the Lord Admirall and his Officers of the Admiralty do especially complain, and desire redresse.

1 *Objection.*

**T**hat whereas the comufance of all contracts and other things done upon the Sea belongeth to the Admirall jurisdiction, the same are made triable at the Common Law, by supposing the same to have been done in Cheapside, and such places.

*The Answer.*

By the lawes of this Realm the Court of the Admirall hath no comufance, power, or jurisdiction of any manner of contract, plea, or querele within any County of the Realm, either upon the land or the water: but every such contract, plea, or querele, and all other things rising within any County of the Realm, either upon the land or the water, and also Wreck of the sea ought to be tried, determined, discussed, and remedied by the lawes of the land, and not before, or by the Admirall nor his Lieutenant in any manner. So as it is not mater tall whether the place be upon the water *infra fluxum & refluxum aquæ*: but whether it be upon any water within any County. Wherefore we acknowledge that of contracts, pleas, and querels made upon the sea, or any part thereof which is not within any County (from whence no triall can be had by twelve men) the Admirall hath, and ought to have jurisdiction. And no president can be shewed that any Prohibition hath been granted for any contract, plea, or querele concerning any marine cause made or done upon the sea, taking that only to be the sea wherein the Admirall hath jurisdiction, which is before by law described to be out of any County. See more of this matter in the Answer to the sixth Article.

The description and limitation of the (Sea) wherein the Lord Admirall hath jurisdiction.

2 *Objection.*

When Actions are brought in the Admiralty upon bargains and contracts made beyond the seas, wherein the Common law cannot administer justice, yet in these cases Prohibitions are awarded against the Admirall Court.

*The Answer.*  
See hereafter in the proofs by Judgements and judiciall presidents.

Bargains or contracts made beyond the seas wherein the Common law cannot administer justice (which is the effect of this Article) do belong to the Constable and Marshall: for the jurisdiction of the Admirall is wholly confined to the sea, which is out of any County. But if any Indenture, Bond, or other Specialty, or any contract be made beyond sea for doing of any act or payment of any money within this Realm, or otherwise, wherein the Common law can administer

minister justice, and give ordinary remedy; In these cases neither the Constable and Marshall, nor the Court of the Admiralty hath any jurisdiction. And therefore when this Court of the Admiralty hath dealt therewith in derogation of the Common law, we finde that Prohibitions have been granted, as by law they ought.

Whereas time out of minde the Admirall Court hath used to take stipulations for appearance and performance of the Acts and Judgements of the same Court: It is now affirmed by the Judges of the Common law, that the Admirall Court is no Court of Record, and therefore not able to take such stipulations: and hereupon Prohibitions are granted to the utter overthrow of that jurisdiction.

3 *Objection.*

The Court of the Admiralty proceeding by the Civill law is no Court of Record, and therefore cannot take any such Recognisance as a Court of Record may do. And for taking of Recognisances against the lawes of the Realme, we finde that Prohibitions have been granted, as by law they ought. And if an erroneous sentence be given in that Court, no Writ of Error, but an Appeale before certain Delegates do lye, as it appeareth by the statute of 8 Eliz. Regina, cap. 5, which proveth that it is no Court of Record.

*The Answer.*

2 *L. Ray 1280:2*  
con. *ry. coll.*

8 Eliz. cap. 5.

That Charter-parties made only to be performed upon the seas are daily withdrawn from that Court by prohibitions.

4 *Objection.*

If the Charter-party be made within any City, Port Town, or County of this Realme, although it be to be performed either upon the seas, or beyond the seas, yet is the same to be tried and determined by the ordinary course of the Common law, and not in the Court of the Admiralty. And therefore when that Court hath inroched upon the Common law in that case, the Judge of the Admiralty and party suing there have been prohibited, and oftentimes the party condemned in great and grievous damages by the lawes of the Realme.

*The Answer.*

That the Clause of Non obstante lawes, which hath foundation in his Majesties Prerogative, and is currant in all other grants, yet in the Lord Admirals Patent is said to be of no force to warrant the determination of the causes committed to him in his Lordships Patent, and so rejected by the Judges of the Common law.

5 *Objection.*

Without all question the statutes of 13 R. 2. cap. 3. 15 R. 2. cap. 5. and 2 H. 4. cap. 11. being statutes declaring the jurisdiction of the Court of the Admirall, and wherein all the subjects of the Realme have interest, cannot be dispensed with by any Non obstante, and therefore not worthy of any answer: but by colour thereof, the Court of the Admiralty hath contrary to those Acts of Parliament inroched upon the jurisdiction of the Common law, to the intolerable grievance of the subjects, which hath oftentimes urged them to complain in your Majesties Courts of ordinary Justice at Westminster. for their relief in that behalf.

*The Answer.*

13 R. 2. cap. 3.

15 R. 2. cap. 5.

2 H. 4. cap. 11.

To the end that the Admirall jurisdiction may receive all manner of impeachment and interruption, the Rivers beneath the first Bridges, where it ebberth and floweth, and the Ports and Creeks are by the Judges of the Common law affirmed to be no part of the seas, nor within the Admirall jurisdiction: and thereupon Prohibitions are usually awarded upon actions depending in that Court, for Contracts and other things done in those places; notwithstanding that by use and practise time out of mind, the Admirall Court have had jurisdiction within such Ports, Creeks, and Rivers.

6 *Objection.*

The like answer as to the first. And it is further added, that for the death of a man, and of mayhem (in those two cases only) done in great ships, being and hovering in the maine streame only beneath the points of the same Rivers nigh to the sea, and no other place of the same rivers, nor in other causes, but in those two only, the Admirall hath cognisance. But for all contracts, pleas, and querrels made or done upon a river, Haven, or Creek, within any County of this Realme, the Admirall without question hath not any jurisdiction, for then he should hold plea of things done within the body of the County, which are triable by verdict of twelve men, and merely determinable by the Common law, and not

*The Answer.*

within the Court of the Admiralty according to the Civil law. For that were to change and alter the laws of the Realm in those cases, & make those contracts, pleas, and querrels triable by the Common laws of the Realm to be drawn ad aliud examen, and to be sentenced by the Judge of the Admiralty according to the Civil laws. And how dangerous and penall it is for them to deal in these cases, it appeareth by judicall presidents of former ages. See the answer to the first Article.

*The 7. Object.* That the agreement made in Anno domini 1575, between the Judges of the Kings Bench and the Court of the Admiralty for the more quiet and certain execution of Admirall jurisdiction is not observed as it ought to be.

*The Answer.* The supposed agreement mentioned in this Article hath not as yet been delibered unto us, but having heard the same read over before his Majesty (out of a paper not subscribed with the hand of any Judge) we answer, that for so much thereof as differeth from these answers, it is against the laws and statutes of this Realm: and therefore the Judges of the Kings Bench never assented thereunto, as is pretended, neither doth the phrase thereof agree with the terms of the laws of the Realm.

*The 8. Object.* Many other grievances there are, which in discussing of these former wil easily appear worthy also of reformation.

*The Answer.* This Article is so generall, as no particular answer can be made thereunto, only that it appeareth by that which hath been said, that the Lord Admirall his Officers and Ministers principally by colour of the said void Non obstante, and for want of learned advice have unjustly incroached upon the Common laws of this Realm, whereof the marvail is the lesse, for that the Lord Admirall, his Lieutenants, Officers, and Ministers have without all colour incroached and intruded upon a right and prerogative due to the Crown, in that they have seized, and converted to their own uses goods and chattels of infinite value taken by Pirats at Sea, and other goods and chattels which in no sort appertain unto his Lordship by his Letters Patents, wherein the said Non obstante is contained, and for the which he and his Officers remain accountable to his Majesty. And they now wanting in this blessed time of peace causes appertaining to their naturall jurisdiction, they now incroach upon the jurisdiction of the Common-law, lest they should sit idle and reap no profit. And if a greater number of prohibitions (as they affirm) hath been granted since the great benefit of this happy peace, then before in time of hostility, it moveth from their own incroachments upon the jurisdiction of the Common law. So as they do not only unjustly incroach, but complain also of the Judges of the Realm for doing of justice in these cases.

Touthing our proceedings in granting of prohibitions concerning any of the said Articles, two things are to be considered of. First, the matter; and secondly, the manner. For the matter nothing hath been done therein by your Majesties Courts at Westminster, but by good warrant of law and former judicall president. And for the manner, we have granted none in the time of Vacation, nor in the Term time in any of our Chambers, nor in the Court in the Terme time *ex officio*, but upon motion made in open Court by learned Councill, and after a day prefixed, and warning given to the adverse party, and upon reading of the Libell in open Court, and hearing of the Councill learned of such of the parties as were warned and did attend.

The said answers are proved and confirmed (as is aforesaid) by three kind of Authorities in law. First, by Authority of the High Courts of Parliament. Secondly, by Judgments and judicall presidents. Thirdly, by Book-cases, and the authority of our Books.

¶ 1 By Acts  
of Parliament,  
13 R. 2. cap. 5.

Concerning the Acts of Parliament: It is enacted by the statute made in 13 R. 2. ca. 5. That the Admirals and their Deputies shall not meddle from henceforth with any thing done within the Realm of England, but only with things done upon the sea, according to that which hath been duly used in the time of the Noble King Edward Grandfather of King R. 2. By the which it is manifest, that



that the jurisdiction of the Court of Admiralty is only confined to things done upon the sea, which the adverse party yielded, but claimeth by a colour of a Non obstante, &c. which is utterly void, as hath been said.

By the statute of 15 R.2. cap.3. it is enacted and declared, That the Court of the Admirall hath no manner of conuſance, power nor jurisdiction of any manner of contract, plea or querell, or of any other thing done or rising within the bodies of the Counties, either by land or by water, and also of wreck of the sea, but all such manner of contracts, pleas, and querels, and all other things rising within the bodies of the Counties as well by land as by water, as is aforesaid, and also wreck of the sea shall be tried, terminated, discussed, and remedied by the laws of the land, and not before, nor by the Admirall nor his Lieutenant in no manner. Nevertheless of the death of a man, and of a mayhem done in great ships, being and hovering in the main stream of the great rivers only beneath the points of the same rivers, and in no other place of the same rivers, the Admirall shall have conuſance. This latter clause giveth the Admirall further jurisdiction in case of death and mayhem, (with neither of which we ever medled) but in all other happening within the Thames, or in any other River, Port, or water, which are within any County of the Realm, (as all Rivers and Havens be, as hereafter shall manifestly appear) by expresse words of this Act of Parliament, the Admirall or his Deputy hath no jurisdiction at all. Wherein it is to be observed, how curious the makers of this statute were to exclude the Admirall of all manner of jurisdiction within any water which lyeth within any County of the Realm.

15 R.c.ca.3.

Nota, the Lord Admirall hath greater jurisdiction in case of the death of a man, and mayhem, then in other cases.

The statute of 2 H.4. cap.11. enacteth, That the said Act of 13 R.2. cap. 5. be firmly holden and kept, and put in due execution, and further at the prayer of the Commons that as touching a pain to be set upon the Admirall or his Lieutenant, that the statute and Common law shall be holden against them, and the party grieved shall recover his double dammages. By which Act it appeareth, that the statute of 13 R.2. is but an affirmance of the Common law, as shall also manifestly appear hereafter.

2 H.4.cap.11.

Which three Acts cannot be dispensed withall by a Non obstante, as hath been said before, but remain in full force, and hath been put in due execution in all ages.

The statute of 27 Eliz. cap.11. describeth particularly the limits of the Lord Admirals jurisdiction in these words. All and every such of the said offences before mentioned, as hereafter shall be done on the main sea, or coasts of the sea, being no part of the body of any County of this Realm, and without the precinct, jurisdiction and liberty of the Cinque ports, and out of any Haven or Pier, shall be tried and determined before the Lord Admirall, &c. So as by the judgment of the whole Parliament the jurisdiction of the Lord Admirall is wholly confined to the main sea, or Coasts of the sea being no parcell of the body of any County of this Realm.

27 El. cap. 11.

5 El. cap. 5.

And by these four Acts of Parliament all the said objections that have been made, or can be made against the proceedings of the Kings Courts at Westminster (being grounded on the same) are fully answered. And we will conclude this first part with the saying of God himselfe. Almighty God (as he himself out of a whirlwind spake) hath shut up the sea within certain dozes and bounds, Quis conclusit ostia maris, quando erumpebat, quasi de vulva procedens: circumdedit illud terminis meis, & posui vectem & ostia, & dixi, Usque huc venies, & non procedes amplius, & hic confringentes fluctus ejus.

Job 38.8, 10, 11.

Concerning the second kind of proof, viz. by Judgments and judiciaall presidents, every of them in all successions of ages in serie temporis, taking some in every age for many that might be cited.

¶ 2. *By Judgements & judicial presidents.*

Register Origin. fo. 129. F.N.B. 114. If goods be taken from an English man in Spina beyond the Sea, and the party cannot obtain justice there, he shall have a writ to the Sherif to arrest the body of the offenders, and to seise of their goods to the value: which proveth that the Admirall cannot hold plea thereof, for that the

Regist. Origin. fo. 129. F.N.B. 114.

the party hath remedy by the Common law, and the Admirals power is only Super altum mare.

Hil. 6 H. 6.  
Rot. 303 in Banc.

In Portu.

Hil. 6 H. 6. Rot. 303. In the Court of Common pleas between John Burton Plaintiff, and Bartholomew Put Defendant, the case was this upon the said statutes. The said Bartholomew sued the said John Burton in the Admirall Court before Thomas Duke of Greter then Admirall of England, for that the said John Burton with force and arms the second day of September, anno 1 H. 6. three ships of the said Bartholomew with his prisoners and merchandizes to the value of 960, marks, 5. s. 5. d. ob. in the same ships being did take and carry away, supposing by his libell the same to be taken away, super altum mare, upon the high Sea. Although the taking aforesaid was infra corpus Comitatus in Bristow (the said ships lying in the Haven of Bristow) and not upon the high Sea, contrary to the form and effect of the said statutes; the parties descended to an issue, which was found for the Plaintiff and damages assessed for the Plaintiff to 700. l. And it appeareth by the Record, that this being the first case that we can yet find that received judgment in the Court of Common pleas upon the said statutes, the same depended in advisement and deliberation eight Terms: and then the record saith, Et super hoc audito tam recordo quam veredicto predicto, & per Curiam plenius intellect': Consideratum est quod prad' Johannes Burton recuperet vers' prad' Bartholomæum damna sua predicta occasione attachiamenti, prosecutionis, & vexationis, quam misarum & custagiorum ad septingentas libras per Juratores prad' superius assess' in duplum per statutum, &c. quæ damna in duplo se extendunt ad mille & 400. l. & idem Barth, pœnam decem librarum erga dominum regem nunc per idem statut' incurrat, & capiatur, & querens remittit 400. l. Upon which Judgment four things are to be observed. First, that it is contemporanea expositio, being made within twenty years of the making of one of the said statutes, and contemporanea expositio est optima. Secondly, that albeit the said three ships with the prisoners and merchandizes in them lay in the Haven, inter fluxam & refluxum aquæ, and infra primos pontes, yet that the Haven is infra corpus Comitatus, and that for taking of the ships & the prisoners, and merchandizes in the same no suit ought to be in the Admirall Court, but at the Common law. Thirdly, that the Court of Admiralty hath no jurisdiction but Super altum mare, which is not within any County, for the Record saith, that the said three ships with the prisoners and merchandize in the same, did lye infra Comitatus Bristoliæ, & non super altum mare, as the Plaintiff in the Admirall Court supposed the same to be. Lastly, that judgment so solemnly, and with such advisement given, if it were alone, were sufficient to give full satisfaction in this point: for Judicium est tanquam juris dictum, and Judicium pro veritate accipitur. But to proceed.

Pasch. 12 H. 6.  
Rot. 124. in banc.

In Portu.

Pasch. 12 H. 6. Rot. 124. a like action brought by Robert Cupper upon the said statutes in the Court of Common pleas (reciting the said three statutes) against John Rayner of Norwich, for that the said Rayner did sue the said Cupper in the Court of Admiralty before John Councee of Huntingdon and Ivery Lieutenant to John Duke of Bedford Admirall of England, for that Rayner having a ship In Portu aquæ Jernemuthæ infra corpus Com' Norff. ready for a Voyage to Zealand, the said Cupper entred the said ship lying in the said Haven, and took away divers goods in the same being, asserendo per predictum placitum res illas super altum mare emeruisse, ac si res illæ super altum mare emerissent, cum non ibidem apud Jernemutham contra formam statutorum prad', which also proveth that the Haven is within the body of the County.

In the same Terme in the same Court a like action between John Widdewell and the said John Rayner, Rot. 123, which with many others being to one effect we omit.

a Mich. 31 H. 6.  
Rot. 315. in banc.  
Hil. 2 Ph. & Mar.  
Rot. 130. Cr. a  
prohibition upon  
a charter-party.  
Hil. 17 Eliz. Rot.  
410. Cr. Spencers  
case, and infinite  
others upon  
Charter-parties.

a Mich. 31 H. 6. Rot. 315: between William Hore, and Jeffery Unton for a suit in the Court of Admiralty before Henry Duke of Greter, Admirall of England, concerning a contract of fourscore pounds upon a Charter-party of affraight of a ship of the said Jeffery called the Trinity of Warfield to goe from the Port of

Pole

Pole towards the parts of Iseland, cum contractus ille apud novam Sarum infra corpus Comitatus, & non super altum mare factus et junctus fuit, contra formam Statutorum præd'. The Defendant pleaded to issue, which was found against him, and damages assessed to a hundred marks, and costs to forty pound: and thereupon judgment is given by the Court, that he should recover his damages in duplo, according to the Statute, &c. Which judgment directly proveth, that if a Charter-party or any other contract be made within City, Town, or County of the Realm, though the performance thereof be to be done and performed upon the high Sea, yet the Admirall hath no jurisdiction, because it may be tried by the Common law, as by the said Record it appeareth. But where the whole is to be done super altum mare, and no part of it infra corpus Comitatus, the Admirall hath jurisdiction.

The Statute of 32 H. 8. c. 14. Concerning freights of Ships giveth to the Lord Admirall or his Deputy power to make Certificate concerning the Ships of Aliens in Ports, &c. And if the Lord Admirall or his Deputy be not resident, then it giveth power to the Custom and Controller, or their Deputy to make Certificate: but without question this giveth no power to the Lord Admirall to hold plea of freights of Ships more then he had before, no more then it doth to the Custom and Controller, to whom equal power is given by the Act to make Certificate concerning the Ships of Aliens, &c. in the absence of the Lord Admirall or his Deputy, as to the Lord Admirall or his Deputy being present; and yet no man will affirm, that the Custom & Controller can hold plea of freights.

32 H. 8. ca. 14.

Mich. 38 H. 6. Rot. 36. c. 1. A Premunire brought by John Cassy Esquire, Qui tam, &c. against Richard Beuchamp, Thomas Paunce Esquires, and others upon the Statute of 16 R. 2. for suing in Curia Romana vel alibi, of matters belonging to the Common law. For that the Defendant did sue the Plaintiff in the Admirall Court before Henry Duke of Excester, that the said John Cassy did take and carry away certain Jewels super altum mare, ubi idem Johannes Cassy bona illa apud Stratford at Bowe infra corpus Comitatus Midd' & non super altum mare cepit, which is so evident, and of so dangerous consequent, as no application shall be made thereof.

Mich. 38 H. 6.  
Rot. 36. c. 1.

In the book of Entries fo. 23. tit. Admiralty, it appeareth that the taking of a Ship called the Trinity of London lying upon the River at E. in the County of Kent is not super altum mare, but infra corpus Comitatus Cantix. And therefore a suit for the taking of that Ship lying there in the Admirall Court before John Earl of Huntingdon Admirall of England appeareth to be against the said Statutes, and yet no question that taking was infra fluxum & refluxum maris, & infra primos pontes.

Book of Entries.  
fo. 23.

9 H. 7. A Premunire brought for a suit in the Admirall Court before John Earl of Oxford for taking and carrying away quendam naviculam apud Horton Key at Southlyn, &c. supposing the same to be super altum mare, where it was infra corpus Comitatus.

Book of Entries.  
ubi supra.

Mich. 16 H. 8. Rot. 140. The River of Thames at Belingsgate is not within the jurisdiction of the Admirall, but infra corpus Comitatus.

Mich. 16 H. 8.  
Rot. 140.

35 H. 8. A prohibition to John Dudley Knight, Viscount Lisle for holding plea in the Court of Admiralty for a contract made in Rivo Thamesia, supposing the same to be super altum mare, where in truth it was in Rivo Thamesia apud B. in Com' Essex, which notwithstanding was infra fluxum & refluxum aquæ, & infra primos pontes.

Book of Entries.  
Ubi supra.

Hil. 36 H. 8. Rot. 38. c. 1. The like prohibition inter Wheler & VVarner, Eodem termino Rot. Inter Tooly & Lewes, a prohibition for a contract made at Dansike, in partibus transmarinis. And in 2 Jac. Regis, the whole Court of Common pleas, because the libell supposed the Act to be done in partibus exteris & transmarinis, granted a prohibition.

Hil. 36 H. 8.  
Rot. 38. c. 1.

Trin 38 H. 8. Rot. 126. between Crane and Bella promise made at Dertmouth, that a Ship called the Mary Fortune should passe safely without taking and surprizing, &c. which Ship was after taken by the Spanyards super altum mare

Hil. 2 Jac. Regis.  
In communi Banc.  
Int' Theodor Tom.  
linson Laer' &  
Philips Def.  
Tr. 38 H. 8. Rot.  
126.

is not determinable in the Court of the Admiralty, for that albeit the taking was upon the high Sea, yet the promise was made upon the land, whereupon an action doth lye at the Common law.

Tr. 3 & 4 Ph. & Mar. Rot. 709. in Banco.

Tr. 3 & 4 Ph. & Mar. Rot. 709. between Lawrence Masherode, and Richard VVyn, a prohibition out of the Court of Common pleas to the Court of the Admiralty, VVilliam Lord Howard then Lord Admirall being.

Eodem Termino Rot. 111. in Banc.

Tr. 3 & 4 Ph. & Mar. Rot. 811. the like prohibition granted out of the same Court to the Court of Admiralty between Robert Inne Plaintiff, and Roger Garland Defendant.

Hil. 4 & 5 P. & M. Rot. 831.

Hil. 4 & 5 Ph. & Mar. Rot. 831. the like prohibition.

Many are the presidents in the reign of the late Queen Eliz. in the Court of Common pleas, the Kings Bench and Erchequer, which we purposely omit, and insist rather upon the moze ancient, yet one or two we will remember concerning things happenling beyond Sea, whereupon an action did lye at the Common law agreeable with the president in the reign of H. 8.

Mich. 39 & 40 El. Rot. 3158.

Mich. 39 & 40 Eliz. Rot. 3158. A prohibition out of the Court of Common pleas for a suit in the Admirall Court upon a bill under the parties hand and seal for French crowns, for that the bill was made beyond Sea.

Mich. 3 Jac. in Scaccar'.

And Mich. 3 Jac. a prohibition was granted in the like case to the Admirall Court by the Court of Erchequer, for Sir Iohn Swinarton having the priviledge of that Court for a matter rising beyond the Sea. And others prohibitions granted also in the like case in the Kings Bench.

See in the Chapt. of the Court of the Constable, and Marshall. § 3. By book-cases and authorities in law. Temps E. 1. A. vovry 192. In Communi banc.

For causes of actions which are transitory done out of the Realm, an action may lye at the Common law, but if the cause be criminall or locall done beyond Sea, then before the Constable and Marshall only.

Concerning the last manner of proof, viz. by Book-cases and authorities of our books.

In the Register the most ancient book of the law, fo. F. N. B. fo. 87. I. & 88. F.

In Temps E. 1. Tit. Avowry 192. a Replevyn was brought for the taking of a ship in the Coast of Scarborough in the Sea, and for carrying the same from thence into the County of N. Muford the Plaintiff counteth of a taking in the Coast of Scarborough, which is neither town nor place, out of which a Jury may be taken, for that the Coast is four miles long, and also of a thing done in the Sea, this Court hath no consulance, for certain judgment is given thereof to Mariners. Berry Chief Justice of the Common place; the King willeth, that the peace be as well kept on the Sea, as on the land, and we find that you are come hither by due processe, and therefore ruled him to answer. Out of which four things are to be observed. First, that it is called the Sea which is not within any County from whence a Jury may come. Secondly, that the Sea (being not within any County) is not within the jurisdiction of the Court of Common pleas, but belongs to the Admirall jurisdiction. Thirdly, that when the ship came within the River, then it is confessed to be within the County of Northumberland. Lastly, that when a taking is partly on the Sea, and partly in a River, the Common law shall have jurisdiction.

8 E. 2. tit. Coron. 399.

8 E. 2. tit. Coron. 399. It is no part of the Sea, where one may see what is done of the one part of the water, and of the other, as to see from one land to the other, that the Coroner shall exercise his office in this case, and of this the Country may have knowledge; whereby it appeareth that things done there are triable by the Country (that is, by Jury) and consequently not in the Admirall Court.


43 E. 3. Vid. 5 E. 3. 3. Tit. Replevin. 41.

43 E. 3. Norff. as the said Lord Dier voucheth the Record in Mich. 15 & 16 El. saying (quod vidi) the case was, that the Abbot of Ramsey was seised of the mannor of Wyancaster in Norf. bordering upon the Sea, upon sixty acres of marsh of which mannor the Sea did flow and reflow; and yet it was adjudged parcell of the Abbots mannor, and by consequence within the body of the County unto the low water mark.

Pasch 17 El. in scaccario.

And it was adjudged Pasch, 17 El. in the Erchequer, Diggs being Plaintiff, that

that the land between the flowing and reflowing of the sea belonged to the Lord of the Mannor adjoining, as the Lord Dier doth there report.

48 E. 3. 3. If a mariner makes a covenant with me to serve me in a ship upon the sea, yet si lower ne soit pay, it shall be demanded in this Court by the Common law, & ne per la ley de mariner. 48 E. 3. 3. 

46 E. 3. tit. Conusans 36. An Action of trespassse was brought for taking of a ship in the haven of Hull against certain persons; the Mayor and Bailiffes of Hull demanded conusance by the Charter of the King granted unto them, that the Citizens and Burgessees of Hull should not be impleaded alibi de aliquibus transgressionibus, conventionibus & contractibus infra burgum, &c. quam infra burgum. And the Conusans was granted; which proveth that the Haven of Hull where the ship did ride was infra Burgum de Hull, and by consequence Infra corpus comitatus, and determinable by the Common law, and not in the Admirall Court. 46 E. 3. tit. Conusans 36.

7 R. 2. tit. trespassse in Stathom pl. 54. In trespassse for a ship and certain merchandize taken away (which trespassse must of necessity be alledged in some Town and County in some River or Haven) the defendant pleaded, that he did take them In le haut mere ove les Normans queux sont enemies le roy. And it is ruled a good plea, which concurrerth with the other books. 7 R. 2. Trespassse in Stathom pl. 54


7 H. 6. 22. 35. An Action lieth at the Common law for forestalling, &c. in a Port or Haven, for that it is infra corpus comitatus, and triable by the Common law, and by consequence the Admirall hath no jurisdiction there. 7 H. 6. 22. 35.

19 H. 6. 7. The statute doth restraine that the Admirall shall not hold plea of any thing rising within any of the Counties of the Realm, but executions he may make upon the land. And therefore where it is said in 22 Ass. pl. 93. that every water, which flows and reflows, is an arme of the sea, yet it followeth not that the Admirall shall have jurisdiction there, unlesse it be out of every County, or else such a place whereof the countrey cannot take knowledge, as it appeareth in the book of 8 E. 2. before cited. But of this more hereafter. 19 H 6. 7.

Fortescue cap. 32. fo. 38. Nam si quæ super altum mare extra corpus cujuslibet comitatus regni illius fiant quæ postmodum in placito coram Admirallo Angliæ deducantur per testes, illa juxta legum Angliæ Sanctiones terminari debent, which proveth by expresse words that the jurisdiction of the Admirall is confined to the high sea, which is not within any County of the Realm. 22 Ass. p. 93.

2 R. 2. fo. 12. Hibernici sunt sub Admirallo Angliæ de re facta super altum mare, which agreeth with the former, viz. that the jurisdiction of the Admirall is super altum mare. Fortesc. cap. 32. fo. 38.

Stanford lib. 1. pl. cor. fo. 51. b. If one be slaine upon any arme of the sea, where a man may see the land of the one part and of the other, the Coroner shall inquire of this, and not the Admirall, because the Country may take conusance of it, and doth vouch the said authority of 8 E. 2. whereupon he concludeth in these words. So this proveth, that by the Common law before the statute of 2 H. 4. &c. the Admirall had no jurisdiction but upon the high sea, which only authority were sufficient to overrule all the said questions. For hereby appeareth, that the jurisdiction of the Admirall is only confined by the Common law to the high sea, and agreeth with all the former Book cases and Acts of Parliament. 2 R. 3. 12.

4 & 5 Ph. & Mar. Dier 159. b. By the Libell in the Admirall Court the cause is supposed to commence *Sur le haut mere* & infra jurisdictionem del Admiralty ubi revera facta fuit in tali loco infra corpus comitatus & non super altum mare. Whereby it also appeareth, that the Lord Admirals power is confined to the high sea. Stanf. pl. cor. fo. 51. b. 

Pasch. 28 Eliz. in the Kings Bench the case was, that a charter-party by deed indented, was made at Thetford in the County of Norfolk, between Evangelist Constantine of the one party, & Hugh Gynne of the other part, by the which Constantine did covenant with Gynne that a certain ship should saile with merchandizes and goods of Hugh Gynne to Puttrel in Spaine, and there should remain by certain dayes, &c. Upon the breach of which Covenant Gynne brought an 4 & 5 Ph. & Mar. Dier 159. b.

Action of debt of 500 li. upon a clause in the same Charter, and alledged the breach of the Covenant, so that the ship did not remain at Hutterel in Spaine by so many dayes as were limited by the Covenant. Whereupon issue was taken and tried before Sir Christopher Wray Chief Justice of England, and found for the plaintife: and in arrest of judgement it was shewed, that this issue did rise out of a place totally and meerly in a forein Kingdome out of the Realme, from whence no Jury of twelve men could come, and therefore the triall was insufficient. But it was adjudged by Sir Christopher Wray, Sir Thomas Gawdy, and the whole Court of Kings Bench after great deliberation that the plaintife should recover 500 li. besides his damages and costs, so that the Charter party whereupon the action is brought was made at Thetford within this Realme, and that the triall being in the same place where the action was brought, was sufficient.

Mich. 30 & 31  
Eliz. coram Rege



And the like case was after adjudged in the same Court, Mich. 30 & 31 Eliz. in an action upon the case upon an Assumpsit grounded upon an instrument called a Policy, commonly made between merchants for assurance of their goods, where by the undertaker did assume that such a ship should saile from Welcome Regis in the County of Dorset unto Abville in France safely without violence, &c. and declared that the said ship in sailing towards Abville, that is to say, in the River of Somme in the Realme of France was arrested by the French King, &c. whereupon issue was taken & tried, where the action upon the Assumpsit was brought, and againe the validity of the triall newly questioned, and in the end resolved and adjudged as before: which judgement proves, that where part of the contract or other thing is made in any place within any of the Countiees of the Realm, though the performance thereof be upon the high sea, the triall and determination of the whole Act belongeth to the Common law, and consequently the Court of the Admiralty ought not to deale therewith.

These answers being delivered to King James, magna est veritas & praevaluit.

¶ The Kings  
Prerogative of  
the sea, &c.

¶ The Antiquity  
of the Court  
of Admiralty  
long before the reign of E. 3. in whose dayes some have dreamed it began, \* In Archivis in Turri London.

Now for the great prerogative and interest that the King of England hath in the seas of England, and for the antiquity of the Court of the Admiralty of England, and of the name of the Admirall, we have seen an ancient and a notable Record, intituled, De superioritate maris Angliæ & jure officii Admiralitatis in eodem. \* So much whereof as we finde in Archivis regis, we will transcribe de verbo in verbum, as it is in the Record it self.

This cause was handled in or about the 22 year of E. 1. as by divers parts of the Record it appeareth.  
Admirall of the Sea of England.

Time out of  
minde.

Lawes, Statutes,  
and Oidinances.

*A vous Seigneurs Auditors Deputes per le Rois de Engleterre & de France a redresser les damages faits as gents de leur Roialmes & des auters terres subgits a leur seignuries per mer & per terre en temps de pees & de trewes. Monstrent les procurours de Prelats & Nobles, & del Admirall de la mier d'Engleterre & de Cominalties des Cities & des Villes, & des Merchants, Mariners, Messagiers, & pelerins & des touts aultres du dit Roialme d'Engleterre & des aultres terres subgits a la seignurie du dit Roy d'Engleterre & daillours sicome de la marine de Genuë, Cataloigne, Espaigne, Alemaigne, Seland, Hoyland, Frise, Denemarch, & Norway & de plusours aultres lieux del Empier, que come les roys d'Englittere per raison du dit Roialme du temps dont il ny ad memoire du contrarie eussent este en paiceable possession de la souveraigne Seignurie de la mier d'Englittere & des Isles esteants en ycele per ordinance et establicement des lois, estatuts, et defenses et des vesseaux autrement garnies que vesseaux de merchandise et de seurte prendre & sauue gardes doner en tous cas que mestier serra & par ordinance entre tout manere des gents taunt dautre signurie come de leur propre de tous*

tous aultres faitz necessaries a la garde de pees, droiture & equitie par  
 elonques passants & per souveraigne garde & toute manere de conissance  
 & Justice haulte & basse sur les dites lois, estatuts, ordenances & defen-  
 ces, & pur tous autres faits queux a le gouvernement de souveraigne Seig-  
 nurie appertener purrent es lieux avandits. Et A de B Admirall de la  
 dit mier deutey per le roy d'Engliture, & tous les aultres Admirals par  
 mesme celus Roy d'Engliture & ces ancesters iades royes d'Engliture eussent  
 este en paisible possession de la dit souveraigne garde ove la conissance &  
 Justice & tous les aultres appurtenances avantditz forprise en case dap-  
 pele & de querele fait de eux a lour souveraignes roys d'Engliture de de-  
 falte de droit ou de malvais judgement, & especialment pur emphechement  
 metre & justice faire seurte prendre de la pees de tout manere de gents  
 usants armes en la dit mier ou menans niefs aultrement apparreilles ou  
 garnies que nappertient au nief de marchants & en tous aultres points  
 en queux homme poit avoir reasonable cause de suspicion vers eux de  
 robbery, ou des aultres mesfaitz. Et come le maistre de Niefs du dit  
 roialme d'Engliture en absence des dits Admirals eussent este en paisible  
 possession de conustre & juger des tous faits en la dite mier entre tous  
 manere de gents selone les lois estatuts & les defenses, franchises & cu-  
 stumes.

Et come en le primer article de lalliance nadgaires faite entre les di-  
 tes Rois en les traites sur le darreine pees de Paris soient comprises les  
 paroles que sensuient en une sedule annexe a yceste.

Primerment il est traite & accorde entre nous & les messagers & les pro-  
 curours de surdiz en nom des dits Roys que yceux Roys serront lun a  
 lautre desores en avant bons verrois & loyaux amyes & eydans countre  
 tout homme sauue Lesglise de Rome en tiels manere que si ascun ou plu-  
 sours quicunques ilz fuissent voloient deponticer, empescher, ou troubler les  
 dits Roys en franchises & liberties, priviledges es droits, es droitures, ou  
 es custumes de eux & de lour roialmes quils serront bons & loyaux amys  
 & aydans countre toute homme que puisse venire & morir a defendre,  
 gardir & maintenir les franchises, les liberties, les privileges, les droitz,  
 les droitures, et les custumes de susdites, except le dit Roy d'Engliture  
 Monsieur Iohn Duc de Breban en Brabant & ses heires descendus de lui  
 & de la fille le Roy dengliture, & except pur le dit nostre seignior le  
 Roy de France excellent Prince Dubert Roy d'Alemaigne ses heires Roy  
 d'Alemaigne, et Mounseur Iohan Counte de Henan en Henan, et que lun  
 ne serra en consaile ne en aide ou lautre perde vie, membre, estate ne ho-  
 nour temporel. Monsieur Reymer Grimbald maistre de la navie du dit Roy  
 de France que se dit estre Admirall de la dit mier deutey per son Seig-  
 nior avantdit pur sa guerre contre les Flemings apres le dite alliance  
 faite & affirmee contre le forme & la force de mesme lalliance & lin-  
 tention de ceux qui la firent lofficel del Admirall en la dite mier Dengli-  
 tere par commission du dit Roy de France torseusement emprist & usa un  
 an & plus en pernant le gents & marchants du roialme d'Engliture  
 & daillours per la dite mier passants ovesque leur biens & les  
 gents ainsi prises livera a la prison de son dit seignior le Roy  
 de France leur biens & marchandizes a les rescievors per mesme  
 celuy roy de France a ceo deutey en les ports de son dit roialme come  
 a luy forfait et acquis fist amener per son judgement et agard, & la

De Botertort,  
 Admirall of the  
 Sea.

Note for the an-  
 tiquity of the  
 Admirall of Eng-  
 land. The said  
 De Botertort  
 was Admirall of  
 the sea coasting  
 upon Yarmouth  
 in Norfolk (right  
 over against  
 France) and of  
 that station in  
 Anno 22 E. 1.

The league be-  
 tween E. 1. and  
 the French King.

Margaret the  
 third daughter  
 of E. 1. was mar-  
 ried to Iohn the  
 Duke of Brabant  
 An. Dom. 1290.  
 & 18 E. 1.

Monsieur Reymer  
 Grimbald Master  
 of the French  
 Navie.

prise et detenue des dites gents ove leur dites biens et marchandises & son dit juggement, et agard sur la forfaiture de eaux et acquest ait justifie devant vous seigneurs Auditors en escripts per my l'autorite de sa dite commission sur l'Admiralte avantdite per lui ainsi usurpe & per une defense comunement fait per le Roy d'Engliture per my son poer lelonc la forme de le tiers article de lalliance avantdite qui contient les paroles desuscripts en requerant que de ceo il en fuisse quitz & absoluts en grand damage & prejudice du dite Roy d'Engliture & des Prelats & Nobles & aultres desusnoms. Purquoy les dits procurours & les noms de leurs ditz Seignours a vous Seignours Auditors avantditz pryent que delivrance deve & hastine des dites gents ovesq; leur biens & marchandises ainsi prises & detenues faicets estre fait al Admirall du dit Roy d'engliture a qui la conissance de ceo apertient de droit sicome dessus est dit ainsi quilz sauns disturbance de vous & d'aultre puisse de ceo conoistre & faire ceo que apertient a son office avantdit. Et que le dit Monsieur Reymer soit condempne & distreint a faire due satisfaction a tous les dits damages seavant come il purra suffire & en sa defalte son dit seignior le Roy de France per que il estoit deputez al dit office, et que apres deve satisfaction faitz as dits damages le dit Monsier Raymer soit si dument punis pur le blemissement de ladite alliance, que la punission de luy soit as aultres example pur temps a venir.

The Admirall of England to whom the conuissance appertain, &c.

*Item in alio Rotulo annexo.*

*Item, a la fin que venes & consideres les formes des proces & les letters ordenees per les consaillers le Aiel nostre seignior le Roy, &c. especialment a retenir & maintenir la souveraign que ses dits auncesters Roys d'Engliture l'oyent avoir en la dite mier d'Engliture quant al amendmēt declaration et interpretation des loix per eux faites a gouverner tous maneres des gents passants per la dite mier. Et primerement a son Admirall & as Maisters & Mariners des Niefs de Cync ports d'Engliture, & des autres terres annexes a la corone d'Engliture emendant a sa armee en la dite mier pur retenir & maintenir la garde des lois avantditz, et la punission de tous faitz al encountre en la mier susdite.*

Admirall of England.

*Item in alio Rotulo de Articulis super quibus Iustitiarum domini Regis sunt consulendi de Anno regni regis E. 3. 12.*

*Item ad finem quod resumatur et continuatur ad subditorum prosecutionem forma procedendi quondam ordinata & inchoata per \* avū domini nostri regis et ejus consilium ad retinendum & conservandum antiquam superioritatem maris Angliæ, et nos officii Admiralitatis in eodem quoad corrigendum, interpretandum, declarandum et conservandum leges et statuta per ejus antecessores Angliæ Reges dudum ordinata ad conservandum pacem et justitiam inter omnes gentes nationis cujuscunque per mare Angliæ transeuntes, & ad cognoscendum super omnibus in contrarium attemptatis in eodem, & ad puniendum delinquentes et damna passis satisfaciendum. Quæ quidem leges et statuta per dominum Richardum quondam regem Angliæ in reditu suo à terra sancta correctæ fuerunt, interpretata et in insula Oleron publicata et nominata in Gallica lingua La ley Olyronn.*

\* E. 1. 2. vus E. 3.

R. 1.  
Insula de Olyron  
in Gallia.



And long before this King Edgar in his Charter saith thus: *Mihi concessit propitia divinitas cum Anglorum imperio omnia regna insularum Oceani cum suis ferocissimis regibus usque Norwegiam ac maximam partem Hiberniæ cum sua nobilissima civitate de Dublinæ Anglorum regno subjugare, &c.*

See this Charter in the Epistle to the 4 book of Reports.

We have also found a Record in 10 E. 3. in these words.

*Rex dilecto et fideli suo Galfrido de Say Admirallo Flotæ suæ Navium ab ore aquæ Thamesiæ vers' partes occidentales, Salutem. Cum nuper vobis per literas nostras mandaverimus quod vos una cum quibusdam navibus de quinque portibus nostris quas de guerra pro obsequio nostro muniri et parari mandavimus supra mare profiscisceremini ad obviand' et resistend' quibusdam galeis in diversis partibus exteris provisus et hominibus armatis munitis quæ ad partes domini nostri ad gravand' nos et gentes nostras, vel ad partes Scotiæ in inimicorum nostrorum ibidem succursum divertere ut accepimus proponebant. Et quia jam nobis ab aliquibus est relatum quod galeæ hujusmodi usque ad numerum viginti et sex ad partes Britan' et Norman' noviter accesserunt et ibidem adhuc se tenent ad mala, ut creditur, contra nos et nostros quæ poterunt perpetrand', vel ad succurrend' dictis nostris, ut prædicitur, inimicis. Nos advertentes quod progenitores nostri reges Angliæ domini maris Anglicani circumquaque et etiam defensores contra hostium invasiones ante hæc tempora extiterunt, et plurimum nos taderet, si honor noster regis in defensione hujusmodi nostris (quod absit) deperiat temporibus, aut in aliquo minuantur, cupientesque hujusmodi periculis auxiliante domino obviare, ac salvationi ac defensionis regni et populi nostrorum providere, malitiamque hostium nostrorum refrenari: Vobis in fide & ligentia quibus nobis astricti estis, & sicut de vobis specialiter confidimus, mandamus firmiter injungendo quod statim visis presentibus et absque ulteriori dilatione naves portuum predictorum, ac alias naves quæ jam paratæ existunt supra mare teneatis, &c.*

Rot. Scotiæ  
10 E. 3. m. 16.

And because the Reader by this Record shall discern, that of ancient time there were severall Admirals (for the wildome of those dayes would not trust one man with so great a charge, nor any man to have a certain estate in an office of so great trust.) I will briefly give the Reader such light thereof as I have found of Record.

Rex commisit Galfrido de Lucy maritimam Angliæ custodiend' quamdiu domino Regi placuerit, &c.

Rot. Pat. anno  
8 H. 3.

Rex commisit Richardo Aquillum marinam regis Norf. & Suff. &c. quamdiu nobis placuerit.

Rot. Pat. anno  
9 H. 3.

Petrus de Rival capitaneus Pictaniæ habet ad totam vitam suam custodiam omnium Portuum & totius costeræ marinæ Angliæ, excepto Portu de Dovor, qui est in custodia Huberti de Burgo.

Rot. Car. 15 H. 3.

Willielmus de Leybourne constituitur capitaneus nautarum & marinariorum de regno & potestatis regis, quamdiu regi placuerit.

Rot. Vascon.  
22 E. 1. m. 8.

Willielmus de Leybourne Admirallus Angliæ,

Rot. Pat. 23 E. 1.  
2 parte Pat. anno

Willielmus de Leybourne capitaneus marinariorum, &c.

25 E. 1. m. 14.  
Clauſ. in Dorf.  
m. 18.

To let you know what we have observed in those times: there were also two other, the one had the government of all the Fleet from the mouth of the Thames Westward, and the other from the mouth of the Thames Northward.

Johannes Botetort custos Regis Portuum maritimorum versus partes Boreales. 25 Martii.

1 parte Pat.  
25 E. 1. m. 9.

Nicholaus Kyriell constituitur Admirallus flote omnium Navium ab ore aquæ Thamesis tam quinque Portuum, quam aliorum Portuum & locorum per costeram maris versus partes occidentales, quamdiu Regi placuerit. Teste Rege apud Turrim London 8 Decembris,

1 parte Pat.  
10 E. 2.

Claus. 15 E. 2.  
Par. 15 E. 2. Teste  
Rege apud Ebor.  
19 Maii.

Robertus de Leyborn Admirallus quarundā Naviū Regis sup mare occidē tali.  
Robertus Battayli, Admirallus flotæ Navium ab ore aquæ Thamefis de  
singulis Portubus versus austrum.

1 parte Pat. anno  
1 E. 3. m. 21.

Johannes Perbrome constituitur capitaneus, & Admirallus flotæ Navium magnæ  
Geremuthe & omnium aliorum locorum ab ore aquæ Thamefis per costeram  
maris versus partes Boreales, quamdiu, &c. Teste Rege apud Stamf. 21 Aprilis.

2 parte Claus.  
12 E. 3. in Dorf.

Warrosius de Valloignes constituitur capitaneus & Admirallus flotæ Navium  
ab ore aquæ Thamefis tam quinque Portuum quam aliorum Portuum & loco-  
rum per costeram maris versus partes occidentales, quamdiu, &c. ut supra.

Petrus Bard Admirallus Navium ab ore aquæ Thamefis versus partes occiden-  
tales. 18 Augusti.

Thomas de Drayton Admirallus ab ore aquæ Thamefis versus partes Boreales,  
18 Augusti.

And so in the reigns of R. 2. H. 4. H. 5. H. 6. But in these and in former times  
there was a great Admirall of England, Vid. supra pa. 142, 143, 144.

Rot. Pat. anno  
14 H. 6. 25 Oct.  
18 E. 4.

The King did by Charter constitute John Holland Duke of Exeter and Hen-  
ry his son to be Admirallus Angliæ, Hiberniæ, & Aquitaniæ, pro termino vitæ.

This Charter being of a judicall office and granted to two, we hold to be  
void: for such ancient offices must be granted as they formerly have been. This  
Duke is he that is mentioned in the former Records, who being a great Peer  
of the Realm endeavoured to incroach upon the Common law, but the subjeas  
by course of law were defended and recompensed.

Rot. Parl. 7 H. 4.  
nu. 19, 20. & c. 26.  
& 14. 2. 9 H. 4.  
nu. 19.

The Merchants, Mariners, and owners of Ships undertook the safeguard of  
the Seas for the Subsidies of Tunnage and Poundage, &c. and that Merchants  
should name two persons, the one for the South part, the other for the North  
part, who by Commission should have the like power as other Admirals have  
had touching the same.

#### Addition of some Records of Parliament.

11 H. 4. nu. 24.  
Rot. Par. 17 R. 2.  
48. 4 H. 4. nu. 47.  
11 H. 4. nu. 61.

All statutes made concerning the Court of the Admirall shall be observed.

Sundry tows of the West part prayen remedy against the Officers of the Ad-  
miralty for holding plea of matters determinable by the Common law, the which  
they pray may be revoked: the Kings answer was, The Chancelor by the ad-  
vice of the Justices upon hearing of the matter shall remit the matter to the Com-  
mon law, and grant a prohibition.

7 R. 2. nu. 14.

The Earl of Northumberland Admirall of the North, and the Earl of De-  
von' Admirall of the West, to receive the Subsidy of Tunnage and Poundage,  
and to keep the Seas.

#### Addition of Books.

1 part Instit.  
§ 459. & 677.  
11 H. 4. fo. 11.

See the First part of the Institutes, Sect. 459. & Sect. 677. where Littleton  
speaketh of a man out of the Realm, or beyond Sea, and adde thereunto the nota-  
ble case in Mich. 11 H. 4. fo. 11. pl. 35. Sovingles case, the Defendant in an appeal  
of death being outlawed, brought his writ of Error, and assigned for error, that  
at the time of the Outlawry, and before, he was in the Kings service upon the  
Sea in the company of the Lord Berkley then Admirall, and had a writ unto him  
to certifie.

Lord Berkeley  
Admirall.

6 R. 2. Tit. Protection 46. 7 R. 2. Tit. Trespasse Statham. 10 H. 7. fol. 7. a.  
Vide 18 H. 6. nu. 5 2. where the owner of a Ship shall answer for hurt done by his  
Ship, though he be not party thereunto.

Vid. Lacies case, Cr. 25 El. li. 2. fo. 93. Vid. li. 5. fo. 106, 107. & 108. Sir Hen-  
ry Constables case. Lib. 6. fo. 47. Dowdales case, Brook tit. error 177.

See certain statutes, viz. 27 E. 3. cap. 13. Stat. Staple. 31 H. 6. cap. 4. 2 R. 3.  
cap. 6. 28 H. 8. cap. 16.

¶ The name.

It appeareth by the former Records, that the Admiralty is sometime called  
Admiralitas, sometime Admirallatus, and sometime by other names, as Admi-  
rallus, Capitaneus or Custos maris, or Marinz, or Maritaniæ, or flotæ navium, that  
is,

is, of the Navy floating on the Sea. *Ley marine, ley des mariners.*

The Officer is called Admirall indifferently both in English and in French. We name him in Latin *Admirallus*, and the Court *Curia Admiralitatis*, derived of *Amir*, id est, *Præfectus*, & *arab; i. Marinus*, *Præfectus marinus*, *Admirallus*, *Admirallus*, *Admiralli Curia res maritimas tractat*: In hac numerantur *Admirallus Angliæ*, *locum tenens* & *judex*, *scribæ duo*, *serviens Curie Viceadmiralli Angliæ*.

Camden.

*Hæda* or *Hitha*, *i. Portus a Haven*, as *Queen-hithe*, *Lamb-hithe*, &c. *Hafne Courts*, now *Haven* or *Port Courts*, *Hable*, *i. Portus*.

To conclude, the King of Englands Navy doth excell the shipping of all other foreign Kings and Princes: so; if you respect beautifull stateliness, or stately beauty, they are so many large and spacious Kingly and Princely Palaces. If you regard strength and defence, they are so many moving impregnable Castles, and Barbicans, and were tearmed of old the wals of the Realm. When our English Navy is among the ships of other Nations, it is like Lions inter pecora campi, and like a Falcon inter phasianos, perdoes, & alia volatilia timida cœli.

Besides, no part of the world have such timber for building and repairing of ships as our King hath.

## CAP. XXIII.

### The Court of the Commission under the Great Seal by force of the statute of 28 H. 8. cap. 15.

28 H. 8. cap. 15.

**T**his Court must be holden *Coram Admirallo Angliæ*, seu ejus *locum tenente*, and 3 or 4 such other substantiall persons, as shall be named by the Lord Chancellor for the time being.

*The Commissioners.*

Their jurisdiction is to hear and determine all Treasons, Felonies, Robberies, Murders, and confederacies committed or done upon the Sea, &c.

*The Jurisdiction.*

These offences shall be heard and determined according to the course of the Common law, and therefore some of the Judges of the Realm are ever in this Commission.

*To be heard & determined by the Common law.*

Concerning the mischief that was before the making of this statute, and how the said Act hath been formerly expounded, you may read plentifull matter in the Third part of the Institutes, Cap. Piracy.

See the 3. part of the Instit. Cap. Piracy. pa. 111, 112. & c.

The processe and proceedings herein are in the name of the King: See before Cap. Chivalry, pa. 124. that the statute of 35 H. 8. cap. 2. nor that of 5 E. 6. c. 11. taketh not away this Act of 28 H. 8. concerning treasons; Note, that in all the Commissions granted for the execution of this Act of 28 H. 8. since the said Acts of 35 H. 8. 5 E. 6. power and authority is given to hear and determine all treasons, &c. done upon the Sea,

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## CAP. XXIV.

Of Port-mootes, *alias* Port courts, *alias*  
Port-mote Courtes.

**A** Portmote is a Court kept in Haven Towns, or Ports, and thereof taketh his name Curia Portus, &c.

Portus est locus in quo exportantur & importantur merces, à portando. And they are Portæ regni the \* gates of the Realm. <sup>a</sup> Hitha and Heda often in Domesday is taken for a Haven or Port, anciently witten Hafne and now Haven, by changing the f into v as is usuall.

Every Haven is within the body of the County, &c. whereof see before plentifull matter in the Chapter of the Court of the Admiralty proceeding according to the Civil law. See 43 Eliz. cap. 15.

\* See in the  
Chapt. of the  
Courts of the  
Forest.

<sup>a</sup> Hereof cometh  
in London  
Queenhithe, and  
in Lambeth Láb-  
hithe, &c.

## CAP. XXV.

The power and authority of Commissioners  
and others for the maintaining and erecting of Bea-  
cons, signes of the Sea, or Light-houses, and  
Sea-marks, and concerning Watches.

See the 3. part of  
the Inst. Cap.  
buildings p. 204.

*Beacon.*

**B**eacon, this word is derived of the Saxon word Beacon, *i. Speculum*, unde *speculantur adventus hostium*, and is often called *Signum speculatum*, and *Becnan* in the Saxon language is *signum dare*, and we use the word to beken to at this day.

Before the reign of E. 3. there were but stacks of wood set upon high places, which were fired when the coming of enemies were descried, but in his reign pitch boxes, as now they be, were in stead of those stacks of wood set up, and this properly is a Beacon.

*Light-houses.*

Light-houses, *Ignes speculatorii*, seu *monitorii*, seu *lumen maritimum*, seu \* *pharus*, unde *verius*,

\* *ἄστρον ἢ φάρος*,  
*id est, lucidum.*

*Lumina noctivagæ tollit pharus æmula lunæ.*

These Light-houses are properly to direct Seafaring men in the night when they cannot see marks, and these are also *Signa speculatoria*.

*Sea-marks.*

Sea-marks, as Steeples, Churches, Castles, Trees, and such like for direction of Seafaring men in the day time, and these are called *Signa marina*, or *speculatoria*, or *signa nautis*, whereof *Virgill* 5 *Eneids*.

\* *Id est insigniū.*

*Hic viridem Aeneas frondenti ex ilice metam*

*Constituit \* signum nautis pater, unde reverti*

*Sciverit, & longos ubi circumflectere cursus, &c.*

So as you may divide *Specula* or *signa speculatoria*, or *signa nautis* into three branches, viz. into Beacons, Light-houses, and Sea-marks.

At the Common law none but the King only could erect any of these three, which ever was done by the Kings Commission under the Great Seal, as taking some few examples for many.

De signis super montes per ignem faciend'.

De signis super montes faciend'.

Rex assignavit a Henricum Epū Norwic', & b Willielmum Comitem Suff. & alios, &c. (inter alia) ad signa speculatoria super montes in Com' Norf. ponend'. Et similes commiffiones in aliis comitatibus.

Vide Rot. Clauf. 1 R. 2, m. 41. in Dors' pro vigiliis & ignibus speculatoriis, & monitoriis.

He that is desirous to see more of Beacons, &c. and watching of the same, let him read the Act of 5 H. 4. which is an Act of Parliament, and Dors' Par. Anno 28 H. 6, parte 2, m. 21. in com' Kanc' & memb. 13. pro com' Norf. pro signis, Anglice Beacons, & vigiliis. Et Dors' Pat. Anno 1 E. 4, parte 3, &c.

But of latter times by the Letters Patents granted to the Lord Admirall he hath power to erect Beacons, Seemarks, and Signs for the Sea, &c.

By the Act of 8 Eliz. it is provided and enacted, That the Master, Wardens and Assistants of the Trinity house of Deptford Strand (a company of the chiefest and most expert Masters and Governors of ships) shall and may lawfully from time to time at their will and pleasure, and at their costs, make, erect, and set up such and so many Beacons, marks and signs for the Sea in the Sea-shoars, and uplands near the Sea coasts, or forelands of the Sea only for Seemarks, as to them shall seem most meet, whereby the dangers may be avoided, and ships the better come to their Ports. And all such Beacons, marks and signs so by them to be erected shall be continued, renewed and mainrained from time to time at the costs and charges of the said Master, Wardens and Assistants. An excellent law, that this power & authority was given to them which had greatest skill, seeing they were works for the safety of the Realm, and safeguard of the lives of Seafaring men, and that these works should be erected, and made, and continued by them at their own costs and charges, because they knew to goe the nearest way.

Beconagium signifieth money due or payable for the maintenance of Beacons, or the watching of the same. What punishment they incur which take down, fell, or otherwise cut down any Seemarks, see the said Act of 8 El. ubi supra, wherein it is to be observed, that if the person offending be not able to pay the penalty therein inflicted, he shall be deemed convict of outlawry, ipso facto, to all constructions and purposes: the like whereof we have not observed in any other statute.

Wardwite, aliàs Warwite, or ward penny, to be free from contribution of money to watches and wards.

We have out of an ancient Manuscript transcribed this ordination that followeth, which in the County of Norf. hath been ever observed, and it is very probable, that the like hath been done by like Authority in other maritime Counties.

Ordinatio pro Vigil' observand' in Com' prædict' à Lynne usquē Yermouth.

Hac igitur autoritate mandati nos Robert de Monte alto & Thomas de Bardolfe mandamus Vic' Norf. quod venire faciat coram nobis apud Norwic' die Mercurii infest' decollationis Sancti Johannis Baptist' prox' futur' omnes milites, omnes capit' Constabul' hundred, & Constabul' vill' & duos homines de discretior' cujuslibet villa ubi portus vel applicat' Navium in balliva sua tam infra libertat' quam extra in com' prædict' ad consulend', formand', auxiliand' qualiter & quomodo dict' custod' securius pro salvatione partium illarum fieri possit, et ad faciend' quod ex parte dom. regis super præmissis injungitur. Ad quem diem nos dict' Robert' & Thomas personaliter accessimus ibidem, ac milit', capit' Constabul' hundred', Constabul' vill' cum omnibus hominibus vill' ubi applicat' Navium exist' de Portu Lynne & de Portu Yarmouth coram nobis ibidem compar', et asseruerunt, quod valde necesse esset pro salvat' totius patriæ quod vigil' fiat

Rot. Scotiæ.

10 E. 3.

Rot. Clauf. Vase'

10 E. 3.

Rot. Franc'

47 E. 3. m. 20.

a Henricū Spencer, he of a Soldier became a Bishop.

b William Ufford comes Suff.

c Rot. Par. 5 H. 4.

nu. 24. not in

print worthy to be read.

8 Eliz. cap. 13.

Pasch. 1 Jac. It was resolved by the two Chief Justices, Atturney, and Solicitor, that this Act extended as well to Light-houses in the night, as to Beacons, &c by the day.

Convict of outlawry.

Norf.

Robertus de Monte alto and Tho. de Bardolfe sit in Parliament, 14 E. 2. as Barons of the Realm, as appeareth in the Parliament Roll.

\* 5 H. 4. cap. 3.  
Watches to be  
made upon the  
Sea coast by the  
number of the  
people, in the  
places, and in  
manner and form  
as they were wont  
to be.

Freebrigge.

Clackclose.

*in locis periculosis sicut \* antiquo more fieri solebant juxta mare. Et quod omnes homines corpor' valid' de Com' Norf. contribuend' ad ill' faciend', per quod ordinat' et censens' eorum concordat' est quod dua' vigill' per sex homines de corpore potenti tam per dies quam per noctes fieri in hundred' de Freebrigge, viz. apud Wolverton, et apud Clencherne, eo quod dict' hundred' jung' se mari à Wisbiche usque Dersingham per 14. leucas. Et quod quilibet vigilans capiet per diem et per noctem pro vadiis suis 3. d. Et quod hundred' de Clackclose adjung' eidem hundred' de Freebrigge ad contribuend' ad vigill' illa faciend', viz. pro qualibet septiman' 4s. 6 d. et idem hundred. de Freebrigge 6 s. pro septiman'. Et sciend' est 77. vill' continentur in dict' hundredo quæ assignantur ad dict' vigill' faciend'.*

*Fiat etiam una vigill' apud Southlynnne in Clincheru, &c.*

Smythdon.

Southgrenhoe.  
Laundiche.

*Item quod una vigill' fiet in hundred' de Smythdon apud Thornham per sex homines, eo quod dictum hundred' jungit se mari de Dersingham usq; Deepedal fenn per 12. leucas. Et quod Hundred de Southgrenhoe et Laundiche adjung' eidem hundred' de Smythdon ad contribuend' ad vigill' ill' faciend', viz. hundred de Southgrenhoe 3 s. 6 d. per septiman' et hundred de Landiche 4 s. per septiman', et hundred de Smythden 3 s. Et continent' in dict' hundred' 79. vill' ad vigill' illa faciend'.*

Gallow.

Brothercrosse.

*Et fiat una vigill' in hundred de Gallowe apud Burnham per 4. homines, eo quod dict' hundred' jungit se mari de Deepedale usque Holkham per 3. leucas. Et hundred' de Brothercrosse adjungit' eidem hund' ad contribuend' ad vigill' ill' faciend', viz. hundred' de Brothercrosse 3 s. per septim' & idem hundred' de Gallowe 4 s. per septim'. Et sciend' est 45. vill' sunt in dict' hundred' ad vigill' illa faciend'.*

Northgrenhoe.

Weyland.  
Giltcrosse.  
Grimshoe.  
Ersham.

*Item fiet un' vigill' in hundred' de Northgrenhoe apud Holkham per 6. homines, eo quod dict' hundred' jungit se mari, a Holkham usque Marston per 6. leucas. Et hundred' de Weyland, Giltcrosse, Grimshoe, & Ersham adjung' eidem hundred' ad contribuend' ad vigill' illa faciend', viz. Weyland 2 s. per septim', Grimshoe 2 s. per septim', Giltcrosse 2 s. per septim', & Ersham 2 s. per septim', & idem hundred' de Northgrenhoe 2 s. per septim'. Et sciend' est quod 76 vill' sunt in dict' hundred' ad vigill' ill' faciend'.*

Holt.

Eynsford.  
Hemsteed.

*Item fiet unum vigill' in hundred' de Holt apud Wabornn per sex homines, eo quod dict' hundred' jungit se mari à Marston usque Sheringham per 7 leucas. Et hundred de Eynsford & Hempsteed adjung' eidem hundred' de Holt ad contribuend' ad vigill' faciend', viz. Eynsford 4 s. per septim', Hemsteed 3 s. 6 d. per septim' & idem Hundred' de Holt 3 s. per sept. & sciend. est quod 70 vill. sunt in dict' hundred' ad vigill' ill' faciend'.*

Northherpinghā.

Southerpinghā.  
Mitford.

*Item fiet unum vigill' in hundred. de Northherpingham in duobus locis, viz. apud Runton & Trimmingham per 5 homines, eo quod dict. hundred. jung. se mari à Sheringham usque Munslye becke per decem leucas, & hundred. de Southerpingham & Mitford cum vill. infra libert' adjung. eidem hundred. ad vigill' illa faciendā, viz. Southerpingham 6 s. 8 d. per sept. Mitford 3 s. 6 d. per sept. & Northherpingham 12 s. 6 d. per sept. Et sciend. est quod 77. vill. sunt in hundred. præd. ad vigill. ill. faciend'.*

Tunstead.  
Humbleyard.  
Fowrehoe.

*Item fiet unum vigill. in hundred. de Tunsted apud Bastwick per sex homines, eo quod dict. hundred jungit se mari à Munsley usque Walcote per 4 leucas. Et hundred. de Humbleyard & Fowrehoe adjung. eidem hundred.*

dred. ad contribuend. ad vigil. ill. faciend. viz. Humbleyard 3 s per sept. Fowrehoe 3 s. per sept. & Tunstead 4 s. 6 d. per sept. & sciend. est quod 76. vill. sunt in dict. hund. ad vigil. ill. faciend.

Item fiet unum vigil. in hundred. de Happing in duobus locis, viz. apud Happing. Happisborow per 4 homines & apud Wasluesham per 4 homines, eo quod dict. hund. jungit se mari à Walcote usque Wimbesdele in loco periculoso per 6 leucas. Et hundred. de Taverham, Depwade, Shropham & Disse adjung. eidem hund. de Happing ad contribuend. ad vigil. ill. faciend. viz. hund. de Taverham 2 s. per sept. Depwade 3 s. per sept. Shropham 5 s. per septim. & Disse 2 s. per sept. & dict. hund. de Happing 2 s. per sept. Et sciend. est quod 60. vill. sunt in hund. prædict. ad vigil. ill. faciend.

Item fiet unum vigil. in hund. de Eastflegge & Westflegge in tribus locis viz. apud Winterton per 6 homines, apud Saltivos haven per sex homines, & apud Fordham per sex homines, eo quod dict. hund. jungit se mari à Wykeldock usque Bunton in Mitford in loco periculoso per 7 leucas. Et hund. de Walsham, Blowfeild, Loddon, & Clavering adjung. eidem hund. ad contribuend. ad vigill. illa faciend. viz. Walsham 4 s. 6 d. per sept. Blowfield 4 s. 6 d. per sept. Loddon 5 s. 6 d. per sept. Clavering 5 s. 6 d. per sept. Westflegg 2 s. per sept. Eastflegg 2 s. per sept. Et sciendum est quod 102 vill. sunt in dict. hund. ad vigil. ill. faciend.

Præcept. est omnibus capital. Constabul. de hund. adjung. mari in locis prædict. in forma prædicta hac instant. die dominica prox. futur. & similiter præcept. est eisdem capital. Constabul. & omnibus aliis subconstabul. hundred. totius Com. quod sine dilatione levari & reparari fac. signa & fierbares super mont. altior. in quolibet hund. Ita quod tota patria per illa signa quotiescunque necesse fuit premuniri posset, & quod ipse Constabul. capital. per avizam. Constabul. villarū & aliorū proborū hominū agist. fac. fideliter denar. pro vad. vigil. in hundred. prædict. instant. quod ordinat. solvend. de septimana in septim. ita quod defect. in vigil. prædict. nullo modo inveniat per eorum defect. & similiter quod omnes qui agist. sunt ad arma & potent. ad portanda arma, & omnes illi qui loco potent. ad arma sua portanda assignat. sint providi & parati sint indies nocte ad veniend. solemniter distinēt. & aperte in present. domini Walteri de Norwic. Episcopi juxta nos assiden. ibidem cur. \* Cācar. totius Com. Norf. coram nobis vñ. fecimus proclamar. Et similiter præcept. est Vic. quod levat. fac. denar. agist. in hundred. prædict. pro costis & vad. præd. solvend.

For watches, and against night-walkers, see the statute of Winch. 13 E. 1. cap 4. 5 E. 3. cap. 14. Vid. 5 H 7. 5.

Vide Lamb, inter leges Edovardi regis, fo. 136. b. & inter leges Willielmi Regis fo. 125. a.

Quod homines de Larkefield, Filbarow street, Newchurch, & VVorth in Com. Kanc. tenentur facere vigiliis in Romney Marsh.

Eastflegge.  
Westflegge.

Walsham.  
Blowfeild.  
Loddon.  
Clavering.

Signa.  
Fierbares.

\* Vigiliarium.

Dorf. Clauf.  
8 H 4. m. 8. & 10.

## CAP. XXVI.

*De Conservatore seu custode Treugarū, i. Induciarū  
& Salvorum Regis Conductuum,*  
And incidently of the office, authority, and priviledge of  
Ambassadours; And of Leagues, Treaties, and  
Truces.

2 H. 5. ca. 6. stat. 1

20 H. 6. cap. 11.

**B**y the statute of 2 H. 5. robbery, spoyling, breaking of Truces, and safe Conducts by any of the Kings liege people and subjects within England, Ireland, and Wales, or upon the main sea, was adjudged and determined to be High Treason: but this Branch concerning High Treason is repealed by the statute of 20 H. 6. But by the said Act of 2 H. 5. for the better observation of truces and safe conducts, Conservator induciarum & salvorum regis conductuum was raised, and appointed in every Port of the sea by Letters Patents: His office was to enquire of all offences done against the Kings truces and safe conducts upon the main sea (out of the Counties, and out of the Liberties of the Cinque-ports) as Admirals, of custome, were wont.

It concerneth the Jurisdiction of divers Courts; and especially of the said Court before mentioned upon the said statute of 28 H. 8. and of the Court of the Admiralty, to know the rights of Leagues and Ambassadours, as far as the lawes of England extend unto, for of them we will only treat.

19 E. 4. 6. b.  
18 H. 6. cap. 4.  
20 H. 6. cap. 1.  
Vide supra. p. 132  
\* Regula.

All leagues or safe conducts are, or ought to be of record, that is, they ought to be enrolled in the Chancery to the end the subject may know, who be in amity with the King, and who be not: who be enemies, and can have no action here; & who in league, and may have actions personall here. \* In all treaties, the power of the one party and the other ought to be equall.

19 E. 4. ubi supra.  
See the third  
part of the Instit.  
cap. Treason.  
Verb. League.  
2 H. 5. cap. 6.  
Hil. 14 Eliz.

A league may be broken by leavyng of war, or by Ambassadour or Herald. Bryan held opinton in 19 E. 4. ubi supra, that if all the subjects of England would make war with a King in league with the King of England without the assent of the King of England, that such a war was no breach of the league. See the statute of 2 H. 5. cap. 6. in the Preamble.

Hil. 13 Eliz.

In the Duke of Perth. case Hil. 14. Eliz. the question was, whether the Lord Herise and other subjects of the King of Scots, that without his assent had wasted and burnt divers Townes in England, and proclaimed enemies, were enemies in law within the statute of 25 E. 3. the league being between the King and the Scot: and resolved that they were enemies.

Hil. 12 Jac.

And in the Bishop of Rosses case, Ann. 13 Eliz. the question being, An legatus, qui rebellionem contra principem ad quem legatus concirat, legati privilegii gaudeat, & non ut hostis poenis subjaceat. And it was resolved that he had lost the priviledge of an Ambassadour, and was subject to punishment.

Carvel, or Caravel, is a swift Bark.

Samuel Palache affirming himselfe to be the Subject and Ambassadour of Mula Sedan King of Morocco to the States of the united Provinces, to treat and negotiate with them of divers matters between them; and they of the united Provinces having accepted him for an Agent or Legat. And the last of June 1611, there being enmity between the King of Morocco and the King of Spaine, the King of Morocco made a Commission to the said Samuel to take Spantards and their goods. The 25 of October 1613. the King of England gave him Letters of safe conduct as a publick Minister sent to the States of the united Provinces, 3 Martii 1613, the States licensed him to leavie men to furnish his ships, &c. In June 1614 he took a Carvell of the Spantards at the Canaries



naries laden with Sugar, and another ship there also laden with Hides, of the goods of Spaniards; and after, with distresse of wind, he with the said Prizes was driven to Plymouth, there being at that time league both between England and Spain, and between England and the united Provinces, and wars between Spain and the united Provinces. And against this Samuel the Spanish Ambassadour here in England complained at the Councell Table, and charged him with Piracy. The said Samuel and his company being arrested, and the goods seised, the Spanish Ambassadour prayed that he might proceed against him as a Pirat upon the said statute of 28 H.8. cap. 15. The Lords of the Councell referred the consideration of this request to the Chiefe Justice of England being present at the Table, and to the Master of the Rols, and Sir Daniel Dun Judge of the Admiralty, to consider of the case, and to direct a course of justice therein indifferently. And the said referrees heard the Councell learned both in the Common and Civill lawes on both sides on two severall dayes in this Terme: and after conference between themselves, and with others, these points were resolved. First, that at this day there could be no Ambassadour without Letters of credence of his \* Sovereigne, to another that had soveraigne authority. Legatus per literas de sua legatione fidem facere debet, si exigantur, & commonitorium, s. Instruktionen privat, for the Ambassadour himself for his direction.

Secondly, that of ancient time Ambassadors were called Oratores.

Jamq; Oratores aderant ex urbe Latina  
Velati ramis olei---

And afterwards they were called Legati à legando, Nuntii à nuntiando, and afterwards Ambassiatores or Embassiatores, and sometimes Agents: for Omnis legatus est agens, but Omnis agens is not legatus: For if he be sent from a King or absolute Potentate or State to a King or absolute Potentate or State to treat between them, although he in his Letters of Credence be termed an Agent or Nuntius, yet he is an Ambassadour or Legate.

Thirdly, it was resolved, that Ambassadors ought to be kept from all injuries and wrongs, and by the law of all Countries, and of all Nations they ought to be safe and sure in every place, in so much that it is not lawfull to hurt the Ambassadors of our enemies: and herewith agreeth the civill law. And if a banished man be sent as Ambassadour to the place from whence he is banished, he may not be detained or offended there, and this also agreeth with the Civill law.

The case (which we have seen reported) in the reign of H. 8. was this: There being amity between King H. 8. and the French King, and enmity between H. 8. and the Pope, \* R. Pole a Rebel and Traitor to the King of England flyeth to Rome, whom the Pope being in amity with the French King sendeth as Ambassadour to him: the King of England demandeth his rebell of the French King, notwithstanding he was sent as Ambassadour, Sed non pravaluit. And it is truly said, whosoever said it, Quia veritas à quocunque dicitur à Deo est, Fuit semper etiam apud Gentiles (qui nullam tenebant verae fidei rationem) inviolabile nomen Nuntii & Legati, etiam si ab hostibus mitterentur semper salvi, & hodie apud Saracenos & Turcos, à quibuscunque tutæ destinantur legationes & literæ, etiam si illis ad quos deferantur molestæ sint & injuriosæ. But if a foreign Ambassadour being Prorex committeth here any crime, which is contra jus gentium, as Treason, Felony, Adultery, or any other crime which is against the law of Nations, he loseth the priviledge and dignity of an Ambassadour as unworthy of so high a place, and may be punished here as any other private Alien, and not to be remanded to his Sovereigne but of curtesie. And so of contracts that be good jure gentium he must answer here. But if any thing be malum prohibitum by any Act of Parliament, private law or Custome of this Realme; which is not malum in se jure gentium, nor contra jus gentium, an Ambassadour residing here shall not be bound by any of them: but otherwise it is of the Subjects of either kingdom, &c.

Palch. 36 Eliz. Henry de Vale and other Frenchmen imported divers manufactures, as Cloth of Tissue, Cawles, Points, &c. Whereupon Tomlinson and other

\* Nulli nisi absoluti principes & qui majestatis jura habent, Legatos constituere possunt.

Virgil.

Idem 11 Æncid.

Legati responsa ferunt---

Idem 12 Æncid.

Nuntius hæc Idmon Phrygio mea dicta tyranno  
Haud placitura refer-

L. h. F. de Lega. In aut' de sancti. § Rerum Col. 9.

\* See the third part of the Institutes. cap. High Treason, verb. Overt fact. pa. 14. Tempore H. 6.

Palch. 36. in Sercc.

other

19 H.7. cap. 21.

other good Merchants of London exhibited divers informations upon the statute of 19 H.7. which prohibit the same; of whom the Frenchmen complained at the Councell Table, and it was resolved by the Lord Treasurer Burghleigh and the whole Councell, that it was no breach of the League between this Kingdom and France, for that in the Articles of the League the lawes of either Kingdome be excepted: and therefore if Tomlinson the Subject being a French Merchant should trade into France, he must observe the lawes and customes of France.

Fourthly, it was resolved, that admit the said Palache was no Ambassadour, notwithstanding because there was enmity between the King of Spain and the King of Morocco, he could not be indicted as a Pirat before Commissioners upon the said statute of 28 H.8. Because that one enemy cannot be a felon for taking of the goods of another enemy. And the words of the said Act be, [That the Commissioners by force of the said Act shall proceed, as if the offence had been committed upon the land, and according to the course of the Common law.]

2 R.3. fo. 2.

See 2 R.3. by all the Justices, that this is no felony, which case is in his parts remembred hereafter. For it is very observable what the law of England is in that case. It was holden by some of the Civilians, that albeit the Spaniard could not proceed against him criminaliter, upon the said Act of 28 H.8. yet the goods being in solo amici, that is, in the solle of the King of England, who was in league with both, that the Spaniard might proceed against Palache, civiliter in the Admirall Court: but that was resolved to the contrary by Popham Chiefe Justice, and the whole Court of the Kings Bench Trin. 2 Jac. to be against the law of England in that case: where the case was this, That where the King of England was in league with the King of Spain, and with those of Holland, &c. and there was enmity between the King of Spain and those of Holland, &c. and one of Holland upon the high sea in aperto praelio took the goods of a subject of Spain, and brought them into England, infra corpus comitatus, and for that the goods were in solo amici, the Spaniard whose goods were taken libelled for them civiliter in the Admirall Court. It was resolved by the whole Court of the Kings Bench upon conference and deliberation, that the Spaniard had lost the property of the goods for ever, and had no remedy for them in England. And relyed principally upon the book in 2 R.3. ubi supra, being of so great authority: for by that book, he that will sue to have restitution of goods robbed at sea, ought by law to prove two things. First, that the Sovereigne of the plaintife was at the time of the taking in amity with the King of England. Secondly, that he that took the goods was at the time of the taking in amity with the Sovereigne of him whose goods were taken: for if he which took them was in enmity with the Sovereigne of him whose goods were taken, then was it no depredation or robbery, but a lawfull taking, as every enemy might take of another: all which appeareth in the said book. See the statutes of 27 E.3. and 31 H.6. well expounded in 2 R.3. ubi supra. Vide 7 E.4. 14. 13 E.4.9. 22 E.3 fo. 23. concerning this matter. And for that there was enmity between the King of Spain and those of Holland, therefore it could not be depredation, but a lawfull taking. It was also resolved by the Court of the Kings Bench, that the goods so taken being within this Realm, viz. infra corpus comitatus, in solo amici, that if the Spaniard sue for them civiliter in the Court of the Admiralty, that a Prohibition should be granted, and that it should be determined by the Lawes and Statutes of England, and not by the Civill law.

27 E.3. ca. 13. & cap. 17.  
31 H.6. cap. 4.  
7 E.4. fo. 14.  
13 E.4.9.  
22 E.3. 16, 17.  
Regist. 129.  
F.N.B. 114.  
Prohibition,  
Nota.

With this resolution of the Kings Bench Doctor Taylor an Englishman, and Solicitor for the King of Spain, was at the first much offended, but when he had taken advice and understood the reason of the resolution, he was well satisfied.

Lib. 5. fo. 106.

If a Shipwrack be on the sea, yet if any of the goods come to land within this Realm, the Admirall shall not have jurisdiction, but it belongeth to the Common law.

See the third part of the Institutes, cap. Treason: what offence it hath been, and what it is at this day to kill a foreign Ambassadour: and see there 3 R. 2.

John

John Imperials case, Ambassadour of Genoa. It appeareth in the Holy History, viz. in the First book of the Chronicles, that injury and disgraces offered to King Davids Ambassadors which he sent to Hanon King of the Moabites, Ad consoland' ei supra mortem patris sui, grandem etiam contumeliam sustinuerunt, &c. was a just cause of warre by David against the Moabites, and was severely revenged, as by the Holy History it appeareth.

There be four kindes of leagues. 1. Fœdus pacis, and that a Christian Prince may have with an Infidell. Si fieri possit, quod ex vobis est, cum omnibus hominibus pacem habeatis. 2. Fœdus congratulationis sive consolationis. And this may a Christian Prince make with an Infidell as David did with Hanon: ubi supra. 3. Fœdus commutationis mercium sive commercii. And this also may be made with an Infidell, as King Solomon did with Hiram an Infidell, and Josua did with the Gibeonites. 4. Fœdus mutui auxilii, and this cannot be done with an Infidell or an Idolater. Jehosaphat King of Juda, made fœdus mutui auxilii with Achab King of Israell, an Idolater: For Achab said to Jehosaphat, Veni tecum in Ramoth Gilead, Cui ille respondet, Ut ego & tu, & sicut populus tuus, sic & populus meus tecum erimus in bello: in which warre Achab was slain, and Jehosaphat was in extreme danger. And after, as the Text saith, Reversus est autem Jehosaphat rex Judæ in domum suam pacifice in Jerusalem, cui occurrit \* Jehu filius Hanani, & ait ad illum, Impio prebes auxilium, & hiis qui oderunt Dominum amicitia jungeris, & idcirco iram quidem Domini merebaris. And the laws of England concerning these four leagues are as you perceive grounded upon the law of God.

But here ariseth a question, that seeing fœdus pacis, or fœdus commercii may be stricken between a Christian Prince and an Infidell Wagan & Idolater, and those leagues are to be established by oath, whether the Infidel or Wagan Prince may swear in that case by false gods, seeing he thereby offendeth the true God by giving divine worship to false gods. This very doubt was moved by Publicola to S. Augustine, who resolveth the same thus: he that taketh the credit of him that sweareth by false gods not to any evil but good, he doth not join himselfe to that stane of swearing by Devils, but is partaker with those lawfull leagues wherein the other keepeth his faith and oath. But if a Christian should any way induce another to swear by them, herein he should grievously sin. And seeing the leagues in these cases are warranted by the word of God, & per praxin sanctorum in sacra scriptura, all incidents thereunto are permitted: for per praxin sanctorum the practise of holy men in scripture, may often time be collected how the Commandements in it are to be understood, and praxis sanctorum appeareth before.

And it is to be observed that of ancient time, and untill latter dayes no Ambassadoe came into this Realm before he had a safe conduct. For as no King, &c. can come into this Realm without a licence or safe conduct, so no Prorex, &c. which representeth a Kings person can doe it. For safe conducts see the writs in the Register de salvo conductu, and the statutes of 15 H. 6. 18 H. 6. and 20 H. 6. with all incidents thereunto. And King H. 7. that wise and politique King would not in all his time suffer Lieger Ambassadoe of any soveraine King or Prince within his Realm, nor he any with them, but upon occasion used Ambassadors.

\* Every Ambassadoe ought to have four qualities, expressed in this Verse.

Nuncius, sis verax, tacitus, celer, atque fidelis.

And of him another saith.

Fœderis orator, pacis via, terminus iræ,  
Semen amicitie, belli fuga, litibus hostis.

VWilliam de la Pole Duke of Suff. by the Commons was charged (amongst other things) with this, that he procured the King, in his presence only without any other of the Councell, to have secret conference with the French Ambassadors, &c. for the which (amongst other things) he was banished, &c. as by the Record appeareth,

1 Chro. 19. 2 &c.

Rom. 12. 18.  
Gen. 14. 13 &c.  
Abrah. cum r. ge  
Sodom.

J. sua cap. 9.  
3 Kings 5. 1. &c.  
& 34. 35.  
2 Chron. 18.  
Jeremy 15. 4.  
See 1 Mac. 8. 19.  
20. & cap. 10.  
2 Chron. 19. 2.  
& cap. 20. 35. &c.

\* The Prophet  
of God.

Aug. Epist. 154.  
ad Publicolan.

August. lib. de  
mendacio. cap. 15.  
Praxis sanctorum  
interpretes præcep-  
torum.

Rot. Parl. 9 H. 6.  
nu. 12. and long  
after.  
See lib 7. Calvins  
case, De rege  
Mame.  
Regist. fo. 25, 26.  
15 H. 6. cap. 3.  
18 H. 6. cap. 8.  
20 H. 6. cap. 1.  
1 H. 7. fo. 10. Le-  
gate of the Pope  
sworne, &c.

\* Foure qualitic  
ought to be in an  
Ambassadour.

Rot. Pl. 28. H. 6.  
nu. 28.

1 Decemb.  
21 H. 8.

See these Articles before *in hæc verba*, Cap. Chancery, Artic. 2, 3, 9, 10, 12.

Cardinall VVolley was charged w<sup>th</sup> these notable high and grievous offences (amongst others) viz. That he being the Kings Ambassadoꝝ in France made a treaty w<sup>th</sup> the French King foꝝ the Pope, the King not knowing any part thereof nor named in the same, and binding the French King to abide his order and award, if any controverſie oꝝ doubt should arise between the said Pope, and the said French King.

Also that the said Lord Cardinall being the Kings Ambassadoꝝ in France sent a Commission to Sir Gregory de Cassalis under the Great Seal in the Kings name to conclude a treaty of amity w<sup>th</sup> the Duke of Ferrare without the Kings commandement oꝝ warrant, nor the King advertised nor made privy to the same.

Also the said Lord Cardinall taking upon him otherwise then a true Privy Counsellor ought to doe, have used to have all Ambassadors to come first to him alone, and to hear their charges and intents, &c.

Also the said Lord Cardinall used many years together not only to write to all the Kings Ambassadors in soain parts w<sup>th</sup> other Princes in his own name all advertisements concerning the Kings affairs being in their charge, and in the same letters wrote many things of his own mind without the Kings pleasure known, concealing divers things which had been necessary foꝝ them to know, but also caused them to write their advertisements to him, and of the same letters he used to conceal, foꝝ the compassing of his purpose, many things both from the Kings Councell and the King himself.

The difference between a League and a Truce is, that a Truce is a cessation from warre foꝝ a certain time: a League is an absolute striking of peace,

<sup>a</sup> Of a Truce we have read in anno 19 E. 3. to this effect. Rex post initas inducias cum Francorum Rege per mediationem <sup>b</sup> Romani pontificis, copias suas bellicas demum reduxit, postea deprehendens præfat' regem Franc' hostilia contra ipsam moliri, & nuncios præfati Pontificis simulata pace dissidium fovere, præmissa omnia per Literas Patentes exponenda duxit, & bellum cum præfato rege resumpsit.

<sup>c</sup> A League and alliance was made between King H. 5. his heirs and successors, and Sigismond King of the Romans his heirs and successors Kings of the Romans, and was confirmed by Act of Parliament. The instrument whereof is very long, but not so long as effectually and woꝝthy of observation.

<sup>d</sup> It is said in 9 E. 4. that a League made between two Kings (without naming of successors) doth not extend to successors, although by our law Rex non intermoritur.

<sup>e</sup> Justice Ashton is of opinion, that no Ambassadoꝝ ought to be sent to the Pope, but there may be many presidents to the contrary, foꝝ besides his spirituall jurisdiction he is a Temporall Prince, whereof see a president among many others, Rot. Par. 35 E. 3. parte 2. memb. 24. and likewise the Pope sent Ambassadors into England, who were swoꝝn not to attempt any thing prejudiciall to the King oꝝ Kingdome.

<sup>f</sup> And that we may give some taste of every kind: In times past the King of England sent Ambassadors to generall Councils, as taking one example of that sort foꝝ many, Ad concilium Basileens' sub Eugenio Papa, quorum destinati sunt per regem Ambasiatores & Oratores Episcopi \* Robertus London', Philippus Exoniens', Johannes Roffens', Johannes Baiocens' & Bernardus Aquarens' Edus comes Moriton, Abbates Glaston' & beatae Mariæ Eborum, Prior Norwici, Henricus Bromslet miles, (dominus Vesciæ) Thomas Browne legum Doctor Decanus Sarum, Johannes Collevile miles, & alii. Their authority was in these woꝝds, Dantes & damus eis & ipsorum majori parti potestatem & mandatum tam generale quam speciale nomine nostro & pro nobis in eodem concilio interessendi, tractandi, communicandi, & concludendi tam de hiis quæ reformationem Ecclesiæ universalis in capite & in membris, quam in hiis quæ fidei orthodoxæ fulcimentum, regumque ac principum pacificationem concernere poterunt, nec non de & super pace perpetua, guerrarumve abstinentia inter nos &

Carolus

<sup>a</sup> A Truce.

Rot. Franc'

19 E. 3. m. 10.

part 1.

<sup>b</sup> See the truce at

large, Lib. Par.

fo. 5.

<sup>c</sup> A League.

Rot. Par. 4 H. 5.

nu. 14.

<sup>d</sup> 9 E. 4. 2. a.

<sup>e</sup> 39 H. 6. 39.

<sup>f</sup> Ro. Pat. 35 E. 5.

part. 2. m. 24.

Clauſ. 10 H. 4.

m. 15. *nuntius p. 2.*

*pe.* Rot. Clauſ.

14 H. 3. m. 1.

Rot. Clauſ.

12 R. 2. m. Dorſ.

<sup>g</sup> Ro. Pat. 17 R. 2.

part. 1. m. 23.

Rot. Franc.

12 H. 6. m. 2.

Rot. Pat. 12 H. 6.

12 part. m. 6.

<sup>h</sup> Robert Gilbert

Doctor of Divi-

nity.

John Langdon

Doctor of Divi-

nity died at this

Councell.

Nicholaus Abbas

Glaston, Willielm.

Abbas beatae Ma-

riæ Eborum.

The letters of the

Pope whereby ge-

nerall Councils

are called, you

may read in Mar.

Par. Anno dom.

1245. pa. 886.

Carolum adversarium nostrum de Francia, ac etiam tractandi, communicandi, & appunctuandi, consentiendi insuper, & si opus fuerit, dissentiendi hiis quæ juxta deliberationem dicti concilii inibi statui, & ordinari contigerit. Promittentes & promittimus bona fide nos ratum, gratum, & firmum perpetuo habiturum totum & quicquid per dictos Ambassiatores, Oratores, & Procuratores nostros, aut majorem partem eorundem actum, factum, seu gestum fuerit in præmissis, & in singulis præmissorum, & hoc idem cum de & super hiis certiorati fuerimus quantum ad nos & Christianum principem attinet, executioni debitæ curabimus demandar'. In cujus rei testimonium has literas nostras fieri fecimus patentes. Dat' sub magni sigilli nostri testimonio in Palatio nostro Westm' 10 die Julii.

We have expressed this Ambassage the more particularly, for that, to this Councell also I find that Henry Beauford (son of John of Gaunt by Katherin Swinford) Bishop of Winchester and Cardinall of S. Eusebys addressed himself and had licence to transport and carry with him 20000.l. of gold and silver (mute, but moving Ambassadors) notwithstanding the statutes of 9 E. 3. cap. 1. and 5 R. 2. cap. 2. &c. For the form of a safe conduct (which is called de salvo conductu) see the Register. And for the effect and validity thereof, see the statutes of 15 H. 6. cap. 3. 18 H. 6. cap. 4. 20 H. 6. cap. 1.

Rot. Pat. anno 11 H. 6. parte 1. m. 10 & 12. & anno 12. part. 2. m. 13. 9 E. 3. ca. 1. 5 R. 2. ca. 2. Safeconduct. Reg. fo. 25; 26.

Recordum & process' contra Petrum de Rival Thesaurarium & Camerarium totius Angliæ & Hiberniæ, & custod' omnium Forestarum & omnium Portuum maris, &c. de compoto regi reddito de officiis prædictis & de judicio contra ipsum reddito per defaultam, quia venire recusavit, nisi salvo regis conductu, quod rex denegavit quasi insolitum & indebitum.

Anno 18 H. 3.

What reward Legats have had in former times you may read, Rot. Liberat. 11 H. 3. m. 13. Rot. Claus. 11 H. 3. m. 11. in Dorset. Rot. Liberat. 3 E. 1. m. 9. Eodem Rot. 1 E. 1. m. 2. Rot. Alman. 11 E. 3. per totum Rotulum.

See Beda in his History of England, Lib. 1. cap. 11. hereafter Cap. 75. Of Scotland, in fine, the danger of unwise and uncertain Leagues,

## CAP. XXVII.

The Court of the Iustices of Assise, and  
*Nisi Prius.*

Glanvil lib. 13. cap. 32, 33. &c.  
 Bract. lib. 4. fo. 164. b.  
 Britton fo. 106. b. 112. 118.  
 Fleta li. 4. cap. 1. & 5. Mitror ca. 2. §. 15.  
 Stat. Wallia in Ver. Mag. Car. 2 part. fo. 12. 26 Ass. p. 24.  
 \*FN.B. 177. Reg. See the 1 part of the Inst. Sect. 442.  
 Mag. Car. ca. 30. 39 H. 6. 19. b. mord.  
 When Iustices of Assise by Patent first began.  
 † The Patent of the Justice of Assise.  
 a *Juslic' nostros ad Assisar.*  
 Hereunto belong Commissions of associat', writs of admittance, and of *si non omnes*, &c. F.N.B. 177. Register. and a writ to the Sheriff to bring before them *omnia brevia Assis' Jurat' & Certificat'*, &c.  
 b *Jurat'* when the recognitors are turned in *jurata*.  
 19 E. 2. Ass. 418.  
 29 Ass. p. 78. &c.  
 c Certificat', hereof you may read in F.N.B. and the Register.  
 d Nota.  
 e W. 1. ca. 25.  
 f W. 2. ca. 30.  
 Vid. 4 E. 3. cap. 2.  
 g Ro. Par. 21 E. 1. Rot. 3. De Justiciariis assignatis.

**F**or the writ of Assise, whereof the Iustices take their name; in all ancient Authoꝝ, it is called *Assisa nova disseisina*, or *Petic briefde novel disseisin*. Of which writ Bracton saith, *Recognitio Assisæ novæ disseisinae multis vigiliis excogitata & inventa fuit recuperandæ possessionis gratia, ut per summariam cognitionem absque magna juris solemnitate, quasi per compendium, negotium terminetur.* And the Mirror saith, that for expedition of justice, and ousting of delays, it was ordained by Ranulph de Glanvill; but I find the writ more ancient, as it appeareth in 26 ass. pl. 24.

At the Common law Assises were not taken but either in \*Bank, or before Iustices in Cite, and this was a great delay to the Plaintiff, and a great molestation and vexation of the recognitors of the Assise. For remedy whereof, it is enacted by the statute of Magna Carta, *Quod recognitiones de nova disseisina, & de morte antecessoris non capiantur nisi in suis propriis comitatibus, & hoc modo nos si extra regnum fuere Capitales Justiciarii nostri, mittent Justiciarios nostros per unumquemque comitatum semel in anno, qui, &c. capiant comitatibus illis Assisas prædictas.* By force of this Act, these three conclusions are to be observed. First, that no Assise can be returnable in the Kings Bench, or Common Bench, unless the disseisin be done in the County where the Benches sit respectively, or if both Benches sit in one County, then the Plaintiff hath election to make it returnable in which Bench he will. Secondly, that the Iustices of both Benches in that case have jurisdiction originally and ordinary without any Patent. Thirdly, that upon the said Act of Magna Carta Letters Patents to Iustices of Assise were framed for the taking of Assises in the proper Countiees in these words.

† Rex, &c. dilectis & fidelibus suis R. M. uni Justic' suorum de Banco, & I. L. uni Justic' suorum ad placita coram nobis tenend' assign' Salutem. Sciatis quod constituimus vos Justiciarios nostros unacum hiis quos vobis associaverimus, ad omnes a Assisas, b Jurat', c certificat' coram quibuscunque Justic' tam per diversa brevia domini Johannis nuper regis Angliæ patris nostri, quam per diversa brevia nostra in Com' nostris Southt' Wiltes, Dorset, Somerset' Devon' & Cornub' ac in civitate Exon' arranian' capiend'. Et ideo vobis mandamus, quod ad certos dies & loca quos vos ad hoc provideritis, Assis', Jurat', & certificationes illas capiatis; d Facturi inde quod ad justitiam pertinet secundum legem, & consuetudinem regni nostri Angliæ. Salvis nobis amerciamentis inde provenien'. Mandavimus enim Vicecomitibus nostris com' & civitat' prædict', quod ad certos dies & loca quos eis scire faciatis Assis', Jurat' & certificat' illas una cum brevibus origin' & oranibus aliis ea tangen' coram vobis venire fac'. In cujus rei testimonium, &c.

e By this writ the seisin and possession was recovered, and became most frequent, quia non est aliud breve in Cancellaria, per quod querentes habent tam festinum remedium, quam per Assisam. f And after the statute of W. 2. was made, and thereby it was provided, quod assignentur duo Justiciarii jurati, coram quibus, & non aliis, capiantur Assisæ, &c. ad pluster per annum.

g Dominus rex, &c. præcepit, quod de cætero assignentur Ocho Justiciarii circumspedi & discreti ad Assisas, Jurat', & certificat' capiend' per totum regnū Angliæ, viz. and divideth the Realm into eight parts, and to every part assigneth two Iustices.

But

But divers Acts of Parliament have given unto Justices of Assise authority in many cases.

<sup>b</sup> Per lestatut' de finibus ca. 3. Justiciarii ad Assisas capiendas assignati delibere-  
rent Gaolas in com' illis tam infra libertates quam extra de prisonariis quibuscun-  
que. <sup>c</sup> Appeals of murder, robbery and rape may be commenced before Justices

of Assise. <sup>d</sup> Power given to Justices of Assise to try the appeals of Approvers.

<sup>e</sup> Justiciarii ad Assisas capiend' assignati non compellant Juratores dicere precise.

<sup>f</sup> Justices of Assise shall enquire for non-returning, and false returns of Sher-  
rifs.

<sup>g</sup> Justices of Assise may hear and determine of Conspiratores, false Informers,  
and wicked procurers of dozens, Enquests and Juries at the complaint of any  
without writ, and without delay, and of confederacies and champertics and  
maintainers, bearers, and alliances by bond, &c. <sup>h</sup> Of defaults of Sheriffs, Cl-  
cheators, Bailiffs, and other Officers.

<sup>i</sup> Justices of Assise may enquire of defaults, &c. of punishment of Victuallers,  
&c. which sell at unreasonable prices.

<sup>k</sup> They have power to hear and determine riding and going armed, &c. and to  
punish Justices of Peace, Sheriffs, Bailiffs, and others for not doing their  
office in that case.

<sup>l</sup> They may hear and determine treason in counterfeiting of money, &c.

<sup>m</sup> They shall do execution of the statute of 13 H. 4. of riots done in their presence  
upon pain of an hundred pound. <sup>n</sup> And by the statute of 2 H. 5. Commissions

shall be awarded to enquire of the default of Justices of Assise, and of Justices  
of Peace in that behalf.

<sup>o</sup> They shall enquire of, hear, and determine all offences contrary to the sta-  
tute of 23 H. 6. concerning Sheriffs, Under-sheriffs, and their Clerks, Coroners,  
Stewards of Franchises, Bailiffs, and keepers of prisons for extortion, and for  
letting to bail such as were notailable, or for denying of bail to them that  
ought to be bailed, &c.

<sup>p</sup> Justices of Assise shall take bail of him that is acquitted of murder with-  
in the year to answer to the appeal of the party, 5 Eliz. cap. 5. Of Informers.  
5 Eliz. cap. 4. Of Labourers.

<sup>q</sup> Justices of Assise, of Gaol-Delivery, and of the Peace, shall enquire of the  
default of Coroners.

<sup>r</sup> Justices of Assise, &c. shall enquire of false making of Leather. <sup>s</sup> Of amen-  
ding of high-ways. <sup>t</sup> Of hunters in Parks. <sup>u</sup> Of unlawfull taking of Fishes.  
<sup>x</sup> Of forgery of false deeds. <sup>y</sup> Against deceit in Linnen-cloth. <sup>z</sup> Against per-  
jury. <sup>a</sup> Of usury and many other things.

<sup>b</sup> Justices of Assise twice in the year ought to proclaim the statute of 32 H. 8.  
and other statutes against unlawfull maintenance, champerty, imbracery, and  
unlawfull receivers. <sup>c</sup> They ought to proclaim the statute of unlawfull games  
in their circuit. See the Custom of Normandy, cap. 19.

<sup>d</sup> Now concerning Justices of Nisi prius, they were first instituted by the Sta-  
tute of W. 2. of issues joyned in the Common Bench, and Kings Bench: and  
their authority is annexed to the Justices of Assise, and is by force of a judiciall  
writ, and therefore we have joyned them under one title. And this appeareth in  
the judiciall writ of Nisi prius, which is.

Authority of Justices of Nisi prius, in libro meo. fo. 54 b. the Pl. begun, *Et auxint en Nisi prius grant devant Stouf.*

*Rex vicecomiti Salutem. Precipimus tibi quod venire fac' coram Jus-  
ticiariis nostris apud Westm' in Octab. Sancti Michaelis, vel coram Justi-  
ciariis nostris ad Assisas in com' tuo per formam statuti nostri inde provis'  
capiend' assignatis, si prius die luna prox' ante festum, &c. apud, &c. ve-  
nerint 12. tam milites quam alios, &c.*

And by the said Act the Justices of Nisi prius have power to give judgment  
in Assise of Darrein Presentment and Quare Impedit.

b 27 E. 1. Stat de  
Finibus cap. 3.  
To deliver G. o. l.  
c 22 E. 4. 19.  
d Stat. de Appel-  
laus. an. 28 E. 1.  
e W. 2. cap. 30.  
f W. 2. cap. 39.  
2 E. 3. cap. 5.  
g Artic. sup. Car.  
28 E. 1. 4 E. 3.  
c. 11 7 R. 2 c 15.  
Regist. 186. 188.  
4 E. 3 ca. 12. Of  
Mairs and Bay-  
lifs, *que ne serbe  
vines.*  
h 20 E. 3. ca 6.  
i 23 E. 3. cap. 6.  
k 2 E. 3. ca. 3. de  
Northampton.  
1 R. 2. ca. 7. Of  
unlawfull main-  
tenance.  
l 3 H. 5. ca. 7.  
m 13 H. 4. cap. 7.  
n 2 H. 5. cap. 8.  
o 23 H. 6. ca. 10.  
p 3 H. 8. ca. 9. for  
shooting.

p 3 H. 7. cap. 1.  
q 1 H. 8. 3 ca 7.  
r 18 E. 1. cap. 9.  
s 18 E. 1. cap. 10.  
t 5 E. 1. cap. 3.  
u 5 E. 1. cap. 5.  
z 5 E. 1. cap.  
y 1 E. 1. ca. 14.  
x 5 E. 1. ca. 9.  
\* 13 E. 1. cap. 8.  
a 32 H. 8 ca.  
b 33 H. 8. ca. 9.

c W. 2. c 30. See  
the 2 part of the  
Inst. the exposi-  
tion of this Act.  
vid. Fleta l. 4. c. 5.  
Vid. Hil. 32 n. 3.  
m. 5. see the au-  
thority.

¶ The writ of  
Nisi prius.

Reg. judic. 48. 75  
W. 2. ca. 30.  
6 E. 6. Dier 77.

7 R.2.ca.7.

By the statute of 7 R.2. Nisi prius shall be granted as well in the Exchequer as elsewhere.

18 El.ca.12.

Of issues joyned in the Kings Bench, Common Bench, and Exchequer, the Chief Justices, or Chief Baron, or in their absences two other Justices or Barons of the said severall Courts, as Justices of Nisi prius for the County of Midd. within the Terme, or four days after shall severally try, &c. and that Commissions, and writs of Nisi prius shall be awarded, &c. It is to be observed that there is but a transcript of the Record sent to the Justices of Nisi prius.

9 El. Dier 261.

27 E.1. de finibus.  
F.N.B.24.1.e.Statut. de York.  
12 E.2.ca.3.& 4.  
2 E.3.ca.16. &  
4 E.3.cap.2.  
14 E.3.ca.16.

By the statute of 27 E.1. de Finibus ca.4. It is provided, Quod inquisitiones & recognitiones capiantur tempore vacationis coram aliquo Justiciario de utroque Banco, coram quibus placitum deductum fuerit. See the statutes of York, 2 E.3.cap.16. 4 E.3. ca.2. and the statute of 14 E.3. cap.16. which statute doth provide that Nisi prius may be taken in every plea reall and personall before two, so that one be Justice of one of the Benches, or the Chief Baron or Serjeant sworn, without any regard where the plea depended, and this standeth yet at this day. Vid. 42 E.3. cap.11. 19 H.6. fol.47. 33 H.6. fol.14. 16 H.7. fol.14. 5 Mariae Dier fol.163.

Rot. Clauf.  
10 E.2.m.10.

Concordatum fuit per totum concilium regis, quod nullus Vicecomes aut Coronator fiat Justiciarius ad Assisas capiend', Gaolas deliberand', transgress' audiend' & terminand', seu ad aliquod aliud officium Justic' faciend', eo quod debent esse intendentes aliis Justiciariis. Which Act is declaratory of the Common law, for that (as by the reason recited in the Act it appeareth) these offices be incompatible, the one being attendant unto, and within the controlment of the other.

F.N.B.240.e.  
Stanf.156.  
Nisi prius in case  
of felony and  
treason. 4 E.3.  
cap.11.

14 H.6. cap.1. Justices of Nisi prius have power in all cases of felony and treason to give judgment as well where the prisoner is acquitted, as where he is attainted, and to award execution.

a 24 E.3.f.23.  
Rot. Par.37 E.3.  
nu.18. F.N.B.  
241.a.

<sup>a</sup> Where the King is a party, a Nisi prius may be granted, if the Kings Attorny assent unto it.

b 10 E.4.fo.14.  
22 E.4.18.3 Mar.  
Dier 120, 121. &  
131.

In Appeal of murder, robbery, and rape brought in the Kings Bench, if the parties be at issue, a Nisi prius may be granted before Justices of Assise. 25 E.3. 30. 14 E.3. Nisi prius 16. 22 E.4.19. 21 H.7.36. 9 El. Dier 261. 42 E.3. c.11 r. 8 H.7.6. <sup>b</sup> But it is to be observed, that if the Appellee be acquitted before Justices of Nisi prius, they have power to acquit, &c. and give judgement, as is aforesaid.

c See the 2 part of  
the Inst. upon  
this Act of W.2.  
cap.12.

<sup>c</sup> They may also enquire and judge of the abbettoys and dammages by the statute of W.2. cap.12. and not by the said Act of 14 H.6. And so it is if the Appeal be brought before the Justices of Assise, they have also power to enquire and judge, Ut supra.

d 27 E.1. stat. de  
finibus. ca.7.4.  
Rsgif. 186.

<sup>d</sup> These Justices of Nisi prius were instituted for two causes, viz. 1. Propter intolerabilem jacturam Juratorum, & in exonerationem Juratorum. 2. Ad celerem justitiam in ea parte exhibendam.

W.2. cap.30.

Inquisitiones & Jurat' in placito terra capiend' quæ magna non sunt examinationis, capiantur in patria, &c.

Regist. 186.

And hereupon a prohibition is grantable to Justices of Assise, Quod non caperent in patria inquisitiones quæ magna indigent examinatione.

14 E.3. ass. Br.  
413. & tit. Ass.  
Fitzh. 110.

By the originall institution of Justices of Assises and of Nisi prius, the tryall should be before two at the least, and it were much for the advancement of justice and right to have the law put in due execution, for plus vident oculi, quam oculus, and specially in Pleas of the Crown concerning the life of man, in regard whereof they shall be worthy of greater allowance.

Dier Manuscript.  
Hil. 11 Eliz.  
26 ass. p.3.

Before the Justices of Assise in pays a forain plea, viz. Villenage was pleaded, for tryall whereof the Record was removed into the Common Bench, and there a Venire fac' was awarded, and retorne, servie, and a Habeas corpus with a Nisi prius was prayed. And it was objected that the issue was not joyned in Bank, nor judgment to be given there, and yet in the end the prayer was granted, as



in a \* Certificate, upon an Assise a Nisi prius shall be granted : \* And so it is upon a foreign Toucher, Receipt shall be granted, and a tryall by a Nisi prius had.

<sup>b</sup> The Justice of Nisi prius may grant a Tales de circumstantibus, either when but one or more appear of the principall pannell, or where eleven doe appear: and all the Jury may be of the Tales de circumstantibus, as it was upon a Tales at the Common law.

<sup>c</sup> Where the King is party, a Nisi prius is grantable for the King, but not for the party without assent of the Kings Attorny, and so are the books to be intended.

<sup>d</sup> In Attaint the Plaintiff craved a Nisi prius, and because one of the Petit Jury was prisoner in Newgate, and came in ward and pleaded, and was remanded, and if a Nisi prius should be granted he should lose his challenges, the Court denyed to grant any Nisi prius, otherwise a Nisi prius may be granted in an Attaint.

<sup>e</sup> In trespassse between the Duke of Creter and the Lord Cromwell the Councell of the Duke moved for a Nisi prius, and for that the Duke was a Depotent Prince in that Country, and the Venire fac' being returned, there was a great rout in the Hall, so as if a Nisi prius should be granted great mischief might ensue, therefore no Nisi prius was granted.

More you may read of the writs of Assise and of Nisi prius in our books, that which hath been said concerning the jurisdiction may suffice. It is commonly called a writ of Nisi prius, but the words of the writ are Si prius &c. And albeit the authority of Justices of Assise (as it hath appeared) hath by Act of Parliament been exceedingly enlarged both in dignity and multitude of causes, yet they retain their first and originall name, albeit Assises are in these days very rarely taken before them. See in the Chapter of Justices of Peace powers and authorities lately granted to Justices of Assise, and Justices of Nisi prius.

\* 7 H. 4. 45.  
 8 E. 4. 16.  
 F. N. B. 183. b.  
 a 18 E. 3. 1.  
 49 E. 3. 21.  
 3 H. 4. 18.  
 b 35 H. 8. cap. 6.  
 23 El. Dier 376.  
 4 & 5 Ph. & Mar.  
 cap. 7. 14 El. c. 9.  
 18 El. cap. 12.  
 Vid. 3 Eliz.  
 Dier 145.  
 c 25 E. 3. 39.  
 18 E. 3. 58.  
 14 E. 3. Nisi prius  
 us 16. 24 E. 3.  
 23. 21 H. 7. 34.  
 F. N. B. 140.  
 Stanf. pl. cor.  
 156. a. b.  
 d 44 E. 3. fo. 2.  
 44 aff. p. 20.  
 8 H. 4. 23. 21 E. 3.  
 17. 6 aff. p. 7.  
 e 15 E. 3. Nisi  
 prius. 22 simile.  
 21 E. 3. ibidem 21.  
 f 32 H. 6. 9.  
 22 E. 3. 16. F. N. B.  
 241. a. Dier 4 El.  
 215.

## CAP. XXVIII.

## Justices of Oier &amp; Terminer.

**T**he authority of Justices of Oier and Terminer is by Commission. Of Commissions of Oier & Terminer there be two sorts, one generall, so called because it is generall, in respect of the persons, the offences, and the places where the offences are committed, the which Commission followeth in these words.

*Elizabeth dei gratia Anglie, Francia, & Hibernia Regina, fidei defensor, &c. Charissimis consanguineis suis Willielmo Marchioni Winton, Henrico Comiti Southt, &c. ac dilectis & fidelibus suis Rogero Manwood uni Justic' suorum de Banco, Iohanni Jefferay uni Justic' ad placita coram nobis tenend' assign', Iohanni Arundell militi, &c. Iohanni S. Iohn, Humf. Walrond, William Pool, Petro Edgecombe, Thoma Morton, &c. Salutem. Sciatis quod assignavimus vos & tres vestrum, quorum aliquem vestrum vos prefat' Rogerum Manwood & Iohannem Jefferay unum esse volumus Iusticiarios nostros ad inquirendum per sacramentum proborum & legalium hominum de com' nostris Southt. Wiltes. Dorset, Somerset, Devon. & Cornub. & eorum quolibet, ac aliis viis, modis, & mediis quibus melius sciveritis, aut poteritis, tam infra libertates quam extra, per quos rei veritas melius sciri poterit de quibuscunque prodicionibus, mispersionibus prodicionum, insurrectionibus, rebellionibus, murdris, felonis, homicidiis, interfectionibus, burglariis, raptibus mulierum, congregationibus & conventiculis illicitis, verborum prolationibus, coadiutationibus, mispersionibus, confederationibus, falsis allegantiis, transgressionibus, riotis, routis, retentionibus, escapiis, contemptibus, falsitatibus, negligentis, concealamentis, manutentionis, oppressionibus, cambipartiis, deceptionibus, & \* aliis malefactis, offensis, & injuriis quibuscunque, nec non accessar' eorundem infra com' predict' & eorum quemlibet, tam infra libertates, quam extra per quoscunque & qualitercunque habit, fact', perpetrat' sive commiss'. Et per quos vel per quem, cui vel quibus, quando, qualiter, & quomodo, ac de aliis articulis & circumstantiis premiss'. & eorum aliquod vel aliqua qualitercunque concernen. Et ad easdem prodiciones & alia premissa (hac vice) audiend. & terminand. secundum legem & consuetudinem regni nostri Anglie. Et ideo vobis mandamus quod ad certos dies & loca quos vos, vel tres vestrum, quorum aliquem vestrum ex vobis prefat. Rogerum Manwood & Iohannem Jefferay unum esse volumus, ad hoc provideritis diligenter super premissis faciatis inquisitiones, & premissa omnia & singula audiatis & terminetis, ac ea faciatis & expleatis in forma predicta, & \* facturi inde quod ad Iustitiam pertinet secundum legem & consuetudinem regni nostri Anglie. Salvis nobis amerciamendis & aliis ad nos inde spectantibus. Mandavimus enim Vicecomitibus nostris com. predict'. quod ad certos dies & loca, quos vos vel tres vestrum, quorum aliquem vestrum ex vobis prefat. Rogerum Manwood & Iohannem Jefferay unum esse volumus, eis scire feceritis venire fac' coram vobis, vel tribus vestrum, quorum aliquem*

For generall Commissions, see 42 A. pl. 5. 2 R. 2 Cor. 47. Pl. com. 390. Countee de Lex' case.

Hereupon they are called Justices of Oier and Terminer.

\* Nota, these generall words.

\* Nota.

*aliquem vestrum vobis prelat' Rogerum Manwood & Iohannem Ieffera y unum esse volumus, tot & tales probos & legales homines de ballivis suis tam infra libertates, quam extra per quos rei veritas melius sciri poterit & inquire. In cuius rei testimonium has literas nostras fieri fecimus patentes. Teste me ipsa apud Westm' 27 die Iunii Anno regni nostri decimo octavo.*

2 Particular Commissions of Oier and Terminer so called in respect of the persons of the offences, or of the places, whereof you shall finde five presidents in the Register: \* 1. Against the Bishop of Winchester and his Ministers. 2. De nave fracta, if the goods ought to be taken for wreck. 3. Of divers oppressions, &c. extortions, &c. by the Kings Ministers. 4. Of Oier and Terminer for the Prior of Darenty. And 5. For the King in time of vacation, which you may reade there.

a Concerning Commissions of Oier and Terminer Ten Conclusions are to be obserbed. 1. That Oiers and Terminers shall not be granted, but befoze the Justices of the one Bench or the other, or the Justices errant, and that for great or horrible trespasses, of the Kings especial grace, jaccording to the statute in the time of his b Grandfather.

c And in the Register there is a Superseadeas, Quia non enormis transgressio, which word [enormis] is in the statute of W. 2. ubi sup. d To Commissioners of Oier and Terminer a Writ of Superseadeas was delihered, Quia enormis transgressio non est, Ideo superseadeant, for it was not but for cutting down of Trees. e And afterward a Writ of Procedendo under the Great Seal of later date was delihered to them to proceed secundum legem & consuetudinem Angliæ non obstante aliquo mandato, &c. by vertue whereof, notwithstanding the former Writ, they did proceed by advice of all the Justices. For a Writ of Superseadeas is one thing, and an absolute repeale or countermand of the Commission it selfe is another. A Superseadeas is but to stay, or forbear the proceedings, \* that is, super advisamentum sedere, and is not mes un surcesse de advisement. And such may the cutting down of trees be, as it may be enormis transgressio, and therefore notwithstanding a Superseadeas the cause may proceed by a Writ of Procedendo. But after an absolute repeale or countermand by the King of the Commission it selfe, the Commissioners cannot proceed after by force of any Procedendo, but there must be a new Commission.

The second Conclusion is, that Commissions are like to the Kings Writs, such are to be allowed which have warrant of law and continuall allowance in courts of Justice. For all Commissions of new invention are against law untill they have allowance by Act of Parliament. f Commissions of novell inquiries are declared to be void: g Commissions to assay Weights and Measures (being of new invention) are declared to be void, & that such Commissions should not be after granted. So as a Commission is a delegation by warrant of an Act of Parliament, or of the Common law, whereby jurisdiction, power, or authority is conferred to others. Sapientis Iudicis est cogitare tantum sibi esse permillum, quantum commissum & creditum. And it is a good rule for all Commissioners to hold the like, and ever to keep themselves within their Commission.

The Commons do petition, that certaine Commissions lately sent to Cities for the making of certaine Boats and Bullingers being done without assent of Parliament, might be repealed. The King doth answer, That after conference with the Lords, reasonable answer should be made. And that these Commissions took no effect, appeareth in this, That no further complaint was thereof made, and no such Commission was ever after granted.

At the petition of the Commons, the King granted that one Bennet Wilman, who was imprisoned to answer befoze the Constable and Parshall of England, should be tried according to the common laws of this Realm, notwithstanding any Commission to the contrary. And thereupon a Writ was accordingly directed to the Justices of the Kings Bench, as there it appeareth. Of these kindes many

\* Regist. 125. 126 127.

F. N. B. 110. 111.

For particular

commissions see

42 Ass. pl. 12.

34 Ass. p. 8.

29 E. 3. 30. 31.

Rot. Clauf.

18 H. 3. m. 15. de

Petro de Rivall.

a 2 E. 3. cap. 2.

34 E. 3. cap. 1.

To be named by

the Court & not

the party.

See the statute of

42 E. 3. cap. 4.

which extends to

Enquiries.

4 H 4 cap. 9.

Vide Rot. Parl.

50 E. 3. nu 51.

for Commissions

of inquiry what

persons ought to

be named: so

note a diversity

between Com-

missions of En-

quiry, and of

Oier and Ter-

miner.

b W. 2. 13 E. 1.

cap. 29.

c Regist. 124,

125. 2 E. 3. cap. 2.

d 12 Ass. p. 21.

Vide Br. com. 12.

& Oier & Ter-

miner. 4.

e Regist. 124. 125

\* Superled vide.

f 18 E. 3. cap. 1.

g 18 E. 3. cap. 4.

Rot. Parl. 3 H. 4

nu. 22.

Rot. Parl. 5 H. 4

nu. 39.

Vid. 42 Ass. p. 5.

many moze authorities might be cited, but let us return to our Justices of Oier and Terminer.

41 Ass. p. 12.  
Vi. F. N. B. 110. b  
Regist. 125. &c.

In the reign of E. 3. the Justices were so carefull, that no innoation should creep in concerning Commissions of Oier and Terminer, that certain Justices having their authority by Writ, where they ought to have had it by Commission, though it were of the forme and words that the legall Commission ought to be, John Knivert Chief Justice by the advice of all the Judges resolved, that the said Writ was contra legem. And where divers Indictments were before them found against T. S. the same, and all that was done by colour of that Writ was damned.

3 Mar. Br. Com-  
missions 23.

The third conclusion is, that Justices of Oier and Terminer cannot proceed upon any Indictment, but upon Indictments taken before themselves, for their authority is, Ad inquirend', audiend', & terminand'.

Vide 29 Ass. 33.

The fourth conclusion, that Justices of Oier and Terminer may upon an Indictment found proceed the same day against the party indicted. But against this there seems to be great authority: For in Kelwey fo. 159. b. it is thus said. Mem. que en breise de Oier & Terminer. P. 9 H. 8. sur le insurrection in Londres il suit determine eletement per tous Justices Dengleterre, que Justices D'oier & Terminer ne puir inquire un jour, & mesme le jour determine, nient plus que Justices de peace; mes Justices de Gaol delivery & Justices in Eire poien bien. It may be that he that set down this case took it upon trust, for it agreeth in effect eodem verbis with the Chronicle in 9 H. 8. fo. 843. and it is croneous in divers main points. 1. That the Oier and Terminer was by Writ, where it was and ought to be by Commission, as hath been said. 2. That Justices of Oier and Terminer cannot enquire one day, and determine in the same day, which without question they may do: for proof whereof we will cite some few Records in stead of many.

Hil. 2 H. 4 Rot. 4.

Thomas Marks Bishop of Carlisle before Commissioners of Oier and Terminer was indicted, tried, and adjudged all in one day, for High treason.

1 H. 8. Sir Rich.  
Empsons case.  
Northampton.

Die Lunæ post festum Sancti Michaelis, Anno 1 H. 8. before Fisher, Brudnell, Palmes, &c. Commissioners of Oier and Terminer, Sir Richard Empson was indicted of High Treason and tried all in one day. And we desirous to see the entry, upon not guilty pleaded, it is thus: Ideo inter die' dominum regem & die' Rich. Empson militem in instant' diem ad horam primam post meridiem, &c. apud castrum de Northampton venerunt, &c. qui nec, &c. ad recognosc', &c. Ad quos quidem diem horam, & castrum de Northamp' venit coram præfat' Justic' præd' Rich. Empson, &c.

<sup>a</sup> And with this constant experience agreeth  
4 H. 5. tit. Enquest 55.

<sup>b</sup> 22 E. 4. cor. 44. holden for no law.

<sup>c</sup> Vide *Legatut de*  
5 E. 6. cap. 14.  
Of Forefallers,  
Ingrossers, and  
Regrators.

33 H. 8. cap. 9. Of unlawfull games.

7 Eliz. Oier 236.  
See many statutes wherein Justices of Oier & Terminer are expressly named.

2 Dec' Anno 3 E. 6. at Westm. before Richard Lister, Edward Mountague, Roger Cholmeley, Edmond Merton, William Portman, and Humfrey Browne, and other Commissioners of Oier and Terminer, Robert Bell was indicted of High Treason and tried the same day. 10 Dec' Anno 3 E. 6. before Sir William Portman and other Justices of Oier and Terminer at Reading in the County of Berks Thomas Bonham was indicted of High Treason and tried the same day. 4 Augusti 10 Eliz. John Felton was before Commissioners of Oier and Terminer in London indicted of High Treason, and tried the same day by the advice of all the Judges of England. <sup>a</sup> Nota, the award in the Roll by the Justices of Oier and Terminer to the Sheriffe to returne a Jury, is not sufficient; but there ought to be a precept to the Sheriffe, under the Seals of the Commissioners for the returning of a Jury, but otherwise it is in the Kings Bench.

<sup>b</sup> The third error in the said case of 9 H. 8. that Justices of Peace cannot inquire and try the same day, which without question they may, for they are speciall Justices of Oier and Terminer: and wherefore Justices of Oier and Terminer should not try the same day, as well as Justices of Gaole-delivery, and Justices in Eire, no sound reason can be given.

<sup>c</sup> The fifth conclusion is, that if any offence be prohibited by any statute, and name not in what Court it shall be punished; or if the statute appoint that it shall be punished in any Court of Record: In both these cases it may be heard and determined before Justices of Oier and Terminer. And so it seemeth to me

if the statute appoint the penalty to be recovered in any of the Kings Courts of Record, according to the opinion of Carlyn, Sanders, and Whiddon; for the Court of Oier and Terminer is the Kings Court of Record.

The sixth conclusion is, that the King may make a Commission of Association directed to others to joyn with the iustices of Oier and Terminer, and a Writ of Admittance to the Iustices of Oier and Terminer to admit the others into their society, which Writ is close. There is also a Writ of Si non omnes directed to the Iustices of Oier and Terminer and to their Associates: the formes of all which you may reade in the Regitster ubi supra, and in F.N.B. ubi supra. And in all these Commissions and Writs, the Iustices are directed with this Rule, Facturi quod ad iusticiam pertinet secundum legem & consuetudinem Angliæ, which is a true mark of a lawfull Commission.

The seventh. If the Iustices sit by force of the Commission, and do not ad-  
 journe the Commission, it is determined.

Commissions Br.  
12.

The eighth. Iustices of Oier and Terminer, or Iustices of Peace, cannot assigne a Cozoner to an Approber; for it is not within the Commission of either of them, but Iustices of Gaole-delivery may do it.

9 H.4.coron.457  
Stanf.pl.co.143.c

The ninth. Iustices of Oier and Terminer shall send their Records and Proses determined, and put in execution to the Exchequer at Mich. every year to be delivered there to the Treasurer and Chamberlains, &c. to keep them in the Treasury.

9 E.3 cap.5.

The tenth. None of these Commissioners, or of Assise, or Gaole-delivery, or of the Peace, or other of the Kings Commissioners are countermanded by any new Commission, unlesse the new Commission be shewed unto them for so many as it is shewed unto; or that it be proclaimed in the County, or that the new Commissioners do sit and keep their Sessions by force of the new Commission, the former Commission is countermanded.

34 Ass.p.8.  
L.5 E.4.fo.12.  
10 E.4.fo.7.  
20 H.7.8.  
Kelwey 116.  
Br. Commiss.6.  
19 Eliz.Oier 355  
Vi.infra pag.169.

The statute of 2 & 3 Ph. & M. cap.18. for Cities or Towns Corporate being no Counties, but is extendeth not to Commissioners of Oier and Terminer.

And a right profitable statute is made concerning this matter, viz. That no Proses or suit before any Iustices of Assise, Gaole-delivery, Oier and Terminer, Iustices of the Peace, or \* other of the Kings Commissioners, shall not in any wise be discontinued by the making or publishing of any new Commission or Association, or by altering of the names of any of the said Iustices or Commissioners, but that the new Iustices and Commissioners may proceed in every behalfe, as if the old Iustices and Commissioners had still remained and continued not altered.

1 E.6.ca.7.

\* Nota, the general words.

## CAP. XXIX.

The Courts of Speciall Justices of Oier and Terminer, of and concerning, 1. Purveyours, 2. Misdemeanours of Villaines, &c. 3. Sums of money collected for houses of Correction, &c. 4. Colledges, Hospitals, and Charitable uses.

*And first of Purveyours.*

36 E. 3 cap. 4.  
Of Purveyours.

Buyers of Victuall, &c.  
Takers of Carriage.

**T**his Court is raised by the Statute of 36 E. 3. whereby it is enacted, That Commissions shall be made to two good men and lawfull of every County, and the third to be of the Kings house. So that if any of the three come not, the two shall proceed to enquire of the behaviour and acts of the said buyers and takers, and how much the said buyers have taken and bought; and how much carriage: and to heare and determine the contempts, outrages, and trespasses in that behalfe, as well at the Kings suit, as of every man that will complaine of them.

These Commissions are to be granted *ex merito justitiæ*, and cannot be denied. And it is to be observed, that the action or suit given by the said Act is not popular; for either the King only is to have it, or the subject only that will complaine.

And for better information to be made to the said Justices of the things aforesaid, the Steward, Treasurer, and Controller of the two Houses, (*viz.* of the King and Queen) at every Quarter or Halfe year shall certifie into the Chancery the parcels taken in every Towne, and of every person; and the Chancelor shall send the said Certificate to the Justices which shall be so assigned. And that this Act extend and hold place as well against the Purveyours of the Great Houses of the said two Houses, as against the buyers or takers before named.

2. *Concerning misdemeanours, &c. of Villains.*

1 R. 2. cap. 6.

See the Statute of 1 R. 2. cap. 6.

3. *Of and for Sums of money collected for Houses of Correction, or for the poore, &c.*

39 Eliz. cap. 4.  
1 Jac. cap. 7.

This Court is raised by the statute of 39 Eliz. cap. 4. as by the same appeareth, wherein this is to be observed, That their proceedings, judgements, and executions shall remain good and availeable in law, without any redresse to be had by suit in any other Court.

See the Second part of the Institutes the exposition of these statutes.

4. *Concerning Colledges, Hospitals, or Almes-houses, or for charitable and lawfull purposes and uses.*

39 Eliz. cap. 6.

It is lawfull for the Lord Chancelour or Lord Keeper of the Great Seale,

Seale, and for the Chancelour of the Duchy of Lancaster (for lands within the County Palatine of Lancaster) to award Commissions under the Great Seale, or Seale of the County to the Bishop of the Dioces & his Chancelor, and to other persons of \* good and sound behaviour, to enquire by the oathes of Twelve lawfull men, &c. as by all other good and lawfull means of all and singular Colledges, Hospitals, and other places, founded or ordained for the Charitable reliefe of poore, aged, and impotent people, maimed souldiers, Schooles of learning, Orphans, or for such other good, charitable, and lawfull purposes and intents. And also of Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, Leases, Goods and Chattels given or appointed for the like lawfull and charitable uses. As also for reparation of Highwayes, of Bridges, and Seabanks, for maintenance of Free-Schooles and Poore Scholars, and of Orphans and fatherlesse children, and such like good and lawfull charitable uses. And to enquire of the abuses and misdemeanours, mis-employments, falsities, defrauding the trusts, alienations, and misgovernments, &c. And after such inquiry made upon hearing and examining thereof to set downe such orders, judgements, and decrees as the said good and charitable uses may be truly observed in full, ample, and most liberall sort, &c. Which orders, judgements, and decrees (not being contrary to the orders, statutes, and decrees of the Donors or Founders) shall stand \* firme and good, according to the tenor and purport thereof: which Orders, Judgements, and Decrees are to be certified under the Seals of the Commissioners respectively, either into the Chancery of England, or of the County Palatine of Lancaster.

Chancelour or Lord Keeper, or to the Chancelour of the said Duchy, for their redresse therein, &c. and they have power to judge, &c. according to equity.

\* No person interested, &c. to be a Commissioner.

Colledges in both Universities, of Westminster, or Winchester, and Cathedral Churches, &c. are excepted.

It extends not to lands in Cities or Towns Corporate where there is a speciall Governour, &c. Nor to any Colledge, Hospitall, or Freechoole, which have speciall Visitors, &c. But this exception extends not to Leases, Goods or Chattels.

\* The party grieved may complain to the Lord &c. and they have

It is to be observed that when any Act of Parliament doth authorize the Lord Chancelour or Lord Keeper to make or grant any Commission under the Great Seale, that he may make or grant the same without any further warrant, because the King is party to the Act of Parliament, and there cannot be a greater warrant to the Lord Chancelour, &c. then the Act of Parliament.

## CAP. XXX.

## Justices of Gaole delivery.

Their Authority is by Commission in these words.

The Commission  
of Gaol-delivery.

Note, they are  
called the Kings'  
Justices.  
\* Their Com-  
mission extends  
only to them that  
are in prison.  
<sup>a</sup> Nota.

**E**lizabeth, &c. Dilectis & fidelibus suis AB. CD. &c. Salutem. Sciatis quod constituimus vos, tres, & duos vestrum, quorum aliquem vestrum vos prefat' A B. &c. unum esse volumus, Iusticiarios nostros ad Gaolam nostram castri nostri de C. de \* prison' in ea exist' hac vice deliberand. Et ideo vobis mandamus quod ad certum diem quem vos, tres vel duo vestrum (quorum vos prefat' A B. &c. unum esse volumus) ad hoc provide- ritis, conveniatis apud castrum predict' ad gaolam illam deliberand' <sup>a</sup> factu- ri inde quod ad justitiam pertinet secundum legem & consuetudinem regni nostri Anglia. Salvis nobis amerciamenis & aliis ad nos inde spectantibus. Mandavimus enim Vic' nostro Com' nostri M. quod ad certum diem quem vos, tres, vel duo vestrum (quorum vos prefat' A B. & CD. unum esse volumus) ei scire feceritis, omnes prisonos ejusdem gaole & eorum attachiamenta coram vobis, tribus, vel duobus vestrum, (quorum aliquem vestrum ex vobis prefat. A B. & CD. unum esse volumus) ibidem venire fac. In cujus rei testimo- num has literas nostras fieri fecimus patentes. Teste, &c.

See the second  
part of the Instit.  
stat. de Glouc'  
cap. 9.

<sup>b</sup> 4 E. 3. cap. 2.  
17 R. 2. cap. 9.

<sup>c</sup> Thrice in the  
year. and oftner  
if need be.

<sup>d</sup> Nota, few but  
effectuall words.

<sup>e</sup> 4 E. 3. cap. 2.

<sup>f</sup> 4 E. 3. cap. 2.

3 Mar. Br. Com-  
missions. 23.

2 R. 3. Co. on. 47.

4 H. 5. Enquest  
55.

1 R. 3. Coron. 47.

Paſch 29 Eliz. co-  
ram Rege, inter  
Apharry & Mor-  
gan in Appel.  
9 H. 7. 9.

2 R. 3. Coron. 47

<sup>b</sup> By the law of the land, ne homines diu detineantur in prisona, but that they might receive plenam & celerem justitiam; this Commission was instituted; and by this Commission Gaols ought to be delivered <sup>c</sup> thrice in the year, and oftner if need be.

Their authority is by this Commission, which consisteth in <sup>d</sup> few words. Constituimus vos Justiciarios nostros ad Gaolam nostram castri nostri de C de prisonibus in ea existentibus hac vice delibererand. <sup>e</sup> These Justices ought to be, Bone gens & sages auters que des places, &c.

Upon this authority and by statutes given unto them, thirteene conclusions do follow.

1. <sup>f</sup> Justices of Gaole delivery may arraign any man that is in prison in that Gaole upon an Indictment of Felony, Trespasse, &c. before Justices of Peace, though it were not found before themselves, which (as hath been said) Justices of Oier and Terminer cannot do. Justices of Peace shall deliver their Indictments to the Justices of Gaole delivery.

2. They shall take a panell of a Jury returned by the Sheriffe, without making any precept to him, as Justices of Oier and Terminer (as hath been said) ought to make. And the reason of the difference is, because a generall commandment is made to the Sheriffe by the Justices of Gaole delivery to return Juries against their coming: but if they have a speciall Commission, otherwise it is by Hankeford,

3. They may deliver suspects for felony, &c. by Proclamation, against whom there is no sufficient evidence produced to the Great Inquest to indict them, &c. which Justices of Oier and Terminer, or Justices of Peace cannot do.

4. They may inquire and take indictments of felony, &c. of prisoners before them, & proceed upon them. And so was it resolved in an appeal of murder brought by Apharry against Morgan, who pleaded that he was averfoitz indicted and convicted of the same felony, and had his Clergy before Justices of Gaole delivery, and pleaded over to the felony (& the plea allowed.) And so may Justices of Oier

and



and Terminer doe, which is to be observed by the judicious Reader, for both of them have authority to enquire, heare, and determine of such as be prisoners in the Gaole: and in that case they have a concurrent authority.

5. If a man be indicted before Justices of peace, and thereupon outlawed, and is taken and committed to prison, the Justices of Gaole delivery may award execution of this prisoner.

15 H.7.5.b.

6. They may assigne a Coroner to an Approver, and make Proses against the Appellee in a foreign County.

Star.de Appellar.  
28 E.1.

7. \* They may punish those that let men to baile or mainprise, which are notailable by law, or suffer them to escape.

Stanf.pl.cor.143.c  
\* 27 E.1. Ilar, De  
finibus cap.3.

By the Statute of 1 E.6. it is provided in these words.

4 E.3.cap.2.

And be it, &c. That in all cases where any person or persons heretofore have been, or hereafter shall be found guilty of any manner of Treason, Murder, Manslaughter, Rape, or other felony whatsoever; for the which judgement of death should or may ensue; and shall be reprieved to prison without judgement at that time given against him, her; or them so found guilty, that those persons, that at any time hereafter shall by the Kings Letters Patents be assigned Justices to deliver the Gaole where any such person or persons found guilty, shall remain; shall have full power and authority to give judgement of death against such person so found guilty and reprieved, as the same Justices before whom such person or persons was or were found guilty might have done, if their Commission of Goale delivery had remained and continued in full force and strength.

1 & 2 Ph.& Mar.  
cap.13.

1 E.6.cap.7.

Treason,&c.

8. Here by the judgement of the whole Parliament this conclusion doth follow, that Justices of Gaole delivery, according to the generality of the words of their Commission, may deliver the Gaole of prisoners committed for High Treason, which we prefer before any private opinion, especially concluding with a Quere.

27 E.1. de finib.  
cap.3.

See 28 E.1. De  
Appellatis, the  
recital.

V.2 R.3. cor.47.  
Case de Colin-  
borne.

9. a Justices of Gaole delivery shall send their Records and Proses determined, and put in execution to the Exchequer at Michaelmas every year to be delivered there to the Treasurer and Chamberlains, &c. to keep them in the Treasury.

Stanf. pl. cor. 57,  
58. & 182. a.

a 9 E.3. cap.5.

10. b Justices of Gaol delivery may receive Appeals of robbery and murder by Bill, but the Appellees must be in prison before them.

14 H.7. fo. 15.b.

b 13 H.4. fo. 10.

11. c To these Justices Commissions of Association, and Writs of admittance, and Si non omnes (as hath been said of Justices of Dier and Terminer) are directed.

Dier fo.99.

3 H.7. cap.1.

Stanf. pl. cor.

12. d Justices of Gaole delivery shall keep their Sessions in the principall and chief Towns of the Counties where the Shire Courts of the same Counties be holden.

c 2 E.3. cap.2.

d 6 R.2. cap.5.

13. By the statute of 2 & 3 Ph. & Mar. it is provided, That all Commissions of the \* Peace or Gaole delivery to any City or Towne Corporate not being a County of it selfe, shall stand and remaine, the granting of any like Commission of the Peace or Gaol delivery in any Shire, Lathe, Rape, Riding, or Wapentake, being of a latter date, to the contrary notwithstanding.

2 & 3 Ph.& M.  
cap.18.

\* 11 H.6. cap 6.

See in the Chapter of Dier and Terminer Conclusion 9. more concerning Justices of Gaole delivery. Vide 44 Ass. pl.21.

See authorities lately granted to Justices of Gaole delivery in the Chapter next ensuing of Justices of Peace.

## CAP. XXXI.

## Iustices of Peace.

**S**ir Anthony Fitz-Herbert, one of the Iustices of the Court of Common Pleas, and divers others have written of the Iurisdiction and power of Iustices of the Peace, both in the Court of the Sessions of Peace, as without; to whose labours I refer the Reader.

And it is such a forme of subordinate government for the tranquillity and quiet of the Realm, as no part of the Christian world hath the like, if the same be duly executed.

To the former Treatises are necessary to be added certain Acts of Parliament made in the 21 year of our late Sovereigne Lord King James, and certain Cateats, Additions, and Observations necessary to be known. De pace violata; vide in leges Alvre di, cap. 36. Edwardi cap. 6.

Before the Conquest, *De pace violata.*  
4 H. 7. cap. 12.

But as a Preface to all that shall be said of the office and duty of Iustices of Peace, we will begin with that which is enacted by the statute of 4 H. 7. as a necessary caveat to all Iustices of Peace, *viz.* The King considereth that a great part of the wealth and prosperity of the land standeth in that, that his subjects may live in surety under his peace in their bodies & goods: and that the husbandry of this land may increase and be upholden, which must be had by due execution of Lawes and Ordinances; chargeth and commandeth the Iustices of the Peace to endeavour them to do and execute the tenor of their Commission, the said Lawes and Ordinances ordained for subduing of the premises, as they will stand in love and favour of his Grace, and in avoiding the pains that be ordained, if they do the contrary. And over that he chargeth and commandeth, that every man, what degree or condition that he be of, that let them in word or deed to execute their said authority in any manner forme abovesaid, that they shew it to his Grace; and if they do it not, and it come to his knowledge by other then by them, they shall not be in his favour, but taken as men out of credence, and be put out of Commission for ever. And over this he chargeth and commandeth all manner of men, as well the poore as the rich, which be to him all one in due ministracion of justice, that is hurt or grieved in anything, that the said Justice of peace may heare, determine, or execute in any wise, that he so grieved make his complaint to the Justice of the Peace that next dwelleth unto him, or to any of his fellowes, and desire a remedy: and if then he have no remedy, if it be nigh such time as his Iustices of Assises come into that Shire, that then he so grieved shew his complaint to the same Iustices; and if he then have no remedy, or if the complaint be made long afore the coming of the Iustices of Assise, then he so grieved come to the Kings Highnesse or to his Chancelour for the time being, and shew his grieve: and his said Highnesse then shall send for the said Justice to know the cause why his said subjects be not eased, and his lawes executed. Whereupon if he finde any of them in default of executing of his lawes in these premises, according to his high

high commandment, he shall doe to him so offending to be put out of the Commission, and furthermore to be punished according to his demerits. And over that his said Highness shall not let for any favour, affection, cost, charge, nor none other cause, but that he shall see his lawes to have plain and true execution, and his subjects to live in surety of their lands, bodies and goods according to his said laws, and the said mischiefs to be avoided, that his subjects may increase in wealth and prosperity to the pleasure of God.

And where the words of the said Act be: And further to be punished according to his demerits. These words are so to be understood, that he shall be punished in an ordinary course of justice by way of indictment upon this Act, for his contempt, &c. and not by any absolute power, as hath been often observed.

It is to be observed, that when Justice Fitzherbert and some others did write of the authority of Justices of Peace, the Commission of the Peace stood overburdened and incumbred with divers statutes, some whereof were before, and some since repealed: and with some, whereas there was none such, and stuffed with many vain and unnecessary repetitions, and many other corruptions crept into it by mistaking of Clerks, &c. For amendment and correction whereof (being a matter of so great importance) Sir Christopher Wray Chief Justice of England, Mich. 32 & 33 Eliz. assembled all the Judges of England, and upon perusal had of the former Commission of the Peace, and upon due consideration had thereupon, and often conferences between themselves, they resolved upon a reformation of the former, with divers additions and alterations both in matter and method, as it now standeth at this day: and there needeth yet another reformation of that also; for since that time divers statutes then in force have been repealed, and divers have expired. As for example, All the statutes of Liberties inquirable by Justices of Peace are repealed by the statute of 3 Car. cap. 4. saving the statute of 1 R. 2. cap. 7. inquirable before Justices of Assise, Vide supra pa. 159. Also the statute of 27 H. 8. cap. 22. that the owner of any scite or precinct, &c. of any dissolved religious house under the value of 200 l. per annum, for the keeping of honest and continuall household thereupon, and inquirable by Justices of Peace is repealed by 21 Jac. Regis cap. 28. And the statute of 13 R. 2. cap. 8. and 4 H. 4. cap. 25. for taking by any Inholders in gain above a half penny in a bushell of Dats over the common price in the market, and inquirable by Justices of Peace be also repealed by the said Act of 21 Jac. Likewise the statute of 39 El. cap. 2. concerning husbandry and tillage, which being but a probationer for a time, was discontinued 21 Jac. And the statutes concerning houses of husbandry and tillage in 4 H. 7. 7 H. 8. 27 H. 8. 5 E. 6. and 5 Eliz. are all repealed by 21 Jac. and divers others, &c.

Compare the old with the new Commission, and the reformation, additions and alterations will appear.

Mich. 32 & 33 El. the Commission of the Peace reformed by all the Judges of England.

13 H. 4. ca. 3.  
8 H. 6. ca. 4.  
8 E. 4. ca. 2. & c.  
27 H. 8. ca. 22.  
5 El. ca. 2.

13 R. 2. ca. 8.  
4 H. 4. ca. 25.

39 El. ca. 2.  
4 H. 7. ca. 19.  
7 H. 8. ca. 1.  
27 H. 8. cap. 22.  
5 E. 6. cap. 5.  
5 El. ca. 2.

It is a good rule therefore for all Judges and Justices whatsoever, that have jurisdiction by any statute, which at the first was temporary, or for a time, to consider well before they give judgement, whether that statute have been continued or made perpetuall: and if it were at the first made perpetuall, whether it be not repealed or altered by any latter statute. Erudimini qui iudicatis terram. See in the Second part of the Institutes the Exposition upon the statute of 22 H. 8. ca. 5.

42 E. 3. cap. 9.  
W. 1. cap. 19.  
7 H. 4. ca. 3.

Justices of Peace may enquire if C Treasts be not shewed by Sheriffs, &c. to the party indebted and totted. A necessary law for the ease of the subject.

Concerning the nomination of Justices of Peace, see the statutes of 12 R. 2. cap. 2. 2 H. 5. stat. 2. cap. 1. 18 H. 6. ca. 11. whereunto you may add, that before all these another Act not in print was made in 28 E. 3. as well for their nomination, as how and by whom they shall be discharged. Certain it is that he, that is named in the Commission of Peace under the Great Seal to be a Justice of Peace, is a lawfull Justice of Peace.

Rot. Par. 28 E. 3. nu. 17.  
37 E. 3. nu. 18.  
50 E. 3. nu. 54.

21 Jac. Rg. ca. 4.

At the Parliament holden Anno 21 Jac. Regis, there was an excellent law made, entituled, An Act for the ease of the Subject concerning Informations upon penall statutes, which Act for that it principally concerneth Iustices of Peace, is here inserted in hæc verba as followeth.

This was the ancient and prudent policy of Parliaments (as before it hath appeared) that justice might be administered & tried in their proper Counties, and not to be drawn up to the Courts at Westm' for the causes in this preamble expressed.

<sup>a</sup> Of this kind

of men, it was formerly truly said, *Hoc genus hominum semper vitabitur, & tamen semper in civitate retinebitur.* But this law consisting of seven parts remedied all the former inconveniences, and the abuses of these troublesome persons.

Whereas the offences against divers and sundry poenall laws and statutes of the Realme may better, and with more ease and lesse charge to the subject, be commenced, sued, informed against, prosecuted and tried in the Counties where such offences shall be committed. And whereas the poor Commons of this Realm are grievously charged, troubled, vexed, molested, and disturbed by divers troubleosome persons, commonly called Relators, Informers, and Promoters, by prosecuting and enforcing them to appear in his Majesties Courts at Westminster, and to answer offences supposed by them to be committed against the said poenall laws and statutes, or else to compound with them for the same.

1. For remedy whereof be it enacted by the Authority of this present Parliament, that all offences hereafter to be committed against any penall statute, for which any common Informer or Promoter may lawfully ground any popular action, bill, plaint, suit or information <sup>b</sup> before Justices of Assise, Justices of Nisi prius, or Gaol-Delivery, Justices of Oier and Terminer, or Justices of the Peace in their generall, or quarter Sessions, shall after the end of this present Session of Parliament be commenced, sued, prosecuted, tried, recovered and determined by way of action, plaint, bill, information or indictment before Iustices of Assise, Iustices of Nisi prius, Iustices of Oier and Terminer, and Iustices of Gaol-Delivery, or before the Iustices of Peace of every County, City, Borough, or town corporate, and liberty, <sup>c</sup> having power to enquire of, hear and determine the same within this Realm of England or dominion of Wales, wherein such offences shall be committed, in any of the Courts, places of Iudicature, or liberties aforesaid respectively, only at the choice of the parties, which shall or will commence suit, or prosecute for the same, <sup>d</sup> and not elsewhere, save only in the said Counties, or places usuall for those Counties or any of them.

<sup>b</sup> Nota before

Justices of

1 Assise.

2 Nisi prius.

3 Gaol delivery.

4 Oier & Term.

5 Peace.

But the greatest care for the due execution of this Act will belong to the Justices of Peace, whereof there be many learned in the laws.

<sup>c</sup> Note this Act giveth Justices of Peace no new power in cases where former Acts gave them

none, and so of the rest of the Justices here named. <sup>d</sup> So as they cannot be commenced, &c. in any of the Kings Courts at Westminster.

<sup>e</sup> By this branch processe of Outlawry doth lye upon every popular action, a necessary clause for execution of Justice.

<sup>f</sup> This clause was added that the

Kings Majesty should be bound expressly by this Act, that no information in the Courts at Westminster should be exhibited by the Kings Atturney Generall, by any common Informer, or other person whatsoever. Note the generality of these words.

2. <sup>e</sup> And that like processe upon every popular action, bill, plaint, information or suit, to be commenced, or sued, or prosecuted after the end of this present Session of Parliament by force of, or according to the purport of this Act, be had and awarded to all intents and purposes as in an action of trespassse *vi & armis* at the Common law.

3. <sup>f</sup> And that all and all manner of informations, actions, bills,

plaints,

plaints, and suits whatsoever hereafter to be commenced, sued, prosecuted, or awarded either by the Atturney Generall of his Majesty, his heirs, or successors for the time being, or by any Officer or Officers whatsoever for the time being, or by any common Informer, or other person whatsoever in any of his Majesties Courts at Westminster, for or concerning any of the offences, penalties or forfeitures aforesaid, shall be void, and of none effect, any law, custome, or usage to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

4. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that in all Informations to be exhibited, and in all bills, counts, plaints, and declarations in any action or suit to be commenced against any person or persons, either by, or on the behalf of the King or any other for or concerning any offence committed, or to be committed against any penall statute, the offence shall be laid and alleadged to have been committed in the said County where such offence in truth was committed, and not elsewhere. And if the Defendant to any such Information, action or suit, pleadeth that he oweth nothing, or that he is not guilty, and the Plaintiff or Informer in such information, action or suit upon evidence to the Jury that shall try the issue, shall not both prove the offence laid in the said Information, action or suit, and that the same offence was committed in that County, then the Defendant and Defendants shall be found not guilty.

they were least known. This is a very beneficiall clause for every Defendant

g Note, the King expressly named.  
b Shall be laid in the proper County.

This clause is but in affirmance of the true institution of the Common law, for *vicini viciniore facta presumuntur scire*, and for these Informers they were best trusted, where to take hold of.

5. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that no Officer or Minister in any Court of Record shall receive, file, or enter of Record any Information, bill, or plaint, count, or declaration, grounded upon the said penall statutes or any of them, which before by this Act are appointed to be heard and determined in their proper Counties, untill the Informer, or Relator hath first taken a corporall oath before some of the Iudges of that Court, that the offence or offences laid in such information, action, suit, or plaint, was or were not committed in any other County, then where by the said information, bill, plaint, count or declaration the same is, or are supposed to have been committed, and he beleeveth in his conscience the offence was committed within a year before the information or suit within the same County, where the said information or suit was commenced, the same oath to be there entred of Record.

i That is in any of the Courts before Justices of Assise, and other Justices named in the first part of this Act.

k The Informer must rake an oath before his information, &c. be received. A beneficiall clause also for the Defendant.  
l Note, within a year before the information.

6. And be it also enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that if any Information, suit, or action shall be brought, or exhibited against any person or persons for any offence committed, or to be committed against the form of any penall law either by, or on the behalf of the King, or by any other, or on the behalf of the King and any other, it shall be lawfull for such Defendants to plead the ge-

Vid. 7 Jac. ca. 5.  
21 Jac. cap 12.

The reasons of this clause were,  
1. For that in the

Courts aforesaid, specially before Justices of peace, there are not such skillfull Prothonotaries and Clerks for good pleading as were in the Kings Courts at Westminster; and therefore the makers of this law provided that the Defendant might plead the generall issue. 2. For the ease and benefit of the subject, great charges growing by special pleading. 3. For avoiding of demurrers upon stift, and nice points of pleading. 4. For avoiding of writs of Error, which often are brought in respect of special pleading.

nerall issue, that they are not guilty, or that they owe nothing, and to give such speciall matter in evidence to the Iury that shall try the same, which matter being pleaded had been a good and sufficient matter in law, to have discharged the said Defendant or Defendants against the said information, suit, or action; and the said matter shall be then as available to him or them to all intents and purposes as if he, or they had sufficiently pleaded, set forth, or alleadged the same matter in bar, or discharge of such information, suit, or action.

Provided alwayes that this Act or any clause contained therein shall not extend to any information, suit, or action, grounded upon any law or statute made against Popish Recusants, or for, or concerning Popish recusancy, or against those that shall not frequent the Church and hear divine service, nor to any information, suit, or action for maintenance, champerty, or buying of titles, nor to any suit, or information grounded upon the statute made in the first year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord the King, of a Subsidy granted to the King, of Tunnage, Poundage, Wool, &c. nor for, or concerning the concealing or defrauding the King his heires or successors of any Custome, Tunnage, Poundage, Subsidy, Impost, or Prisage, or for transporting of gold, silver, Ordinance, Powder, shot, munition of all sorts, Wool, Woolfels, or Leather, but that such offence may be laid or alleadged to be in\* any County, at the pleasure of any Informer, anything in this Act to the contrary notwithstanding.

\* This proviso referreth only to the County, &c.

So as no infor-

mation, &c. grounded upon any of the statutes in this proviso mentioned can be commenced, &c. in any of the Kings Courts at Westminster but before the Justices of Assise, Justices of Nisi prius, or Gaol delivery, Justices of Oier and Terminer, or Justices of Peace.

There was another mischief which lay heavy upon the subject, whereof advantage might be taken by any Informer, which was not provided for by this Act, viz. divers former statutes, which in respect of the alteration of times lay as snares upon the people, and at this day could not be performed. For example: That a yard of broad-cloth of the finest making scarlet grayned, or other cloth grayned, what colour soever it be, should not be sold above the value of 16s. a broad yard, &c. Which Act and many other Acts of Parliament of like nature, and other obsolete laws to a very great number were at this Parliament utterly repealed, and made void. We advise therefore the Justice of Peace (for to him we principally direct our speech, though it concern the rest of the Justices before named) seriously to read over that Act, where all those obsolete laws are particularly mentioned and repealed, and therefore no information, &c. can be commenced, &c. upon any of them.

4 H. 7. cap 8.

21 Jac. ca. 18.

At the same Parliament also Anno 21 Jac. Regis, an other good and profitable law was made concerning Justices of Peace and others, the tenor whereof is as followeth.

21 Jac. ca. 12.

The Title. *An Act to enlarge and make perpetuall the Act made for ease in pleading against troublesome and contentious suits prosecuted against Justices of the Peace, Maiors, Constables, and certain others his Majesties Officers for the lawfull execution of their office, made in the 7. year of his Majesties most happy reign.*

Whereas an Act intituled, an Act for ease in pleading against troublesome and contentious suits prosecuted against Justices of the Peace, Maiors,

Maiors, Constables, and certain others his Majesties Officers for the lawfull execution of their office made in the seventh year of his Majesties most happy reign of England, was made to continue but for seven years, and from thence to the end of the next Parliament, after the said seven years which by experience hath since been found to be a good and profitable law. Be it therefore enacted by the Kings most excellent Majesty, the Lords Spirituall and Temporall, and the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, that the said Act shall from and after the end of this present Session of Parliament be perpetuall, and have continuance for ever.

not to any Officer not named in that Act.

7 Jac. regis ca. 5.  
That Act extended to  
1 Justices of Peace.  
2 Maiors or Bailiffs of Cities or towns corporate.  
3 Headborowes.  
4 Portreves.  
5 Constables.  
6 Tythingmen.  
7 Collectors of Subsidies and Fifteenths, and Made perpetuall.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that all Churchwardens, and all persons called Sworn-men executing the office of the Churchwardens, and all Overseers of the poor, and all others, which in their aid or assistance, or by their commandment shall doe any thing touching or concerning his or their office, or offices, shall hereafter be enabled to receive and have such benefit and help by vertue of the said Act, to all intents, constructions, and purposes, as if they had been specially named therein.

This Act of 21 Jacobi extended to  
1. Churchwardens.  
2. All persons called Sworn-men executing the office of Churchwardens.  
3. All Overseers of the poor.  
4. All others in

their aid and assistance, and not to any other Officer or person not named in this Act

And whereas notwithstanding the said statute, the Plaintiff is at liberty to lay his action which he shall bring against any Justice of Peace, or other Officer in any forain County, at his choice, which hath proved very inconvenient unto sundry of the Officers, and persons aforesaid, that have been impleaded by some contentious, and troublesome persons in Countries far remote from their places of habitations:

Be it therefore further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that if any action, bill, plaint, or suit upon the case, trespassse, battery, or false imprisonment shall be brought after the end of this present Session of Parliament against any Justice of Peace, Maior, or Baylif of City, or town corporate, Headborow, Portreve, Constable, Tythingman, Collector of Subsidy or Fifteens, Churchwardens, and persons called Sworn-men executing the office of Churchwarden, or Overseer of the poor, and their Deputies, or any of them, or any other which in their aid, or assistance, or by their commandment, shall do any thing touching or concerning his or their office or offices, for or concerning any matter, cause or thing by them or any of them done by vertue or reason of their or any of their office or offices, that the said action, bill, plaint, or suit shall be laid within the County where the trespassse or fact shall be done and committed, and not elsewhere. And that it shall be lawfull to & for all and every person, and persons aforesaid, to plead thereunto the generall issue, that he or they are not guilty, and to give such speciall matter in evidence to the Jury which shall try the same, as in or by the said former Act is limited or declared. And that if upon the tryal of any such action, bill, plaint, or suit, the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs therein shall

This branch extended to  
1 Actions upon the case.  
2 Trespassse.  
3 Battery.  
4 False imprisonment.

The actions aforesaid shall be laid in the proper County.

To plead the generall issue.

The Plaintiff upon the evidence must prove that the cause of action was done or had in the proper County.

not prove to the Jury which shall try the same, that the trespass, battery, imprisonment, or other fact, or cause of his, her, or their such action, bill, plaint, or suit was, or were had, made, committed, or done within the County where such action, bill, plaint, or suit shall be laid, That then in every such case, the Jury which shall try the same, shall find the Defendant and Defendants in every such action, bill, plaint, or suit, not guilty, without having any regard or respect to any evidence given by the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs therein touching the trespass, battery, imprisonment, or other cause, for which the same action, bill, plaint, or suit is, or shall be brought: and if the verdict shall pass with the Defendant or Defendants in any such action, bill, plaint, or suit, or the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs therein become nonsuit, or suffer any discontinuance thereof, that in every such case the Defendant or Defendants shall have such double costs, and all other advantages and remedies, as in and by the said former Act is limited, directed, or provided.

21 Jac. ca. 15.

See also another Act the same Parliament, anno 21 Jacobi regis, intituled, *An Act to inable Judges and Iustices of the Peacet to give restitution of possession in certain cases.*

1 Judges or Justices of the Kings Bench. 4 H. 7. 18. b.

7 E. 4. 18. 2. Justices of the Peace. 8 H. 6. cap. 9. Lib. 9. f. 118. b. 2 H. 8. Kelw. 159.

Not Iustices of Oer and Terminer, nor any other Iusticc. In stead of *disseisin* which was formerly in the indictment, now it shall be said, *ejecit, expulit, & amovit, or detinuit.*

Be it enacted by the Authority of this present Parliament, that such Judges, Iustices, or Iustice of the Peace, as by reason of any Act or Acts of Parliament now in force are authorized, and inabled upon inquiry to give restitution of possession unto tenants of any estate of freehold, of their lands, or tenements which shall be entred upon with force, or from them withholden by force, shall by reason of this present Act have the like and the same authority and ability from henceforth (upon indictment of such forcible entries, or forcible withholdings before them duly found) to give like restitution of possession unto Tenants for tearm of years, Tenants by copy of Court-rol, Guardians by Knights service, Tenants by Elegit, Statute merchant and staple of lands, or tenements by them so holden, which shall be entred upon by force, or holden from them by force.

See 8 H. 6. cap. 9. & 31 El. cap. 11.

This Act extendeth to 1. Tenant for years. 2. Tenant by cobby, &c. 3. *Guardant en Chivalry.* 4. Tenant by Elegit. 5. By Statute merchant. 6. By Statute staple, which no former Act extended unto.

In Termino Pasch. 6 E. 1. Coram rege prima fuit institutio Iusticiariorum pro pace conservanda.

Rot. Parl. 18 E. 1. fo. 3. nu. 41. Homines de Chesershire qui onerati sunt de servientibus pacis sustentandis, petunt exonerari de oneribus statut' Winton, &c. *Rex non habet consilium mutandi consuetudines, nec statuta sua revocandi.*

Dorf. Clauf. An. 8 R. 2 m. 5.

The Lord Chancellor and others of the Privy Councell doe remove divers Justices of Peace for that they were retaining to the Archbishop, &c.

Rot. Par. 3 R. 2. nu. 39.

See a profitable and good law for Justices of Peace in the Parliament Roll, and not in print.

Regula.

But let us return to the duty of a Justice of Peace, for *Melius est recurrere quam male currere.*

One or more Justice or Justices of Peace cannot make a warrant upon a bare surmise to break any mans house to search for a Felon, or for stolen goods, for they being created by Act of Parliament have no such authority granted unto them by any Act of Parliament: and it should be full of inconvenience, that



It should be in the power of any Justice of Peace being a Judge of Record upon a bare suggestion to break the house of any person of what state, quality, or degree soever, and at what time soever, either in the day or night upon such surmises. But if the party suspected be indicted, then the Sherif by force of the Kings writ may demand the party indicted to be delivered; and that not done, he may break open the house, &c. and apprehend the Felon, for that the Kings writ is a Non omittas propter aliquam libertatem: but if the Kings proccesse be in debt, trespass, &c. at the suit of a party, there the Sherif by force of the Kings writ cannot break open the house of the subject. And so is the book in 13 E. 4. fo. 9. which saith; It was holden, that for felony or suspicion of felony a man may break the house to take the Felon, and two reasons are yeelded in the book. 1. Because it is for the Common weale to take them. 2. Because the King hath an interest in the felony, and in such case the writ is a Non omittas propter aliquam libertatem: but otherwise it is for debt, or trespass, the Sherif or any other cannot break the house to take him. And yet it is to be understood, that if one be indicted of felony, the Sherif may by proccesse thereupon after denyall made, &c. break the house for his apprehension; or upon Hue and cry of one that is slain or wounded, so as he is in danger of death, or robbed, the Kings Officer that pursueth may (if denyall be made) break a house to apprehend the delinquent: but for Justices of Peace to make warrants upon surmises, for breaking the houses of any subjects to search for felons, or stoln goods, is against Magna Carta, Nec super eum ibimus, nec super eum mittemus, nisi per legale iudicium Parium suorum, vel per legem Terræ: and against the Statute of 42 E. 3. cap. 3, &c. And we hold the resolution of the Court, viz. of Brudnell, Pollard, Broke, and Fitzherbert in 14 H. 8. to be law, that a Justice of Peace could not make a warrant to take a man for felony, unlesse he be indicted thereof, and that must be done in open Sessions of the Peace. For the Justice himself cannot arrest one for felony, unlesse he himself suspect him, (as any other may) and by the same reason he cannot make a warrant to another. And all this appeareth in that book, and is agreeable with our former books in 42 Ass. p. 5, & 12. & 24 E. 3. tit. com. Br. 3. and with reason, for this warrant to take a Felon should be in nature of a Capias for felony, which cannot be granted before indictment, nor after indictment, but in open Court. And this is the reason wherefore Justices of Peace before indictment could not have let any charged with felony or suspicion to bail, or mainprize, because Justices of Peace are Judges of Record, and ought to proceed upon Record, and not upon surmises. Sed distinguenda sunt tempora, & concordabis leges: For since the Statutes of 1 & 2 Ph. & Mar. cap. 13. and 2 & 3 Ph. & Mar. cap. 10 (the words whereof be, That the said Justices, or one of them being of the Quorum, when any such prisoner is brought before them for any manslaughter, or felony, shall take examination, &c.) if any person be charged with any manner of felony, and information be given to a Justice of Peace of the felony or suspicion of felony, and feareth that the Kings peace may be broken in apprehending of him, the said Justice may make a warrant to the Constable of the town to see the Kings peace kept in the apprehending and bringing of the party charged with or suspected of the felony before him, and the party that giveth the information of his knowledge or suspicion to be present and arrest the delinquent; and in this manner it is implied and intended by the said Statutes for the prisoner to be brought before them: and this (as we take it) agreeth with the common use and observance ever since those Statutes. And this agreeth also with the said book in 14 H. 8. that a Justice of Peace may make his warrant for the salvation of the peace, meaning to assist the party that knoweth or hath suspicion of the felony. But in this case neither the Constable, nor any other can break open any house for the apprehension of the party suspected or charged with the felony, for it is in law the arrest of the party that hath the knowledge or suspicion, who cannot break open

13 E. 4. 9. 20 E. 4. 6. b. He may enter into the house the door being open. Scelib. 5. f. 91. 92. Semains case.

7 E. 3. 16. 29 E. 3. 9. 2 E. 4. 8. 9 E. 4. 26.

Mag. Cart. c. 29.

\* Read the stat.

14 H. 8. fo. 16. a.

Vid. 1 R. 3. ca. 3. 3 H. 7. ca. 3. 1 & 2 Ph. & Mar. ca. 13. & 2 & 3 Ph. & Mar. c. 10.

4 H. 7. 2. 3. 5 H. 7. 4. 10 H. 7. 17. 20 H. 7. 12. 7 E. 4. 20. 8 E. 4. 3. b. 10 E. 4. 17. 9 E. 4. 26. 11 E. 4. 4. 13 E. 4. 9. 7 H. 4. 35. 17 E. 4. 5. 27 H. 8. 23. a. Dier 7 Eliz. 236. b.

a 2 H. 7. 3 & 15.

\* 20 E. 4. fo. 6.  
17 E. 4. 5. a.  
Lamb. fo. 188. 189

¶ \* *Baile and mainprife.*

See the second part of the Institutes. W. 1. ca. 15 fol. 47. 2. &c. Glanv. li. 14. ca. 1. W. 1. cap. 15. 27 E. 1. star. de finib. 15 cap. 3.

¶ *Of bail and bailment.*

a Bracton lib. 3. fol. 123. And herewith agreeth the Register. fo. 133. b. Fleta lib. 1. ca. 26. Mirror ca. 2. § 14

\* Cnft. de Norm.

b 24 E. 3. 33.  
25 E. 3. 42. b. mainprife 1.  
3 E. 3. cor. 354.  
2 Eliz. Dier 179. F. N. B. 246. c.  
c 33 E. 3. Mainprife 12.  
d This agreeth with the former Etymologie.  
e 36 E. 3. 10. 13 ac.  
4 H. 6. 8.  
22 H. 6. 59.  
32 H. 6. 10. 4. ac.  
39 H. 6. 27.  
21 H. 7. 33.  
\* Vid. infra. †  
f 36 E. 3. ubi sup. Br. Mainprife 89

21 H. 7. 20. b. per Fincux. F. N. B. 251. d.

See Lamb. fo. 352  
353. F. N. B. 251. f

Nota, amercien- tur.

\* Vid. supra. †

any house: but if the \* dooz of the house be open, he may enter into the same, and arrest the party. Thus much upon reading of some that have writtten of the Office of Justices of Peace, we have thought good to adde. For though commonly the Houses or Cottages of poore and base people be by such Warrants searched, &c. yet if it be lawfull, the houses of any subject, be he never so great, may be searched, &c. by such Warrant upon bare surmises.

\* Concerning bailement and mainprife, and what offenders were baileable by the Common law, you may reade in the Second part of the Institutes, W. 1. ca. 15. Now something is necessary to be added in respect of some variety of opinions touching the true diversity and signification of Bailment, Mainprife, Fideiuss. Surety, Pledges, Plevin, Plevina, Replevin, Bozough, and the like. And first of Baile.

Some derive this word from the French word *Bailler*, id est, Tradere, to deliver, because the prisoner is delivered out of prison; but it cannot so be derived: for the entry is, traditur in or per ballium, and then the sense (or non-sense) should be, he is delivered into delivery. But this word Ballium is truly fetched from the French Polon Bail, that signifieth a Gardian, Keeper, or Gaoler: and herewith agreeth Bracton, who saith, Non erit ulterius per ballium dimittendus. And againe, Per ballium dimittatur usque adventum Justitiariorum, alioquin remaneat in prisona: and in the same page, tradas in ballium 12 probis hominibus. We reade not in Britton of this word Baile, but of some other words hereafter following. Que plevisseur corps de home ceux ne sont my proprement pledges mes sont manepnors pur ceo que ilz supposent que ceux plevisable sont livers a eux per baile corps pur corps.

\* Where bailment is called a living prison.

b A man arrested or imprisoned (and ballable) for felony shall be bailed before it appeareth whether he be guilty or no. But if a man be convicted by verdict or confession, &c. he is notailable, because it appeareth that he is guilty. So, if upon examination a man confesseth a felony, if the Mittimus be for felony confessed, he cannot be bailed.

c By Shard there is a diversity between Bail and Mainprife; for the entry of the bail is, that such an one traditur in ballium, in which case they be his d Gardians: and if they suffer him to escape, they shall answer for it.

e And where it is said there, Et per quosdam ilz terra pende, it was spoken but in \* terrorem, and thereupon a Quere is made of it. And that it was no felony in ancient time, hear what the Mitros saith. It is a busion to think that such pain should be awarded to the Bail, as to the Principals which made default, where they were but ameritable in that case.

f And where any man is delivered in ballium, he may safely be kept by his Bail for their indemnity, because the Court of Justice doth deliver him unto them to be safely kept.

The manner of the severall entries of the bail is worthy of observation, because it is only attained unto by observation of presidents, and the course of Courts.

And first in case of bailment for felony by the Common law, those that do bail him are severally bound to the King by Recognizance in a certain summe, that the prisoner shall appear at a certain day, &c. Et ultra quilibet eorum corpore pro corpore, &c.

The bail of a felon before two Justices of the Peace, whereof one to be of the Quorum by the statutes of 1 & 2 Ph. & Mar. & 2 & 3 Ph. & Mar. is for the felon in double, and for each of the bail in single. As for example: If the felon be 40 li. the bail is 20 li. a piece. And herein to observe in effect three things. 1. Ad comparandum at the next Gaole delivery. 2. Ad standum recto de feloniam prædicta. 3. Ad respondendum dicto Domino Regi, &c. See the Second part of the Institutes, the statute of Marlebridge, cap. 27. if the party bailed Propter privilegium clericale responderere noluerit, non amercientur illi quibus traditus fuit in ballium. There must be also a Liberate in that case to the Gaoler, if the felon be formerly committed to prison, to deliver him out of prison. Before

Before the said statutes of 3 E. 1. cap. 15. 27 E. 1. cap. 3. and 1 & 2 Ph. & M. cap. 13. If any person had been let to bail that was notailable: by law this amounteth to a negligent escape, and shall be punished as a negligent escape of a felon shall be, that is, to be fined at 5 li. But by the statute of 1 & 2 Ph. & Mar. the Justices of Gaole delivery shall in that case set what fine upon the Justices of Peace, &c. they shall think fit. Upon a Capias, and a Capi corpus returned, the entry is traditur in ballium 8 die Maii Anno 16 Regis H. 8. *Io. Long, &c. usq; diem Mercurii prox' futur', & sic de die in diem, & termino in terminum, quousq; placitum prædictum terminetur, viz. quilibet eorum corpus pro corpore.*

If A be in custodia Marechal' in the Kings Bench, & a Bill of debt be brought against him; and the defendant finde B for his bail, B entresth a Recognisance to the plaintiffe with this condition præcedent, *Quod si contigerit præd' defendentem debir' & damna illa præfato querenti minime solvere, aut se prisonæ Marechalli ea occasione non reddere.* that then he would satisfie the same.

Nota, In these personall actions the baile is only bound, & their Recognisance is generall, and of no certain summe, as it is in case of felony: and against him that is by bail in the Kings Bench, any stranger in the same Term may sue him by Bill in any personall action; otherwise it is if he were by Mainprize de die in diem. But if A be outlawed in any personall action, and taken by force of a Capias Utlegram, and plead any plea triable by the Country in avoidance of the Outlawry, as that he was commorant in another County, &c. In this case A shall be bailed, and the entry is, *Super hoc, T B. & B T. manuceperunt præfat. A. habendum corpus ejus hic, &c. & sic de die in diem in quemlibet diem placiti, quousque placitum prædictum terminetur, & judicium inde redditum fuerit, viz. quilibet eorum corpus pro corpore: Et prædictus A assumpsit pro seipso essendi tunc hic ad quemlibet diem placiti prædicti sub pœna 40 li. &c. si contingat ipsum A ad aliquem diem, &c. defaultam facere, aut sectam suam in hac parte non prosequi.* Note, wheresoever the principall is bound, it is in a certain summe.

And where some do hold, that in all cases when any statute enacteth that the body of the Delinquent shall be committed to prison at the will of the King, he cannot be let to Mainprize before the Kings will be known; The Rule is good if it be rightly understood; for he cannot in that case by force of any such statute be imprisoned, before he be indicted, convicted, and judgement given, and then he cannot be bailed or letten to mainprize, because his offence appeareth, as hath been said.

And the case there cited in 24 E. 3. upon the statute of 2 E. 3. cap. 5. for going armed in Westm. Hall, &c. the Book saith, That Thomas Figgot Chivaler suir arraine per Shard, &c. which proveth that he was indicted, arraigned, and legally proceeded with, neither was his armour forfeited before conviction. And note, that the said Act in that case giveth the forfeiture of his armour, and imprisonment: and therefore in that case he shall not be fined: but Sir Thomas Figgot might have been bailed before conviction.

In the next place we are to speak of Mainprize, Manucaptio, which deriveth it self, and signifieth a taking into the hand.

Every bail is mainprize, (for those that are bail take the person bailed into their hands and custody) but every mainprize is not a bail, because no man is bailed but he that is arrested, or in prison: for he that is not in custody or prison cannot be delivered out, as before it appeareth. But a man may be mainperned which never was in prison, and therefore mainprize is more large then bail. As in an Appeal of felony, the defendant wage battell, &c. and a day appointed, &c. the plaintiffe shall finde mainprize, &c. to appear, &c. And yet he never was in prison or under custody. And sometime these mainperners are called pledges. Also if A be in execution for debt, &c. at the suit of T, and sueth a Scire fac' upon a release or the like, the Entry is, *Et super hoc prædictus A. dimittitur per manucapt' E D. E F. qui eum manuceperunt, ad habendum corpus ejus hic ad præfatum terminum, & sic de die in diem, &c. quousque inde judicium redditum fuerit. Et si pro prædict. T. transferit, exequatur, viz. quilibet sub pœna 40 li. quas quilibet*

25 E. 3. 39.  
3 E. 3. tit. cor.  
40 Aff. 42.  
3 E. 1. cap. 15.  
27 E. 1. stat. de finibus, cap 3.

Hil. 18 H. 8.  
Bendl. This bail is determined by the judgement, if the principall be then there.

21 H. 7. 40. b.

9 E. 4. 2. 3.  
See before cap. of the Kings Bench.

Here the Bail are bound in no sum but corpus pro corpore, the principall in a certain sum.

Stanf. pl. cor. 77. b

24 E. 3. 33. Sir Tho. Figgots case

¶ Of mainprize.

17 E. 3. fo. 2.  
17 Aff. p. 1.  
5 H. 3. 21.  
32 E. 3. Mainprize. 23.  
\* 9 H. 4. 3. 1 H. 6. 6  
30 E. 3. 20.  
26 E. 3. 12.  
11 H. 4. 43.  
12 R. 2. conu-  
sate 37.  
8 H. 6. 30.

\* Register.

F.N.B. 249. 250.  
Bra& lib. 3. 154.

a 33 E. 3. main-  
pise 12.

36 E. 3. ib 13.

1 R. 2. tit. bill 9.

9 E. 4. 12. 7 H. 8. 4

31 H. 6. 10.

32 H. 6. 4.

39 H. 6. 37.

21 H. 7. 33. 2

Vid. 4 H. 6. 8. per  
Cokeine.

¶ *Of Pledges.*

Glanvil li. 10. c. 5

Stat. de offic. cor.

4 E. 1. Plegii de

prosequendo.

b F.N.B. 3. 1. f. &

195. h.

17 E. 3. 75 b.

Lib. 8. 61. & 1. b. 5.

49. a.

Bra& li. 4. f. 254. a

\* Regula.

c Regist. 288.

F.N.B. 19.

18 E. 4. 9.

d Vid. 2 H. 6. f. 15

2 part of the Inst.

W. 2. cap. 2.

e 31 E. 3. main-  
pise 21.

42 E. 3. 7. acc'

f 12 El. Dier 288.

20 E. 3. pledges 11

9 E. 4. 27.

2 H. 4. 17.

18 E. 4. 9.

2 H. 7. 1. 17.

g See Mag. Cart.  
cap. 8. 2 part of  
the Institutes.

¶ *Surety, Se-  
curitas.*

h Regist. F.N.B.

85. See the third

part of the Instit.

cap. Fugitives

i 2 H. 7. fo. 2.

13 H. 7. 10 b.

k 13 H. 7. fo. 10 b.

14 H. 7. 8. per

Fineux & Trem.

These words are

well explained.

Hil. 30 Eliz. cor-

ram Rege infra.

l Hil. 30 Eliz. co-

ram Rege.

quilibet recognovit, &c. ad opus ipsius T. levare, &c. si contigerit ipsum A. ad aliquem diem placiti desaltam facere, seu idem placitum cum effectu minime prosequi, vel se ab executione iudicii, si pro præd. T. reddatur versus ipsum A. faciend. retrahere, &c. And this is properly in the Entry said, by mainprise, and no bail, because it is for the plaintife in the Scire fac' who was in execution. Now for as much as every bail is a mainprise (as hath been said) bail is oftentimes tearmed in our Books by the name of mainprise as befoze it hath partly appeared, and as it appeareth in the \* Writ De Manucapione. 38 E. 3. fo. 14. 11 H. 6. 31. 50 E. 3. 11. 1 H. 7. 1. And in divers Acts of Parliament, Acton Burnell 11 E. 1. 4 E. 3. cap. 2. 23 H. 6. cap. 10. 1 & 2 Ph. & Mar. cap. 13.

Lastly, a there is a manifest diversity between De die indiem, and a bail: for he that is by mainprise De die in diem no Bill can be maintainable against him: otherwise it is against him that is by bail per cursum curiæ.

Plegii and Plegiario are derived of the French word Pleige, which significth one that undertaketh for another, a surety, fideijussor. Now as every bail is a mainprise, so every bail and mainprise is ex vi termini plegiatio: which see in Glanvile for the Act of Suretiship. But in legall understanding it is taken, first for the pledges which the demandant or plaintife finde in such writs as beg in Si A (i. querens) fecerit te securum de clamore suo prosequendo, &c. And these are called plegii de prosequendo, and the reason of these were, for the answering of the King of the Amerciament if the demandant or plaintife were barred or nonsuit, &c. so cautious were the founders of our law, that the King should ever be answered of such duties as belonged to him: but the Writ of the King, Queen, or of an Infant, shall not comprehend that Clause, si fecerit te securum, &c. because they shall not in those cases be amerced. But it is observable, that the tenant or defendant shall finde no pledges: and yet if judgement be given against him he shall be amerced, &c. for \* melior est conditio possidentis & rei, quam actoris.

c Pledges may be found in the Chancery, or may be entred at any time hanging Writ or Bill by the discretion of the Justices, upon gaging deliberance by the avowant he shall finde pledges de liberatione illa facienda.

d There be also plegii de retorno habendo by the statute of W. 2. Of Pledges come Plevin, Replevyn, Replegiari, &c. See the statute of Marlebridge. ca. 27. that traditus in ballium, replegiatus, & per plegios is all one and synonyma.

e When the defendant commeth in by Cap. or Exigent he shall not finde pledges but mainprise.

f He that sueth by Bill shall finde pledges De prosequendo in fine billæ, which have been controverted in books.

g We have hitherto spoken of pledges in a judicall course. s There be also voluntary pledges, as you may reade in Fleta. lib. 2. cap. 5. 32 E. 3. monstrans des faitz. 179. 42 E. 3. 11. 44 E. 3. 21. 48 E. 3. 20. 22 Eliz. Dier 270. F.N.B. 137. c.

Surety comprehendeth all the former. And note, there is a surety by the Common law, and surety by statute. By the Common law, as in a Writ De securitate invenienda ne exeat regnum, &c. There is surety of the peace, and surety of the good behaviour de bono gestu. The surety of the peace cannot be broken without some Act, as an Affray, or Battery, or the like. But the surety De bono gestu consisteth chiefly, that a man demean himself well in his port and k company, doing nothing that may be cause of the breach of the peace, or of putting of the people in fear or trouble; and that it doth not consist in observation of things that concern not the peace, as in not well doing his art or occupation. Thus far is the authority of the Book in 2 H. 7. by the resolution of all the Justices assembled for that purpose. But in mine opinion, the Reporter male se gessit in the last words of the case.

l At a generall Sessions holden at Bridgewater in the County of Sommerset, Anno 28 Eliz. one William King with sureties was bound by recognisance to appear at the next generall Sessions of the Peace in the same County, Et quod interim se bene gereret erga dictam Dominam Regiam, & cunctum populum suum. And after at the next Sessions, William King appeared and was indicted for

blunderous

flanderous words spoken since his binding, viz. for saying at one time to Edw. Kyrton, Esq; Thou art a Pelter, thou art a liar, and hast told my Lord lies, and I will make thee a poor . . . And he was further indicted, that since the said Recognisance; Clausum cujusdam Johannis Wich, vi & armis fregit & intravit, & averia & catalla ipsius Johannis in clausu predicto de pascenr' illicite vexavit & chasavit. And afterwards at another time he said to the said Kyrton, Thou art a drunken Knave: which Indictment was removed into the Kings Bench. And hereupon two questions were debated divers times both at the Warre and the Bench. First, admitting that all that is contained in the Indictment to be true, whether any therein was in judgement of law a breach of the said Recognisance. The second, for how much the said indictment was good in law. As to the first it was resolved, that neither any of the words, nor the trespassse, were any breach of the good behaviour, for that none of them did tend innmediately to the breach of the peace, for though the said words (especially thou art a liar, &c. thou art a drunken Knave) are mostes and immediate provocations for breach of the peare, yet tend they not innmediately to the breach of the peace; as if William King had challenged Kyrton, or sent him a Challenge to fight with him, or had threatned Kyrton to beat or wound him, or the like: these tend innmediately to the breach of the peace, & therefore are breaches of the Recognisance of the good behaviour. And this diversity was justly collected upon the coherence & context of the statute of 34 E. 3. whereby Justices of Peace are assigned for keeping of the Peace, & to restrain the Offenders, Rioters, & all other Barattors, and to chastise them according to their trespassse & offence; and to inquire of Pillors and Robbers, in the parts beyond the seas, and he now come again, and go wandring & will not labour, &c. (And thus much for punishment of offences against the peace after they be done: now followeth an expresse authority given to the Justices, for prevention of such offences before they be done.) viz. \* And to take of all them that be nor of good fame, (that is, that be defamed and justly suspected that they intend to break the peace,) where they shall be found sufficient surety and mainprise of their good behaviour towards the King and his people (which must crncerne the Kings peace, as is also provided by the word subsequnt) to the intent that the people be not by such Riotors troubled or indamaged, nor the peace blemished, nor Merchants nor other passing by the Highwayes, disturbed, nor put in the perill that may happen of such offenders. For the trespassse, &c. Although every wrongfull trespassse is quare vi & armis & contra pacem, yet these force and arms, or contra pacem implied in law are not taken to be such as shall make a breach of the good behaviour; because they are trespassse upon the land or touching goods or chattels, and not the person of a man.

As to the second point it was holden, that the Indictment concerning the words was void and coram non judice, and good only for the trespassse, quare clausum, &c. But if there be any just cause of breach, he ought to have a Scire fac' upon the Recognisance.

In an Account, if a Capias ad computand' be awarded against the defendant, and thereupon he is outlawed, and rendreth himself to the prison of the Fleet, and Auditors be assigned to him, before whom they be at issue, and the Auditors bring the Recozd into the Common Place, and the defendant found surety in 200 li. to appeare in proper person every day pentence placito; and if the issue passe against him, that he rendreth himselfe to prison.

<sup>a</sup> A fine sur consuance de droit was levied to an Infant, and because the Infant ought to pay the fine to the King, he found securitatem de fine solvendo.

There is also a Writ De securitare pacis, & de bene gerendo.

<sup>b</sup> In homine replegiando the defendant avow for that the plaintife is his villain regardant. The plaintife said that he is free, and thereupon they were at issue, the plaintife prayed that he might gage deliberance. And it was awarded that he should have deliberance of his goods, and sinde no surety that the avowant should have the goods again if it were found for him. But note when the avowant be at issue upon the villenage, then the plaintife shall find surety to sue cum effectu.

34 E. 3 cap. 2.

\* This was the first statute that gave this expresse authority to Justices of peace.

21 E. 4. 10.

21 H. 6. 26.

a 45 E. 3. Surety  
24.  
Regisler 291 b.  
Nota.  
F. N. B. 79 g.  
2 H. 7. 1. 4 & c.  
36 H. 6. 23.  
3 H. 4. 9.  
b 6 E. 4. 8.  
12 E. 4. 4. 2.  
5 H. 7. 3. 2.  
13 H. 7. 17. 2.  
c 3 H. 7. 3.

See F. N. B. 151. g. Surety; By statutes: See the statute of VV. 1. cap. 20. De malefactoribus in parcis in the Second part of the Institutes in the exposition of the same; the statute of Gloc. cap. 4, and VV. 2. cap. 21. for finding of surety in a Cessavit. See also the Second part of the Institutes in the exposition thereof.

The statute of W. 2. c. 4. Et statut. de defensione Juris, An. 20 E. 1. of finding of surety by tenant by Receipt. See the Second part of the Institutes the exposition of the same. And many other whereof we need not to make mention; only this is observable, that when any statute doth require pledges or surety to be found, they ought to be sufficient, for insufficient pledges are no pledges in judgement of law; and surety cannot be ex vi termini unless it be sufficient.

W. 2. ca. 29. Mag. Carr. cap. 26.  
\* Reg. 133. 134.  
28 E. 3. ca. 9.  
Stant. Pl. Cor. 77 g.  
See Hil. 32 E. 1. Coram rege Rot. 71 & 79.  
Regist. 268. b.  
F. N. B. 250. a.  
Bract. li. 3. f. 154.  
28 E. 3. cap. 9.

It appeareth by VV. 2. cap. 29. that the \* Writ De odio & aia concerning the bailment of prisoners is grounded upon Magna Carta. And it is holden by some, that Writ is not now in use, but is taken away by the statute of 28 E. 3. But this Writ is rebved again by the statute of 42 E. 3. cap. 1. whereby it is enacted that if any statute be made against Magna Carta, or Carta de Foresta, it is enacted to be void. See more of this matter in the Second part of the Institutes, Mag. Carr. cap. 26. which were unnecessary here to be rehearsed. This Writ De odio & aia is omitted by Fitzh. in his N. B. Concerning the Writ De manucap- rione, one kind thereof directed to the Sherif is a writ grounded upon, and re- hearing the statute of W. 1. cap. 15. and how that before him by a certain in- quifition of office A B standeth indicted de quodam latrocinio cujusdam equi, &c. Now in as much, as by the statute of 28 E. 3. he cannot take such inqui- sitions by force of any writ or Commission, therefore that writ De manucap- rione ceaseth. But the writ of manucapione may be directed to other Justices, as to the Justices of the Forest, Justices of Peace and to other: for the statute of 28 E. 3. extends only to Sherifs, and to Sherifs only upon taking of inqui- sitions. But a writ of manucapione may in other cases be directed to the She- riff. Vide the statute of 4 E. 3. ca. 2. for the Court of the Marshalsea, F. N. B. 25. J.

Regist. 80. a.  
Regist. 133. b.  
F. N. B. 250. k. l.  
& 251. a. b. c.  
Regist. 79.  
F. N. B. 250. d. f. i.  
See Bract. li. 3.  
121. 154. Fleta  
li. 2. ca. 2.

For the writ of homine replegiand', see the Register fo. 133. F. N. B. 66. E. Hil. 43 E. 3. Coram rege Rot. 110. Suffex, Mich. 5 H. 4. Rot. 26. Devon' per Breve Regis in duobus Com' William Scutes case, 11 H. 4. 15. F. N. B. 68. c. Cap. in Withernam.

Bract. li. 3. fo 145.  
Britton fo 49.  
Fleta li. 1. ca. 40.  
Mittor ca. 2. §. 11.  
la appeal de im-  
prisonment.

So odious was unjust imprisonment, or unjust deteyning of any Freeman in pylon, as in ancient time there lay a writ De pace & imprisonamento, &c. ubi liber homo, &c. uno modo propter injustam captionem, & alio modo propter injustam detencionem, &c. And there you may read the form of the writ of Appeal, De pace & imprisonamento, which we have the rather remembred, that it may be observed what severall remedies the law hath allowed for the relief and ease of the poor prisoner. But the readiest way of all is by Habeas Corpus in the Term time, or in the Vacation out of the Chancery, as you may read at large in the Second part of the Institutes, Mag. Carta cap. 29. and statut. de Gloc. c. 9. and the Exposition upon the same.

24 H 8. cap. 14.  
This is expoun-  
ded to be reddend-  
do singula singulis  
respective. Vide  
8 E. 4. 18.

The Clerk of the Crown, Clerk of the Peace, and Clerks of Assise shall cert- tific briefly a transcript of such Attainder, Outlawry or conviction as is had for any kind of felony before Justices of Oier & Terminer, Justices of Gaol delivery, and Justices of Peace before the King in his Bench, there to be & remain of Re- cord, &c. See the statute, a very necessary law for the plea of auterfoitz atcaint or condict for ousting of Clergy, &c. and for escheats and forfeitures to the King.

a Vid. Dier 8 El. 253, 254. upon a-  
nother branch  
of this Act.  
b 14 H 7. 20. per  
Keeble Br. Ju'g. 8.  
10 b: understood  
of the Kings  
Bench.  
14 H. 7. 15. b. Per  
Mordant.

b For the better understanding of this Act of Parliament, it is to be under- stood, that such Attainders of Outlawry and convictions of felony before any of the Justices named in this Act, as are certified, or delivered into the Kings Bench, are under the custody of the Clerk of the Crown of that Court, and for that cause he is named in this Act.

See the statute of 9 E. 3. cap. 5. by which it is ordained and established, that Justices of Assise, Gaol delivery, and of Oier and Terminer, shall send all their records and proceses determined, and put in execution to the Exchequer at Mich- every year once to be delivered there, and the Treasurer and Chamberlains, &c.

shall

shall keep them in the treasury as the manner is, so that the Justices always doe first take out the estreats of the said records and processes against them to send to the Erchequer, as they were wont before.

By the statute of 11 H.4. ca.3. Justices assigned (id est, Justices of Assise) shall cause to be delivered into the Kings treasury all the records of Assises, and of certifications before them determined every second year.

11 H.4. cap. 3.  
13 H.4. error 91.

All Indiaments and Presentments in the Sheriffs Turn, or law days shall be delivered to the Justices of Peace of the same County, at their next Sessions of peace to award processe, &c.

3 E.4. cap. 3.  
Vid. 4 E.4. f. 31.  
8 E.4. fo 5.

After the murder or manslaughter found before the Coroners they shall deliver their inquisitions afoze the Justices of the next Gaol delivery.

3 H.7. ca. 1.  
Lib. Intr. Rast 43.

If any person be murdered in the day, and the murderer escape untaken, the Townshp shall be amerced, and the Coroner hath power to enquire thereof upon view of the body, and the Justices of Peace have power to inquire of such escapes, and to certifie afoze the King in his Bench.

3 H 7. ca. 1.

And (that we may say somewhat of every thing) Forasmuch as the charge to be given at the Sessions of the peace consisteth on two parts, Laws Ecclesiasticall for the peace of the Church, and laws Civill or Tempoꝛall for the peace of the Land, it shall be very fit to lay, as a foundation of the charge, that excellent law established by Authority of Parliament, which we have translated into Latin. Imprimis Rex vult, & præcipit quod Pax Sacrosanctæ Ecclesiæ, & terræ solide custodiat & conservetur in omnibus, quodque Justitia singulis, tam pauperibus, quam divitibus administratur, nulla habita personarum ratione.

W. 1. An. 3 E. 1. cap. 1.  
Pax { Ecclesiæ.  
Terræ.  
Justitia pacis mater & nutrix.

First of all, the King willeth and commandeth that the peace of holy Church, and of the Land be well kept and maintained in all points, and that common right (i. justice) be done to all, as well poor as rich, without respect of persons.

Hereupon the charge to consist upon two parts. 1. Of laws Ecclesiasticall, and 2. Of laws Civill, or Tempoꝛall, with an exhortation to doe justice.

Of an other Axiome or Principle of the law may be the foundation of the charge, Imprimis interest reipublicæ, ut pax in regno conservetur, & quæcunque paci adversentur provide declinentur.

1 Mar. cap. 12.  
3 & 4 E. 6. ca. 5.  
Though the body of these Acts be repealed, yet the Axiome rehearsed in the Preamble shall continue for ever.

It is most necessary in a Common wealth to provide, that tranquillity and peace be continued in the Realm, and that all things being contrary thereunto may by foresight be eschewed.

Of that of 32 H.8. There is nothing within this Realm that conserveth the subjects in more quietnesse, rest, peace, and good concord, then the due administration of his laws.

\* 32 H.8. cap. 9.

Of the like, see the Third part of the Institues, in Epilogo,

## CAP. XXXII.

A Court of Inquiry of the defaults of the Justices of Peace, Justices of Assise, Sheriffs, and Under-sheriffs, touching the execution of the statute of 13 H. 4. Cap. 7. Concerning Riots, Assemblies, and Routs.

2 H. 5. cap. 8.  
Sec 19. H. 7. c. 13.

**T**his Court is raised by the statute of 2 H. 5. and is a Court only of Inquiry, and to certifie the inquests incontinent into the Chancery, as by the said statute moze at large appeareth.

## CAP. XXXIII.

## Justices in Eire.

See the 2. Part of  
the Inst. W. 1.  
cap. 27.  
Bracton lib. 3.  
fo. 116.  
Britton fo. 1.  
2 E. 3. fo. 27.  
Kelw. fo. 143.

**T**hey were originally instituted for the good rule of the subjects, and for the ease of the Countries, and that such as had Franchises might claime them.

They were called *Justiciarii in Itinere*, or *Itinerantes*, in respect of other Justices that were residentes. In the black book in the Exchequer, cap. 8. they are called *Justiciarii deambulantes*, & *peritstrantes*. See *Vet. Mag. Cart.* 2 part. fo. 72. *Artic.*, & *sacramenta in Itinere*.

Their Authority was by the Kings writ in nature of a Commission, they had jurisdiction of all Pleas of the Crown, and of all actions reall, personall, and mixt: they rood from seven years to seven years (but now by the statute of 27 H. 8. ca. 24. all Justices in Eire must be by Letters Patents under the Great Seal.) In what County soever they came, all other Courts during the Eire ceased, and all those pleas in that County, or rising there befoze any other, the Justices in Eire might proceed upon as the others might have done. For example: A writ was directed to the Justices of the Common Pleas to adjoyn, and send all the pleas of that County which were in the Court of Common Pleas befoze the Justices in Eire to be determined befoze them, &c. And if judgment had been within that County, the Justices in Eire might award execution without a *Scire fac.* See the First part of the *Institutes*, Sect. 514. and read the ancient books and other Authorities there quoted for their antiquity and jurisdiction, and the causes wherefoze they vanished away. But the other Justices of Eire, viz. of the Fozeff, continue to this day according to their originall institution. See the Chapter of the Court of the Fozeff. See also the Second part of the *Institutes*, *Marlbridge* 24, 25, 27. *W. 1.* cap. 18. & *W. 2.* cap. 10. and the Exposition of every of them.

Regist.  
F. N. B. 243. k.  
14 H. 7. 29.  
15 H. 7. 5.

What Franchises and liberties ought to be claimed befoze Justices in Eire, see lib. 9. fol. 24. the case of the Abbot of *Strata Marcella*.

The stile of their Court was, *Placita de Juratis & Assisis & Coron. de Itinere Iohannis de Vallibus & sociorum Iustic' Itiner' apud Ockham in com' Rutland in crastino Epiphaniæ Domini, Anno regni regis Edw. 14.*

These Justices in Eire did hold their Courts, as hath been said, from seven years



years to seven years, and first they began with Pleas of the Crown, so saith Bracton, *Imprimis incipere debent de Placitis Coronæ, in quibus terminantur actiones criminales tam majores quam minores.* And one could not be indicted for anything concerning the Pleas of the Crown, done before the last Eire: so; so it appeareth by Bracton, *Non erit querendum de Placitis illis Coronæ quæ emerferunt ante aliud iter Justiciariorum, & quæ coram eis proposita non fuerunt.* And by Fleta, *Ex capitulis de veteribus Placitis Coronæ alias præsentatis & nondum terminatis, solet exceptio quibusdam indictatis oriri, quod de novo indictamento de fact' ante ultimum iter imposito non tenetur respondere; & si non sit allocabilis, sequitur quod Juratores hundredi puniendi sunt de concealamento, vel de perjurio convincendi.*

Bract. lib. 3. fo. 115. b. 116. b. Fleta li. 2. cap. 19. *vers. finem.*

Vide postea Ca. 60. of P<sup>ow</sup>ders.

And it were to be wished that in criminall causes at the Kings suit, there were a limitation of time, specially in cases concerning the life of man. The Common law in Appeals at the suit of the party hath in those cases limited a time, viz. that they must be brought within the year and the day after the offence committed: and the reason thereof was, that the cause might be tryed, while it was fresh in memory, and that such as could testifie were living.

Vid. Hil. 15 E. 1. in Banco Rot. 56. they could adjoyn into another County.

The Justices in Eire might inquire of the deeds of Justices of Gaol delivery. Bracton saith, *Et si post intervallum accusare velit, non erit de jure audiendus, nisi docere potest se fuisse justisrationibus impeditum.* And Bracton also saith, that after the charge given the Justices in Eire, debent transferre se in locum secretum, & convocatis ad se quatuor, vel sex, vel pluribus de majoribus de com<sup>o</sup> qui dicuntur \* *Busones com'* ad quorum nutum dependent vota aliorum qualiter à dño rege & concilio suo sit provisum, quod omnes tam milites quam alii qui sunt 15 annorum & amplius jurare debent, &c.

Rot. Par. 20 E. 1. Rot. 6.

\* *Busones sive Busones*, of the French word *Bourson*: for as it

is in the proverb, He that beareth the purse ruleth the roaft, which agreeth with Bractons description here, *Ad quorum nutum dependent vota aliorum.* So vulgarly called, which also Bracton insinuateth, when he saith, *Qui dicuntur busones.* a It is misprinted, and should be 12 annorum. 2 for 15. See the 2. part of the Inst. Mag. Car. ca. 7. & 35.

So great was the authority of Justices in Eire, that if they came into the County where the Justices of the Court of Common Pleas sat, the jurisdiction of that Court during the Eire ceased, but they yielded to the Kings Bench.

See Cap. Itineris, Vet. Mag. Cart. part. 1, fo. 150, 151. &c.

See Hovenden, Anno Dñi. 1176. Vid. Hil. 13 R. 2. pl. 2. Of proceedings before them.

Br. Jurisd. 116. 27 aff. 1. F. N. B. Fleta li. 1. ca. 10. §. *Ex capitulis vers. factum.*

*Rex Justiciariis suis prox' Itinerantibus in com. N. Salutem. Quia per \* commune concilium regni nostri Angliæ provisum est, quod quilibet liber homo libere possit facere Attornatum ad libertates suas vendicandas, exigendas, prosequendas, & defendendas; Vobis mandamus, quod Attornat' quem A per Literas suas Patentes suo loco attornare voluerit, ad libertates suas vendicandas, exigendas, prosequendas, & defendendas coram vobis in Itinere vestro in com' prædicto, loco ipsius A sine difficultate ad hoc recipiatis, &c.*

Regist. 19. b. \* *Viz. W. 2 c. 10.* Nota the Register is a good exposition of this statute. See the 2. part of the Inst. W. 2. cap. 10.

See also another writ in the Register, Ubi supra, De clamore admittend' in Itinere, &c.

## CAP. XXXIV.

## The Court of Justices of Trailbaston.

**T**hese Justices sat by force of the Kings Commission of Oier and Terminer grounded, as some hold, upon an Ordinance made by King E. 1. and the Lords at a Parliament holden in Anno 33 E. 1. for the hasty proceeding. And therefore they were called Justices of Trailbaston, because they proceeded as speedily as one might draw, or trail a staffe. They say upon the said Ordinance in the same year, viz. 33 E. 1. a Commission of Oier and Terminer Vocat' Trailebaston secundum ordinarionem inde fact' in Parlamento de Anno 33 E. 1. By this it appeareth, as some have conceived, that this Commission was builded upon an Ordinance in Parliament, and not upon an Act of Parliament.

33 E. 1. in Dorf.  
Pat. parte 1.

Vet. Mag. Cart.  
2 parte fo. 23.

Others say that this Commission was grounded upon an Act of Parliament in Anno 33 E. 1. intituled Statutum quod vocatur Ragman de Justiciariis assignatis. See the statute, and that the Ordinance mentioned in the Commission of 33 E. 1. is the statute Ragman, statutes being often called by the name of Ordinances, for every statute is an Ordinance, sed non è converso.

But let us now consider what light our books have given us, the statute being somewhat obscure and dark.

2 E. 3. fo. 27.

In Trin. 2 E. 3. we read this case. William de B. sued a writ of Error returnable in the Kings Bench upon a judgement given in a plea of land at the suit of John Hodey, which was pleaded by bill before Justices of Trailbaston, where because the Justices of Trailbaston did send only the record of the plea, they were commanded to send the transcript of their Commission, and the bill also with the pannel, the which they did, and again the record also. In which case you may observe these five Conclusions. First, it was assigned for error, that John Hodey made his plaint of certain land against William de B. being present in Court before the Justices of Trailbaston, and he was put to answer without making of processe against him, and therefore they erred in resetting the plea without processe, &c. sed non allocatur. Secondly, for the Justices of Trailbaston be in their case as Justices in Cire; and in Cire when the party puts in his bill against another which is present in Court, the Justices in Cire ought to receive it. Thirdly, another error was assigned, that it appeared by the record, that presently the Justices of Trailbaston took an inquest de circumstantibus, which came not in by processe to give their verdict, and also it appeared by the record, that the Twelve gave their verdict, super sacramentum suum, without saying de consensu parcium; sed non allocatur. For in Trailbaston and in Cire certain men are made to come by whom those Justices doe inquire ex officio, that is, without processe, wherunto the parties which have pleaded to issue agree to be tryed by them, the Court erreth not if they take an Enquest of them, and it is not found of record, that William de B. did dissent: and as to the other point, the Court shall intend an assent where there appeareth no dissent. Fourthly, the errors assigned being no errors, the Court did search for errors, and to affirm the judgement or to reverse it. And the Court did find in the first record which was sent, that William de B. dicit quod in nullo est inde culpabilis, & de hoc ponit se super patriam, where John de Hodey which was Plaintiff did not joyn with him, & prædixus querens similiter

similiter, which joyning was in the second record certified; but for that, that record came in without warrant, and the first record certified is the record in law, thereupon the former judgement was reversed. Fifthly, that no error was assigned, that the Justices of Trailbaston had no lawfull jurisdiction, but a Writ of Error brought upon their Judgement, whereby, and by all the context of this case their jurisdiction was affirmed, the Judges of the Kings Bench having, as is aforesaid, a Transcript of their Commission. Also they had jurisdiction in case of indictment of death, and so allowed, but Appeals of felony were excepted in the said Statute.

2 E. 3. 28.

Vide Dorset. Pat. Anno 14 E. 3. part 3. m. 8. & 2. A Commission of Trailbaston was granted to Robert Parving Treasurer and others in London, Middlesex and Surrey, and like Commissions were granted in other Counties.

14 E. 3.

A Petition was exhibited by the Commons in full Parliament, who prayed that no manner of Cite or Trailbaston might be holden during the warres, or 20 years, &c. but it was not granted.

Rot. Parl. 1 R. 2. 101.

But *Præcipitatio est Noverca Justitiæ*: and both in respect of the precipitation and of some reference to the next Parliament by the Statute of Ragman, this Commission wholly long since vanished, and is left out of the Register as not to be put in execution. But the Commission of Oyer and Terminer there remaineth as necessary and useful for the punishment of horrible and enormous offences. See before the Chapter of Oyer and Terminer.

## CAP. XXXV.

The Court of Wards and Liveries raised by  
Authority of Parliament.

The statute of  
22 H. 8. cap. 46.  
¶ *The Court of  
the Kings  
Wards.*

A Court of  
Record.

By the statute of  
33 H. 8. cap. 22.  
the office of the  
Liveries is an-  
nexed to the Court of Wards. So as now it is in the Court of Wards and Liveries.

See the first part  
of the Institutes.  
Sect. 441.  
All Wards,  
Mannors, Lands,  
&c.

In the order,  
survey, &c.

Proces.

Duchy Chamber.

In any wise tou-  
ching or concer-  
ning, &c.

Debt.

Attend.

By the said Act  
of 33 H. 8. the  
surveyor is ad-  
ded, and to take  
place before the  
Attorney.

Indebted.

**F**irst, the King our said Sovereigne Lord by the authority aforesaid, Ordaineth, maketh, establisheth, and erecteth a certaine Court commonly to be called for ever *The Court of the Kings Wards*: which Court by authority aforesaid continually and for ever shall be a Court of Record, and shall have one Seale to be graven and made after such form, fashion, and manner, as shall be appointed by the Kings Highnesse, and shall remaine and be ordered; as hereafter shall be declared.

Also be it enacted by authority aforesaid, that all Wards which the Kings Highnesse now is, or hereafter shall be intituled to have, with their Mannors, Lands, Tenements, Rents, Remainders, Reversions, Services, and all other Hereditaments whatsoever they be, as well in possession as reversion, and all Revenues, Issues, and Profits of the same, and every part thereof, for the time the same shall be, or ought to be in the Kings possession, shall be in the order, survey, and governance of the said Court, and the Ministers of the same, in manner and forme, as by this Act is declared and limited.

Also that the said Master of the Wards for the time being shall have full power and authority to award under the Seale to be appointed to the said Court in the Kings name such Proces and Precepts with reasonable pains to be therein limited, as be now commonly used in the Court of the Kings Duchy Chamber of Lancaster being at Westm. against every person or persons whatsoever they be, for and concerning the interest, right and title of the Kings Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, of in or for any Wards Lands, Tenements, Rents, Account, Receipt, Services, or other cause in any wise touching or concerning any thing appointed by the order of the said Court, or any part thereof, for and on the behalfe of our said Sovereigne Lord the King, or to or for any debt, rising and growing by occasion of the same.

Also be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the said Attorney, Receiver Generall, and Auditors shall diligently from time to time attend upon the said Maister in the said Court for the hearing and ordering of matters and causes in the same Court for the time of four Terms in the year usually kept for the law at Westm. and procure with all diligence, that all rents, fermes, profits, casualties, improvements, and other emoluments of the Wards mariages, Ideots, and all Mannors, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments being in the survey and governance of the said Court, shall be truly and justly paid, and answered to the said Receiver Generall of the said Court to the use of the Kings Highnesse without concealing any part thereof. And shall also cause and procure Processe to be made against such as shall be indebted

to the Kings Highnesse and their sureties of and for any part thereof, from time to time, as the time and case shall require without any delay.

Also be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, that all manner of Proses that shall be made out of the Kings Exchequer to or against any person or persons for any Ferme, Rents, Issues or profits concerning the premises or any part thereof, or any other thing limited in this Act to be in the survey, order, and governance of the said Court, and the ministers thereof, shall be clearly void and of none effect to all intents and purposes.

No Proses out  
the Exchequer for  
or concerning  
any Ward, &c.

Also be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the said Master by the advice of the said Attorney, Receiver Generall, and Auditors, or three of them, whereof the said Master to be one of them, shall have authority by this Act to survey all the Kings Widows, and to treat, commune, and conclude as well with all and every of the Kings Widows that now be, or hereafter shall be, and that have married themselves without the Kings license, or that hereafter shall happen to marry themselves without the Kings license, for their reasonable fines to be made to the Kings use, and to tax and assess the same by their discretion according to the statute of *Prærogativa Regis*: the same fines to be paid to the Receiver Generall of the Wards lands, as the same may appear yearly in his account.

Widowes.

Also be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the said Master by the advice of the said Attorney, Receiver Generall and Auditors, or three of them, shall have authority by this Act to survey, govern and order all and singular Ideots and naturall Fools now being in the Kings hands, or that hereafter shall come and be in the Kings hands. And also to survey and order all the Mannors, Lands, Tenements, and other Hereditaments whatsoever, now being in the Kings hands, or in the hands of any other person or persons to their uses, or to the use of any of them, that hereafter shall come and be in the Kings hands, his Heirs and Successors in the right of any of them by reason of his Graces prerogative Royall: And also by the advice of the said Attorney, Receiver Generall, and Auditors, or three or two of them, to let and set, the Mannors, Lands, and Tenements to the Kings use for the time of the Kings interest for such rent and fine, as by their discretion shall be thought convenient; the finding and keeping of the said persons their Wives and Children, and the reparations of their houses and lands alwayes to be considered in the doing thereof; the same rents and fines reserved to the Kings Grace to be paid alwayes to the hands of the Receiver Generall of the Wards lands for the time being, as the same may appear in his account, and be recorded in the Court of Wards.

Ideots.  
Naturall Fools.

To let and set.

And also be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the said Master for the time being shall have power and authority to take Recognisances of all and every person and persons that shall be called into the Court of Wards and Liveries to answer to any matter alledged against them in the said Court, to make their daily appearance in the said Court, to answer to such matters as to them then and there from time to time shall be alledged. And that all such Recognisances of what summe soever they be, shall be as good and effectually in the law to all intents and purposes, as Recognisances taken in the Kings High Court

Called by Proses.

To moderate  
Recognisances.

of Chancery, or elsewhere before any Judge of Record within this Realm. And that the said Master for the time being with the advice of the Court, or of such member of the same as then shall be present, so that they be two beside the said Master, shall have full power and authority to moderate such Recognisances as be or shall be there forfeited, and to set fines for the same to the Kings use under the summes contained in the said Recognisances; the said fines to be levied by like Proses of *Scire facias*, as by the statute made in the 27 yeare of our Sovereigne Lord the Kings reigne is given to the Chancelour of the Court of Augmentations of the Revenues of his Graces Crown. And that the said Master for the time being with the advice aforesaid shall have power and authority to commit to ward any person or persons for his or their disobedience, contempt, or other offence made, or to be made triable within the Kings Court of the Wards and Liveries, and upon the said matters ordered or decreed there, to deliver them from prison, and to cancell and make void all Recognisances and Obligations taken or hereafter to be taken in the same Court to the Kings use when and as often as the said Master, with the advice of the said Court or three of them, shall see and perceive the matters and causes, for the which any such Recognisances or Obligations hath or hereafter shall happen to be taken, to be finished and ended, and the Kings Grace his Heirs and Successors, or the party thereupon satisfied, without any other warrant for the same.

¶ *The Authority of the Courts of Exchequer, Wards and Duchy.*  
A Clause of the statute of 33 H.8 cap. 39.  
\* Assigned.

And also shall have full power and authority to hear and determine all and all manner of Debts, Detinues, Trespasses, Accounts, Reckonings, Waits, Deceits, Negligences, Defaults, Contempts, Complaints, Riots, Quarrels, Suits, Strifes, Controversies, Forfeitures, Offences, and other things whatsoever they shall be, which shall hereafter grow, be movod, stirred, procured, pursued, or arise in, for, or upon any matter, cause, or other thing \* assigned, committed, or appointed to the severall directions, orders, and governances of the same Courts, or any of them, or for or upon any manner of thing or things which may or shall touch or in any wise concerne the same, wherein the King shall be only party. And also all manner of States for tearme of years between party and party concerning the premises, and to correct and punish by their discretions all and every person and persons which before them shall be convicted of any of the premises according to the nature, quality, or quantity of his or their offence or offences, cause or causes, matter, or matters (all and all manner of Treasons, Murders, Felonies, Estates, Rights, Titles, and interests as well of inheritance as freehold, other then joynctures for tearm of life, only excepted and alwayes foreprised.)

Before we descend to the severall parts and branches of these Acts, it shall be expedient for advancement of truth to handle and clear two Questions. First, when Wards became due to the Kings of England, by what title, and upon what reason. Secondly, who had the charge of the Kings Wards; how they were disposed of, and in what Court this revenue was answered before the reign of H. 8.

The first contains three things. Time, Title, and Cause. And in all these three Polydor, and such as follow him, do erre. For Polydor saith that *Henricus 3. Anno Domini 1219. qui avitum regnum civili bello, ac dissensionibus vastatum, opibus spoliatum, atque prope confectum paulo ante adeptus erat, cum rei domestica inopia pressus, non posset sine auxilio suorum, Asiaticum bellum juvare, vitamque regiam decenter degere, principes soluto prius tributo, pro eo bello gerendo postea excogitato novo vectigalis genere, ut regem suum ea inopia levarent, a ultro concesserunt, ut quoties quispiam eorum, qui possessiones haberent b quarum Rex esset Dominus, ante moreretur quam liberi quos fecisset heredes vigesimum alterum annum, tum eatenus tam ipse heres quam patrimonium in potestate atque tutela regis foret, & ille patrimonii hujusmodi proventus caperet, quoad heres ad eam etatem perveniret: quia apud Anglos more majorum per vetusto conservandarum facultatum causa, filius mas natu grandior fit solus heres, vel filia si mares liberi nulli sint. Egit Rex gratias omnibus generatim pro munere, ac ut ne id humanitatis in oblivionem iret, deinceps istiusmodi nobilium heredarum tutelam ut rem sibi valde utilem accuratissime suscepit. Sed illud beneficium nequaquam ipsi nobilitati postremo bono fuit, quando ceteri reges qui secuti sunt, non habita ratione, quod a principibus olim in Henricum duntaxat collocatum fuisset, ut qui pauper esset decentius personam regiam per illud sustineret, sibi etiam perpetuum voluerunt. Quid, quod ita res cura omnibus fuit, ut non modo reges, sed reliqui locorum domini in hereditates nobilium defunctorum eodem modo invaserint, id quod etiam nunc fit, & lege certa observatur. Vnum istud institutum est tandem aliquando corrigendum, quippe quod quantum uni vel alteri commodi, tantum aliis incommodi affert: sane ita usu venit, ut populorum quibus hereditates veniunt tutelam saepe a locorum dominis ad tempus sicut dictum est, illorum tutoribus per auctionem vendantur, quo sic facto lucro, ab ea educandorum puerorum cura vacui sint, & qui emunt, emunt autem tam nobiles, quam homines novi, si modo plus dederint, ea praesertim de causa redimant, ut pupillos nobilius suis liberis matrimonio conjungant. Idque sapissime faciunt, antequam illi pubescant, quo simul vivendo, cum primum per etatem liceat, urgente voluptatum titillatione invicem commisceantur, ut ne postea, cum adoleverint, jam mutui polluti nuptias repudiare queant, qui sic sese ab ineunte etate libidinis dedecorantes interdum non homines, sed ob virium infirmitatem plane homunciones gignunt a majoribus degenerantes. Atqui nobilitas cum primis eo damnum facit longe ingentissimum quod homines humili loco nati per ejusmodi connubia sanguinem cum ea sociant, contaminantque in dies singulos ejus vetustum genus, & pupilli ipsi a sinu matrum per emptionem erepti parum interdum honestis in aliena domo instituantur. Oritur vel hinc res alia indigna de qua nunc tacere libet, istorum enim conjugum gratia admodum modica aliquoties existit cum ante etatem, & aliquando contra voluntatem nobiles feminae, virique plebeis copulati perraro inter se ament. Praeterea & illud, quantum patrimonium nobilium, causa hujusce tutelae lacerentur a novis possessoribus, qui suis avare commoditatibus servientes pecus omne non modo tondent, sed deglubunt egregie. Atque hoc est principum munus, quod regias opes maxime adauxit.*

Polydor lib. 16. pag. 288.

Excogitato novo vectigalis genere a ultro concesserunt. b Quorum rex est Dominus.

Herein Polydor hath erred in all three. For first, where he affirmeth for the time, that this Novum vectigalis genus was excogitatum, and granted to King Henry the third Anno Domini 1219. which was in the third year of his reign, Glanvil who wrote in the reign of H. 2. treateth of Wardships due to the King

Lib 7. cap. 9, 10.

And Ockham  
who wrote tem-  
pore H. 2. treateth  
also of Ward-  
ships & Liveries.

Matth. Paris,  
pag. 246.

and other Lords: to the King in these words. Notandum tamen quod si quis in capite tenere debet, tunc ejus custodia ad dominum regem plene pertinet, sine alios dominos habere debeat sine non, quia dominus rex nullum potest habere parem, multo minus seniore, &c. And he treateth ubi supra of Wardships then due, (which holdeth law till this day) and speaketh nothing of the beginning of them.

King John in the seventeenth year of his reign made a great Charter, and granted Concilio Baronum, quod custos terræ hæredis qui infra ætatem fuer' non capiat de terra hæredis nisi rationabiles exitus, & rationabiles consuetudines, & rationabilia servitia, & hæc sine destructione & vasto hominum vel rerum. Et si nos commiserimus custodiam alicui talis terræ vicomiti vel alicui alii, qui de exitibus terræ illius nobis debent respondere, & ille destructionem de custodia fecerit vel vastum, nos ab illo capiemus emendam, & terra committatur duobus legalibus & discretis hominibus de feudo illo, qui similiter nobis respondeant, sicut prædictum est. Custos autem quamdiu custodiam terræ habuerit, sustentet domos, parcos, vivaria, stagna, molendina, & cætera ad illam terram pertinentia de exitibus terræ ejusdem. Et reddat hæredi, cum ad plenam ætatem pervenerit, terram suam totam instauratam de carucis, & omnibus aliis rebus, ad minus secundum quod illa recepit.

1 part of the In-  
stitutes. Sect. 103.

Polydor saith,  
that this Novum  
vestigialis genus  
was granted to  
the King.  
1 part of the Inst.  
Sect. 1.

2. Where Polydor saith, Vltro concesserunt ut quories, &c. he affirmeth that it came from the grant of the subject to the King. The truth is, that all Tenures by Knights service, which since the Conquest draweth ward and marriage (for relief was due before) were either created and reserved by the King, or before of 18 E. 1. Quia emptores terrarum by the subjects of the Realm. If by the King, it is either of the person of the King, ut de corona, which we call in Capite, or of some Honour or Mannor. If by a subject, either of his person or of an Honour or Mannor. And all these tenures have been created according to this rule, Cujus est dare, ejus est disponere. And all the lands in England originally moved from the King, and are holden of him mediatelý or immediatelý.

Britton fo. 162. b  
Lib. Rub.

The Charter of  
King Kenulfus,  
Anno Dom. 821.  
The like Charter  
of King Ethelred  
to a Knight cal-  
led Athelweg,  
Anno Dom. 995.

3. He utterly mistaketh the end of the creation of these tenures by Knights service, which were originally created for the defence of the Realm by his owne subjects, which is more safe, then to trust to foreiners. But hereof you may reade at large in Littleton, Sect. 95. 96. & 103. & Li. Rub. Mavult enim princeps domesticos, quam stipendiarios bellicis apponere casibus.

This Tenure which now is called Escuage, or Servicium Scuti, was of ancient time named expeditio hominum cum scutis, as you may reade in the Charter of King Kenulphus, who Anno Domini 821 & regni sui 25 granted to the Abbot of Abbandon many Mannors and Lands, and reserved quod expeditionem duodecim virorum cum tantis scutis exerceant, Antiquos pontes, & arces renovent, &c. Of all other services and Charges he and his successors were discharged.

The Charter of  
King Ethelred.  
1001.  
Brafton lib. 2.  
fo. 36. 37, &c.  
1 part of the In-  
stitutes Sect. 103  
Verb. Chivaler.  
Castle.  
Comming of  
enemies.

In nomine excelsi Tonantis, cujus nutu & miseratione à pio patre præditus, ego Ethelred Rex totius Insula cum consensu & licentia Optimatum meorum aliorumque meorum fidelium dabo, & libenti animo concedo Clovic. quendam ruris particulam, hoc est, 20 mansos in loco quem rurticola vocitant at ycean-tun in hereditatem perpetuam, & semper liber permaneat notis & ignotis, magnis & modicis, ad habend' & tradend' qualicunq; voluerit relinquat ab omni tributo & \* servicio regali, nisi constructione pontis, et arcis adificatione, & hostium expeditione. Actum est autem hoc mea concessionis donum Anno Dominica Incarnationis 1001. &c.

Dirone.  
Regist. fo. 2.  
Domesday tit.  
Cestric.

In the Book of Domesday you shall finde it thus recorded. Sudrie. Episcopus Baioc'

Ille qui tenet de Wodardo reddit ei 50 s. & servicium unius militis, and in Divers other places. And in Domesday mention is often made of Drenches or Drenge, which is as much to say as Tenentes per servicium militare.

Many



Many others of this kind might be cited to prove that prudent Antiquity ever provided by reservation of tenure (amongst other things) for the defence of the Realm against the Invasion of Enemies.

All our ancient Authors treat hereof. See the First part of the Institutes, Sect. 103. and see the Grand Custom of Normandy Cap. 33. & c. 50. 49.

You have heard before de Regali servicio, before the Conquest, but that regale servicium (which was Knight service) drew unto it Relief, but neither wardship of the body or of the land, as hath been said. It is true that the Conquerour in respect of that royall service as a badge of the Conquest took the wardship of the land and the marriage of the heirs within age of such tenants, but this extended not to the tenures of the subjects by Knights service, as it appeareth by Bracton: Dicitur Regale servicium, quia spectat ad dominum regem, & non alium, & secundum quod in Conquestu fuit adinventum; & hujusmodi servicia persolvuntur ratione tenementorum, & non personarum, quia ex re-nementis proveniunt, ut si dicatur faciendo inde forinsecum servicium, vel regale servicium, sive servicium domini regis, &c. So as the Conquerour provided for himself, but other Lords at the first by speciall reservation since the Conquest provided upon gift of lands for themselves: Regis ad exemplum totus componitur orbis, whereof that which we had from the Conquerour we freely confesse, and that which the Normans had from us, we have truly related in other places.

The good King H. 1. son of the Conquerour finding that the wardship of the body and lands of his Tenants by Knight service erected by his Father was both grievous and unjust, by his great Charter Anno primo regni sui, reciting Quod regnum suum oppressum erat injustis exactionibus, &c. (and particularly tempore patris sui) did grant (amongst other things) Quod si uxor cum liberis remanserit, dotem suam & maritagium habebit dum corpus suum legitime servabit, & eam non dabit nisi secundum velle suum, & terræ & liberorum custos erit sive uxor, sive alius propinquior, &c. To be short by that golden Charter, Omnes malas consuetudines, quibus regnum Angliæ injustè opprimebatur, inde abstulit, & legem regis Edovardi reddidit. These were called King Edwards laws, not that King Edward made them, sed quia ex tribus legibus, sc. Anglorum; Danorum, & Merciorum unam legem communem edidit. Vide Ranulph' Cefriens. Lib. 1. cap. 50.

And where some have objected that wardship is a badge of servitude, for that in the writ of Natio habendo, one of the Explees (amongst others) is capiendo redemptionem ab eo pro filiis & filiabus maritandis, & aliis Villanis servitiis. That is, taking ransome of him for the marriage of his sons and daughters, and other villain services. To this it is answered, that the King for marriage of his Wards taketh no ransomes, but such moderate sums of money, as in respect of the quality and state of the Ward, he, or she, all circumstances considered, is able to pay, and in regard thereof, he hath the protection of the Court of Wards during minority: but if ransomes should be taken, it should not only be against the right institution of Wardships before remembred, but also a badge of servitude: and therefore by the statute of Magna Carta, of H. 3. cap. 4, 5, 6. (seeing the Crown had a long possession of the Wardship of the body and lands of the Kings tenant by Knights service) it was provided, first, that the King or his Grantee or Committee should not take of the lands of the heir \* but reasonable issues, reasonable customes and reasonable services, without destruction, &c. (and all unreasonable and excessive things are against the Common law, Excessivum omne in jure reprobatur.) Secondly, shall keep up the houses and other inheritance of the heir, and deliver to the heir all his lands sowed with ploughs and all other things (woods and all) at least as he received them: whereby it appeareth, that the value of the marriage should be so reasonable, as the heir should not at his full age be enforced for payment thereof to sell either lands or goods. Thirdly, that if the heir be married, that he be advanced thereby, and not disparaged.

John Earl of Dyford being the Kings Ward married without the Kings licence;

Glauv. l. 7. c. 9, 10.  
Ockham in di-  
v. 2. p. 115.  
Mirror cap. 165.  
Bra & un lib. 2.  
fo. 36. a. 85.  
Britton fo. 162.  
28. 95.  
Fleta l. 1. ca 8.

Bra & l. 2. fo. 36.  
Ubi supra.  
The tenure (as before it appeareth) was not then invented, but the fruits of the tenure of the King, viz. Wardship and marriage, which was Bractons meaning.

\* Note, reasonable thrice repeated, that it might be observed.

Ror. Parl.  
15 H. 6. nu. 19.

cence, for the which, both for the contempt, and for the duty to the King for so marrying, he was fined at Three thousand pounds, which was not the value of his lands by one year: and yet he petitioned in Parliament to be pardoned of part thereof, which was thought reasonable. And certainly the reasonable rating of Wardships of the body & lands is both according to the laws of the Realm, and a mean of increase of the Kings Revenue.

As to the third: there were of ancient and latter times Masters or Keepers of the Kings Wards for the Kings best advantage, and the profits and revenue thereof were answered in the Kings Court of Exchequer: as taking one example or two in stead of many for both the points.

\* Rex commisit Radulpho de Nova villa Episcopo Cicestr. & Stephano de Segrave custodiam omnium Eschaetorum suorum qui accidunt per totum regnum Angliæ, tam in Wardis, quam in omnibus aliis Eschaetis quæ regi accidere possint, & respondend' inde ad Scaccarium,

<sup>a</sup> See the statute of 51 H. 3. Ratur' de Scaccario, Sheriffs shall be Keepers of the Kings Wards, and answerable for the issues thereof in the Exchequer.

<sup>b</sup> What care there was of ancient time to preserve the free of pious, honourable, and profitable tenures of the King, and for profit especially tenures in Capite and by Knights service, and that the King should be truly answered of Wardships, and other fruits and profits due unto him by reason thereof, it notably appeareth by the Articles inquirable by the Justices in Circ, and by our ancient books.

\* *De Eschaetoribus & Subeschaetoribus in seifina domini regis facientibus vastum, vel destructionem in parcis, boscis, vivariis, vel Warrenis infra custodias sibi commissas per dominum regem, quantum & de quibus, & a quo tempore. Item de eisdem qui occasione hujusmodi ceperint bona defunctorum, vel heredum in manu domini regis injuste, donec redimerentur ab eis, & quid, & quantum pro hujusmodi redemptione, & quid ad opus suum inde retinuerint, & a quo tempore. Item de eisdem qui minus sufficienter terras alicujus in favorem ejusdem, vel alterius cujuscunque cui custodia terrarum illarum dari, vendi vel concedi debuerit, in deceptionem domini regis, & ubi, & quando, & quid inde ceperint, & a quo tempore. Item de eisdem qui prece, precio, vel auxilio, vel favore consenserint, vel consuluerint quod custodia domini regis venderentur pro minore precio, quam vendi deberent secundum verum valorem, vel maritagia ad dominum regem spectantia. Et si aliquo modo concealaverint custodias domini regis, vel maritagia heredum, vel tenentium de rege in capite, vel maritagia dominarum, viduarum maritatarum sine licentia regis, & si quid propter hoc ceperint & quantum, & a quo tempore. Item de hiis qui reservaverint ad opus proprium custodiam, vel maritagiū per leve precium, sive per concealamentum factū versus dominum regem, & cujusmodi damnum rex inde habuerit, & a quo tempore. Item cujusmodi seiserint terras, & per quantum tempus eas in manu domini regis tenuerint. Item de terris captis in manu domini regis, qua capi non deberent, & postea restitutis per præceptum domini regis cum perceptis, utrum percepta restituerint ad mandata domini regis, vel non. Et de omnibus prædictis factis & commissis infra viginti & quinque annos proxime prædictos prædicti Justiciarii se intromittant. Et omnes illi qui sentiunt se super hiis gravatos, & inde conqueri voluerint, audiantur, & fiat eis super hoc justitia, & ipsi Justiciarii pro hiis que dominum regem contingunt diligenter inquirent, &c.*

Primo & principaliter inquiretur defeodis militum, & advocacionibus Ecclesiarum ad dominum regem pertinentibus, viz. quot sunt, & que sunt tenementa, & quantitas tenuræ, & per que servicia. Item

\* Rot. finium.  
14 H. 3. m. 9.  
Hereof see Mat.  
Par. Anno domini 1232.  
16 H. 3. Of Hubert de Burgo, & Stephen Segrave.  
See also Int. Rot. finium, Anno 3 E. 1. m. 4. Rot. Pat. 3 E. 1. m. 33.  
Rot. finium.  
13 E. 1. m. 24.  
a Rot. Pat. 25 H. 6. parte 2. m. 24.  
b See the First pt of the Institutes, li. 2. per totum.

\* Capit. Itineris in Vet. Mag. Car. 157. 158.  
Bract. l. 3. c. 116. b.  
Britton fo. 28.  
Fleta l. 1. ca. 20.

Vet. Mag. Carta 160, 161. Inter Capit. Eschaetrix.

*Item si feoda illa integra sint vel demembrata, non habendo respectum ad tempus. Item si demembrata, per quem, quando, cui, qualiter, quomodo, & quantum valent per annum. Item si tradantur alicui ad terminum vite, vel annorum sine licentia regis, tunc cui, quando, qualiter, & quomodo, & quantum valent per annum. Et si tenentur per medium, per quem medium.*

*Item de tenementis qua tenentur de rege in capite, vel teneri debent, si aliquis faciat se medium inter dominum regem, & verum tenentem suum, tunc queratur ubi, quando, qualiter, & quomodo, & ad quod damnum regis, vel si modo tenuram mutaverint.*

*Item de aliis qui tenent de corona per magnam Serjantiam, vel parvam, antiquum dominicum domini regis, socagium, feodi firmam, vel per aliquod servicium, si iidem tenentes aliquod alienaverint, vel demembraverint, cui, quando, quantum, qualiter & quomodo, sive sint de aliquo honore, sive de corona, & de valore annuo. Et si aliquis, qui de rege tenuerit per antiquum dominicum vel socagium, mutaverit tenuram suam, & ad damnum regis, cui, ubi, quando, qualiter, & quomodo, & ad quod damnum regis, & quantum hujusmodi tenementum valet per annum.*

*Item si aliquis conclaverit aliquem redditum, sive aliquod servicium, seu aliquas consuetudines domino regi debitas, tunc quis, quando, qualiter, & quomodo, & que servicia, & quem redditum, & quas consuetudines, & que tenementa tenent de quibus debentur hujusmodi servicia, & quantum valent per annum, & ad quod damnum regis hujusmodi conclamenta sunt.*

*Item, de heredibus quorum custodia & maritagium pertinent ad dominum regem, & dominus rex ea habuerit, quando deberet habere. Et si aliquis hujusmodi heredum ingressus fuerit sine autoritate curie, & absque legitima etatis sue probatione si infra etatem, & si plena etatis, absque faciendo regi homagium, vel aliud servicium quod ei debet. Et tunc quis sit ille heres, quo tempore intravit, & post mortem cujus, & per quod servicium illa hereditas tenetur, & quantum valet per annum.*

*Item de viduis similiter quarum maritagium pertinet ad regem, si se maritaverint sine licentia regis, cui, quando, cujus consensu, & ad quod damnum regis, & quantum tenementa valent qua tenent in dotem de primo marito suo.*

*Item de heredibus qui deberent esse in custodia regis, & quis custodiam usurpaverit super regem, & a quo tempore, & quantum tenementa que tenent valent per annum.*

*Item si aliquis hujusmodi heredum cujus antecessor de rege tenuit in capite, sive de aliquo heredem in custodia regis existente, maritatus fuerit sine licentia regis, tunc cui, quando, & per cujus consensum, & quantum terra illa valent per annum, & quantum cepit pro maritagio.*

*Item si dominica terra domini regis in isto Wapentagio sunt in tali statu sicut esse deberent, vel si tradantur ad firmam, si dimittantur secundum valorem annuum earundem, & si custodes, vel firmarii vastum vel destructionem, venditionem seu exilium fecerint in eisdem, vel in terris existentibus in manu domini regis per custodiam, vel alio modo, quis, ubi, quando, &c.*

*Pea so prectous was immediate tenures of the King, as you read in the Parliament Roll in 18 E. 1. in these words,*

Gilbertus

Rot. Par. 18 E. 1.  
fo. 4. nu. 52.  
Note the form of  
this tenure.

*Gilbertus de Vmphrevill petit licentiam quod possit feoffare Gilbertum filium suum primogenitum, & Margar. uxorem ejus de manerio suo de Overton, Tenend' de ipso Gilberto patre durante tota vita ipsius patris, & post ejus decessum de capitalibus dominis feodi. Respons. Rex non vult aliquem medium. Ideo non concessit.*

14 E. 3. ca. 13.  
Stat. 1.

By the statute of 14 E. 3. if the heir of the Kings tenant in Chief, &c. be found within age, and the next friends of the heir, to whom the inheritance cannot descend, shall come and offer them to take the said lands, yeelding the value to the King till the age of the heir, as far forth as other will yeeld without fraud; by accord between the Chancelor and the Treasurer, they shall have Commission to keep the said lands by good and sufficient surety till the age of the said heir, and to answer the King the value. In this Act this Treasurer is intended of the Treasurer of the Exchequer. See before in the Chapter of the Court of Exchequer.

Rot. Par. 1 R. 2.  
nu. 79. Rot. Par.  
50 E. 3. nu. 118.  
\* Ro. Par. 22 E. 4.  
nu 16. not in print.

Amongst the petitions of the Commons, they pray that the said statute of 14 E. 3. may be observed, which the King granted.

\* It is provided by Act of Parliament in Anno 22 E. 4. that where sundry of the Kings tenants holding of him immediately, as of his Duchy of Lanc' by sundry recoveries, fines and feoffments in use, defeated the King of Wardships of body and lands: It is enacted, that the King and his heirs shall have the Wardship and custody of the body and lands of every such person being within age, to whose use the fee simple or fee tail of any hereditaments so holden shall grow as heirs by the death of any of his Ancestors, and if they be of full age to have relief notwithstanding any such conveyance.

Ibidem nu. 17.

An exact provision is made for writs to be granted out of the Chancery for the embeliling of any such heir upon pursuit of the Attorny of the Duchy.

4 H. 7. ca. 17. A  
generall law.  
Note the severall  
jennings of these  
two severall Acts.

By the statute of 4 H. 7. it is provided that the Lord of Cestique use, no will being declared, &c. shall have a writ of right of ward for the body and land, and the heir of Cestique use being of full age at the death of his Ancestor shall pay relief. And the heir of Cestique use shall have like action of waste, as if the Ancestor had died seised, &c.

Dier 1 & 2 El.  
fo. 174.

Upon this statute, a case that had in Mich. 1 & 2 Eliz. depended undiscussed thirty years, as the Lord Dier reports, but not in the Court of Wards, (for that Court had not then had so long continuance) but in the Chancery and the Court of Wards it had so long continued, though in 7 H. 8. it had been resolved by all the Judges in the Exchequer Chamber, that Cestique use of lands in fee by Knights service in Capite, and of lands holden of another Lord in socage dying seised of the use of both, his heir within age, and no will by him declared, that the prerogative shall hold place: which resolution if it had been published in print, the tedious and chargeable suit had not so long continued.

Keylway 7 H. 8.  
176. between  
Conisby and  
Throckmorton  
for the heir of  
Russell.  
  
Lib. 4. fo. 55. &c.  
Vid. 2 E. 6. cap. 8.  
Li. 7. fo. 45.  
Li. 8. 168, 169.  
See the 1. part  
of the Inst. Cap.  
the statute of  
2 E. 6. cap. 8.  
See 50 E. 3.  
nu. 184.  
See hereafter  
1 H. 8. cap. 12.  
This Proclama-  
tion we have.

How for Traverses, Montrans de droit, &c. to be relieved against offices found for the King, you may read at large in our books, and especially in the Sadlers case in the Fourth book of our Reports, which being the birthright of the subject for his relief against a false office found, cannot be denyed upon just cause shewed, but not to be used for delay. This was the offence of Sir Richard Empson and Edmund Dudley Privy Counsellors to King H. 7. and Masters of his forfeitures (a new and unaccustomed office) who causing secret and false offices (as shall appear hereafter) to be found, the parties grieved were denyed to have their traverse, Montrans de droit, &c. which King H. 7. a little before his death being far gone into a consumption, with great remorse of conscience amongst other things repented, and by Proclamation under the Great Seal in print (amongst other things) published in these words.

See the statute of  
1 H. 8. ca. 12. in  
ratifying hereof.

And that none of his subjects ne make no doubt nor difficulty in all causes leessull to make traverses, for his Highness will expressly, and straightly chargeth and commandeth his Chancelour and Treasurer that they not only admit such traverses, but also grant the ferms, where the case shall require, according to the true course of his laws.

Here.

Hereupon many men were admitted to their traverses, and many on the other side were without remedy; for by the practice of Empson and Dudley, many were not onely denyed to traverse, but enforced upon such false Offices to sue out their generall Liveries, whereby they were concluded, and could not by Law be admitted to their traverse.

King H. 8. in the first yeare of his reigne intending to give remedy against secret Offices, doth by Act of Parliament provide, \* That every Escheator and Commissioner shall sit in convenient and open places, according to the Statute heretofore made: and that the said Escheators and Commissioners shall suffer every person to give evidence openly in their presence, to such Inquests as shall be taken before any of them, upon paine of xl. li.

And by the Preamble and other parts of this Act of 1. H. 8. the sinister and unjust dealing of the said Empson and Dudley, concerning the finding of Offices, are pourtrayed out, whereby the Kings Subjects then of late had beene sore hurt, troubled, and wronged, and some disherited by s<sup>ve</sup>ne other wayes. 1. In causing untrue Offices to be found. 2. In returning of Offices that never were found. 3. In changing of the Offices that were truly found. 4. That Escheators and Commissioners were men of no likelihood, but indigent and unworthy persons, ready to serve turnes, and having nothing to lose, or to make satisfaction to the party grieved. 5. That Jurors were returned for the finding of Offices of no habilitie, or behaviour. 6. That the Escheator or Commissioner, when the Jury were agreed of their verdict, would not receive the same, but therein use delays. 7. That the Clerk of the Petit Bag, &c. would refuse to receive, and file such inquisitions as were found and offered to them. 8. The like of the Officer in the Exchequer, of Offices returnable into the Exchequer. 9. The Clerke of the Petit Bag would refuse to transcribe the Offices, &c. into the Exchequer. For all which, and the other two before named, remedy is provided by this Act, as by the same appeareth. At the same Parliament for the redresse of parties grieved for suing out of Liveries, another Act is made, entituled, An act concerning untrue inquisitions procured by *Empson and Dudley*, in these words.

Shewen to your discreet wisdomes, that where divers and many untrue Inquisitions by the procurement of *Richard Empson* Knight, and *Edmund Dudley*, have beene had and taken within this Realme, as well before Commissioners assigned by Letters Patents of the late King, King H. 7. as before his Escheators, as well by vertue of Writs of the said late King, as by vertue of their office, by the which Inquisitions sometime parcell of the said Lands contained in the said Inquisitions, and sometime the whole Lands there founden holden of the said late King in Capite, where in troth the said Lands contained in the said Inquisitions, nor no parcell of them was holden of the said late King in Capite, ne of any his Progenitors: To the which Inquisitions the parties then grieved by the same, could not, nor might not take their traverse to the same according to the Law of the Land, but were enforced and constrained to sue their \* Livery of the same out of the hands of the said late King, whereby they were, and be<sup>a</sup> concluded to say, that the said Lands be holden of the King in Chiefe, to their great losse and hindrance, where in truth they were not holden of the said late King, ne of any his Progenitors. Wherefore be it enacted, ordained and esta-

Baron, and the Court of Wards, in *Halmes Case*. 1. That the suing of a generall Livery concludeth the heire, as here it appeareth by this Act of Parliament, but otherwise it is of a special Livery, for that, as to the tenure, is but, *ut dicitur*. 2. That this conclusion or Estoppel continueth but during the life of the heire that sueth the generall Livery; for Jurors are sworne *ad veritatem dicend'*, and are not bound by Estoppels. 3. That by suing of Livery, and the death of the heire, the office is executed, and hath taken his full effect, and therefore the Estoppel expreth therewith, and after the office cannot be traversed. Vide 46. E. 3. fol. 12. 44. A. p. 35. *Nota d. Glum Mowbray ibidem, Si un tunc de Roy, &c.* 1. H. 4. 6. 33. H. 6 fol. 7. per Laicon. Observe well the remedies provided by this particular Act, &c. whereby the Common Law is affirmed.

1. H. 8. cap. 8.  
3. H. 8. cap. 2.  
34. E. 3. cap. 13.  
36. E. 3. cap. 13.  
23. H. 6 17.  
\* By the procurement of Empson and Dudley offices were found in secret places, and men were denied to give in evidence for proof of their rights and tenures.  
<sup>a</sup> See before cap. Of the high Court of Parliament.

1. H. 8. cap. 12.

\* This is intended of a generall Livery. Generall Livery concludeth.  
<sup>a</sup> Mich. 7 Jacobi resolved by the two Chief Justices, and the Chief

blished by the King our Sovereigne Lord, the Lords spirituall and temporall, and by the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, that every person and persons having possession of the said Lands contained in the same Inquisitions, or any part thereof, may be admitted to have their traverse to the said untrue Inquisitions, notwithstanding any Livery sued in the time of the said late King, King H.7. And that it be further enacted by the same Authority, that any Livery sued of the same in the time of the said late King, ne any thing contained in the same Livery, be any conclusion after the course of the Common Law, or in any wise hurtfull or prejudiciall to any person or persons, that shall happen to tend their traverse to the said Office, but that they and every of them shall be admitted to their traverse to the said Inquisitions, and to have like advantage in the Law, as though no livery had beene sued of the same in the time of the said late King, and this at the reverence of God, and in the way of charity, &c. Provided alway, that they, or any of them which shall tend their traverse to any of the said Inquisitions in any manner and forme as is aforesaid, shall not be restored to any mean issues or profits of Lands and Tenements comprised in the said Inquisitions.

See the first part of the Institutes Sect. 441. See before Cap. of the high Court of Parliament.

5 H.8. cap.7.

Now touching Liveries which in those dayes were generall, what a world of troubles the subjects suffered for missing of Livery in respect of pretended omissions, and the like, what charging the Subjects with values not found by any Office, nor appearing by any *Melius inquirendum* with mean rates where none were, or for longer time, then they were due, and the like, and these not recovered by course of Law, but sending for the parties by Pursebants, and by their awfull countenance mixt with menaces and threats, drew them to compositions: Which, and other like oppressions and injustice, filled King H.7. Coffers; for by the Close Roll in Anno 3.H. 8. it appeareth, that the King left in his Coffers Fifty and thre hundred thousand pounds, most part in foreine Coine, which in those dayes was not of least value. Notwithstanding King H.8. at his Parliament holden in Anno 5. of his reigne, Cap. 7. moved for a Subsidie, and was denied it; whereupon an Act was made for taking out of generall Wardons, as a meane to bring money to the King. But I perswade my selfe the Reader will inquire what became of these two wicked men, Empson and Dudley. The answer is, that first they were severally indicted as followeth.

*Juratores presentant quod Richardus Empson nuper de London Miles, nuper Consiliarius excellentissimi Principis Henrici nuper Regis Angliæ Septimi, 10. die Maii, anno regni dicti nuper Regis vicesimo, ac diversis vicibus antea & postea apud London, &c. Deum præ oculis non habens, sed ut filius diabolicus imaginans honorem, dignitatem, & prosperitatem dicti nuper Regis, & prosperitatem regni sui Angliæ minime valere, sed ut ipse magis singulares favores dicti nuper Regis adhibere \* unde magnatem fieri potuisset, & totum regnum Angliæ secundum ejus voluntatem gubernare, falso, deceptivè, & proditoriè legem Angliæ subvertens, (inter alia) idem Ricardus dictis die & anno apud London in Parochia & Ward' præd' &c. diversas falsas Inquisitiones, & Officia de intrusionibus & alienationibus, de maneriis, terris, & tenementis, diversis ligeis ipsius nuper Regis inveniri procuravit & excitavit, quod ipsi maneria, terras & tenementa in Inquisitionibus illis specificat' de domino Rege in Capite vel aliter tenerent, cum ita non fuit, ac postea cum dicti ligei dicti nuper Regis ad Inquisitiones illas sic fact' traversas in Curia ipsius nuper Regis secundum legem Angliæ tendere & allegare voluissent, iidem ligei ad traversas illas admitti non potuissent, sed se debitis & legitimis*

\* Ambitio.

Proditoriè legem Angliæ subvertens.

Falsas Inquisitiones & Officia, &c.

Ad traversas admitti non potuissent.

legitimis traversis ad officia predicta faciend' custodivit & retardavit, quousque ipsi cum dicto Ricardo diversas magnas & importabiles fines & redemptiones, tam pro commodo ipsius nuper Regis, quam pro singulari commodo ipsius Ricardi fecer', in magnam depauperationem eorundum ligeorum. Et quod predictus Ricardus dict' die & anno in Parochia & Warda predicta, ac diversis vicibus antea & postea, diversos ligeos dict' nuper Regis de dicto domino Rege diversa maneria, terras, & tenementa per servic' Milit' tenent', & mori' antecessor' suis ipsis infra etatem existent', & in custodia dict' nuper Regis ratione tenura sua, cum ad etates legitimas pervenerunt, & debitam liberationem maneriorum, terrarum, & tenementorum suorum secundum formam & legem Angliæ, ac secundum cursum Cancellariæ ipsius nuper Regis prosequi voluissent, ad hoc recipi non potuissent, sed ad hoc faciend' totaliter negat' & exclus' fuerunt, quousque ipsi cum predicto Ricardo diversas magnas & importabiles fines et redemptiones, tam pro commodo ipsius Regis, quam pro commodo ipsius Ricardi fecer', in magnam depauperationem eorundem ligeorum ejusdem nuper Regis. (And the conclusion of the Indictment is,) Per quod plures & diversi populi dicti nuper Regis hiis gravaminibus & injustis extortionibus multipliciter torquebantur, in tantum quod populi dicti nuper Regis versus ipsum Regem multipliciter murmurabant, et malignabant in magnum periculum ipsius nuper Regis regni sui Angliæ, ac subversionem legum et consuetudinum ejusdem regni.

Pro singulari commodo ipsius Ricardi.

Ad debitam liberationem admitti non potuissent.

The residue of the Indictment concerning other exorbitant oppressions and grievances, are worthy to be read, but concerne not the matter in hand.

True it is, that in this Indictment (proditorie) was used but for aggravation, and as a preparative to greater offences, for in the same yeare they were both indicted of high Treason both by the Common Law and Act of Parliament, and in the 2. yeare of H. 8. they lost both their heads. And albeit in some respects the speciall Livery is for the benefit of the heire, yet the fees and charges are so great, and the Bonds and Covenants, &c. so many, so intricate, and dangerous, as it were worthy to be redressed, for the ease and quiet of the fatherlesse, and widowe, (being no benefit to the King, but to fill the purses of Clerkes and Officers) by authority of Parliament; and the rather, for that speciall Liberties were of ancient time, as short as the charges thereof; whereof you may reade a notable precedent, when Wardships and Liberties were in their Cradles, which followeth in these words.

Quorum vestigiis qui insistant, eorum exitum perhorrescant.

Richardus Dei gratia Rex Angliæ, Dux Normannia, Aquitania, Comes Andegavia, Archiepiscopis, Episcopis, Abbatibus, Comitibus, Baronibus, Fusticiariis, Vicecomitibus, & omnibus Ballivis, & fidelibus suis, ad quos presens Charta pervenerit, Salutem. Sciatis nos concessisse, & presenti Charta nostra confirmasse dilecto & fideli nostro Galfrido filio Petri, & Beatrix de Sayeo uxori ejus, tanquam justo & propinquiori heredi, totam terram Comitum Willielmi de Mandevile, quæ ei jure hereditario pertinebat, cum omnibus pertinentiis, & libertatibus, & liberis consuetudinibus suis. Quare volumus, & firmiter precipimus quod predicti Galfridus & Beatrix uxor sua, & heredes eorum habeant & teneant de nobis & heredibus nostris totam predictam terram cum pertinentiis suis, sicut predictus Comes Willielmus de Mandevile eam melius, & liberius, & honorificentius, & integrius, & quietius habuit unquam & possedit, in bosco, & plano, viis, semitis, pratis, pascuis, pasturis, aquis, vivariis, stagnis, piscariis, molendinis, turbariis, in advocacionibus Ecclesiarum, in custodiis valetorum, & donationibus puellarum, & in omnibus aliis locis & aliis rebus. Hiis testibus Waltero Rothomagensi Archiepiscopo, Johanne Eboracensi Episcopo, Rogero de Pratellis Dapi-

Vide in the history of Hovenden, pag. 446. 2. R. 1. a Nota, concessisse is a sure word in omnem eventum, and will answer to a Livery. b This Gessery Fitzpeter was after Chiefe Justice of England. c This William de Mandevile was Earle of Essex.

*fero nostro, Richardo de Kanvile, Bertrano de Verduno, Radulpho filio Godfredi Camerario nostro. Datum per manum Magistri R: mali catuli Clerici nostri, Anno regni nostri secundo, xxiij. die Januarii apud Messanam.*

Now are we arriv'd at the said Act of Parliament in Anno 32. H. 8. wherefn, and in the Statute of 33. H. 8. besides the exposition of the severall Texts, we will observe what alterations these two Acts have made.

[Ordaineth, maketh, establisheth, and erecteth a Court, &c.] Herein three things are to be observed. 1. That this new Court could not be erected without an Act of Parliament. 2. That when a new Court is erected, it is necessary that the jurisdiction and authority of the Court be certainly set downe. 3. That the Court can have no other jurisdiction, then is expressed in the erection, for this new Court cannot prescribe.

Pasch. 6. Ja. the Bishop of Salisbury case.

Pasch. 6. Ja. the case betweene the King and the Bishop of Salisbury, referred to the two Chiefe Justices and Chiefe Baron, by the Lords of the Honourable Order of the Garter, was this. King E. 4. by his Letters Patents in French, bearing date 10. Octobris, Anno 15. of his reigne, reciting, that where there was no Office of the Chancelor of the Garter, that there should be such an Office of the Chancelor of the Garter, and that none should have it but the Bishop of Salisbury for the time being: We will and ordaine, that Richard Beauchampe, now Bishop of Salisbury, should have it for his life, and after his decease, that his Successors should have it for ever. And amongst divers other points it was resolved unanimously, that this grant was void, for that a new Office was erected, and it was not defined what jurisdiction or authority the Officer should have, and therefore for the incertainty it was void. Which being reported to the Lords, they were well satisfied therewith, and thereupon the Office was granted to Sir John Herbert the Kings Secretary.

[A Court of Record.] Where it is to be noted, that albeit the proceeding in this Court be in English, yet it is a Court of Record by expresse words of the Act.

[And shall have also a Seale, &c.] This is also necessary to a Court.

[That all Wards, &c.] This Clause extendeth as well to the Counties Palatines of Lancaster, Chester, and Duresme, as to any other the parts of the Realm of England, but in severall manners. For as to the Wards within the Realm of England (out of the said Counties Palatines) the Writ for the finding of the Office, &c. issueth out of the Chancery of England, returnable in the Chancery of England. And as to the Wards in the Counties Palatines of Lancaster and Duresme, the Writ likewise issueth out of the Chancery of England, but is returnable into the Chancery respectvely of these two Counties Palatine, and the Chancelors thereof are to transcript them into the Court of Wards.

<sup>a</sup> But for Wards in the County Palatine of Chester, no Writ issueth out of the Chancery of England, but it ought to be found by force of a Writ or Commission out of the Chancery there in the Exchequer, and transcribed by the Chamberlain of that County Palatine into the Court of Wards, <sup>b</sup> Nos dum hæredes in custodia nostra exiunt, indemnes & sine exhaeredatione conservare tenemur.

<sup>c</sup> And by this Clause of this Act of 32. H. 8. the power that the Lord Chancellor and Treasurer had for letting of Wards lands, &c. is taken away.

<sup>d</sup> By the statute of 18. El. it is enacted, That all Inquisitions & Offices to be found before any Escheator or Commissioners, by vertue of any Writ or Commission, or otherwise within the said County Palatines of the said Duchie of Lancaster, Chester, and Duresme, or any of them, shall be returned by the said Escheators or Commissioners within one month next after the taking of any such Office or Inquisition into such place or places, and to such office and offices, as heretofore they have usually beene accustomed to be certified and returned into, upon paine to forfeit for every default xl. li, to the use of our said Sovereigne Lady, her heires and

V. Rot. Parl. 9. R. 2 nu. 13. the resolution of all the Judges of Engl: what right the Duke of Lancaster had to the Wardship of Isabel the Heire of Tho: of Lathom whom Sir John Stanly had married, for the manor of Lathom holden of him in chief as of his County Palatine. V. 26. H. 8. 9. b. <sup>a</sup> 14. Eliz. Dier. 303. <sup>b</sup> Mich. 26. E. 1. coram Rege. Buck. William de Ludares case. <sup>c</sup> 8. H. 6. cap. 16. 18. H. 6. cap. 6. <sup>d</sup> 18 Eliz. cap. 13.



and successors. And that the Clerk of the said Duchy of Lanc<sup>e</sup>, the Vicechamberlain of the said Earldome of Chester, and the Chancelour of the said County Palatine of the said Bishoprick of Duresme, or other the said Officers or Ministers within the said Counties Palatines, or their Deputy or Deputies, and every of them for the time being having authority to receive any such Office or Inquisition, to whose hands any such Office or Inquisition shall come to, shall certifie, or cause to be certified under his or their hands in parchment the true transcript of every such Office or Inquisition taken before any of the said Escheators or Commissioners unto the Master of the said Court of Wards and Liveries, in such like manner, form and sort, as is limited and appointed to the Clerks of the Petit Bag in her Highnesse said Court of Chancery to transcript the same, upon pain to forfeit for every such default 5 li. to the use of our said Sovereigne Lady, her Heirs and Successors: which transcript so to be certified shall there remaine of Record in like manner and form to all intents and purposes, as the transcripts of other Offices already certified into the said Court by the Clerks of the Petit Bag in her Majesties high Court of Chancery, are used: any Custome, Statute, Act, Proviso or Provisoes heretofore had, made, or used to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

The statute of 32 H. 8. for creation of the Court of Wards extended only to Wards: but the statute of 33 H. 8. annexeth to this Court Liveries also. Now in what cases the Heire shall be in Ward or sue his Livery, either by the Common law, or by the statutes, & specially of 32 H. 8. & 34 H. 8. &c. and of all incidents to the same, you shall reade plentifull matter both in the First part of the Institutes Cap. Escuage. & Cap. Service de Chivalier: and also in the Books of my Reposits.

¶ Which the Kings Highnesse, &c.] Although successors be not here named, yet (Kings Highnesse) being spoken in his Royall and politick capacity, which never dieth, doth extend to his Successors: otherwise this Court had been dissolved by the demise of H. 8.

<sup>a</sup> All the Justices in Ireland certified, Quod homagium tantum dat secundum consuetudinem terræ Hiberniæ custod' & maritag', licet servicium militare non debeatur.

¶ <sup>b</sup> Intituled to have] That is by Office to be found.

¶ With their Mannors and Lands, &c.] This Clause extendeth only to the Inheritances of the Ward, and not to any of his goods or chattels, debts or duties, &c. but hereof more shall be said hereafter in his proper place.

¶ In the order, survey and governance of the said Court.] <sup>c</sup> The generall words of this Act extend not into Ireland, for that is a divided, and distinct Kingdome, and hath a proper Seale. <sup>d</sup> For to the Isle of Man, because it is no part of the Realm of England, and out of the power of the Chancery of England, and not to be bound by our Parliament of England, but by speciall name.

¶ And that the Master of the said Wards] By this Clause the Master only hath power to award Proses.

¶ Such Proses and Precepts with reasonable pains therein limited, as be now commonly used in the Court of the Duchy Chamber of Lancaster being at Westm.] <sup>e</sup> Note, the Duchy of Lancaster was created a County Palatine by Act of Parliament in Anno 50 E. 3. Adeo plene & integre sicut comes Cestriæ infra eundem com' Cestriæ dignoscitur obtinere. And hereupon the Court of Wards is well warranted to be a Court of Equity, and accordingly from the creation hereof it hath proceeded.

¶ For or concerning the Title of the Kings Majesty.] This is evident.

¶ And that the Master of the Court of Wards for the time being shall make and appoint all and singular particular Receivers, Feodaries, and Surveyors in every Shire, and also fees for the execution of the same under the Seale of the same Office in such wise as the same Officers may be alwayes removeable at the discretion of the said Court.] Feodarius

<sup>a</sup> Mich. 7 E. 1. in Banco.

Rot. 126. Warw. Abbot of Malmshurics case.

<sup>b</sup> Sec 33 H. 8.

cap. 22. A proviso for the Duchy of Lancaster.

<sup>c</sup> 14 Eliz. Di. r 303.

<sup>d</sup> Mich. 14 H. 8. Tenus per Brudnell, Brook et Fitz. in Keylways Report. And so was it holden Trin.

40 Eliz. by Popham, Anderson, & Peryam, upon a case referred to

them by the J.ors of the Councell, between the Earle of Derby and the Heirs generall.

<sup>e</sup> See more hereof in the Chapter of the Court of the Duchy of Lancaster.

And Pl. com. fo. 214. & 215.

f Pl. com. fo. 115. 1:6. in Towseuds case.

\* See the first part of the Inst. Sect. 1.

Feodarius or Feudatorius is derived a Feodo seu Feudo, which in one sense signifieth a \* Seigniorie or Tenure: His Office consisteth principally in three things. 1. and principally to be skillfull in the knowledge of the Kings Tenures within his Office out of Records and authentick Books. 2. At the finding of Offices to doe his uttermost endeavour to manifest the truth concerning the Kings Tenures. 3. After the Office found to survey the Wards lands, and rate it.

See Pl. Com. fo. 297. Carils case. See Mag. Cart. cap 5. The stock of goods shall be restored to the heire. Glanvil fo. 54. Fleta li. 1. ca. 11. \* Prærogativa regis. cap. 3.

¶ Or other cause in any wise touching or concerning any thing appointed to the order of the said Court, for, and on the behalfe of our Sovereigne Lord the King.] By this Clause, if the Heir within age and in Ward have any goods and chattels, debts, duties, or other thing due unto him, an information may be exhibited by his Majesties Attorney of his Wards for his Majestie on the behalfe of the Heir; for this doth touch or concern the value of the Wardship of the body, which is appointed by this Act to the order and survey of this Court, for the value of the marriage is hereby advanced. But if the Heire at the death of his Ancestor be of full age, seeing the primer season is certain, no suit can be in this Court for any goods, chattels, debts, &c. belonging to the Heir of full age: for this doth not in any wise concern any thing appointed to the order of this Court, viz. neither the Wardship of the body, or of the lands of the Heire.

¶ Also be it enacted that the said Attorney, Receiver Generall, and Auditors, &c.] The Judges of this Court are the Master, the Surveyor, the Attorney, Receiver Generall, and the Auditors of that Court. For the words of the statute of 32 H. 8. are, That the said Attorney, Receiver Generall, and Auditors, shall diligently from time to time attend upon the said Master in the said Court for the hearing and ordering of matters and causes, &c. and the statute of 33 H. 8. hath added the Surveyour in the second place in that Court: and albeit honoris causa, they are to attend on the Master, as the chief and principall Officer of the said Court, for so he is stiled by both the said statutes: yet such attendance is for the hearing and ordering of matters and causes, &c. which maketh them Judges. And see the Dath of the Surveyour which probeth his Office to be judiciale: for by the statute of 33 H. 8. his Dath is (*inter alia*,) That he shall minister equall justice to rich and poore, &c. and that he take no gift or reward for any matter depending, &c. in that Court. And the like Dath in effect taketh the Attorney, the Receiver Generall and Auditors by the said Act of 32 H. 8. And so it was resolved in Auditor Curles case when Robert Carle of Salisbury was Master of the Wards and Lord Treasurer of England.

Hil. 7. Jac. li. 11. fo. 2. & 3. in Auditor Curles case

See the statute of Lincolne 29 E. 1. Stanf. Præ. Regis. Ca. Reserfer. See a notable case upon that statute within three years after the making thereof. Hil. 32 E. 1. Coram rege. Northampton Jordan Twinewikes case.

At the Parliament holden 18 Jacobi regis it was moved on the Kings behalfe, and commended by the King to the Parliament for a competent yearly rent to be assured to his Majestie, his Heirs and Successors, that the King would assent that all Wardships, primer seasons, reliefs for tenures in capite, or by Knights Service should be discharged, &c. Wherein amongst certain old Parliament men these thirteen things did fall into consideration for the effecting thereof.

1. That it must be done by Act of Parliament, and otherwise it cannot be done.
2. That all Lands, Tenements, Rents, or Hereditaments, holden of the King, to be holden by fealty only, as of some honour, and such rent, as is now due.
3. That all lands holden of Subjects, Bodies Politick or Corporate, by Knights service, to be holden by fealty, and such rent as is now due: for if lands should be holden of them by Knights service, the same might come to the King.
4. All Subjects, Bodies Politick and Corporate to be disabled to take any Lands.

Lands, Tenements, Rents, or Hereditaments of the King, his Heirs, or Successors by any other tenure, then by fealty only, and yearly rent, or without rent of some honour.

5. No Subject, Bodies Politick or Corporate to create by any license, or any other way or means, any other tenure then by fealty and rent, or without rent upon any estate in fee-simple, fee-tail, or otherwise.

6. In respect of the said discharge and freedom of the subjects and their posterities, and that they shall be also discharged thereby of fines and licenses of alienations, respect of homage and reliefs; \* a Competent rent to be assured to the King, his Heirs, and Successors of greater yearly value then he or any of his predecessors had for them all, which rent is to be inseparably annexed to the Crown, payable at the Receipt only.

\* first search must be made what the King hath been answered for these, &c.

7. A convenient rent to be assured to the Lords for every Knights fee, and so ratably.

8. Commissions for the finding out of the tenures of the King, and the Subject to be returned, &c.

9. Adcoats and Madmen to be in the custody of some of their kindred, &c. and not of the King, his Heirs or Successors.

10. The Court of Wards to be dissolved with Pensions to the present Officers.

11. Provision to be made for regulating of Gardien in Socage, and that the Ancestors may appoint Gardians, &c. and that no Gardian shall make a grant to the King.

12. Provision to be made that Bishops shall continue Lords of Parliament, notwithstanding their Baronies be holden in Socage.

13. That the Act shall be favourably interpreted for discharge of all Wardships, &c.

Which motion, though it proceeded not to effect, yet we thought good to remember it, together with these considerations; \* hoping that so good a motion tending to the honour and profit of the King and his Crown for ever, and the freedom and the quiet of his Subjects & their posterities, will some time or other (by the grace of God) by authority of Parliament one way or other take effect and be established.

\* *Sper est vigilantis somnium.*  
Hope is the dreame of a waking man.

And we will conclude this Chapter with holy Scripture: Deus est pater Orphanorum, & Judex viduarum. And again, Deus custodit advenas, pupillum, & viduam suscipiet. And lastly, in Deuteronomy 27. 19. Maledictus est qui pervertit judicium advenæ, pupilli, & viduæ.

*Psal. 46. 9. & 67. 6*  
*Deut. 27. 19.*

## CAP. XXXVI.

## The Court of the Duchy Chamber of Lancaster at Westm'.

**F**Orasmuch (as it hath been said) the Court of Wards hath some reference to this Court of the Duchy, we thought it fit to treat of this Court of the Duchy next after the said Court of Wards, for that it may give some light thereunto. Now for that the County of Lancaster is a County Palatine, it shall be necessary to shew the beginning and erection thereof.

King Edward the 3. created John his fourth son Earl of Richmond, Anno Domini 1355. He 19 Maii Anno Domini 1359. married Blanche youngest daughter of Henry Duke of Lancaster (the second Duke that England saw.) Duke Henry died of the plague, Anno 35 E.3. At the Parliament holden Anno 36 E.3. the King in full Parliament did gird his son John with a sword, and set on his head a Cap of Furre, and upon the same a circle of gold and pearls, and named him Duke of Lancaster, and thereof gave to him, and to his heirs males of his body, and delivered him a Charter.

In full Parliament, Anno 50 E.3. the King erected the County of Lancaster a County Palatine, and honoured the Duke of Lancaster therewith for term of his life in these words,

Edwardus Dei gratia, &c. Sciatis quod si nos debita consideratione pensantes gestus magnificos cunctorum qui nobis in guerris nostris laudabiliter & strenue servierunt, ipsos desideremus honoribus attollere, & pro viribus juxta merita premiare, quanto magis filios nostros, quos tam in sapientia, quam in gestu nobili alios præcellere conspiciamus, & qui nobis locum tenuerunt, & tenere poterunt potiore, nos convenit majoribus honoribus & gratiis prærogare? Considerantes itaque probitatem strenuam, & sapientiam præcellentem charissimi filii nostri Johannis Regis Castellæ & Legionis, Ducis Lancastriæ, qui laboribus & expensis semper se nobis obsequiosum exhibuit pro nobis pluries in necessitatibus intrepide se guerrarum discriminibus exponendo, & volentes eo preteritu, ac desiderantes eundem filium nostrum aliquali commodo & honore ad præsens (licet non ad plenum prout digna merita exposcunt) remunerare; ex certa scientia nostra, & lato corde <sup>a</sup> de assensu Prælatorum & procerum in instanti Parlamento nostro apud Westm' convocat' existent' <sup>b</sup> Concessimus pro nobis & hæredibus nostris præfato filio nostro quod ipse ad rotam vitam suam habeat infra Comitatum Lancastriæ Cancellariam suam, ac Brevia sua sub sigillo suo pro officio Cancellarii, deputando, consignando Justiciarios suos tam ad Placita Coronæ, quam ad quæcunque alia Placita communem legem rangentia, tenenda, ac cognitiones eorundem, & quascunque executiones per brevia sua & ministros suos faciendas. Et quæcunque alia libertates & jura regalia ad comitatum Palatinum pertinentia, adeo libere & integre sicut comes Cestriæ infra eundem Comitatum Cestriæ dignoscitur obtinere, &c.

<sup>c</sup> But it appeareth by the book of 26 E.3. 59. b. that the said Henry Duke of Lancaster had the like grant; for there in a Parcipe the tenant vouched, and that he might be summoned in the County of Lanc', and the Vouchee challenged, because in the County of Lancaster the Kings writ did not run, sed non allocatur, but a writ sent to the Duke or to his Lieutenant to summon the Vouchee in the same manner as it should be done in Chester. Vid. 39 E.3. Voucher 198.

It is called Comitatus Palatinus, a County Palatine, not à Comite in respect of the dignity of an Earl, but à Comitatu, & à Palatio regis, because the owner thereof, be he Duke or Earl, &c. hath in that County Jura regalia, as fully as the

King

Rot. Pat. Anno  
29 E.3.

Rot. Par. 36 E.3.  
nu. 36, 37.  
Rot. Pat. Anno  
36 E.3.

Rot. Pat. Anno  
50 E.3. See the  
2. pt of the Inst.  
Mag. Cart. c. 31.  
32 H.6. fo. 13. the  
King may make  
a County Pala-  
tine by his Let-  
ters Patents with-  
out Parliament.

<sup>a</sup> De assensu Præ-  
latorū & procerū,  
12 E.4. 16.

<sup>b</sup> 5. things to be  
observed for e-  
recting a County  
Palatine.

1 Cancellaria,  
2 Brevia sub si-  
gillo suo.  
3 Justiciarios  
suos tam ad Pla-  
cita Coronæ quā  
alia placita, &c.  
4 Quæcunq; alia  
jura regal' ad  
Com' Palatinum  
pertinentia.

5 Adeo libere &  
plene prout comes  
Cestriæ.  
See 19 H.6. 12.  
21 E.4. 8.

<sup>c</sup> 26 E.3. 59. b.

Divers have  
Countries Pala-  
tines that are not  
Earls, as shall ap-  
pear hereafter.

King had in his Palace, from whence all Justice, Honors, Dignities, Franchises and Priviledges, as from the fountain, at the first flowed. Neither by this Charter was the Duke of Lancaster created Count Palatine, but the County was made a County Palatine. The power and authority of those that had Counties Palatines was King-like, for they might pardon treasons, murders, felonies, and outlawries thereupon. They might also make Justices of Eire, Justices of Assise, of Gaol delivery, and of the Peace. And all originall, and judiciall writs, and all manner of indictments of treason and felony, and the proccesse thereupon were made in the name of the persons having such County Palatine. And in every writ and indictment within any County Palatine, it was supposed to be contra pacem of him that had the County Palatine. But these and some others are taken away from them that have such Counties Palatines, and annexed to the Crown, and all writs to be made in the Kings name, but the Testes in the name of him that hath the County Palatine: and they shall have forfeitures of lands and goods for high treason, which forfeiture accreth by the Common law. But for treasons or forfeits given after the creation of the County Palatine by any Act of Parliament, they shall not have them.

Justices of Assise, of Gaol delivery, and of the Peace are and ever since the creation of the County Palatine of Lancaster have been made and assigned by Commission under the Seal of the County Palatine of Lancaster.

In the County Palatine of Lancaster fines are leyed with three Proclamations, &c. before the Justices of Assise there, or one of them, & all recoveries to be had of any lands or tenements in the County Palatine are to be had in the Court of that County Palatine, and cannot be had at Westminster.

<sup>a</sup> In trespass in the County Palatine of Lancaster, the Defendant pleaded a forain release, the Court prefixed a day to the parties in Bank, the Record must be removed by Certiorari in Chancery, and by Micimus into the Bench, there to be tryed.

<sup>b</sup> If issue be joynd in the Kings Bench, or Common Bench tryable in the County Palatine of Lanc', it shall be tryed in the County of Lanc' and remaunded hither.

<sup>c</sup> Where a release or other speciall deed is pleaded in bar in any Court at Westminster, within a franchise where the Kings writ runneth not, it shall be tryed where the writ is brought. See the books quoted in the margent. And in this variety of opinions I hold the law to be, that this statute of 9 E. 3. extends not to cases when any other issue is joynd tryable in the County Palatine or other franchise: And I ground my opinion upon the resolution of all the Judges of England in the Exchequer Chamber, in Anno 32 H. 6. 25. See 39 H. 6. 21, 22. 21 H. 7. 33. 21 E. 4. 33, 34, 35, 36.

Vid. Lib. Inr. fo. 81, 82. pl. 8. Henry Parayes case in debt, In Camera Guildhall Civitatis London.

<sup>d</sup> King H. 4. by his Charter by Authority of Parliament, Anno primo of his reign, doth sever the possessions of the Duchy, &c. from the Crown: And that which Iohn of Gaunt held for life, is established for ever, and specially by the statutes of 1 E. 4. and 1 H. 7. hereafter mentioned: and this separation H. 4. made, for that he knew he had the Duchy of Lancaster (par multis regnis) by sure and undefeasible title: and he could not be both Rex and Dux, but specially that his title to the Crown was not so assured, for that after the decease of R. 2. the right of the Crown was in the heir of Lionell Duke of Clarence, second son of E. 3. John of Gaunt Father of H. 4. being the fourth son: and therefore he intended not, that by the law of the Crown the Duchy should go with the Crown, & that he should be seised thereof in right of the Crown, as the King afterwards was of the possessions of the Duchy of York, Carldome of March, and others.

Humphrey de Bohun Earl of Hereford, Essex and Northampton being the first and last Earl of that name, and seised of large possessions in England and Wales, had issue two daughters: \* Eleanor the eldest married to Thomas Duke of Glouc', and Mary married to the Earl of Hertford.

\* 20 H. 7. 6. 8.

27 H. 8. cap. 24.

Paſch. 12 Eliz.  
Dier 288, 289.

27 H. 8. cap. 24.

37 H. 8. ca. 19.  
36 H. 6. fo. 33.  
9 H. 7. fo. 12.

a 22 H. 6. 48.

b 27 E. 3. 84.

21 H. 7. 33.

39 H. 6. 21, 22.

19 H. 6. 12.

32 H. 6. 25.

19 E. 3. trial 66.

45 E. 3. Visne 50.

c 9 E. 3. cap. 4.

8 Aff. 27. 10 E. 3.

41. 19 H. 6. 12.

53. 21 E. 4. 8. 2.

& b. 27 E. 3. 84.

46 E. 3. Visne 53.

Per tous les Ju-

ſtices. 10 H. 4. 40.

10 H. 6. 15, 16.

Per Martyn.

8 H. 6. 3. per

Strange.

Lib. Inr. Raſſall

ſol.

d Rot. Par. 1 H. 4.

intituled Carta

Regis H. 4. De

ſeparatione Duce-

tus Lancaſtrie

a Corona ant. o-

ſtate Parliam. an-

no regni ſui pri-

mo.

e Rot. Par. 1 E. 4.

Pl. Com. 2 19. b.

\* Vide Rot. Fac.

1 H. 6. Partition

reſcited an. 9 H. 5

between H. 5. and

the ſaid Eleanor.

Rot. Par. Anno  
2 H. 5. nu. 30.  
3 H. 5. nu. 15.  
confirmed, and  
that no land  
should passe of  
Duchy, but under  
the Duchy seal.  
2 & 3 Ph. &  
Mar. cap. 20.  
a See the 1. part  
Inst. Sec. 8.  
b Rot. Par. 1 E. 4.  
nu. 26.  
Pl. Com. 222.  
Vid. li. 5. fo. the  
Princes case.  
c Rot. Par. 1 H. 7.  
\* Nota his heirs  
without saying  
(Kings of Eng-  
land) 15 E. 4 did.  
21 E. 4. 60.  
Vid. Dier 1 El.  
168. b.  
d 32 H. 8. cap. 10.  
1 E. 6. ca. 14.  
1 El. cap. 31.  
e Rot. Par. 9 R. 2.  
nu. 13.  
28 H. 8. Brook  
Livery 55. Li-  
very within the  
County Palatine,  
but not of a te-  
nure without.  
26 H. 8. 9.

Vid. 33 H. 8. c. 39.  
22 H. 8. c. 20.  
3 E. 6 ca. 1. Custos  
Kontorum.  
f 2 & 3 Ph &  
Mar. ca. 20.

21 E. 4 60. 71.  
Pl. Com. 219.

Vid. 33 H. 8.  
cap. 39. which  
see before in the  
Chapter of the  
Court of Wards.  
See 27 H. 8. ca. 11.  
there also is a  
Chancellor of the  
County Palatine.

Hil. 1 E. 6. Brook  
Travers. 53.

It is enacted that all the Mannors and hereditaments which descended to H. 5. after the decease of the said Mary his mother, as son and heir unto her, should be dissevered from the Crown of England, and annexed to the Duchy of Lancaster, and to be of the same nature, as by the Kings Letters Patents established by Parliament there appeareth; where you may read of many Franchises and Liberties belonging to the Duchy.

<sup>a</sup> Here it is to be observed, that albeit these possessions descended to King H. 5. as heir to his mother, yet he was thereof seised in Jure Coronæ, and therefore this Act dissevereth them from the Crown.

<sup>b</sup> The Duchy of Lancaster as separated, &c. is by Act of Parliament assured to E. 4. and his heirs Kings of England. By this Act all intails of the Duchy, or of any land annexed thereunto are cut off, and by this made fee simple to E. 4. and his heirs Kings of England. In an Act of Parliament without question this limitation of a fee simple is good. See the whole Act.

<sup>c</sup> It is enacted that H. 7. should have, hold, and enjoy to him and his \* heirs forevermore the County Palatine of Lancaster, and all honors, &c. By which Act also all former intails are cut off, and in this state doth the Duchy stand at this day. <sup>d</sup> All lands, &c. parcell of this Duchy given to the King by the Statute of Monasteries, Chanteries are still within the survey of the Duchy. Within the County Palatine of Lancaster the Duke having Jura Regalia, his jurisdiction and priviledges therein were very great.

<sup>e</sup> The Duke of Lanc' complaineth by mouth to the King, Bishops, and Lords in full Parliament; That where after the death of Thomas of Lathome who held the Mannor of Lathome in the County of Lanc' of the said Duke in Chebage, whereby the mannor was seised into the hands of the said Duke of Lancaster according to his County Palatine of Lancaster, yet notwithstanding John Stanley Knight as in the right of Isabell his wife daughter & heir of the said Tho. had entred, and taken the profits of the said mannor without any livery or other suit made in the Chancery of the said Duke, for which he prayed remedy. After which, upon full advice of the Justices of both Benches, and others of the Kings learned Councell, it was declared in the said Parliament, that the entry of the said John into the mannor, as aforesaid, was unlawfull, and that the said John ought to make suit by petition, or otherwise in the Chancery of the said Duke for the livery of the said mannor in such case to be sued for.

Of the Franchises and Liberties belonging to the County Palatine of Lanc. you may read Rot. Par. 2 H. 5. Ubi supra.

<sup>f</sup> Lands to be annexed to this Duchy under the Great Seal shall be as good, as if it had been annexed by Parliament.

See the statute of 5 El. cap. 23. concerning writs of Significavit, and Excommunicato capiendo.

Lands within the County Palatine should passe by the Dukes Charter without livery of seison or attornment, but of lands parcell of a mannor annexed to the Duchy without the County Palatine, there ought to be livery of seison, and attornment of tenants, and in the same degree is it in the Kings case. The reason hereof is, for that the County of Lanc' was a County Palatine, and the Duke then had Jura Regalia.

The proceeding in this Court of the Duchy Chamber at Westm' is as in a Court of Chancery for lands, &c. within the survey of that Court by English bill, &c. and decree; but this Chancery Court is not a mixt Court as the Chancery of England is, partly of the Common law, and partly of Equity, as hath been said. See before in the Chapter of the Court of Chancery.

The processe is by Privy Seal, Attachment, &c. as in the Chancery.  
The Officers of this Court be the Chancellor, the Atturney, the Receiver generall, Clerk of the Court, the Auditors, Surveyors, the Messenger. There is an Atturney of the Duchy in the Chancery, and another in the Exchequer. There be four learned in the law Assistants, and of Councell with the Court.

Where by office a tenure is found of the King Ut de Ducatu Lancastria, and in truth

truth it is not so, there needeth no traverse, for the King hath the Duchy \* as Duke and not as King, and a man shall not traverse, but where it is found, for the King: Sed aliter utitur in diebus nostris, as it appeareth in the case following.

\* In hoc erratum est, as it appeareth in Pl. Com. tibi sup. a.

† It is found for the King, for he is not Duke.

Le roy (in droit de son Duchie de Lanc') Segnior, Rich. Hulme seisie del Mannor de Male in le Countie de Lanc' tenuis del roy come de son dit Duchie per service de Chivalry Mesne, & Robert Male (seisie des terres in Male tenuis del Mesne come de son dit Mannor per service de Chivalry) Ten'. Rich. Hulme morist, Apres que mort. Anno 31 H. 8. fuit trove que il morist seisie del dit mesnaltie, & que ceo descend al Edmonde son fitz deins age, & trove le tenure avandit, &c. et durant le temps que il fuit in gard Robert Male le ten' morist: apres que mort Anno 35 H. 8. fuit trove per office que Robert Male mortist seisie del dit tenancy per vaile, et que ceo descend al son fitz & heire deins age, et que le dit tenancie fuit tenuis del roy come del dit Duchy per service de Chivalrie (ou in veritie ceo fuit tenuis del Edmonde Hulme adonques in gard in le roy come del dit mesnaltie,) per que le roy seisist le gard del heire le ten', & puis 4 Fac. Regis nunc apres le mort de Rich. Male que fuit lineal heire del dit Robert Male, per un auter office trove fuit que le dit Rich. morist seisie del dit tenancy, et ceo teignoit del Roy come de son Duchy per service de Chivalry son heire deins age, Sur ceo Rich. Hulme cousin & heire del dit Rich. Hulme, ad preferre un bill destre admit a son travers de cest darrein office trove in Anno 4 Fac. Le question fuit, le quel lofficce trove in 35 H. 8. soit ascun estoppel al dit Hulme a traverser le darrein office, ou si le dit Hulme serra chaise primerment a traverser lofficce de 35 H. 8. Et fuit objecte que il doit primerment travers lofficce in 35 H. 8. come in le case de 26 Ed. 3. fol. 65. que si 2. fines sont levy de terre in ancient demesne, le Segnior de que la terre est tenuis, doit aver brieffe de discent a reverser le premier fine, & in ceo le 2 fine ne serra barre. Es que le premier office esloppera cy longe come ceo remaine in force. A que fuit responce & resolve per les 2 Chief Justices, & Chief Baron, & le Court de Gards, que le trover dun office nest pas ascun estoppel, car ceo nest que enquest dofficce, & le party greve avera travers a ceo come ad estre confesse, & par ceo sans question ceo nest pas estoppel; mes quant office est trove fausement que terre est tenuis del roy per service de Chivalrie in capite, ou in verity la terre est tenuis del auter segnior, ou del roy mesme in Socage, si le heire sua generall livery, est tenuis in 46 E. 3. 12. per Mowbray & Persey que il navera sute apres d'averre que la terre nest pas tenuis del roy, &c. mes ceo nest forsque estoppel al heire mesme que sua la livery & ne concludera son heire: Car isint dit Mowbray mesme, expresment in autiel case in 44 Aff. pl. 35. que estoppel per suer de livery estoppera solement mesme le heire durant son vie: Et in 1 H. 4. fo. 6. b. la le case est myse de expresse confession & suer de livery per lissue in tail sur faux office, & la est tenuis que les Furors sur novel Diem clausit extremum apres le mort de tiel heire sont alarge selonque lour conscience a trover que la terre nest pas tenuis, &c. car ilz sont jure ad veritarem dicendam, & lour trover est appel veredictum, quasi dictum veritatis: quel reason auxi serve quant le heire in fee simple suist livery sur faux office que les Furors apres son mort doivent trover selonque le verity, isint est dit in 31 H. 6. fo. 7. per Laicon que si 2 soers sont trove heires, dont lun est bastard, filz joine in sute de livery, cesti que joine ove le bastard in livery ne alledgera bastardy in l'aur,

Hulmes case, Mich. 7 Jac. in Curia Ward. Travers de office Estoppel per sute de livery.

26 E. 3. fol. 65.

46 E. 3. 12.

44 Aff. pl. 35.

1 H. 4. 6. b.

31 H. 6. fol. 7. per Laicon.

mes nul Livre dit que lestoppel indurer' plus longement que durant son vie. Et quant livery est sue per un heire, le force & effect del record de cest livery est execute & determine per son mort & pur ceo le estoppel expirer' ove le mort le heire, mes ceo est destre intend dun generall livery, car speciall livery ne concludera omnino, come appear apres. Les parols de generall livery, quant le heire est trouve de pleine age, sont. Rex Escaetori, &c. Scias quod cepimus homagium I. filii & hæredis B. defuncti de omnibus terris & tenementis quæ idem B. pater suus tenuit de nobis in Capite die quo obiit, & ei terras & tenementa reddidimus, Et ideo tibi præcipimus, &c. eidem I. de omnibus terris & tenementis prædict', &c. plenam feisinam habere fac', &c. Et quant le heire fuit in garda son plein age, le breife de livery dirra. Rex, &c. Quia I. filius & hæres B. defuncti, qui de nobis tenuit in capite, ætatem suam coram te sufficient' probavit, &c. cepimus homagium ipsius I. de omnibus terris & tenementis quæ idem B. pater suus tenuit de nobis in Capite die quo obiit, & ei terras & tenementa reddidimus: Et ideo tibi præcipimus, ut supra. Quel breif est le sute del heire & pur ceo coment que tous les parols del breif sont les parols le roy (come tout les breifs le roy sont) & coment que le breif de livery est generall, de omnibus terris & tenementis de quibus B. pater I. tenuit de nobis in capite die quo obiit, sans direct' affirmac' que aucun Mannor in particular est tenu in capite, & nient obstant que ceo nest forsque prosecution dun breif le roy; & nul judgment sur ceo; uncore intant que generall livery est foundue sur loffice, & per loffice fuit trouve que divers terres & tenements fuer' tenu del roy in capite, a cest cause le suer de cest breif concluder' le heire seulement que suist le livery, & apres son mort les Furors in novel breif de Diem clausit extremū sont a large, come est avandit, & si cesti Fury trouve fauxment tenure del roy, auxi le Segnior de que la terre est tenu poe travers cest office, ou si terre soit tenu del roy, &c. in Socage, le heire poe travers cest darrein office, car per ceo il est greve seulement, & ne travers le primer office, & quant le pier suist livery & mort, le conclusion est execute & past, come est dit adevant. Et nota la est un speciall livery, mes ceo proceade de grace le roy, & nest pas sute le heire, & le roy poe grante ceo ou al plein age devant ætate probanda, &c. ou al heire deins age, come appiert in 21 E. 3. 40. et ceo est generall, & ne affirm directment aucun tenure come le generall livery fist, mes ove un, ut dicitur, & pur ceo nest aucun estoppel sans question, Et al common ley speciall livery poe aver estre grant devant aucun office trouve, mes ore per le statut de 33 H. 8. ca. 22. est purvien, That no person or persons having lands or tenements above the yearly value of 5 l. shall have or sue any livery before Inquisition or Office found before the Escheator or other Commissioner, mes per un expresse clause in mesme lacte, livery may be made of the lands and tenements comprised or not comprised in such offices. Issint si office soit trouve d'aucun parcell, &c. ceo suffist, & si la terre trouve in loffice nexceede 20 l. donques le heire poe suer generall livery apres office ent trouve, come est avandit; mes si la terre nexceede 5 l. per annum, donques generall livery poe estre sue sans office ent trouve per garrant del Master de gards, &c. Vid. Dier 23 El. 377. que le Roigne, ex debito Justitiæ, nest lye a cest jour puis le dit Act de 33 H. 8. a graunter speciall livery, mes est a son election a graunt' speciall livery, ou a chaser le heir a un generall livery.

21 E. 3. 40.  
 46 E. 3. 33.  
 46 Aff. p.  
 47 E. 3. 21.  
 29 Aff. p. 8.  
 33 H. 6. 50.  
 21 H. 6. 28.  
 37 H. 8. B. Estoppel 218. 7 E. 6.  
 ibid. 222.  
 Sec 4. part Inst.  
 Cap. Pardon.  
 Mich. 39 & 40  
 El. fol. 397.



*Fuit auxi resolve in cest case que loffice de 35 H. 8. ne fuit pas traversable, car son travers demesne provera que le Roy aver' cause d'aver gard per cause de gard, & quant le Roy vient al possession per faux office ou aut' meane surpretence dun droit, ou in veritie il nad tiel droit, uncore si appiert que le Roy ad ascun auter droit ou interest a aver & tener la terre, la nul traversera cest office ou tittle le Roy, pur ceo que le judgement in le travers est, Ideo consideratum est quod manus Domini regis à possessione amoveantur, &c. Que ne doit estre quant appiert al court que le roy ad droit ou interest d'aver la terre, Et ove ceo accord. 7 H. 4. fol. 33. in le Countee de Kents case; & que apres generall livery sue per le heir de Robert Male le office ne poet estre traverse per son heir: Et issint auxi fuit resolve per las assistants del court de Gard's in Scurfields case in Curia Wardorum. Tr. 8 Jacobi.*

Which case we have rehearsed in the same language wherein we reported it when it was fresh in memory, and never hitherto was published.

What Leases may be made of lands, &c. within the survey of the Duchy of Lancaster; See the Ordinances of the Court of Duchy concerning Leases to be made, &c. Anno 20 H. 6,

See also Dier Mich. 6 & 7 Eliz. the resolution of all the Judges concerning Leases made by the Chancelor of the Duchy Chamber. And if the Lease either in possession or reversion be made under the Duchy Seal, Quod Dominus Rex de advisamento & assensu concilii Ducatus Lancastria dimisit, &c. the Lease is good, although in truth the Chancelor made it, and put to the Seale of the Duchy. For such Leases under the Duchy Seal, or under the Seal of the County Palatine of lands within the same, are of as great force as lands of the Crown under the Great Seale.

Mich. 6 & 7 Eliz. Dier 232. 27 H. 8. ca. 11. 2 Provisoos. 2 & 3 Ph. & M. cap. 20. 37 H. 8. cap. 16.

Albeit by speciall provision and construction, to a grant of lands and tenements parcell of the Duchy of Lancaster that lye out of the County Palatine, there must be livery of seisin and Attoznament, as the case requireth, yet the grant under the Seal of the Duchy is matter of Record in respect of the dignity of the person of the King, and needeth no delibery to make it a deed (as deeds between subjects ought to have) and if the same be dented, Non est factum cannot be pleaded, but Nul tiel Record.

21 E. 4. fo. 60. Rot. Parl. 1 H. 4. nu. 81. Vide Cartam H. 4 de seperatione Ducat. Lanc. à Corona autoritate Parl. Anno regni sui 1.

And if the King by his Letters Patents under the Seale of the Duchy doth grant a reversion expectant upon an estate for life or years of lands parcell of the said Duchy lying out of the County Palatine, the reversion doth passe maintainant to the Patentee by force of the Letters Patents: but he shall not have an Action of Waste, or distraine before Attoznament. \* For this case is like to the case of a fine between subjects, which is matter of record: and so the Kings Letters Patents under the Duchy Seal are as high a matter of record (if not higher then a fine.) And this tendeth both to the honour of the King and the safety of such as purchase such reversions of the King, that the state of the reversion should passe by those Letters Patents: otherwise if the Patentee dye before Attoznament, the Letters Patents should be void, and the validity of the Kings grant should depend upon the pleasure of the lessee, and many inconveniences should thereupon follow. And all this appeareth by that great & grave resolution of the case of the Duchy of Lancaster reported by Mr. Plowden, that no statute now in force doth separate the Duchy from the person of the King, nor to have the person of the King separate from the Duchy, nor to make the King Duke of Lancaster having regard to the possessions of the Duchy, nor to alter the quality of the person of King H. 7. but only that the King should have to him and to his Heirs the said Duchy separate from the other possessions; in which case the Duchy at the least is joynd to the person of H. 7. and to his Heirs, and the person of the King remain as it did before, for nothing is said to the quality of the person of the King, nor to the alteration of his name. And the person of the King shall not be infeebled because the Duchy is given to the King & his Heirs, but remain alwayes of full age, as well to gifts and grants by him made, as to administration of Justice: Whereupon it was resolved, that Leases made by E. 6.

Rot. Parl. 3 H. 5. nu. 15. Rot. Parl. 1 E. 4. nu. 26. Rot. Parl. 1 H. 7. nu. 2. Scff. 1. 2 & 3 Ph. & Mar. cap. 20. P. 10 H. 4. fo. 7. non omitras, &c. per pre'rogat. Rot. Parl. 2 H. 5. nu. 30. 23 H. 6. nu. 17. 12 E. 4. nu. 7, 8. Dier Mic. 6 & 7 Eliz. ubi supra. \* Lit. Sect. 580. 1 part of the Inst. fo. 320. Plowd. Com. 221. b. Vide Rot. Parl. 1 H. 4. nu. 81. accord.

being

being within age of lands, either within the County of Lancaster or without parcell of the Duchy (the Royall and politick capacity of the King being not altered) were not voidable by his nonage: A just resolution, and tending to the safety and quiet of Purchasers and Farmors; and proveth directly that the Royall and politick capacity of the King being not altered (as to these possessions) the Letters Patents of the King of these possessions under the Duchy Seal are of Record: and we finde no opinion in our Books, or any thing in any Record, that we remember, against this. So as the Law concerning this point is, That for grants of reversions by Letters Patents under the Kings Seal of the Duchy of Lancaster, there must be Attornment for lands out of the County Palatine to make a privity, as in case of a fine for the action of waste or distress: but of lands within the County Palatine, the reversions passe by Letters Patents under the Seal of the County Palatine, both for the estate and for the privity of the action and of the distress: and yet the Seal is as high a matter of Record in the one case as in the other. And herewith agreeth the continuall practise in the Court of the Duchy of Lancaster. For if a reversion be granted under the Duchy Seal in fee or in tail, &c. of the lands of this Duchy expectant upon a Lease for years, life, &c. a Writ in English is usually granted in the Kings name under the Duchy Seal rectifying the grant, and commanding the particular Tenant to attorn: or if it be of a Mannor in possession, a Writ likewise in English is usually granted commanding the Tenants generally to attorn.

The Seal of the Duchy of Lancaster remains with the Chancelor at Westm. And the Seal of the County Palatine remains alwayes in a Chest in the County Palatine under the safe custody of the Keeper thereof. All grants and leases of Lands, Tenements, Offices, &c. in the County Palatine of Lancaster shall passe under that Seal and no other: and all grants and leases of Lands, Tenements, Offices, &c. out of the County Palatine and within the survey of the Duchy, shall passe under the Seal of the Duchy, and no other: otherwise such grants and leases shall be void by the apparent intention of the Act.

See also Pl. Com. 222. notable matter concerning leases made of lands within the Survey of this Court, the King being within age, &c. resolved and decreed to be good.

This County Palatine was the youngest brother, and yet best beloved of all other, for it had more Honors, Mannors, and Lands annexed unto it, then any of the rest, by the House of Lancaster, and by H. 8. and Queen Mary, albeit they were descended also of the House of York, viz. from Eliz. the eldest Daughter of E. 4.

\* For the great Royalties, Franchises, Liberties, Priviledges, Immunities, Quietances, and Freedomes, which the Duke of Lancaster had for him and his men and tenants, see Rot. Parl. die Lunæ post Octab. Sancti Martini An. 2 H. 5. all which are established, ratified and confirmed by authority of Parliament, necessary to be known by such as have any of these possessions.

Vide 27 H. 8. cap. 11. for the severall Seales. 23 H. 8. cap. 3. Com. of Sewers under the seale of the Duchy, and they be Commisioners of Record

27 H. 8. cap. 16.

Dier ubi supra.

Pl. Com. 222.

\* Royalties, Franchises, Liberties, &c.

Rot. Parl. 2 H. 5. nu. 30. not in print, and established and confirmed Rot. Parliament. Anno 3 H. 5. nu. 15.

## CAP. XXXVII.

## Of the County Palatine of Chester.

**S**EEing the creation of the County Palatine of Lancaster hath reference to the County Palatine of Chester, we have thought good to entreat of it in this place, for that one giveth light to the other.

<sup>a</sup> We have spoken of the County of Lancaster raised to a County Palatine by Act of Parliament. We shall now speak of a County Palatine created by prescription.

<sup>b</sup> We find that Hugh Lupus sonne of the Viscount of Averanches in Normandy by his wiffe William the Conquerours Sister was the first hereditary Earle of England created by his Uncle the Conquerour Earle of Chester, and in the stile of a Conquerour, Totumq; hunc comitatū tenendum sibi & \* hæredibus ita libere ad gladium, sicut ipse Rex tenebat Angliam ad coronam, dedit. † To this Earldome is annexed the County of Flint in Wales.

This is the most ancient and most honourable County Palatine remaining in England at this day, \* with which dignity the Kings eldest sonne hath been of long time honoured.

By this general grant this Hugh Earl of Chester had Jura regalia within the County, & consequently had Comitatum Palatinum without any expresse words thereof, and by force thereof he created Eight Cheshire Barons, which was the first visible mark of a County Palatine. That is to say, Robert Fitz-Hugh Baron of Halpas, Richard de Vernon Baron of Scitbroke, William Walbank Baron of Pantwich, William the sonne of Nigel Baron of Walton, Hamond de Masly Baron of Dunham, Gislebert de Venables Baron of Hinderton, Hugh the sonne of Norman Baron of Hawardyn, and N. Baron of Stockport.

By the said generall grant he had not the patronage and tenure of the Bishoprick of Chester, for thus I reade in the Book of Domesday made in the time of this Hugh Earl of Chester. Cestreshire, Tener Episcopus ejusdem civitatis de rege, quod ad suum pertinet Episcopatum; totam reliquam terram comitatus tenet Hugo comes de rege.

<sup>c</sup> Britton saith, Voilons nous que Justices Errant soient assignes de les Chapters oier & terminer en chescun Countye, & en chescun Franchise de 7 ans en 7 ans, & auriel poer voilons que nous <sup>d</sup> Chief Justices de Ireland & Cestre eyent.

<sup>e</sup> Within this County Palatine, and the County of the City of Chester, there is, and anciently hath been a principall Officer called the <sup>f</sup> Chamberlain of Chester, who hath, and time out of minde hath had the jurisdiction of a Chancelour; & that the <sup>g</sup> Court of Exchequer at Chester is and time out of mind of man hath been the <sup>h</sup> Chancery Court for the said County Palatine, whereof the Chamberlain of Chester is Judge in equity. He is also Judge of matters <sup>i</sup> at the Common law within the said County, as in the Court of Chancery at Westminster; for this Court of Chancery is a <sup>k</sup> mixt Court.

There is also a <sup>l</sup> Vice-Chamberlain, which is the Deputy of the Chamberlain. And there is within the same a Justice called <sup>m</sup> the Justice of Chester, who hath jurisdiction to hear and determine matters of the Crown, & of Common Pleas. Of fines and recoveries levied and suffered as well within the County Palatine of Chester as of the City of Chester. See the statutes of 2 E. 6. ca. 28, & 43 Eliz. cap. 15. But of these and other matters concerning this County Palatine we have thought good to set down the resolution of four reverend Judges (whom we knew) upon view of Records and evidences, and mature deliberation thereupon in writing, in these words,

13 E. 3. Vouch. 18.

49 E. 3. 9.

19 H. 6. 12.

36 H. 6. 33, 34.

12 E. 4. 16.

<sup>a</sup> A man may have a County Palatine by prescription. 2 E. 4. 17, 18. 22. 12 E. 4. 16. 21 R. 2. ca. 9. Regist. 17. 2.

<sup>b</sup> This Lupus did bear Azur a head of a Woolf erased, argent.

\* In fee simple.

† 21 R. 2. ca. 9.

\* 21 R. 2. ca. 9.

17 E. 4. ca. 1.

These Barons had within their severall Courts consens de omnibus placitis & querelis in curia comitis motis, exceptis placitis ad gladium ejus pertinentibus, which you may see at large, Rot. Inspex. Pat. An. 18 H. 6. parte 2. m. 34.

<sup>c</sup> Brit. f. 1. b.

27 H. 8. cap. 5.

<sup>d</sup> Chief Justice de Chester.

<sup>e</sup> 27 H. 8. c. 5.

<sup>f</sup> Chamberlain of Chester.

<sup>g</sup> Court of Exchequer.

<sup>h</sup> Chancery Court.

<sup>i</sup> At the Common law.

<sup>k</sup> A mixt Court.

<sup>l</sup> Vice Chamberlain.

<sup>m</sup> The Justice of Chester.

Sir James Dier,  
Weston.  
Harpur.  
Carns.  
10 Febr. 11 Re-  
gina Elizabeth.

The opinion of Sir *James Dier* Knight, Chief Justice of the Common Pleas at Westminster, *Richard Weston* and *Richard Harpur* Esquires, two other Justices of the same Common Pleas, and of *Thomas Carns* Esquire one of the Justices of the Pleas to be holden before the Queens Majesty, declared and presented to her Highnesse the 10 day of February *Anno Dom.* 1568. by vertue of her Majesties Letters to us directed the second day of the same month concerning the jurisdiction and liberties of the County Palatine of Chester, and the authority of the Chamberlain, and his Office there: and concerning the controversie between the Lord President and Councill in Wales, and the said Chamberlains Office lately grown upon *Thomas Radfords* case exhibited unto us: as ensueth.

King H. 7. made  
it a County of it  
selfe. Camden.  
459. a.  
\* By prescription

First, by that which we have seen and considered, the County of Chester (wherein the City of Chester is now, and by a good time past hath been a County of it selfe) of very ancient time before the reign of King H. 3. hath been, and yet is a County Palatine, with other members thereunto belonging: and so from time to time hath been received and allowed in the law. And therefore the lawes, rightfull usages, and customes of the said County Palatine are to be preserved and maintained.

The Chamberlain  
of Chester.

It further evidently appeareth, that by the like time of antiquity and continuance, there hath been and yet is in the said County Palatine one principall or head Officer called the Chamberlain of Chester, who hath, and ever had all jurisdictions belonging to the office of a Chancelor within the said County Palatine.

The Justice of  
Chester.

And that there is also within the said County Palatine a Justice for matters of the Common Pleas, and the Pleas of the Crown, to be heard and determined within the said County Palatine, commonly called the Justice of Chester.

Error, forein plea  
and forein vou-  
cher.

We also see that all pleas of lands or tenements and all other contracts, causes, and matters rising and growing within the same County Palatine are pleadable, and ought to be pleaded, heard, and judicially determined within the said County Palatine, and not else where out of the said County Palatine. And if any be pleaded, heard, or judged out of the said County Palatine, the same is void, and coram non Judice, except it bee in case of Error, Forien plea, or Forien voucher.

Treason & error

We also see that no inhabitant of the same County Palatine by the liberties, lawes, and usages of the said County Palatine ought to be called or compelled by any Writ or Proces to appear or answer any matter or cause out of the same County Palatine for any the causes aforesaid, but only in causes of treason and error. And the Queens Writ doth not come, nor ought to be allowed or used within the said County Palatine, but under the Seal of the said County Palatine, except Writts of Proclamation by the statute of E. 6. Anno regni sui primo.

Seal of the County  
Palatine.

Court of the Ex-  
chequer is the  
Chancery Court.

Chamberlaine  
Judge of that  
Court.  
A Conservator  
of the peace.

It doth further appear unto us by good matter of Record to us shewed, that the Court of the Exchequer at Chester is, and by the time of antiquity and continuance aforesaid hath been used as the Chancery Court for the same County Palatine, and that the Chamberlaine of Chester is the chief Officer and Judge of that Court, and that he is, and time out of mind hath been a conservator of the peace by vertue of the same office, and hath like power, authority, preheminance, jurisdiction, execution of law, and all other customes, commodities, and advantages perraining to the jurisdiction of a Chancelour within the said County Palatine of Chester, as the Chancelor of the Duchy of Lancaster hath used, had and ought to have used and executed within the said County Palatine of Lancaster: which more evidently appeareth also by the understanding of the first grant made by King E. 3. to John his sonne then Duke of Lancaster, whereby he made the same County Palatine of Lancaster, referring the said Duke to have his Chancelor, liberties, and regall jurisdiction to a County Palatine belonging, aded libere & integre, sicut comes Cestria infra eundem Comitatu Cestria dignoscitur obrinere.

See the grant be-  
fore.

Vice-Chamber-  
laine.

Also it appeareth unto us that the Vicechamberlaine did lawfully and orderly commit to prison Thomas Radford named in the case presented unto us, so that he



Regist. fo. 17. a.  
34 H. 6. 42.  
6 H. 4. 9. Lib. Intra.  
Rast. 272.  
Dier 15 El. 320,  
321. Dier 18 El.  
345, 346.  
\* Note these general words extend as well to the Chamberlain as to the Justice by the rule of the Regist. Ubi sup.

Justiciario Cestriae sine ejus locum tenenti. And note that in a writ of Error to the County of Chester, day shall be given by so long time, that three Counties may be holden before the return of the same writ in the Kings Bench, which is four months, by which time the Justices or Lieutenant within the same County may redresse the error, if they will, and this by the usages of the same County; But in a writ of Error upon a fine they have no such power: and the Plaintiff ought to bring the writ of Error to the next County after the Telle, and there it shall be read, Coram Judicatoribus ratione tenurarum suarum ibidem: and the Plaintiff shall assign the error without praying proccesse against the Tenant or Defendant, but only to pray Judicatores to examine the error, and if error be found they may advise thereon, or presently reform it, and award restitution, or by their discretion they may award proccesse returnable at the next County against the tenant or Defendant ad audiend' errores, (which is reasonable, and necessary to be granted) and so return their own judgment given by them or their Predecessor, and then there is an end of the business, and the Record shall remain there without removing; and by this means they shall save an hundred pound forfeiture to the King. But if they affirm the judgment which is erroneous, their affirmation and the Record ought to be removed into the Kings bench, if the party Plaintiff be grieved therewith: and if their affirmation be erroneous, although their first judgment was given by their Predecessors, notwithstanding they shall forfeit the hundred pounds. And the party grieved by their affirmation or reversal ought to bring a special writ of Error peremptory, which shall not be examined by them, for that all this is to be understood where error in law is assigned: for upon the writ of Error first brought, if any error in fact be assigned, as death of one of the parties, hanging the plea, or the like, which is tryable by the Country, they cannot hold plea thereof, but return the Record, with the writ into the Kings Bench. Neither can they hold plea of a release of errors after the judgment or the like, for they are only to examine the errors of the Record or proccesse, and all this doth notably appear in our books. But if no such usage had been, the Record ought to have been removed by the writ of Error into the Kings Bench, as it ought to be in other cases.

Hil. 29 Eliz.

Egerton the Queens Solicitor moved in the Chancery to have a Certiorari to the County Palatine of Chester for the removing of a Record of Assise taken in that County between Cotton and others Plaintiffs, and Venables and others Defendants, wherein the Recognitors of Assise gave a false verdict, and to the intent, that a writ of Attaint might be brought in the Kings Bench, a Certiorari was prayed. And it was doubted, whether an Attaint did lye in this case, out of the County Palatine. And by the opinion of Wray and Anderson Chief Justices, and Manwood Chief Baron, upon consideration had of the statute of 23 H. 8. cap. 3, whereby it is enacted in these words, That all Attaints hereafter to be taken shall be taken before the King in his Bench, or afore the Justices of the Common place, and in no other Courts; They resolved and so certified the Lord Chancellor that for a false verdict given in the County Palatine of Chester, the Attaint ought to be brought either in the Kings Bench or Common place, and not in the County Palatine of Chester, and thereupon a Certiorari was granted for the removing of the Record.

Vid. 3 El. Dier  
202. b. Bendloes  
3 Eliz.

Hil. 29 El. Coram  
rege, Huddle 16s  
case, in Brevide  
errore.

Hil. 29 Eliz. Coram Rege. The case was that Queen Elizabeth by her Letters Patents granted the custody of the Castle of Chester to John Paston, and Richard Huddlestone Esquires, and the survivor of them; John Paston died, and in a Scire fac' against Huddlestone in the Exchequer before the Chamberlain, (Glasier then being Deputy Chamberlain) to repeal the said grant, &c. judgment was given against Huddlestone that the Patent should be annulled and cancelled; and hereupon Huddlestone brought his writ of Error. And it was objected that before any writ of Error ought to have been granted, Huddlestone ought to have sued to the Queen by petition to have a writ of Error according to the book in 23 E. 3. fo. 24. But it was answered, that here in this case no inheritance was recovered by the judgment, and if Huddlestone that claimed the office

23 E. 3 fo. 24.  
F. N. B. fo.

office but for feare of his life should be given to his petition. wherein great delay might be used, his life might end before he could obtain his writ of Error, therefore the writ of Error in this case was to be granted without any petition: and of that opinion was the whole Court of the Kings Bench, and so the writ of Error did stand.

Judices & Seditores Com' Cestria non consueverunt apponere sigilla sua alicui recordo in presentia Justiciariorum.

Pasch. 9 E. 2. Coram 10ge Rot. 32.

Before the statute of 34 H. 8. neither the County Palatine of Chester sent knights to the Parliament, nor Citizens out of the City of Chester.

34 H. 8. cap. 13.

Before the statute of 27 H. 8. the Lord Chancellor of England appointed no Justices of Peace, Justices of Quorum or Gaol delivery within the County of Chester.

27 H. 8. ca. 5.

The Hamour of C. in the County of York was holden of the Prince, as of the County of Chester, and that all pleas real and personall rising within the County, or within any parcell of land holden of the County ought to be impleaded within the said County Palatine: For the King by his Letters Patents may ordain a Court at York, or in any other County which shall have jurisdiction through the whole Realm, and so it was resolved.

22 E. 4. Jurisd. 61. Lib. Int. Kast. fo. Si teneatur immediate or mediate.

The City of Chester was made a County of it self by King H. 7. by Letters Patents, dat. 6 Aprilis 21 of his reign.

Lit. Pat. 6 Apr. 21 H. 7.

See the statute of 5 El. cap. 23. Concerning writs of Significavit and Excom' capiendi. See the statute of 18 El. cap. 8. making of more Justices then one.

5 El. cap. 23. 18 El. cap. 8.

By the statute of 8 H. 6. cap. 10. It is provided, That upon every Indictment or Appeal by which any person dwelling in any other County then there where such Indictment or Appeal is, or shall be taken of treason, felony, and trespass, &c. before any Exigent awarded, &c. that after the first writ of Capias, another writ of Capias shall be awarded directed to the Sheriff of the County whereof he is or was supposed to be conversant in the Indictment, &c. otherwise the outlawry to be void.

8 H. 6. cap. 10. Vide cap. 13.

In an Appeal in the Kings Bench in the County of Dorset where the Appellee was demurrant at Chester, proccesse continued untill he was outlawed without any Capias into Chester, & it was objected that the Capias could not issue into Cheshire, for it is a Franchise into which the Kings writ runneth not. Holden at the Common law for certain things a writ shall issue to the Franchise of Chester as for treason, & the statute is made by Authority of Parliament, and is generall as well within Franchise as without, and therefore the Act being generall shall be taken generally to extend into Chester, Quod conceditur, but this is a leading case.

19 H. 6. 1, 2.

Vid. Lib. Int' Coke, fo. 230, 231, 232. & 296, 297. See an Act of Parliament, Rot. Par. 9 H. 4. nu. 45. touching adjoynment in pleas.

## CAP. XXXVIII.

## Of the County Palatine of Durham.

10 E. 3. 41.  
 12 E. 3. Vouchee  
 115. 17 E. 3. 36.  
 5 R. 2. Triall 54.  
 13 H. 4. Vouchee  
 39. 11 H. 4. 40.  
 18 H. 6. 33, 34.  
 19 H. 6. 12. 52.  
 21 E. 4. 8. 1 Mar.  
 stat. 2. ca. 2.  
 Rot. Par. 11 H. 6.  
 nu. 23.  
 See Rot. Parl.  
 Pasch. 21 E. 1.  
 Rot. 5. a notable  
 record for the  
 Bishop of Du-  
 rresne.

**T**his is also a County Palatine by prescription parcell of the Bishoprick of Durham, which was first raised, as it is said, soon after the time of William the Conqueror.

But I find that this County Palatine hath been questioned (but with evil success.) For at the Parliament holden Anno 11 H. 6. Thomas Bishop of Durham prayed a Commission under the Great Seal to certain there named, who by vertue thereof sat and inquired at Hartlepole being within his County Palatine of the rights of the County Palatine with all the Dependants. Whereupon Sir William Eure knight the Kings Attorny made divers objections, that the Bishop ought to have no County Palatine, neither libertie royall. On the contrary part the Bishop produceth his proofs, and the matter on both parts seriously debated. In the end judgment was given in Parliament for the Bishop, and that the said Inquisitions returned in the Chancery or elsewhere should be void. See the Record being very long, and yet worthy the reading.

When the Bishop himself, that ought to doe justice and right to others, will doe injury and wrong within his County Palatine, & that he cannot be a Judge in his own cause: See a notable Record intituled thus. Recordum coram domino rege porrectum per manus Willielmi de Beresford & Rogeri de Heigham Justiciar' domini regis ad querelas infra libertatem Episcopatus Dunelm' audiend' & terminand' assignat' in hæc verba.

Placita apud Dunelm' coram Willielmo de Beresford & Rogero de Heigham Justiciariis domini Regis ad veteres querelas Ricardi Prioris Dunelm' & aliorum hominum Episcopatus ejusdem domini regis prius porrectas & non determinatas audiend' & terminand' assignat'.

Ricardus de Horton Prior Dunelm' queritur de \* Antonio episcopo Dunelm', &c. The record is long, but therein you shall observe severall complaints of the Prior against the Bishop, whereupon issues are joyned, and verdicts given against the Bishop, and judgments given worthy the reading. By which Record it appeareth that the Bishop had within the County of Duresme Regalitem suam.

I find also another Record in the same Kings time, viz.

Placita coram domino rege apud Westm' de Termino Sancti Michaelis Anno regno Regis E. filii regis Henrici 33. finiente,  
 34. Ro. 32.

*Dominus rex mandavit breve suum Episcopo Dunelm' in hæc verba. Edwardus dei gratia rex Anglie, dominus Hibernie, & dux Aquitanie venerabili in Christo patri A. eadem gratia Episcopo Dunelm' Salutem. Cum Odeliva filia Ricardi de Hurcheworth, Matild' de Swyneburne, & Ricardus Bouche, & Agnes uxor ejus arraniaverunt quandam Assisam mortis antecessoris infra libertatem vestram Episcopatus predicti, \* coram Lamberto de Trykingham, Guyehardo de Charroun, & Petro de Thoresby per breve vestrum versus Galfridum fil' Johannis le Maschun de Herterpole de unomesuagio, sex toftis & una carucata terra cum pertin' in Hurcheworth Brian. Ac predictus Galfridus Johannem le Maschun de Herterpole intrinsecum versus prædicti Odelivam, Matildam, Ricardum & Agnet' inde*

\* Justice of the Bishop.  
 Per breve vest' n.

Mich. 34 E. 1.  
 Coram rege  
 Rot. 32.

Northumb.  
 Dunelm.  
 \* This was Anthony Beak, of that state and greatnesse as never any Bishop was, Woolfky executor.

Pasch. 30 E. 1.



inde vocaverit ad warrant'. Et idem Johannes ten' predict' eidem Galfrido warrantizans Simon' filium Simon' de Mora intrinsecum versus eisdem Odalivam, Matild', Ricardum & Agnet' ulterius inde vocaverit ad warrant'. Ac idem Simon' eadem ten' eidem Johanni Warrantizans inde vocaverit ad warrant' versus eisdem Odalivam, Matild', Ricardum & Agn' per auxilium cur' nostræ Aymerum de Rocheford & Julianam uxorem ejus, Johannem Swayne, & Aviciam uxorem ejus, & Thom' de Fishborn juniolem forinsecos, qui terras aut tenementa infra libertatem predictam aut alibi infra districtionem vestram non habent, per que per ballivos vestros libertatis predict' ad warrant' illam faciend' distringi possunt, ut accepimus. Nos attendentes expediens esse & necesse quod nos super recordo & processu Assise predictæ plenius certioremur, ut partibus predictis, quod justum fuerit in hac parte ulterius fieri faciamus. Vobis mandamus quod inspectis recordo & processu predict', si vobis constiterit ita esse, tunc recordum & processum Assise predictæ cum omnibus ea tangentibus nobis sub sigillo vestro distincte & aperte mittatis & hoc breve, Ita quod ea habeamus à die Sancti Michaelis in 15 dies ubicunque, &c. partibus eundem diem presigentes quod sint ibi statur' & receptur' quod curia nostra consideraverit in hac parte, ut nos finito placito warrant' predict' in curia nostra record' & proces' totius negotii memorati vobis remittamus ad procedend' in eodem secundum legem & consuetudinem libertatis predict'. T. me ipso apud Wynelingsfeld 13 die Julii Anno regni nostri 33. Virtute cujus brevis predictus Episcopus misit recordum & processum in hæc verba. Placita de Assis apud Dunelm' coram Guyehardo de Charroun & Petro de Thoresby Justiciar' assignat', associat' sibi L. de Trikingham die Martis proxim' post clausum Pasch. Anno regni regis E. 33. & promot' domini A. Dunelm' Episcopi 22.

Forcin Voucher.

Si vobis constiterit ita esse.

Assis' venit recognitur' si Ricardus de Hurcheworth pater Odeliva fil' Ricardi de Hurcheworth & avus Matilda de Swynesburne, & Agn' uxor' Ricardi Bouche fuit seistitus in dominico suo ut de feodo de uno mesuagio, sex toftis et una carucata terra cum pertin' in Hurcheworth Brian die quo, &c. Et si, &c. quæ Galfridus fil' Johannis le Maschun de Herterpole. Et sciendum quod tertia pars predict' tenement' excipit' eo quod predict' Odeliva alias comparuit in curia, & modo non sequitur pro parte sua, &c. Et Galfridus alias venit & dixit quod ipse tenet predicta tenementa ad terminum vite sue ex dimissione Johannis de Maschun de Herterpole & in forma predicta vocavit ipsum Johannem ad Warrant' Simon' fil' & heredem Simonis de Mora, qui modo venit per Sum' & ei warrantiz'. Et vocat ulterius inde ad warrant' per auxilium cur' hic & cur' domini regis Aymerum de Rocheford & Julianam uxorem ejus filiam & unam heredum Nicholai de Swyuburne, Johannem Swayne & Aviciam uxorem ejus filiam & alteram heredem predicti Nicholai, & Thomam de Fishburne filium Christiana cohered' predict' Julianæ & Avicia sum' in Com' Northumb. Et quia curia ista jurisdictionem in predict' Aymero & aliis warrant', &c. qui exec' datus est dies partibus hic die Martis proxim' post festum Sancti Jacobi Apostoli. Et dictum est predicto Simoni quod sequatur versus Warrant' suos per auxilium cur' domini, prout sibi viderit expedire, &c. Postea ad diem illum ven' tam predict' Matilda, Ricardus & Agn', quam predict' Simon, Et iidem Matild' et alii petentes petunt quod procedat ad Assisam capiend' per defaultam  
præ-

Dunelm.  
Pater Odelivæ  
avus Matildæ.

prædict' Simonis ex quo quod nondum secutus fuit versus warrantos, &c. Et super hoc idem Simon profert breve domini regis hic de mittendo recordum et processum Assise prædictæ eidem domino regi à die Sancti Michaelis in quindecim dies ubicunque, &c. quæ quidem recordum & processus, et etiam breve domini regis prædict' quod habuit record' consut' per prædict' Matild', Ricardum & Agnet' domino regi mittitur juxta tenorem brevis sui prædict'. Et idem dies præfixus est partibus coram eodem domino rege ubicunque, &c. Et prædict' Ricardus & Agn' po: lo: suo prædict' Matild' in Placito prædict', &c. Ad quem diem coram ipso domino rege venerunt partes, & quia constat per recordum prædict' quod prædict' vocati ad Warran' sunt extrinseci, & quod vocati sunt ad Warran' per auxilium curiæ domini regis qui est superior dominus totius regni, & qui omnibus & singulis de regno suo justitiam facere tenetur, & maxime in defectu aliorum per quorum defectum idem dominus rex vocatur in auxilium; Præceptum est Vicecom' Northumb' quod summoneat prædict' Aymerum de Rocheford et Julianam uxorem ejus filiam & unam hered' Nicholai de Swyneburn Johannem Swayne & Aviciam uxorem ejus fil' et alteram hered' prædict' Nicholai, & Thom' Fishburn fil' Christianæ cohæredis prædictarum Juliana & Aviciæ, quod sint coram rege à die Sancti Hilarii in 15. dies ubicunque, &c. ad warran', &c. Idem dies datus est petentibus et similiter prædict' Simoni tenen' per Warrant' in Banco, &c. Idem Simon po: lo: suo Walterum de Middleton et William de Burgham loquela prædict', &c. Et quia prædictus Episcopus non misit breve originale simul cum prædict' recordo, et necesse est prædict' breve hic mittat; Mandatum est prædicto Episcopo vel ejus locum tenenti, quod prædict' breve domino regi mittant, ita quod illud habeant ad præfatum Terminum, &c. Ad quem diem præd' Simon tenens per warran' venit; et prædict' Matild' de Swynburn, Ricardus Bouche, et Agnes uxor ejus petentes non venerunt, nec, &c. Ideo prædict' Simon inde sine die. Et prædict' Matilda, Ricardus et Agn. et plegii sui de prosequend. in misericordia, &c.

Nota.

Pasch. 46 E. 3.  
Coram rege  
Rot. 42.

In an information against Thomas Bishop of Durham for a contempt in not certifying a Record, he pleads that he is Comes Palatinus, & dominus regalis cujusdam terræ vocat' the Bishoprick of Durham, & habet omnia Jura regalia quæ ad Comitum Palatinum & dominum regalem pertinent, per se, Justic', & ministros suos exercenda.

In this County Palatine there is a Court of Chancery which is a mixt Court both of law and equity, as the Chancery at Westminster: Wherein it differeth from the rest, that if an erroneous judgment be given either in the Chancery upon a judgment there according to the Common law, or before the Justices of the Bishop, a writ of Error shall be brought before the Bishop himself, and if he give an erroneous judgment thereupon, a writ of Error shall be sued returnable in the Kings Bench.

But now let us see what we find in our books concerning this County Palatine.

Mich. 14 E. 3. tit.  
Error 6.  
F. N. B. 21. g.  
8 El. Diet 250.

In a Formedon in Durham the tenant pleaded the warranty of the Ancestor of the Demandant, with assets in a foreign County, whereupon the Court awarded that the tenant should goe quit without day. And the Demandant upon this judgment sued a writ of Error before the Bishop, and assigned for Error, that the Justices awarded that the tenant should goe quit without day, where they ought to have continued the plea by adjournment untill the Record had been removed. And for this error the Bishop reversed the judgment, and day given to the parties before his Justices where the plea was pleaded. At which

which day the tenant was essoined, and a day given over. At that day a writ came to remove the Record in the Common Bank, and a day given to the parties in the Common Bank, and this proceeding of the Bishop was according to the usage there. And after by the advice of the whole Court a Venire fac' issued out of the Common Bank to try the issue joyned at Durham.

If a man in the County Palatine of Durham vouch a forreiner to warranty, the demandant may counterplead that the vouchere hath assets within the County Palatine for the delay.

In a Writ of Trespasse Des biens emportes deins un certaine ville, the defendant said, that the place where the plaintife supposed the taking away, is within the franchise of the B. of Durham, where the Kings Writ runneth not, but is a franchise Royall, Judgement de breife. Whereunto the plaintife said, that the defendant came in by distresse, and so the Court seised of the plea. Finchden giving the rule of the Court said, the Court is not in this case seised of the plea, but that should be where comsance or franchise is challenged, which lieth not in this case, but the Bishop hath franchise royall into which the Kings Writ runneth not, and therefore for not denying of the exception the Writ abated. Note the Towne wherein the transitory trespasse was alledged by the plaintife was within the County Palatine.

If the tenant vouch two, one within the County Palatine of Durham, and the other at the Common law, summons shall be awarded to the Lord of the County Palatine, commanding him to summon the vouchere to be at a certain day before the Justices here to try the warranty: in this case if the tenant recover in value, the Justices shall write to the Lord of the County Palatine to render in value, quod fuit concessum.

See Dier 12 El. where he that hath jura regalia shall have forfeiture of High Treason, whereof Vide before in the Chap. of the County Palatine of Lanc.

If the one be vouched, and the tenant prayeth that he may be summoned in the County of York, and the County Palatine of Durham, the voucher shall stand, for if he be summoned in the County of York, it sufficeth.

<sup>a</sup> Dominus Rex habebit custodiam omnium terrarum eorum qui de ipso tenent in capite per servicium militare, de quibus ipsi tenentes fuer' seisciti in dominico suo ut de feodo die quo obierunt de quocunque tenuerunt per hujusmodi servicium, &c. exceptis feodis Episcopi Dunelm' inter Tine & Tese.

1. This exception extendeth not to the body. 2. If the Bishop did after this statute purchase any Seignioy between Tine and Tese it extendeth not to that.

3. That before this statute, the King ought to have had the wardship of the lands, as appeareth in our Books, contrary to Poles opinion in this case.

\* The third Chapter of the said statute of prerogativa regis doth give the King primer seison, &c. without any saving of the Bishop of Duresme.

Sir Thomas Gray Knight was seised in fee of the Mannor of Chillingham in the County of Northumberland holden of the Queen by Knights Service in Capite, and of the Mannor of Rose in the County Palatine of Durham holden of the Bishop of Durham by Knights service in Capite, and died seised of both, his sonne and heir of full age. And although on the behalfe of the Bishop some presidents were shewed in like case, yet the two Chief Justices Popham and Anderson prima facie did hold, that the primer seison of and for the Mannor of Rose belonged to the King.

The Town of Creke in the County of York holden of the Bishop of Durham, &c. shall be impleaded within the County Palatine of Durham, and in no other place: and so is the Mannor of Howden in the County of York.

The King shall have the temporalties of the Bishop of Durham, and for a Church that becommeth void the King shall have a Quare Impedit.

See the Statute of 5 El. ca. 23. concerning the writs of Significavit and Excom' capiendo.

It was holden by all the Justices, that if a man be surety for another to keep the peace, and after he breaketh the peace, and the surety hath lands in the County

32 E.3. Vouch. 97.  
14 H.6. fo. 3.

13 E.3. Voucher  
165. 45 E.3. 17.  
Vid. 19 E.3. triall  
66. 19 E.3. jurisd.  
29. 33 E.3. ib. 57.  
45 E.3. Visne 50.

19 H.6. 52.

Dier 12 El. 283.  
which was the  
case of James Pil-  
kington Bishop  
of Durham.

\* 13 H.4. Vouch.  
39. 36 H.6. ib. 49.  
a Prærogativa reg.  
cap. 1.

16 E.3. tit. Livery  
29.

Glav. li. 7. c. 20.  
Braft. l. 2. fo. 85.

9 H.3. prær. 25.

21 H.3. ib. 26.

\* Prær. regis ca. 3.

Trin. 38 El. in  
Curia Wardorū.

22 E.4. jurisd.  
pl. 61.

5 R. 2. triall 94.

5 El. ca. 23.

21 E.3. 49.  
1 E.4. 20.  
Regist. 153.  
F.N.B. 132.

County Palatine of Durham, the King shall command the Bishop of Durham or his Chancelor to doe execution. And so it is in the other Counties Palatines. In the same manner it is of a Statute Staple, &c. Recognizances, &c.

Vide 5 E. 3. fol. 58. 17 E. 3. fol. 56. Rot. Patl. 7 E. 6. Rot. Pat. 7 E. 6. part. 8. 1 Mar. cap. 3.

## CAP. XXXIX.

### Of the Royall Franchise of Ely.

33 H. 3. cap. 10.  
5 E. 1. cap. 23.

**I**n divers statutes it is named the County Palatine of Ely. King H. 1. in the 10 year of his reign, of the rich Monastery of Ely made a Cathedrall Church, and of the Abby made a Bishoprick, and for his Diocesse assigned unto him the County of Cambridge, which before was within the Diocesse of Lincoln. In recompence whereof Robert Bluet Bishop of Lincoln, then Chancelor of England had to him and his Successors three Mannors, parcell of the possessions of the Abby, viz. Spaldwicke, Bickleworth, and Bugden. And for the Chapter of this new Bishop, he instituted that there should be a Prior and Covent. But in respect of the Revenues, for that their principall Mannors were granted away, the number of Monkes being 70. were brought down to 40. And King H. 1. granted to this new Bishop and his Successors Jura Regalia within the Isle of Ely. But the said Prior and Covent were in the reign of H. 8. suppressed, and in stead thereof a Dean and Prebendaries were raised to be the Chapter of the Bishop, and a Grammar School for a Master and 24 Scholars.

This royall jurisdiction the Bishop hath by prescription grounded upon the said grant as well in Pleas of the Crown, as in Common pleas before his Justices.

11 in. 3 E. 1. Rot.  
61. Coram Rogero de Seryton & sociis suis Justiciariis de Banco  
11 in. 16 E. 1. in  
Comuni Banco  
Rot. 89. Cant.

The liberty of the Bishop of Ely hath been anciently allowed by the Court of Common pleas for lands in Wisbitch, within the Isle whereof a Præcipe quod reddat was brought.

Again, Allocatur libertas Episcopo Eliensi pro terris infra Insulam de Ely prout alias, scilicet in rotulo Martini de Littlebury & sociis suis annis 55 & 56 H. 3. Anno 14 Regis nunc coram Thoma de Wayland & sociis suis, Item Mich. 16 Regis nunc. Rot. 27.

3 H. 6. triall 2.

In Trespasse the Defendant pleaded an arbitrament made at A. in the Isle of Ely, and thereupon issue was joyned, the Plaintiff shewed that Ely is a Franchise Royall, & they of the Isle shall not be empannelled out, and prayed a Venire fac' to the Sherif of Cambridge.

Lb. Ins. Rast. fo.

Issue being joyned and the Writhe to come out of Ely, the Entry is, Super quo prædict' (querens) dicit quod E. prædict' est infra Insulam Eliens', quodque Episcopus Eliens' talem habet libertatem in Insula prædicta, quod nullus Justiciar' nec aliquis minister domini regis Insulam illam ingredi debet ad aliquod officium ibi exercend', nec liberi tenentes nec residentes in eadem Insula illam ingredi debent ad aliquam Juraram extra Insulam illam faciend', & petit breve domini regis de Venire fac' hic 12. de vicineto de Soham, quæ est propinquior Villa in prædict' Com' Cantabr' extra Insulam prædict' ad jacen' prædict' Villæ de Ely ad triandum exitum præd'. Et quia videtur Iusticiariis hic quod petitio illa est rationi consonans, Ideo præcept' est Vic' Cant' quod Venire fac' hic tali die 12. de vicineto illo, per quos, &c.

46 E. 3. 2.

Sentence was given in the Ecclesiasticall Court in Cambridge, and the Defendant was summoned at Hadington in the Isle and Franchise of Ely,  
as

as he might be, soz Where the action is intire, and not severall, whereof part is within the Franchise and part without, the Franchise shall not be allowed. As if one take a man in a place at the Common law, and carry him into a Franchise and there imprison him, this Court shall hold plea, quia magis dignum erit ad se minus dignum. Et sic de similibus.

5 E. 2. conusans  
68. 21 E. 4. 35.

In an Action of Account against one as Bailif of lands in H. and A. and H. is within the Franchise of the Isle of Ely, and because the Plaintiff might have charged the Defendant as Bailif of A. and it is no reason that by joining of them in one Writ to disherit the Bishop of his Franchise, the Writ abated.

24 E. 3. conusans  
74. 20 E. 3. ibid.  
85. 49 E. 3. 24.  
See 23 E. 3. 22.  
accord.

C A P. X L.

Of the County Palatine of Pembroke.

**T**his was an ancient County Palatine within Wales, and the Earle was Comes Palatinus, and had Jura regalia, and all things belonging to a County Palatine, but the jurisdiction hereof was taken away by the statute of 27 H. 8. cap. 26. the County Palatine then being in the Kings hands.

And soz further proof that it was a County Palatine, see the Charter of E. 3. to Lawrence de Hastings in these words.

Rex omnibus ad quos, &c. Salutem. Sciatis quod circumspectionis & elegantia præsagium quod ex aptis consanguinei nostri charissimi Laurentii de Hastings juventutis auspiciis concepimus, merito nos inducunt, ut ipsum in his quæ honoris sui debitam conservationem respiciunt, prout favoribus prosequamur. Cum itaque hæreditas bonæ memoriæ Audomari de Valentia Comitis Pembrochiæ (ut dicitur) jampridem sine hærede de corpore suo procreato decedentis ad sorores suas fuerit devoluta, inter ipsas & earum hæredes proportionabiliter dividenda: Quia constat nobis quod præfatus Laurentius qui dictus Audomarus in partem hæreditatis succedit est ex ipsius Audomari sorore seniori descendens, & sic peritorum assertione, quos super hoc consulimus, sibi debeatur prærogativa nominis & honoris; justum & debitum reputamus ut idem Laurentius ex seniori sorore causam habens, assumat & habeat nomen Comitis Pembrochiæ, quod dictus Audamarus habuit dum vivebat: quod quidem (quantum in nobis est) sibi confirmamus, ratificamus, & etiam approbamus; Volentes, & concedentes ut dictus Laurentius prærogativam & honorem Comitis Palatini in terris quas tenet de hæreditate dicti Audomari, adeo pleno, & eodem modo habeat & teneat, sicut idem Audomarus illas habuit & tenuit tempore quo decessit. In cujus, &c. Teste rege apud montem martini die Octob. Anno regni 13.

Rot. Parliamenti,  
Hil. 18 E. 1. fo. 6.  
Totus Com. Pem-  
broke fuit Com.  
Palatinus, & ha-  
buit Cancel. & Si-  
gillum, &c.  
27 H. 8. cap. 26.  
Carta Regis E. 3.  
An. 13. regni sui.  
13 Octob. Ro. Par.  
13 E. 3. m. 12.

Note here, that the eldest sister ought to have the honor, upon consultation with learned men.

Prærogativa & honor Comitis Palatini. Sicut Audomarus illas habuit.

## CAP. XLI.

## Of the Franchise of Hexam and Hexamshire.

**T**his was sometime parcell of the possessions of the Archbithop of York, and claimed by him to be a County Palatine. At the Parliament holden in 2 H. 5. it is resolved that Hexamshire was a Franchise where the Kings w<sup>it</sup> went not.

2 H. 5. cap. 5.  
9 H. 5. cap. 7.  
8 E. 4. cap. 2.  
33 H. 8. cap. 10.  
14 El. ca. 13.

And in the statute of 33 H. 8. it is named a County Palatine.

But at the Parliament holden in Anno 14 Eliz. it was seriously examined, and in the end four conclusions were enacted by Authority of Parliament.

1. That whiles it was in the hands of the Archbithop it was tearmed and named a County Palatine, where in right or proof there was none such.
2. That it is within, and parcell of the County of Northumberland.
3. That all Pleas of the Crown, and suits between party and party shall receive like triall, &c. as the rest of the Subjects of Northumberland ought to have.
4. That the Sherif and other Officers of the County of Northumberland may execute his or their office, &c. within Hexam and Hexamshire. So as whatsoever it was before 14 Eliz. it is now no County Palatine, nor Franchise royall.

## CAP. XLII.

## Of the Courts of the Cinque Ports.

**A**t the first the privileged Ports were but three. For at the making of the book of Domesday, which was in the 14 year of the Conqueroz, there are but three named in that book, viz. Dover, Sandwich, and Rumney, and that these three in the time of Edward the Confessoz were exonerated of such charges and burthens, as others did bear; After two Ports were added to them by the Conqueroz, viz. Hastings and Withe.

Domesday  
Chent.  
Lib Int. Raft. fo.

Bract. l. 3. f. 118.

\* Memorandum  
quod Pharanus  
de Boloña ve-  
n't ad Conquestum tempore  
Willielmi Regis Bastardi, & in illo Conquestu perquisivit Wardam de Doveria in feo-  
do, & habuit, & tenuit toto tempore prædicti Regis Willielmi usque ad tempus Regis Henrici, avi Regis Henrici filii  
Regis Johannis, & dictus Rex Hen. avus dedit dicto Pharano 60. libratas terræ in eschambio pro Doveria, viz. Mane-  
rium de Wendovre pro xl. libr. terræ, Kingshull pro x. libr. terræ, & 7 hidas in Eton pro 10 li. terræ. In lib. de Abbathia  
Miss. fo. 114.

Bracton who wrote in the reign of H. 3. nameth Hastings, Ronuall, Hoya, \* Dover, and Sandwich to be the fve Ports. Of this number of fve were these Ports called the Cinque Ports, as it appeareth by a w<sup>it</sup> which Bracton rehearseth in the same place, viz.

Rex Vic' Norff. & Suff. Salutem. Sciatis quod summoniri fecimus ad talem diem apud Shepwey omnia placita de Quinque Portibus sicut teneri debent, & solent coram Justiciariis apud Shipwey. Et ideo tibi præcipimus quod hoc sciri facias hominibus de Jernemewe, & balivis de Donewiz, ita quod si aliquis con-  
queri voluerit de aliquo qui sit de libertate vel infra libertatem Quinque Por-  
tuum, tunc sit apud Shepwey coram præfatis Justiciariis nostris querelam suam  
propositurus, & justitiam inde recepturus. Teste, &c.

In Dorf. Carr.  
Anno 1 Re. Jo.  
1 a te 2. m. 12.

After two more, viz. Winchelsey and Rye were added: for I find a Record Anno 1 Regis Johannis, quod Winchelsey & Rye debent esse in auxilium Villæ de Hastings ad faciend' regis servicium 20 Navium, &c.

And these have the same Franchises and Liberties that the former had; and every one of these send two Burgeses by the name of Barons of the Cinque Ports

Ports to the Parliament, as by the Records of the return of them remaining in Chancery at every Parliament doth appear. And albeit two be added, yet they hold their former name of the Cinque Ports. These Ports or Havens doe lye towards France, and therefore prudent antiquity provided, that they should be vigilantly and securely kept, for performance whereof these Ports have a speciall Governour or Keeper, called by his office Lord Warden or Keeper of the Cinque Ports, and is also Admirall, and hath the jurisdiction of the Admiralty amongst them, and is exempt from the Admiralty of England. This Warden in former times was ever a man of great fidelity, wisdom, courage, and experience, for that he had the charge of the principall gates of the Realm. He is also Constable of the Castle of Dover, his jurisdiction as Constable is limited by the statute of Artic. super Cartas, Anno 28 E. 1. which you may read, and the Exposition thereof in the Second part of the Institutes.

90 E. 3. 5.

Artic. super Cart. cap. 2. 2. part of the Institutes. 2 E. 4. 17. 17 E. 4. 16, 17. 36 H. 6. 34. Fortesc. Lib. Int. Rast. fo.

The Franchise of the Cinque Ports hath been time out of mind partly by ancient Parliaments, partly by ancient Charters, &c. and confirmed by expresse name by the statute of Magna Carta ca. 9. and were made five by William the Conqueror.

For the better understanding of our books; it is to be known that there is a great diversity between the principality of Wales, the Counties Palatines, &c. and the Cinque ports. For Wales was originally no part of England, but County Palatines were parcell of the Realm of England and divided in jurisdiction, and the Cinque ports are parcell of the County of Kent, and yet ubi breve domini regis non currit, but have not Jura Regalia, and therefore regularly no writ of Error did lie of a judgment in Wales, otherwise it is in the Counties Palatines. A judgment here of lands in Wales or in the County Palatine is void, but a judgment given here of lands in the Cinque ports is good if the priviledge be not pleaded, for they be part of the County, and the Franchise may be demanded in another action.

9 H. 7. 12. 36 H. 6. 33, 34.

And it is to be observed that within the Cinque Ports there be divers Courts, one before the Constable of the Castle of Dover, (whereof somewhat hath been said before) there be other Courts within the Ports themselves, before the Justices and the Jurats, and another which is called Curia Quinque Portuum apud Shepwey, whereof we shall speak hereafter.

If any of the Kings Courts doe write to have a record in the Cinque ports, or for doing of any thing within the same, the writ shall be directed Constabulario Castri de Dover, & Gardiano Quinque Portuum, for he is the immediate Officer to the Kings Courts for execution of the Kings writs within the Cinque Ports. For example:

33 E. 3. jurisd. 60.

If a man plead a Record within the Cinque Ports, and the other plead Nulliel record, there shall goe a writ to the Constable of Dover to certifie the Record, for the course is for the Kings Courts to write to the Constable, and he shall send to the Barons, that is to the Justices and Jurats, to certifie him of the Record which is before them, and he shall certifie the Kings Court, and so the Constable is the immediate Officer to the Kings Court.

30 H. 6. 6 & 7.

Note, though Books say that the Writs shall be directed to the Constable of Dover, yet the writ is to be directed Constabulario Castri de Dover, & Gardiano Quinque Portuum.

Regist. fo. F. N. B. 80. b. 240. 2.

A man hath a judgment in any of the Kings Courts, and the Defendant hath no land or goods but in the Cinque ports, the Plaintiff shall have a Writ to the Constable of Dover to make execution. And so it is if a man will have surety of the peace against any person within the Cinque Ports, then he shall have a Writ out of the Chancery directed to the Constable of Dover, for the doing thereof.

Regist. fo. F. N. B. 80. b. 132. 21 E. 3. 49. Sec 1 E. 4. 10.

\* Et quia in quadam Carta domini regis nunc continetur, quod omnes querelæ versus ipsos Barones Quinque Portuum apud Shepwey terminari debent coram Custode Quinque Portuum, Præceptum est Stephano de Penecestr' nunc Custodi quod partibus prædictis coram eo certum diem assignet & fac' Justiciæ completentium.

Regist. 153. Rot. Parl. Anno 18 E. 1. fo. 6. nu. 115. Inter Abbatem de Feversham & Baron' de Port de Feversham,

a 30 H. 6. 6 & 7.  
Dier 23 El. 376.  
Brook. *Cinque*  
*Ports* 25.  
Temps H. 8 di-  
versity des. Courts  
b Hil. 18 E. 1. f. 6.  
Rot. Par. nu. 115.  
Dorf. Claus. Anno  
30 E. 1. m. 13.

c *Curia Quinque*  
*Portuum de Shep-*  
*wey.* Nota, this  
for the stile of  
the Court.  
See Bra & lib 3.  
Ubi supra.  
d 50 E. 3. 5.  
33 E. 3. tit. juris J.  
60.

1 E. 3. fo. 2.  
49 E. 3. 24.  
11 R. 2. bfe 636.  
46 E. 3. 8.  
33 H. 6. 4.  
8 H. 4. 7.  
\* 39 E. 3. 17.  
30 All. p. 1.  
8 E. 3. 22.  
e 49 E. 3. 24.

\* If an erroneous judgment be given in the Cinque ports before any of the Maiors or Jurats, it shall be redressed before the Constable of Dover at the Court at Shepwey, which Court was raised of ancient time by Letters Patents of E. 1.

b The Court of the Cinque ports holden at Shepwey adjudged the Abbot of Feversham (which Abby was within the Cinque Ports) for his offence to be imprisoned, for the which the Archbishop of Canterbury caused the Kings Ministers of Dover to be cited into the Ecclesiasticall Court, &c. The Record saith, Quia secundum consuetudinem regni approbatam, & ratione juris regii, ministri regis pro aliquibus quæ fecerunt ratione officii sui, trahi non debeant. Rex prohibuit Archiepiscopo Cant' ne molestari faciat ministros suos Dovor', de eo quod Abbatem de Feversham pro delicto suo incarcerationem per considerationem  
c Curia Quinque Portuum de Shepwey, &c. The whole Record is worthy to be read over; this shall suffice for the end that I aim at.

Vide Fleta lib. 2. cap. 48. the Hustings apud Shepweye.

d The jurisdiction of the Cinque ports is general, and extends as wel to personall actions, as to actions reall and mixt, or which touch the freehold, but so it is not in ancient demesne, for regularly that jurisdiction extends not to personall actions.

If a Precipe be brought of land, part within the Cinque ports, and part without, the whole writ shall abate: & sic de similibus. \* And there is a diversity between a Franchise to demand consuls, and a Franchise, ubi breve domini regis non currit: For in the first case the Tenant or Defendant shall not plead it, but the Lord of the Franchise must demand consuls, but in the other case, the Defendant may plead it to the writ.

e The Honor of P. within the Cinque ports was holden of the King as of the honor of Cgle, and escheated to the King for want of heir, the King granteth the Honor of P. to another. And it is adjudged, that the seison of the King in this case doth not make it of another nature then it was afore; for the privilege runneth with the land.



CAP. XLIII.

The Court of the Escheator, and of Commissioners for finding of Offices, &c.

**T**he gift of the Office of Escheator belongeth to the Office of the Lord Treasurer, who granteth the same by his Deed. He is to continue in his Office but one yeare, or once in thre yeares.

14 E. 3. cap. 8.  
1 H. 8. cap. 8.  
3 H. 8. cap. 2.

For the derivation of his name, his antiquity, and some part of this office, see the first part of the Institutes, Sect. 4. where the ancient Authors, and many Authorities be quoted: He ought to be seised of 40. Marks land, except Escheators in Cities and Counties Palatine.

All Writs Originall of Diem clausit extremum, Mandamus, Devenerunt, Melius inquirend', Quæ plura, &c. are directed to him to finde an Office for the King after the death of his Tenant, which held by Knights service in Capite, or otherwise by Knights Service.

This Officer in case of Escheats for Treason, Felony, or in case of Wardship, or Primer seison, may finde an Office virtute Officii. But in case of Wardship, or Primer seison, if he finde an Office virtute Officii, if the Land, &c. be of the yearly value of 5. li. (or above) he shall lose every time he shall sit 5. pounds.

3 H. 8. cap. 2.

Offices found before him virtute Officii, he may returne either into the Court of Chancery, or into the Exchequer, saving at this day for Wardships, or Primer seison, which he must return into the Chancery: for by the Statute of 32 H. 8. Cap. 46. the Court of Exchequer is barred to deale with the same. And Offices found before him virtute Brevis, are to be returned by him into the Chancery.

Lib. 1. fo. 42. b.  
Alton woods.  
4 E. 4. 24.  
Stanf. prer. 70. b.

If he sit by force of a Writ, he ought to take the Inquest within a moneth next after the delivery of the Writ, and he ought to returne the same within a moneth after he taketh it, either by Writ, or virtute Officii.

3 H. 8. cap. 2.  
8 H. 6. 16.  
18 H. 6. 7.

See Capit' Eschaetrix, whereof the Escheator may inquire: and the Statute De Eschaetoribus, Anno 29 E. 1. Vide Dier. 248. 249. <sup>a</sup> He is accountable pro catallis felonum, fugitivorum, & hujusmodi. <sup>b</sup> All Offices found before him, or Commissioners ought to be found by the oathes of twelve men, every Inro to have Lands, &c. to the yearly value of 40. s. in the same County, and indented, and one part by them sealed, and by him the other part, which is to remaine with the Foreman of the Jury, and to be taken in good Tolones, and open places. For secret Offices are abhorred in Law, full of vexation and charge, and never have good successe.

Mag. Cart. i part.  
fo. 160. 161.  
<sup>a</sup> Keylw. 6 H. 8.  
173.  
<sup>b</sup> 1 H. 8. cap. 8.  
3 H. 8. cap. 2.  
<sup>c</sup> 34 E. 3. cap. 13.  
<sup>d</sup> 36 E. 3. cap. 13.  
otherwise void.

Neither he nor the Commissioners can take any Enquest of inquiry of any other persons, but such as be impanelled and returned by the Sheriffe.

8 H. 6. cap. 16.  
18 H. 6. cap. 7.

If he or the Commissioners shall deny any person to give evidence openly in his presence to such Enquests as shall be taken before him for the finding of an Office, he shall forfeit 40. li. If he, or the Commissioners, or any of them shall refuse to take a verdict of the Enquest offering to present the same, he shall lose 100. li. to the party grieved.

1 H. 8. cap. 8.  
3 H. 8. cap. 2.

An Office found before Commissioners is as forcible in Law, as if it had bene found before the Escheator.

24 E. 3. 55.

The Escheator ought to take no fee by the Statute of W. 1. but of the King onely, but if he finde an Office by force of any Writ, and according to the same for the King, hee shall have a fee of 40. s. by the Statute of 23 H. 6. but if it be found

See the 2. part of the Institutes,  
W. 1. cap. 26.  
23 H. 6. cap. 17.  
1 H. 8. cap. 8.

found before him by Writ, or ex Officio, that the Lands are holden of a Subject, or if he finde an Office for the King virtute Officii, there is no fee due to him. But the Commissioners ought to take no fee at all, though an Office be found for the King, because they are not within the Statute.

<sup>a</sup> 33 H.8. cap. 22.

<sup>b</sup> 32 H.8. cap. 46.

<sup>c</sup> 5 E.3. cap. 9.

<sup>d</sup> 2 E.4. cap. 9.

F.N.B. 100. c.

<sup>e</sup> 9 H.6. fo. 60.

<sup>d</sup> 5 E.3. cap. 4.

Register 177.

<sup>e</sup> 21 E.4. 23.

F.N.B. 100. c.

<sup>f</sup> 1 H.8. cap. 8.

<sup>g</sup> 3 H.8. cap. 2.

<sup>h</sup> 9 H.6. fo. 60.

<sup>i</sup> Regist. fo. 301. b.

<sup>j</sup> 10 H.7. 7. b.

<sup>a</sup> The Escheator finding an Office for the King by force of any Writ, not exceeding the value of 5. li. shall not take above 15. s. and the Commissioners can take nothing: <sup>b</sup> but the Mayor of the Wards may allow Commissioners, Countsellours, and Feodaries their Costs. <sup>c</sup> The Escheator may make Deputies, but such able men, for whom he will answer, and that have sufficient Lands in the same County, &c. and the Escheator shall certifie the names or names of his Deputy or Deputies, under his Letters Patents into the Exchequer within twenty dayes after deputation made. And no Deputy shall take upon him to occupy that Office, except the Escheator hath Lands to the value of 20. li. <sup>d</sup> And if any Sub-escheator be made, not having sufficient, he may be removed by the Kings Writ directed to the Escheator De Subeschaetore amovendo.

<sup>e</sup> If the Escheator, Subescheator, or Commissioner, returne a false Office, an Action upon the Case doth lye against them by the party grieved, although they be Offices of Record, besides the penalty of 100. l. by the Statutes of 1 H.8. and 3 H.8. <sup>f</sup> The oath of the Escheator expressing his duty, appeareth in the Register, fo. 301. b.

<sup>g</sup> If I be possessed of the goods of a man outlawed in trespassse, and I deliuer them to the Escheator, I am discharged, quod Brian affirmavit: for he said that the Escheator is the Kings Minister, and chatgeable for the goods.

## CAP. XLIV.

Courts in the Universities of Cambridge  
and Oxford.

It is true that each of these Universities hath divers Courts, Jurisdictions, and Powers, by the Charters of the Kings of this Realme, divers of which were not grantable by Charter, but by authority of Parliament, which being espied, Queene Elizabeth, (who could (we speake of knowledge) not onely speak the Languages of French, Italian; and Spanish, but was learned in the Latine and Greeke learned tongues, and excelled all others of her Sex in knowledge both Divine and Humane,) for the great love and favour that her Majesty bare to her Highnesse Universities, and for the great zeale and care that the Lords and Commons in Parliament had for the maintenance of good and godly literature, and the vertuous education of youth within either of the said Universities; and to the intent that the ancient Priviledges, Liberties and Franchises of either of the said Universities, granted, ratified and confirmed by the Queenes Highnesse, and her most noble Progenitors, might be had in great estimation, and be of greater force and strength, for the better increase of learning, and the further suppressing of vice: It was enacted by Authority of Parliament holden in the 13. yeare of her most prosperous reigne: 1. That each of the Universities should be incorporated by a certaine name (albeit they were ancient Corporations before.) 2. That all Letters Patents of the Queenes Highnesse, or by any of her progenitors or predecessors, made to either of the said incorporated bodies severally, or to any of their predecessors of either of the said Universities, by whatsoever name or names, the Chancelor, Masters, and Scholars of either of the said Universities, in any of the said Letters Patents had bene named, should be good and effectuell, and available in Law, to all intents, constructions and purposes, &c. as amply, fully, and largely, \* as if the said Letters Patents were recited verbatim in that Act of Parliament, any thing to the contrary notwithstanding. 3. That the Chancelor, Masters and Scholars of either of the said Universities, and their successors for ever, should severally have, hold, possesse, and enjoy, and use to them and their successors for ever, all manner of Mannors, &c. and Hereditaments, and all manner of Liberties, Franchises, Immunities, Quietances, and Priviledges, view of Frankpledge, Law dayes, and other things whatsoever they be, which either of the said incorporated Bodies had held, occupied or enjoyed, or of right ought to have had, used, occupied, and enjoyed, according to the true intent and meaning of the said Letters Patents whatsoever, any Statute, Law, Usage, Custome, or other thing or things, made or done to the contrary notwithstanding. 4. That all Letters Patents of the Queenes Highnesse, or any of her progenitors or predecessors, and all manner of Liberties, Franchises, Immunities, Quietances; and Priviledges, Lects, Law dayes, \* and all other things whatsoever therein expressed, given or granted to either of the said Universities, by what name soever, be, and by vertue of this Act should be established and confirmed, any Statute, Law, Usage, Custom, Construction, or other thing to the contrary notwithstanding.

By this blessed Act of Parliament, all the Courts, Franchises, Liberties, Priviledges, Immunities, &c. mentioned in any Letters Patents, &c. to either of the said Universities (which were too long here to be recited) \* that they might prosper in their study with quietnesse, are established, made good and effectuell in Law, against any Quo warranto, Scire facias, or other suits, or any quarrell, concealment or other opposition whatsoever. See the Letters Patents of King H. 8. bearing date primo Aprilis Anno 14. of his reigne, made to the University

Liberall Arts and Sciences are *Lumina Republicæ*.

\* Note these general brief and effectuell words.

\* Nota hoc.

Note these general binding and effectuell words. *Actus benedictus.*

\* Haud facile emergunt quorum vitibus obstat Res vixata domi.

of Oxford; and other Letters Patents bearing date 26. Aprilis, Anno 3. Regi-  
nae Eliz. made to the University of Cambridge, both which are by expresse name  
established and confirmed by the said Act of 13. Eliz. In which Act there is a  
Saving to all, other then to the Queenes Majesty, her heires and successours. Ec  
sic omnia intuto.

Touching the Jurisdiction and Conusans of divers things belonging to the  
University of Cambridge, see the Parliament Roll of 5 R. 2. nu. 45, &c. till nu. 66.

The Mayor, Bailifes, and Comminalty of Cambridge were accused,  
for that they in the late tumults and uprores confedered with divers other mis-  
doers, brake up the Treasury of the University of Cambridge, and thereout took,  
and burned sundry the Charters, &c. of the said University, and also compelled  
the Chancelor and Scholars of the said University, under their Common Seals  
to release to the said Mayor and Burgeses, all manner of Liberties, and also all  
Actons reall and personall, and further to be bound to them in great summes of  
money: whereupon it was agreed in forme following: That one Writ should  
be directed to the Mayor, Bailifes, and Comminalty of Cambridge, that then  
were to appeare in the Parliament, and to answer (the forme thereof doth there  
appeare.) And that another Writ in forme aforesaid should be directed to the  
Mayor and Bailifes that were at the time of the offence, (the forme whereof doth  
there appeare also.) The Mayor and Bailifes that then were appeared in pro-  
per person, and pleaded not guilty, ne witting thereto; the Comminalty by their  
Atturneyes appeared at the day. The Mayor and Bailifes, that before were at  
the time of the offence, appeared also in proper person, and the said Mayor answe-  
red, That he was not pryvy to any such act, but only by compulsion of others, if  
any thing were therein done; the which the Kings learned Councell then did dis-  
prove, as by the Recozd appeareth. The Burgeses of Cambridge delivered in-  
to the Parliament the said two Deeds sealed by the Chancelor and Scholars,  
the one Deed contained a release of all Liberties and Wylledges, with a Bond  
of 3000. li. to release all suits against the said Burgeses. The other was a Re-  
lease of all Actons reall and personall, as there doth appeare. Upon the reading  
of which two deeds, they both were commanded to be cancelled for the causes a-  
foresaid. After this the Chancelor and Scholars aforesaid by way of petition, and  
in form of sundry Artticles exhibited, shewed the beginning & whole discourse of  
the said Mayor and Bailifes effectually and largely. Upon reading of which bill, it  
was demanded of the said Burgeses what they could say, wherfore their liberties  
late by the King confirmed should not be seised into the Kings hands as forfeited.

They requyre 3. things, viz. 1. A copy of the bill. 2. Councell, and 3. respight  
to answer. To the copy of the bill was answered, that sithence they heard the same,  
it should suffice, for by law they ought to have no copy. To Councell, it was said,  
that wherein Councell was to be had, they should have, wherfore they then were  
appointed to answer to no crime or offence, but only touching their liberties. Af-  
ter many dilatory shifts and subterfuges, the said Burgeses touching their liber-  
ties only, having no colour of defence, submitted themselves to the Kings mercy &  
grace, saving their answers to all other matters. The King thereupon by com-  
mon consent of the Parliament, and by Authority of the same, seised the same li-  
berties into his hands as forfeited. And after the King granted to the Chancelor  
and Scholars aforesaid, within the said town of Cambridge and \* Suburbs of the  
same the Assise, connfance, and correction of Bread, Ale, Weights, Measures, Re-  
gratores, and Forcellers, with the fines, and amerancements of the same, pceding  
therefore yearly at the Exchequer 10l. And certain liberties the King after gran-  
ted to the said Mayor and Bailifes, and increased their former fee farm.

This University of Cambridge hath power to print within the same omnes  
& omnimodos libros, which the University of Oxford hath not. See a notable  
recozd in Parliament, 13 H. 4. concerning the University of Oxford, by the which  
it was decreed & adjudged by Authority of Parliament, that the Popes Bul should  
not impeach, or alter the right and custome of any thing concerning that Univer-  
sity, and therefore was disallowed, too long to be here inserted.

Nota (prob dolor)  
the ancient Char-  
ters, Records, &c.  
of the University  
of Cambr.dge  
burnt by Rebels.

Nota, by Act of  
Parliament.  
Vid. Rot. Parl.  
8 R. 2. nu. 11.  
Nota, Suburbs  
proveth a City.  
Nota, the priority  
of the grant to  
the University.

Rot. Par. 13 H. 4.  
nu. 15, 16, 17.

CAP. XLV.

The Courts of the Stanneries in Cornwall and Devon.

**T**he stile of the Court of Stannery is, and alwayes hath been, Magna Curia Domini Regis Ducatus sui Cornubiæ apud Crokerenton in Com' Devon' coram A. B. Custode Stannariæ dicti Domini Regis in dicto Com' Devon.

¶ The Stile of the Court.

The Officers of this Court be the Steward, Underwarden, &c.

¶ The Officers.

It is called Stannaria, à Sranno, because the Lord Warden hath jurisdiction of all the Tynne in Cornwall and Devon. Tynne is a Saxon word, and derived à tinnitu, and the Tynners are called Srannarores.

The jurisdiction of this Court is guided by speciall lawes, by Customes, and by prescription time out of mind, which so far as we find it to be allowed by the resolution of the Judges, or by Act of Parliament, we will rectifie,

¶ The jurisdiction.

See the first part of the Institutes, Sect.

In Cancellaria apud Westm. coram Nicho. Bacon milite Custod' Magni Sigilli Angliæ pro Stannatoribus, die Veneris, viz. 14 die Novembris Anno regni Elizabethæ Reginae Quarto, Inter Martinū Trewynarde Quer' in Cur' Stannar' com' Cornub', & Johanē Killegrew & Georgiū Trewynard Defend,

Where the 14 day of October last past, the matter in question touching the allowing or disallowing of Writts of Error, as well between the parties aforesaid, as also for and concerning all other Writts of error touching all causes determinable in the Stannery Court in Cornwall, was by the order of the Lord Keeper of the Great Seal of England committed to the hearing and examination of Sir William Cordel Knight Master of the Rolls, & Sir James Dier Knight Chief Justice of the Common Pleas, and Justice Weston; to the intent upon the due consideration of the cause they should make report unto the said Lord Keeper of their opinions and proceedings therein, as in their judgements should seem most agreeable to justice and equity: who having accordingly travelled diligently for the understanding of the truth of the premises upon the deliberate hearing and examining of the cause in the presence of the Councell learned of both sides, and upon the perusing and consideration of the ancient prescriptions, customes, liberties, and Charters exhibited by the said parties concerning the premises; have this day made their report unto the said Lord Keeper as followeth: That is to say: That for as much as the said plaintife could not, nor did not shew forth any Record or president, whereby any judgements or executions heretofore passed in any of the said Stannery Courts have been reversed by Writ of Error in any of the Queens Majesties Courts of her Bench or Common Pleas: And for that it appeareth unto them that Divers and sundry inconveniencies were likely to ensue by allowing of such Writts of Error, and upon other causes and considerations them especially moving: They in their opinions think it not meet nor convenient that any Writts of Error should passe or be suffered in such case to reverse any of the said judgements or executions. Upon which report made, It is this day ordered by the said Lord Keeper of the Great Seale, that the Order heretofore taken the 15 of June last past made against the Lord Warden of the Stanneries aforesaid, his Officers and others mentioned in the same, concerning the not allowing or not executing of any Writ or Writts of Error; and all and singular the contempts contained in the same Order supposed

Mich. 4 Eliz. in Cancellar. Trewynards case.

No Writ of Error lyeth upon any judgement in the Stannery Courts.

Vide Simile Dier 23. Eliz. fo. 376.

But judgements shall be reversed by Appeal as in the next page appeareth.

by them to be committed, concerning the not allowing or not executing of any Writ or Writs of Error as is aforesaid, shall be clearly frustrated and void, and they and every of them clearly released & discharged, any thing in the same Order to the contrary notwithstanding. And that the said defendants and every of them shall be at their liberty to take their advantage against the said plaintiffe for their executions had or to be had in any of the said Stannery Courts according to the custome of the same Courts without let or impeachment of any Writ or Writs of Error, or of false judgement sued or to be sued in any of the said Courts of the Kings Bench or Common Pleas. And that from henceforth, no Writ or Writs of Error, or false judgement be hereafter sued in any of the said Courts of the Kings Bench or Common Pleas to reverse any judgement or judgements in any of the said Courts of Stanneries heretofore given, or hereafter to be given, untill upon further consideration of the ancient grants and liberties of the said Courts of Stanneries, or upon some other sufficient cause or matter, it shall be otherwise ordered and determined by this Court of the Chancery,

Mic. 7 Eliz. Re-  
ginæ in Camera  
Stellata 29 Nov.

In Camera Stellata apud Westm' coram Concilio ibidem die Mercurii, viz.  
29 die Novemb. Anno regni Dnæ Eliz. Dei gratia Regiæ Angliæ, Fran-  
ciæ, & Hiberniæ fidei defensor, &c. Septimo 1564.

Where a matter in variance hath been heretofore moved, and depending in this honourable Court, between Martin Trewynard plaintiffe, and John Raskarrock, William Gilbert, John Killegrew the ponger, James Drewe, and other defendants by two severall Bills exhibited into this Court, whereof the last Bill containeth no other matters of effect being not mentioned in the first Bill, other then the taking of certaine cattell of the said complainant and others. And where also it appeareth this present day, that the taking of the said cattell was by certaine of the said defendants lawfully authorized for that purpose by the Steward of the Stannery Court of Penwith and caried into the County of Cornwall for an execution upon a condemnation by judgement had in the said court against the said plaintiffe. Touching which condemnation the said complainant hath complained as well in the Court of Chancery by Bill, and in the Kings Bench by Writ of Error, as also in this Court, as appeareth in the first of the said two Bills here depending, meaning by some of these wayes to call in question the validity of the said judgement, and was out of the said severall Courts by order discharged and dismissed, referring the proceeding upon the said judgement to the order of the said Stannery Court, according to divers Ordinances by divers ancient Charters, customes, and liberties belonging to the Stannery ratified by Act of Parliament. And where it doth also appear that the taking of the said Cattell, whereupon the said last Bill in this Court is exhibited was only for the execution of the said recovery. And where also it doth further appeare, that by the Lawes and Ordinances of the said Stannery (if any such cause of complaint be ministred) the same is to be redressed by appellacion in severall degrees, viz. first to the Steward of the Stannery Court where the matter lyeth, then to the Underwarden of the Stanneries, and from him to the Lord Warden of the same Stanneries: and for default of Justice at his hands, to the Princes Privy Councell; and not examinable either here in this Court or in any other Court. It is therefore this present day ordered, that the said severall Bills of complaints, and the said defendants named in the same, with all the causes therein mentioned, be forthwith dismissed out of this Court to be determined according to the said Lawes and Ordinances in the said Stannery, and not elsewhere.

Erroneous judg-  
ments in the  
Stannery are to  
be reversed by  
appellacion, and  
by whom this ap-  
pellacion shall be  
made.

The resolution of all the Judges (by force of his Majesties Letters) concerning the Stanneries in Devonshire and Cornwall upon the hearing of the Council learned of both parties at severall dayes, and what could be alledged and shewed on either party, and upon view and hearing of the former proceedings in the Courts of the Stanneries both before and since a certaine Act of Parliament made concerning the Stanneries in \* 50 E. 3.

Term. Mich.  
4 Jac. Regis.

\* See this Act of Parliament hereafter in this Chapter.

First, we are of opinion, that as well Blowers as all other labourers and workers (without fraud or covine) in or about the Stanneries in Cornwall and Devon, are to have the priviledge of the Stanneries during the time that they do work there.

Secondly, that all matters and things concerning the Stanneries, or depending upon the same, are to be heard and determined in those Courts according to the custome of the same time out of minde of man used.

Thirdly, that all transitory actions between Tynner and Tynner, or Worker and Worker (though the cause be Collaterall, and not pertaining to the Stannery) may be heard and determined within the Courts of the Stanneries according to the custome of the said Courts, albeit the cause of Action did rise in any place out of the Stanneries, if the defendant be found within the Stannery; or may be sued at the Common law at the election of the plaintiffe. But if the one party only be a Tinner or Worker, and the cause of Action being transitory and collaterall to the Stannery do rise out of the said Stanneries, then the defendant may by the custome and usage of those Courts plead to the jurisdiction of the Court, that the cause of action did rise out of the Stanneries, and the jurisdiction of those Courts, which by the custome of the Court he ought to plead in proper person upon oath. And if such plea to the jurisdiction be not allowed, then a Prohibition in that case is to be granted. And if in that case the defendant do come to plead to the jurisdiction of the Court upon his oath, he ought not to be arrested eundo, redeundo, vel morando, at the suit of any subject in any Corporation, or other place where the said Courts of the Stannery shall be then holden.

Fourthly, if the defendant may pleade to the jurisdiction of the Court in the case before mentioned, and will not, but plead and admit the jurisdiction of the Court, and judgement is given, and the body of the defendant taken in execution; the party cannot by law have any action of false imprisonment, but the execution is good by the custome of that Court. But if in that case it doth appear by the plaintiffes owne shewing, that the contract or cause of action was made or did rise out of the Stanneries, and the jurisdiction of those Courts, or if it appear by the condition of the bond whereupon the action is grounded, that the condition was to be performed in any place out of the jurisdiction of those Courts, then all the proceedings in such cases upon such matter apparent, are coram non Judice.

Fifthly, we are of opinion, that no man ought to demurre in that Court for want of form, but only for substance of matter. As if an action be brought there for words which will bear no action, or an action of debt upon a contract against Executors or Administrators, or such like; In such cases a demurrer may be upon the matter. And that the proceedings there must be according to the custome of those Courts used time out of minde of man: for that no Writ of Error doth lye upon any judgement given there, but the remedy given to the party grieved is by appeal, as hath been time out of minde of man accustomed.

Sixthly, that the Courts of the Stannery have not any jurisdiction for any cause of action that is locall, rising out of the Stanneries.

Seventhly, that the priviledge of the workers in the Stanneries do not extend to any cause of action that is locall rising out of the Stanneries (for matters of life, member, and plea of land are by expresse words excepted in their Charters) and no man can be exempt from justice.

Vide lib. Intr. Coke fo. 467, tit, Prohibition, & fo. 23, 293, b, in Error. Vide Fleta lib. 6, cap. 7, § *Servitia vero*.

Such Charters, Records, and Acts of Parliament as we have observed concerning the Stannery, we will according as we have done throughout this Treatise recite in serie temporis.

Johannes dei gratia Rex Angliæ, &c. Sciatis quod intuitu Dei, & pro salute animæ nostræ dedimus & concessimus, ac præsentī carta nostra confirmavimus Deo, & Ecclesiæ beati Petri Exon', & venerabili patri \* Simoni Exon' Episcopo & successoribus suis Exon' Episcopis Decimam de antiqua firma Stanni in com' Devon' & Cornub. Habendum sibi & successoribus suis cum omnibus libertatibus & liberis consuetudinibus ad eam pertinentibus per manus illius vel illorum qui Stannariam habuerint in custodia, &c.

Rex Roberto de Courtney Salutem. Mandamus vobis quod sine dilatione & difficultate aliqua habere faciatis \* Isabellæ Reginæ matri nostræ Stannariam com' Devon' cum Cuneo & omnibus pertinent'. Teste Com' Marechalco, &c.

<sup>a</sup> Rex concessit Johanni filio Ricī Stannariam in Cornubia, reddendo mille marcas. Simile Anno 5 H. 3. Rot. finium.

<sup>b</sup> Rex, &c. Sciatis quod commisimus Ricō dilecto fratri nostro Stannariam nostram Cornubiæ cum omnibus pertin', &c.

<sup>c</sup> There be two severall Charters of liberties and priviledges both bearing date 10 Aprilis Anno 33 E. 1. the one made ad emendationem Stannariarum nostrarum in Com' Devon', and the other ad emendationem Stannariarum nostrarum in Com' Cornubiæ, <sup>d</sup> which you may read at large in Pl. Com. These Charters were allowed in Anno 35 E. 1.

<sup>e</sup> The Charter of 33 E. 1. was confirmed to the Tynners of Devon', de verbo in verbum, and the like in 1 E. 3. and 17 E. 3.

<sup>f</sup> Vide Rot. Almanax. Anno 12 E. 3. part. 1. nu. 17. An Ordinance of the King by advice of his Councell concerning Lynne.

A Lease made to Tideman de Linberghe de Cunagio Stannetiæ & de emptione totius Stanni in Com' Devon' & Cornub' pro fine mille marcarum & 3500. marcarum redditus. These were things done de facto, but let us turn our selves to that, which hath the force of a law, viz. <sup>h</sup> An excellent declaration, limitation and Exposition of the said Charters of 33 E. 1. that was made in the Parliament holden in An. 50 E. 3. by authority of the same, but never printed, (which we have set down in hæc verba, to the end that no syllable of the same should be omitted) it is enacted as followeth.

*A tres excellent & tres redout Seignour le roy, supplie sa poure Commune del County de Devonshire que luy please per l'avys des Prelats, Countees, Barons, & autres sages in cest present Parliament ordeiner remedie de ceo que les Esteynors, & les Ministres del Esteynery del dit County ont long temps a la dit Commune sibien as seigneurs come as autres fait, & sont de jour in autre diverses extortions, oppressions & grievances per colour de les Franchises a eux grantes per les Chartres nostre seigneur le roy, & de ses progenitors encontre la ley & le purport des ditz Chartres, & per leur malveis interpretation dicelles: & que les ditz Chartres & les Franchises comprises en ycelles puissent leuz et declarez d' article en article si q. la Cōmune du dit county puissent estre apries droiturement d' ycelles, & que cest declaration soit mys en record. Et si nul article y soit en les ditz Chartres que touche customes ou usages, que plese a nostredit seignieur le Roy d' ordeiner & mander en breif temps suffisants Justices seignours & autres apries de la ley a celles parties denquirer des dites customes & usages, & quils eyent poyur d' oyer & terminer tous les conspiracies, confederations, alliaunces, champerties, extortions, oppressions, grievances, fauxines & maintenances qu' eux les ditz Esteynors & leur Ministres ont fait a la dite Cōmune, ou a nul de eux qui plendre se vorra, & ce auxi bien al suit le roy, come de la party entendants que le roy nostre seig-*

In Registro Episcopi Exon.

\* This was Simō de Apalia, first Dean of York, & consecrate Bishop. 8 Johan. 10 E. 2 Inquis. 2. nu. 29. Rot. Pat. 1 H. 3. m. 4.

\* She was the daughter of Aymer Earl of Angouleme.

<sup>a</sup> Rot. fin. 4 H. 3. <sup>b</sup> Rot. Pat. 10 H. 3. m. 9.

<sup>c</sup> Rot. Pat. 33 E. 1. The liberties and priviledges of the Tynners.

<sup>d</sup> Pl. Cō. 327, 328. <sup>e</sup> 35 E. 1. in the Treasury.

<sup>f</sup> Rot. Pat. 4 E. 2. <sup>g</sup> 12 E. 3. part. 1. nu. 17.

Rot. Pat. 21 E. 3. Vide Rot. Pat. 26 Apr. Anno 7 E. 6. Gilbert Brockhouse.

<sup>h</sup> Rot. Pat. 50 E. 3. holden the Monday after the Feast of S. Gregory.



*nior ent gaignera molt, & d'autre parte se remede ne lour y soit ore fait ilz ferront en breife temps pur lagreinder party disherites & destruitz a toutz jours, que Dieu ne voilla. Letenour d'ascuns des articles de les dites Chartres que lour besoignent de declaration sensuent cy apres premerement, Cest assavoir.*

Sciatis nos ad emendationem Stannar' nostr' in Com' Devon' ad tranquillitatem & utilitatem Stannatorum nostrorum prædictorum eandem concessisse pro nobis & hæredibus nostris, quod omnes Stannatores præd' operantes in Stannariis illis quæ sunt dominica nostra, dum operantur in eisdem Stannariis liberi sint & quieti de Placitis Nativorum, & de omnibus Placitis & querelis Curiam nostram & hæredum nostrorum qualitercunque rangentibus, Ita quod non respondeant coram aliquibus Justiciariis vel Ministris nostris seu hæredum nostrorum de aliquo Placito seu querela infra prædict' Stannarias emergentibus, nisi coram Custode nostro Stannariarum nostrarum prædictarum qui pro tempore fuerit, (exceptis placitis terræ, vitæ, & membrorum) nec non recedant ab operationibus suis per summonitionem aliqujus ministrorum nostrorum seu hæredum nostrorum, nisi per summonitionem dicti custodis nostri. Et quod quieti sint de omnibus tallagiis, theoloniis, stallagiis, auxiliis & aliis custumis quibuscunque in Villis, Portubus, Feriis & Mercatis infra Com' prædictum de bonis suis propriis, &c.

*Sur quoy plese declarer si autres persones que les Estainors overants in les Estayneries averont & emoyeron la Franchise grante per la dite Chartre du roy desicome la dite Chartre voet, quod omnes Stannatores prædicti operantes in Stannariis illis sint liberi, &c. Et auters persones que les overours, cest assavoir leurs maîtres que les lovent & leurs servants & autres claymont mesme la Franchise. Et auxint plese declarer si les ditz overors y averont les Franchises en autre temps que quant ilz overont in mesme l'Esteynery, desicome la Chartre voet dum operantur in eisdem Stannariis liberi sint, &c.*

*Endroit de les dites paroles. Operantes in Stannariis illis, & dum operantur in eisdem Stannariis, soient clerement entendus, de operariis laborantibus duntaxat in Stannariis illis sine fraude & dolo, & non de aliis, nec alibi laborantibus.*

*Item soit declare si mesmes les overours averont mesme les Franchises tant come ils averont aillors que in les desmesnes que feurent au Roy laiell nostre Seignior le Roy que ore est. La quel Roy Ayell lour grantast la dite Chartre autemps del dit grant des Franchises desicome la Chartre voet, quod omnes Stannatores prædicti operantes in Stannariis illis quæ sunt dominica nostra, dum operantur in eisdem Stannariis sint liberi, &c. Et ilz claymont d'avoir tout soit il ainsi quils overont aillors qu'en les dites desmesnes le roy layel.*

*Endroit de cest article pur ce que il y a une autre article en mesme le Chartre, que lour donne conge & licence de fover, In terris, moris, & vastis ipsius domini regis & aliorum quorumcunque in Com' prædicto, & aquas, & cursus aquarum ad operationes Stannariarum prædictarum divertere ubi & quotiens opus fuerit, & emere buscum ad functuram Stanni, sicut antiquitus fieri consuevit, sine impedimento domini regis, hæredum suorum, Episcoporum, Abbatum, Comitum, Baronum, seu*

feu aliorum quorumcunque, &c. Il semble un besoignable chose en ce case que lour custumes & usages soient diligemment enquiz, & que le Gardein de de Lesteynerie soit charge que il ne soeffre nul overour del dit Esteynerie fover en prees, ne autry boys, ne ve abate autry boys ou autry measons, ne bestover eave ou cours de eave per malice. Et si per case le dit gardein se y vorra excuser que les dits Esteynors ny voillent obeire a ses maundements, ne cesser lour malice pur luy que tant tost il se face monstrer al grand conseil le roy, & due & hastive remedy ent serra ordeignes.

Item soit declares in speciall comen les Justices quore serront assignes d'aller celles Marchers pur ent faire la dite enquerre prendront lissue du pais si ascun y chiete entre parties, & coment ceste article precedont touchant les custumes & usages estoit uses devant la fesaunce de la dit Chartre l' aiel, & per queux gents tielle issue serra tries, cest a s'avoit le quel per foreins solement, ou per Estaynors seulement, ou per ambideux, &c.

Endroit de cest article, en soit la vyz pris du grant conseil & y soient les records en Eyre si nulles y soient, & autres evidences & remembrances deins le tresory le roy & aillours, et auxint les remembrances des seigniors queux y ont estre pur le temps serches et duement examinees, & auxint soient les livres et evidences quelles les dits Estaynors ent ont envers eux venes & regardes, isint que le y purra le mieltz venir al droit verity.

Item soit declare si le Gardein del Estayner y puisse tenir plee entre Esteynor & forein de querele sourdant aillours que in les lieux ou ilz sont overants desicome la Chartre voet, quod custos noster predictus vel ejus locum teneat omnia placita inter Stannatores predictos emergent' & etiam inter ipsos & alios forinsecos de omnibus transgressionibus, querelis, & contractibus factis in locis in quibus operantur infra Stannarias predictas similiter emergent', &c. Quar' il tient plee de tieux quereles sourdants chascune parte deins la dit counte.

Endroit de cest article. Se ont extende la jurisdiction clerement selon les paroles del dit Chartre, cest a s'avoit, In locis ubi iidem operarii operantur, & nemi aillours, ne en autre manner.

Item plese declarer de ceo que la dite Chartre voet ainsi. Et si qui Stannatorum predictorum in aliquo deliquerint per quod incarcerari debeant per custodem predictum arrestentur, & in prisona nostra de Leidford & non alibi detineantur, quousque secundum legem & consuetudine regni nostri deliberentur. Et en cest case que Esteynor soit prise pur felony & liverex au Gardein, il est suffert sovent aller a large de quoy grand perill, a vient moult de fois & aussi de ceo que la deliverance del dit Gaole nest passe fait une foitz en dis ans. Et que pis est per colour de mesme ceste article le dit Gardein prent hors d'autre prison les emprisonnes pur arrerages sur accompts, & les mette a Lydeford ou ilz sont in tant fovoires quilz my font force de jamais fair gree a lour seigniors.

Endroit de ceste article en soit enquiz diligemment devant les Justices que ore y serront proschement assignes denquerre per quelle authority ilz y fait ainsi de puis que en mesme la Chartre sont exceptes per speciall touz plees de terre & de vie, & de membre, & celle enqueste retourne soit declare en especiall sil busoigne.

And according to this Act a Commission issued out in these words.

lectis & fidelibus suis \* Guidoni de Brian & Johanni de Montague, Roberto de Belknap, Hugoni de Segrave, Henrico Perchaie, & Waltero de Clopton, Salutem. Cum dominus Edwardus quondam rex Anglia Avus noster per Cartam suam quam confirmavimus ad emendationem Stannariarum suarum in Com' Devon' ad tranquillitatem, & utilitatem Stannatorum suorum eandem concesserit pro se & heredibus suis, quod omnes Stannatores predicti operantes in Stannariis illis qua fuerunt dominica sua, dum operentur in eisdem Stannariis essent liberi et quieti de omnibus Placitis Nativorum, & de omnibus Placitis & querelis curiam suam & heredum suorum qualitercunque tangentibus: Ita quod non responderent coram aliquibus Justiciariis vel ministris ipsius Avi nostri vel heredum suorum de aliquo Placito vel querela infra predictas Stannarias emergent' nisi coram custode Stannariarum predictarum qui pro tempore fuerit: (exceptis Placitis terra, vite, & membrorum,) nec recederent ab operationibus suis per summonitionem aliquorum ministrorum dicti Avi nostri seu heredum suorum nisi per summonitionem communem dicti Custodis, & quod quieti essent de omnibus tallagiis, theloniis, auxiliis, stallagiis, & aliis custumis quibuscunque in Villis, Portibus, Feciis & Mercatis infra Com' predictum de bonis suis propriis. Concesserit etiam eisdem Stannatoribus quod fodere possunt Stannum & turbas ad stannum fundendum ubique in terris, moris & vastis suis et aliorum quorumcunque in Com' predicto, & aquas, & cursus aquarum ad operationes Stannariarum predictarum divertere, ubi et quoties opus fuerit, et eizare buscama ad functuram Stanni sicut antiquitus fieri consuevit, sine impedimento ipsius Avi nostri vel heredum suorum, Episcoporum, Abbatum, Priorum, Comitum, Baronum, seu aliorum quorumcunque. Et quod custos predictus vel ejus locum tenens teneat omnia Placita inter Stannatores predictos emergentia, et etiam inter ipsos et alios forinsecos de omnibus transgressionibus, querelis & contractibus factis in locis in quibus operentur infra Stannarias predictas similiter emergent', & quod idem custos haberet plenam potestatem ad Stannatores predictos & alios forinsecos in hujusmodi Placitis justiciandi & partibus Justiciam faciend' prout justum, & prius in Stannariis illis fuisset usitatum. Et si qui Stannatorum predictorum in aliquo delinquant per quod incarcerari deberent, per custodem predictum arrestarentur, & in prisona de Lydeford, et non alibi custodirentur, & delivrentur, quousque secundum legem et consuetudinem regni Anglia deliberarentur. Et si aliqui Stannatorum predictorum super aliquo facto infra Com' predictum non tangente Stannarias predictas se posuerint in Inquisitionem patria, una medietas Furatorum Inquisitionis hujusmodi esset de Stannatoribus predictis, & alia medietas de forinsecis. Et de facto totaliter tangente Stannarias predictas fierent inquisitiones sicut fieri consueverint, sicut per inspectionem rotulorum Cancellariae nostrae nobis constat. Ac etiam ex clamosa insinuatione tam magnatum quam Communitat' Com' predicti in presenti Parlamento nostro graviter conquerentium ad nostrum pervenerit auditum, quod Stannatores predicti ac officarii, baliivi & ministri dicti Stannariae Cartam predictam pro libito sua voluntatis interpretantes, & debitum intellectum ejusdem Cartae pervertentes, & etiam excedentes, ac quidam alii in magno numero asserentes se fore Stannatores cum non fuerint, habitis inter eos conspirationibus, confederationibus, & alligantiis, quamplurima extorsiones, oppressiones, falsitates, deceptiones, Cambi-

\* These two former were Barons and Lords of Parliament, and sat in the last Parliament of 50 E. 3.

Pleas of land, life and member are excepted.

*partias, ambidextras, manutentionias, transgressiones, damna, gravamina et excessus diversis subditis nostris dicti Com' colore Carta supradicta per plures vices fecerant, et indies facere non desistant in nostri contemptum & ipsorum conquerentium grave præjudicium, dicti Com' verisimilem destructionem & everisionem manifestam. Nos affectantes singulos subditos nostros sub quieto & debito regimine gubernare, & nolentes tanta maleficia, si per predicti Stannatores, Officiarios, Ballivos vel Ministros, aut alios quoscunque perpetrata existunt, aliquantulum transire impunita; Assignavimus vos, quinque, quatuor, tres et duos vestrum, (quorum vos præfat' Robert' unum esse volumus) Justiciarios nostros ad inquirendum per sacramentum proborum & legalium hominum de Com' predicti tam infra libertates quam extra, per quos rei veritas melius sciri poterit, & aliis viis & modis quibus melius fore videritis de quibuscunque conspirationibus, confederationibus, alligantiis, extortionibus, oppressionibus, falsitatibus, deceptionibus, cambipartiis, ambidextris, manutentioniis, transgressionibus, damnis, gravaminibus & excessibus per quoscunque Stannatores vel alios in Com' predicti factis, & per quos, vel per quem, quibus personis, ubi & quibus temporibus. qualiter & quomodo, et de aliis articulis & circumstantiis præmissa qualitercunque tangentibus plenius veritatem; & ad præmissa omnia & singula tam ad sectam nostram quam dictorum conquerentium & eorum singulorum & aliorum quorumcunque pro nobis, aut pro seipsis prosequi volentium, audiend' & terminand' secundum legem & consuetudinem regni nostri Angliæ: Salvis semper dictis Stannatoribus libertatibus & privilegiis eis per Cartam predictam concessis. Et ideo vobis mandamus quod ad certos diem & loca quos vos, quinque, quatuor, tres vel duo vestrum (quorum vos præfat' Robert' unum esse volumus) ad hoc provideritis diligenter super præmissa faciatis inquisitiones, & conspirationes, confederationes, alligantias, extortiones, oppressiones, falsitates, deceptiones, cambipartias, ambidextras, manutentionias, transgressiones, damna, gravamina, & excessus predicta audiat' & terminet' in forma predicta, facturi inde quod ad justitiam pertinet, secundum legem & consuetudinem regni nostri Angliæ. Salvis nobis amerciamenis & aliis ad nos inde spectantibus. Mandavimus enim Vic' Com' predicti quod ad certos diem & loca quos vos, quinque, quatuor, tres vel duo vestrum (quorum vos præfat' Robert' unum esse volumus) ei scire fac', Venire fac' coram vobis quinque, quatuor, tres vel duobus vestrum tot & tales probos & legales homines de baliva sua tam infra libertates quam extra, per quos rei veritas melius sciri poterit & inquire. In cujus rei testimonium has literas nostras fieri fecimus patentes. Teste me ipso apud Westm' Sexto die Julii, Anno regni nostri Angliæ 50. Regni vero nostri Franciæ 37. Per consilium in Parlamento.*

**But what was done upon this Commission we have not yet found.**

Rot. Pat. 8 R. 2.

The said Charter of 33 E. 1. to the Tynners of Cornwall was confirmed.

Rot. Pat. Anno

1 E. 4.

Rot. Pat. 3 H. 7.

And the Charter of 33 E. 1. to the Tynners of Devon was also confirmed.

The like confirmation to the Tynners of Devon.

See the statute of 11 H. 7. cap. 4. concerning Tynage and Weights.

Mich. 4 Jac. In  
Camera Stellata.

It was resolved by the whole Court that Stannum, Tyn, otherwise white-lead, nor black lead, nor any other base metall did belong to the King by his Prerogative, as gold and silver doe, albeit there may be tried out of the base metall

metall gold or silver, but that is as the seed or strength of the base metall, which being extracted becomes defectiue.

There be fve kindes of base metalls, viz. *Æs*, five Cuprum (because it was found out, as some hold, in Cypro) Copper, Stannum Lynne, Ferrum Iron, Plumbum Lead, & Orichalcum Latyn. Polybius 209 years before Christ wrote that this Island was abundantly stored with Lynne. *Britanni qui juxta \* Belemurium promontorium incolunt mercatorum usu, qui eo Stanni gratia navigant, humaniores; reliquis erga hospites habentur, hii ex terra saxosa cujus venas sectati effodiunt Stannum igne eductum in quendam Insulam ferunt Britannicam juxta, quam Vectam vocant: Ex hiis Insulis mercatores emptu stannum in Galliam portant inde diebus fere triginta cum equis ad fontem Eridani fluminis perducunt.*

Polybius lib. 3.  
Plinius lib. ca. 8, 9  
Diodorus Siculus lib. 5. ca. 8. fo. 142  
floruit sub Augusto.  
\* Aut Vecta, i. the Cape of Cornwall.

See D. Camden, pa. 134. in Cornwall.

And so, as much as Lynne is a Staple commodity, let us in the next place treat of the Court of the Mayor of the Staple.

CAP. XLVI.

The Court of the Mayor of the Staple.

**T**his Court is guided by the Law Merchant, which is the law of the Staple, and is holden at the Wool-staple at Westm. And there are also two Constables, <sup>a</sup> and a certain number of Correctors to do that which pertaineth to their Office, as in other Staples is accustomed.

<sup>a</sup> 27 E. 3. cap. 22.  
See the first part of the Institutes, Sect. 3. ver b. in la ley. m.  
27 E. 3. cap. 19.

This Court (though it was far more ancient) is strengthened and warranted by Act of Parliament which can best expresse the jurisdiction thereof, and followeth in these words.

*Item*, because the Staples cannot long continue, nor the Ordinances thereof made and to be made be kept, if good executors and Justices be not stablished to make thereof good and ready execution: We have ordained and established, that in every Towne where the Staple is ordained, a Mayor, good, lawfull, and sufficient shall be made and established, having knowledge of the Law Merchant, to governe the Staple, and to doe right to every man after the law aforesaid, without favour, sparing, or grieffe doing to any. And in every place where the Staple is, shall be two covenable Constables now at his beginning put by us, to do that pertaineth to their office, as in other Staples is accustomed; and when they shall be dead or changed, then other shall be chosen by the Comminalty of the Merchants of the said places. And that no Major hold the Office over the year, unlesse he be newly chosen by the Comminalty of the Merchants, as well of Strangers, as of Denizens. And that the said Mayor and Constables have power to keep the peace, and to arrest offenders in the Staples for debt, trespassse, or other contract, and them to put in prison, and punish after the law of the Staple. And a prison shall be ordained for the safe keeping of them that so shall be imprisoned. And the Mayors, Sheriffs, and Bailiffs of the Townes, where the Staple is, or joyning to the Staple, shall be attending to the Mayor and Ministers of the Staple to do execution of their commandments upon pain of grievous forfeiture: and one Lord or other of the most sufficient in the Country where the Staple is, shall be assigned to

27 E. 3. Stat. 2. c. 21

¶ *The Jurisdiction.*

The Law Merchant.

be aide to the Mayor and Ministers of the Staple to justifie the Rebels, which by the said Mayor and Ministers cannot be justified, and to maintain and counsell them when need shall be to the good governance of the Staple, and to redresse at every mans complaint that that shall be done amisse by the said Mayor or Ministers, or other, and to do right to the complainants in this behalfe. And that the same Mayor and Constables do not, nor ordaine any thing contrary to this Ordinance, nor make interpretation nor exception to them otherwise then the words do purport, but if there be any thing that is doubted, it shall be shewed to our Councell, and there declared by good advice.

a 36 E. 3. cap. 7.  
Rot. Par. 6 H. 6.  
nu. 29.

<sup>a</sup> See the statute of 36 E. 3. cap. 7. That Merchant strangers may either sue before the Mayor of the Staple according to the law Merchant, or at the Common law.

b 28 E. 3. ca. 15.  
*The bounds of  
the Staple.*

<sup>b</sup> The bounds of the Staple at Westm. begin at Temple Bar, and extend to Lushill. In other Cities and Towns, within the walls: where no walls be, the bounds of the Staple shall extend through all the City or Town.

c 27 E. 3. ca. 8.  
28 E. 3. ca. 13.  
Rot. Cart.

<sup>c</sup> See 27 E. 3. how trial shall be had per medietatem linguæ: & vide 11 E. 1. Cart. Mercator.

d 27 E. 3. cap. 9.  
F. N. B. 131. d.  
Pl. com. 63. b.

<sup>d</sup> See the statute of 27 E. 3. that the Mayor of the Staple may take Recognisances of debt under the seal of the Office, but not with the seal of the party, and how execution shall be done thereupon.

e 15 H. 7. 16.  
Fleta lib. 2. ca. 57.  
See 5 H. 4. ca. 12.  
e 23 H. 8. cap. 6.

<sup>e</sup> The Mayor of the Staple at Westm. and the Recorder of the City of London, in the absence of the two Chief Justices, out of Term have power to take Recognisances of debts according to the form of the statute of 23 H. 8. And this is in nature of a statute staple, but it hath besides the seal of those that take it, the seal of the party.

f 27 E. 3. cap. 23.

<sup>f</sup> The Mayor and the Constables shall be sworn in the Chancery to do lawfully that which pertain unto them.

g 8 H. 6. cap. 17.

<sup>g</sup> There are Five Staple merchandises of England, viz. Wooll, Woolfels, Leather, Lead, and Tynne.

h 27 E. 3. cap. 8.  
Dier 4. Mar. 144.  
i Vid. Cart. Mercator. ubi sup.  
Merchants as well Strangers as Subjects and Merchandize.  
k Able to furnish the King with money.  
Rot. Parl. 7 E. 4. nu. 9.  
12 E. 4. nu. 59.  
Rot. Parl. 9 R. 2. nu. 4.  
l Original. de Scac.  
7 E. 3. Rot. 9.

<sup>h</sup> This word Staple, anciently wrytten <sup>h</sup> Estaple, cometh of the French word Estape, which signifieth a Part or Market. So as the Court of the Staple is, as much to say, as the Court in the Staple Market, and is incident to that Market, and it was oftentimes kept at Callice, and sometimes in Bridges in Flanders, and at Antwerpe, Middleburgh, &c. (and therefore it was necessary that this Court should be governed by law Merchant) and at severall times in many places within England, and now (as hath been said) is kept at Westm.

<sup>i</sup> The use for this word Staple, Stapula, as Major Stapulæ, Statutum Stapulæ, &c. And we may truly say that we have but umbratilem Stapulā, which in times past was so renowned & beneficiall, <sup>k</sup> as it enriched every place where it was holden, and it was commonly said, that riches followed the Staple.

<sup>l</sup> See the statute of 2 E. 3. cap. 9. and a Writ thereupon. 7 E. 3. in Scaccario, Et Original de Scaccario Anno 12 E. 3. Rot. 2. ibid. 13 E. 3. Rot. 12. & Rot. Parl. 15 E. 3. 2 part. See the Statute of the staple Anno 27 E. 3. through all the Chapters, 36 E. 3. cap. 7, 28 E. 3. cap. 13, 14, 43 E. 3. ca. 1. 12 R. 2. cap. 16,

## CAP. XLVII.

Of the legal Courts and their jurisdictions within  
the Principality of Wales.

**T**his Principality consisteth of 12 Counties, whereof 6, viz. Anglisea, Carnarvan, Perioneth, Flint, Carmorthen, and Cardigan were created by the Act intituled Statutum Walliæ Anno 12 E. 1. <sup>b</sup> and the rest by the Statute of 27 H. 8.

Wallia, Wales, so called by the Saxons *Brytwealas*, unde Wallenses, <sup>c</sup> Walli, *i. exteri seu peregrini*: and the Britons call Englishmen to this day *Saisons*: these are of the posterity of the ancient Britons inhabiting on the West part of great Britany. This was sometime <sup>d</sup> a Realm or Kingdome and governed per suos regulos, <sup>e</sup> Rex E dedit Regi Griffino totam terram quæ jacebat trans aquâ quæ vocatur <sup>f</sup> Sed postquam ipse Griffin forisfecit ei, abstulit ab eo hanc terram, & reddidit Episcopo Cestræ & omnibus suis hominibus, qui ante ipsam tenebant.

<sup>g</sup> By force of a Commission directed to divers discreet and learned men as well English as Welsh, viz. Griffith ap Lluellin, Gitten Owen, John King and others, it was found that Owen ap Meredith ap Theodore which married Katherine daughter of France and Dowager of King H. 5, was lineally descended from <sup>h</sup> Cadwallader King of the Britains, and gave the Armes of the Princes of Wales.

And here we are justly occasioned to discover the error of those that have given to our late Sovereign Lady Queen Elizabeth, of ever glorious and blessed memory, the surname of Tydur, and consequently to her Grandfather, Father, Brother, and Sister: which whether it were out of ignorance or malice some do question, because if she had any surname at all it was Theodore and not Tydur, which is a nick or by-name. But we rather take it to grow out of ignorance, for that in truth she had no surname at all: for this Owen her Ancestor had no surname: and therefore was called Owen ap Meredith, that is the sonne of Meredith, ap Theodore, (the sonne of Theodore) ap Grono, &c. All which were Christian names: so as they should rather have called her Elizabeth Owen, his own name, or Elizabeth Meredith, his fathers name, then Theodore his Grandfathers Christian name: but Almighty God would not suffer her to have a surname, because by his grace and goodnesse she should deserve for her Imperiall vertues to be called <sup>i</sup> Elizabeth the Great.

<sup>k</sup> But jure feodali the kingdom of Wales was holden of the Crown of England, & thereby as Bracton saith, was sub potestate regis. And so it continued until the 11 year of the reign of King E. 1. when he subdued the Prince of Wales rising against him, and executed him for treason, whereof Fleta who lived in those dayes speaketh thus. Et unico malefactori plura poterunt infligi tormenta, sicut contigit de Davide Principe Walliæ cum per Edwardum quinque judiciis mortalius torquebatur, suis namq; meritis exigentibus, detractus, suspensus, dismembratus fuit & combustus, cujus caput principali Civitati, quatuorq; quarteria ad quatuor partes regni in odium tradit' deserebatur suspendend'.

<sup>m</sup> The next year viz. in the 12 year of King E. 1. by authority of Parliament it is declared thus, speaking in the person of the King (as ancient statutes were

(who wrote *tempore* H. 3.) lib. 5. fo. 395. b. Fleta lib. 1. cap. 16. 10 H. 4. fo. 6. acc. Pl. com. 129. 2. 5. Diet 3. Mariæ 11. 3. in Statutum Walliæ Anno 12 E. 1. Vid. 10 H. 4. fo. 6.

Sec IV. 1. cap. 17 the second part of the Institutes, pa. 195.

Stat. Walliæ Anno 12 E. 1. in vet. Mag. Ca. 1. part 2. fo. 3.

<sup>b</sup> 27 H. 8. ca. 26.

34 H. 8. cap. 26.

<sup>c</sup> Lamb. Verb. Wallus.

15 E. 3. Record.

38 & tic. Error.

2 H. 5. cap. 6.

19 H. 6. fo. 12.

<sup>d</sup> Realine from the French word *Royaume*, and both à *Regno*.

<sup>e</sup> Domesday in Com. Cestr. Ep. Cestr.

<sup>f</sup> Domesday in

Com. Hereford.

Rex in Arenfield.

Rex Griffin &

Ble vastaverunt

hanc terram T. E.

Quandoque Rex

Griffin nominatur

Rex Mariadoc

g Rot. pat. Anno

7 H. 7.

<sup>h</sup> Cadwallader

King of the Britains

Mat. Parker

Archiep. M. S.

<sup>i</sup> This blessed

Queen reigned

the years of Aug-

ustus, and lived

the age of David,

a King elder

then a y King or

Queen since the

Conquest, and

yet had *vegetum*

*corpus* & *viridum*

*ingenium*.

<sup>k</sup> Lib. 7. fo. 21. b.

in Calvins case.

Tr. 5 E. 3. 40.

alic. Bracton

\* Note, divers Monarchs hold their Kingdome of others *jure feodali*. As the Duke of Lumbirdy, Ciccil, Naples, and Bohemia of the Empire. Granada, Leons of Aragon. Navarre, Portugal, of Castile. And so others. Dorf. Claus.

15 E. 2. m. 13. De Wallensibus ad Parl. apud Eborum venire fac' viz. 24 de discretioribus, legalioribus & validioribus hominibus de partibus Southwalliæ, & 24 de partibus Northwalliæ.

Rot. Claus. 20 E. 2. m. 3 accord.

21 Jac. ca. 28. b. 27 H. 8. ca. 26.

34 H. 8. ca. 26.

37 H. 8. ca. 26.

18 Eliz. cap. 7.

c The twelve Counties of Wales.

d Trin. 34 Eliz. in the case of Morgan of the report of the Chief Justice Popham.

So it was resolved by divers Justices in Hil. 5 Jac. Regis.

21 Jac. regis c. 10

Hil. 5 Jac.

Rot. Claus. Anno 20 E. 2. m. 3.

wont to do) Divina providentia, quæ in sua dispositione non fallitur, inter alia suæ dispensationis munera, quibus nos & regnum nostram Angliæ decorari dignata est, terram Walliæ cum Incolis suis prius nobis \* jure feodali subjectam jam sui gratia in proprietatis nostræ dominium, obstaculis quibuscunque cessantibus, totaliter & cum integritate convertit & coronæ regni prædicti, tanquā partem corporis ejusdem annexit & univit. Yet this wise and warlike nation was long after this not satisfied nor contented, and especially, for that they truly and constantly took part with their rightfull Sovereigne and Itege Lord King Richard the Second; In revenge whereof they had many severe and inbeative lawes made against them in the reigns of H. 4. H. 5. &c. All which as unjust are repealed and abrogated. And to say the truth, this Nation was never in quiet, untill King H. 7. their own country man obtained the Crown. <sup>b</sup> And yet not so really reduced in his time, as in the reign of his sonne King H. 8. in whose time by certain just lawes made at the humble suit of the Subjects of Wales, the Principality and Dominion of Wales was incorporated and united to the Realm of England; and enacted that every one bozn in Wales should enjoy the Liberties, rights, and lawes of this Realm, as any subjects naturally bozn within this Realm should have and inherit, and that they should have Knights of Shires and Burgeses of Parliament, &c. By the which the jurisdiction of the legall Courts are thereby so perfectly and plainly established and declared, and their proceedings to be according to the lawes and customes of England, as we have thought good to refer the judicious reader to those Acts of Parliament without recitall of them, where he shall find the excellent venerable variety of Seats and Courts of Justice, with their proper jurisdictions according to the lawes of England, the golden Metwand, whereby all mens causes are justly and evenly measured. Only we will adde certain things which have not been published before.

By the said statute of 34 H. 8. it is enacted that there shall be holden and kept Sessions twice every year in every of the said <sup>c</sup> twelve Shires, that is to say, Glamorgan, Brecknock, Radnor, Carmarthen, Pembroke, Cardigan, Moungomery, Denby, Flint, Carnarvan, Merioneth, and Anglese, which Sessions shall be called the Kings Great Sessions of Wales.

<sup>d</sup> A fine was levied of lands in the County of Carmarthen, and the Writ of Covenant was Coram Justiciariis nostris magna Assisa in com' Carmarthen, & because all the judicall presidents were in that forme ever since the making of the statute, it was adjudged to be good, for Communis error facit jus.

Also in the said Act of 34 H. 8. it was enacted, that the Kings most Royall Majestie should from time to time change, &c. all manner of things before in that Act rehearsed, as to his most excellent wisdom and discretion should be thought convenient, and also to make Lawes and Ordinances for the Common-wealth of his said Dominion of Wales at his Majesties pleasure, &c. And albeit the common opinion was that the same power in so high a degree of trust, as the alteration of lawes, &c. was personall to H. 8. and referred to his wisdom, discretion, and pleasure, and therefore extended not to his successors, yet for that the subjects of the Country and Dominion of Wales had been constantly loyall and obedient, and had lived in all dutifull subjection to the Crown of England, to prevent all questions and danger the said branch of the said statute of 34 H. 8. is repealed and made void.

It was resolved by all the Justices upon a reference made to them by the Lords of the Privy Councell upon consideration had upon the statutes of 34 H. 8. cap. 26. and 18 Eliz. cap. 8. that the Justices in Wales are to be constituted and made by Letters Patents, as they had been ever since the making of the statutes, and not by Commission. And upon report of their opinion to the Lord Chancellor Baron Snigge was constituted and made by Patent accordingly.

Rex dilecto & fideli suo Ricō. Damory Justiciar' suo Northwalliæ Salutem, Mandamus vobis quod habito advisamento cum illis hominibus de partibus prædictis, cum quibus melius fore videritis faciend' diversimode sine dilatione venire faciatis



faciatis ad præfens Parliamentum apud Westm. convocatum 24 homines de partibus illis tam Anglicos quam Wallenses ad consentiendum hiis quæ ibid. pro communi commodo & pace & tranquillitate regni nostri & partium præd. favente Domino contigerit ordinari, Et habeatis ibi nomina præd. 24 hominum, & hoc bñe. Teste Rege apud Kenilworth 11 Januarii Anno 20 E. 2. Rot. Claus. m. 3.

By this and others of like nature it appeareth that Welshmen were in the reigne of E. 2. E. 3. &c. called to our Parliaments.

But now seeing there be Sheriffs throughout all Wales, the Writts are directed to the Sheriffs to cause to be elected Knights, Citizens, and Burgresses, and returnable into the Chancery, where before they were returned into the Parliament.

We have seen a Charter of the Earle of Arundell proving, that by the ancient custome of Wales, females could not inherit.

Omnibus Christi fidelibus præfens scriptum inspecturis Johannes Comes Arundel & Dominus de Mautravers, Salutem in Domino. Sciatis nos prædict. Comitem ad prosecutionē & specialem supplicationem Communitatis Tenen' nostrorū tam duarū partium quam tertiæ partis Domini nostri de Osvaldestrie in Marchia Walliæ concessisse pro nobis & hæredibus nostris & per præfentes confirmasse Tenen' nostris prædict', hæred' & assign. suis, quod eorum filia pro defectu exit' masculini, ac eorum proximi consanguinei, tam masculini quam femella de cætero hæreditari valeant imperpetuum terras, tenementa & reddit' antecessorū & consanguineorum suorum ubique infra Dominium nostrum præd' eisd' modo & forma quibus utitur in communi lege Angliæ, Wallica consuetudine prius ibid. de contrario usitat' in aliquo non obstante: Salvis semper nobis & hæred' nostris heriotis, releviis, sect' cur' & al' consuetudinib' quibuscunq; de dictis terris & tenementis ante hanc nostrā concessionem nobis quomodolibet pertinent'. In cujus rei testimonium huic præfenti scrip' nostro concessionis Sigillum nostrum fecim' apponi: Hiis testibus, Willielmo Ryman, Thoma Baret, Willielmo Sideney Armigeris, Hugone Burgh, Sen' Domini nostri præd', Rich. Irlond, Hoel ap Ogn' Gouch, & aliis, Dar' in hospitio nostro London vicesimo quinto die mensis Aprilis An. regni Regis Henrici Sexti post conquestum Octavo.

At this day women are inheritable in Wales, according to the Common law in England.

\* Ordinatio de consuetudinibus Northwalliæ & Westwalliæ.

These Britons were ever lovers of the laws of England, for at the Parliament holden <sup>a</sup> in 4 H. 4. they petitioned the King, that in all cases of the Crowne throughout every Liberty in Wales the laws of England might be only used. Whereunto the King yeilded, and that his Councell should take order therein. <sup>b</sup> Quia Episcopi Wallenses ex antiqua consuetudine testamentum aliquod condere non potuerunt, Rex licentiam dedit Episcopo Bangor, quod possit condere testamentum suum non obstante quod Episcopi Wallenses ex antiqua consuetudine testamentum aliquod condere non possunt. See the Chapter of the Consistory Courts of Arch-Bishops and Bishops, fol.

<sup>c</sup> Where execution shall be made of lands in the Marches by the Sheriffs of County next adjoining, sicut solebat antiquitus. See the Record at large.

<sup>d</sup> Assach is a British word and signifieth a custome in Wales, which was to excuse one of the death of a man by the oath of 300 men. But this strange kinde of excuse or acquittal is abrogated by statute.

<sup>e</sup> There was also a certain trial in Wales called a Rayche, but that is also abrogated.

<sup>29</sup> E. 2. ca. 2. <sup>5</sup> E. 3. fo. 30. <sup>45</sup> E. 3. bñe 588. <sup>21</sup> H. 3. bñe 881. simile. <sup>d</sup> 1 H. 5. cap. 6. <sup>e</sup> 6 H. 6. nu. 33.

<sup>12</sup> were English and <sup>12</sup> Welsh. Rot. Claus. <sup>15</sup> E. 2. in dor. m. 13. Wallenses vocat. ad Parliamentum.

<sup>7</sup> H. 4. cap. 15. <sup>11</sup> H. 4. cap. 1. <sup>1</sup> H. 5. cap. 1. <sup>8</sup> H. 6. cap. 7. <sup>10</sup> H. 6. cap. 2. <sup>23</sup> H. 6. cap. 15. <sup>6</sup> H. 6. cap. 4. <sup>27</sup> H. 8. cap. 26. <sup>34</sup> H. 8. cap. 26. <sup>35</sup> H. 8. cap. 11.

Marchia Walliæ.

Wallica consuetudo.

<sup>9</sup> E. 2. m. 3. <sup>a</sup> Rot. Par. 4 H. 4. nu. 100. <sup>b</sup> Rot. Par. 13 E. 1. m. 21. Vid. Hil. 20 E. 1 coram Rege. Ro. 37. 22 Wallia Pasch. 10 E. 2. coram Rege. Rot. 37. 18 E. 2. Rot. 73. Trin. 5 E. 3. Rot. 40. coram Rege. <sup>c</sup> Hil. 18 E. 2. Rot. 73. cor. rege. Gloc. 18 E. 2. aff. 382. Rot. Parl. 13 E. 1. Rot. 3. 13 E. 3. jurisdiction. 33.

## CAP. XLVIII.

The Court of the President and Councill  
in the Dominion and Principality of Wales,  
and the Marches of the same.

**L** Eaving now the Legall Courts in the Dominion of Wales, to proceed by the right rule, secundum legem & consuetudinem Angliæ, Let us speak somewhat of the Court of Equity before the President and Councill there.

Rot. Par. 16 R. 2.  
nu 44. there was  
a President of  
Wales.  
34 H. 8. cap 26.

This Court is strengthened and warranted by the statute of 34 H. 8. Ca. 26. with a reference to prescription before it, in these words.

*Item*, that there shall be, and remain a President and Councill in the said Dominion and Principality of Wales, and the Marches of the same, with all Officers, Clerks, and incidents to the same in manner & form as heretofore hath been used and accustomed: which President and Councill shall have power and authority to hear and determine by their wisdomes and discretions such causes and matters as be, or hereafter shall be assigned to them by the Kings Majesty, as heretofore hath been accustomed and used.

They sit by force of the Kings Commission and Instructions, and proceed as in a Court of Equity by their wisdomes and discretions. Herefordshire, Worcestershire, Shropshire, and Gloucestershire are included within this Commission, pretending that these Four Shires are within the Marches of Wales.

That these Four Shires are no part of the Marches of Wales, but ancient Shires of the Realm of England, appeareth by six manner of proofs.

First, by expresse Books, viz. 18 E. 2. Ass. 82. 1 E. 3. 14. in Dower. 7 E. 3. 9 E. 3. in Dower. 6 H. 4. fo. 9. in Scire fac. F. N. B. 168.

Secondly, by Acts of Parliament, viz. Prærog. regis. 17 E. 2. cap. 1. 28 E. 3. cap. 2. 2 H. 4. cap. 12. & 16. 17. 23 H. 6. cap. 5. 27 H. 6. ca. 4. 31 H. 6. ca. 4. 32 H. 8. cap. 13. 13 El cap 13.

Thirdly, by Records of Parliament. 3 R. 2. nu. 29. & 30.

Fourthly, by reason. 1. These four Shires were ancient English Shires, and governed by the laws of England, and not by discretion of the President and Councill: and this were to bring their inheritances, goods, &c. ad aliud examen. 2. At one and the same time there were in former times Earls of the Marches of Wales, and severall Earls of these four Counties, and therefore they could not be one and the same.

See before in the  
Chapter of the  
County Palatine  
of Chester. p. 212.

Fifthly, by the resolution aforesaid of those four Judges concerning Cheshire and Flintshire (which were included also within the Commission) that they were not within the Marches of Wales, and therefore out of the jurisdiction of the President and Councill, and so remain untill this day: For a Commission without an Act of Parliament cannot raise a Court of Equity, as often hath been said before.

Mich. 2 Jac. regis  
the case of Ed-  
ward Lord Zouch  
President of  
Wales.

Lastly, by the commandment of the King, all the Justices of England, and Barons of the Exchequer were assembled concerning the jurisdiction of the President and Councill of Wales, and the Marches of the same, who upon hearing of Councill learned on divers days, and upon mature deliberation resolved una voce, that the said Four Counties were not within the jurisdiction of the President and Councill. 2. That soasmuch as the President and Councill have

a limited authority if they proceed in any matter that is out of their jurisdiction either in respect of the place or of the authority limited to them, a prohibition may be granted, as to the Marshalsea and the like. Which resolution being made known to his Majesty, his Majesty was graciously pleased, that the Lord Presidents Commission should be reformed: whereupon the Lord Zouch gave over his place. And yet the Commission was not after reformed in all points, as it ought to have been.

Regist. 4 & 8.  
F.N.B. 39. b. 45. f.  
46. a. 171. 159.  
185, 186, 187.  
19 H. 6. 54.

Rodry Maure, or Rodry the great, King of Wales, son of Mersyn Fryth had issue three sons, Mervyn, Anarawd, and Cadelh. In the year wherein he died, viz. Anno dom. 877. (King Alfred, alias Alured, then reigning in England.) this great Rodry divided his Kingdome of Wales into three Principalities. The first he called Guyneth, the English North-wales, the Latinnist Venedotia. The second Principality was called Powisland, in Latin Powisia, of some West-wales, bordering upon England. The third he called Dehevbarth, the English South-wales, in Latin Demeria. The first Principality, some say, he gave to Mervyn, after others, to Anarawd. The second to Anarawd, some say, to Cadelh. The third to Cadelh, some say, to Mervyn. The first was the best, because it was the quietest. The second was often invaded and troubled by the English. Into the third often incursions were made by the English, the Norman, and the Fleming. The division of this Kingdome (howsoever it was) wrought in processe of time such a division between these Princes, as it was never quiet untill it came under one Monarch and King again: For the royall dignity of a Monarch or King, from whence all other subordinate dignities, tanquam lumen de lumine, are derived without any diminution, will suffer no division, Regia dignitas est indivisibilis; & qualibet alia derivativa dignitas est similiter indivisibilis.

This is added for the better understanding of Records and Histories concerning Wales.

The most wofull event that fell out in this Realm, when Gorbodug divided this Kingdome between his two sons, Ferrex and Porrex, and what heavy event came to passe, untill it was reduced again under one Monarch, let our Histories tell you: And letting passe others, I cannot over-passe the miserable estate with-in this Kingdome under the Heptarchy, untill all was reunited under one Sovereign. And this is the reason, that in England, Scotland, and Ireland, the royall dignity is descendible to the eldest daughter or sister, &c.

But let us look a little into sojain parts. Oedipus King of the Thebanes had issue two sons, Polynices, and Eteocles: he ordained, that after his decease, his two sons should alternatim by course, &c. reign in his Kingdome. But what was the event? Fratres de regni hereditate dissidentes singulari certamine congressi mutuis vulneribus ceciderunt. But to return again to our Wales.

See, in Theb.

It is divided from England by a ditch after the name of that King that made it, called King Offa his ditch.

Camden in the County of Radnor.

King E. 3. at the Parliament holden Anno 17. of his reign; by Charter established by Authority of Parliament, created Edward (called the black Prince) Prince of Wales in these words, De Concilio Prælatorum, Comitum, Baronum & Communium in generali Parlamento nostro apud Westm' die Lunæ in Quindena Paschæ proxime præterito convocato ipsū Edw: Principem Walliæ fecimus & creavimus, & dictum Principatum sibi dedimus & concessimus, & per Cartam nostram confirmavimus, ac ipsum de dicto Principatu, ut ibidem præficiendo præsideat, & præsidendo dictas partes dirigat & defendat, per a sertum in Capite, & anulum in digito aureum, ac b virgam argenteam investivimus juxta morem: Habendam & tenendam de nobis sibi & hæredibus suis Regibus Angliæ imperpetuum, &c. Out of this Charter we observe, that in this Creation there is a great mystery, for lesse then an estate of inheritance so great a Prince could not have, and an absolute estate of inheritance in so great a Principality as Wales, the Kings meaning was (this Principality being so dear unto him) he should not have: therefore a qualified fee therein he had in this form, sibi & hæredibus suis Regibus Angliæ. that by his decease, or attaining to the Crown this dignity might be extinguished in the Crown, to the end that the

Carta creationis Principis Walliæ Authoritate Parliamenti, Anno 17 F. 3.

a A Chapelet of gold made in form of a Garland.

b This virge, rod, or Scepter in latter creations for more honor is changed from silver to a Verge or Scepter of gold.

Sibi & hæredibus regibus Angliæ.

King

See the Princes  
case. Lib. 5.

Vide Cartā E. 3.  
dat. apud Pontem  
fract. 18 Martii.  
7 E. 3. & Hil.  
33 E. 3. irrotulat<sup>a</sup>  
in Scaccario ex  
parte Rememora-  
tor<sup>b</sup> Thesaur<sup>c</sup>. Rot.  
15. the Black  
Prince created  
Earl being three  
years old.  
<sup>d</sup> Hil. An. 20 E. 1.  
Corā rege Rot. 14.  
Walliā.  
<sup>e</sup> Commissionarii.

Inauditum est.

Irrotulatur istud  
Recordum inter  
Placita de Banco  
Term<sup>o</sup> Pasc. An.  
14 E. 1.  
<sup>a</sup> Ortelius in  
Carta antiqua  
Britannia.  
<sup>b</sup> Humph. Lloyd  
apud Ortelium  
in the same Geo-  
graph.  
<sup>c</sup> Idem in Fragm.  
Britan<sup>o</sup> Historiæ.  
<sup>d</sup> Tacitus. Vide  
supra pa 9.  
<sup>e</sup> Nota Validissi-  
mas gentes.  
<sup>f</sup> Rot. Pat. 9 E. 2.  
m. 3.  
<sup>g</sup> Lib. Intr. Co.  
fo. 549, 550.

King for the time being should ever have the honor and power to create his heir apparant Prince of Wales, as he himself had been by his Progenitor. But otherwise it is in case of the Duchy of Cornwall, as in the Princes case, ubi sup. appeareth.

And in the same manner is the dignity of the Noble and primary County Palatine of Chester at the same time granted to the Prince, sibi & hæredibus suis Regibus Angliæ.

Ob quamplurimos excessus more hostili vexillo displicato per Gilbertum de Clare Comitem Glouc<sup>o</sup> & Hertf. & homines suos de Morgannon illatos contra Humfredum de Bohun Comitem Heref<sup>o</sup> & Essex & homines suos de Brekenock, dominus rex assignavit † Episcopum Eliens<sup>o</sup> & alios Commissionar<sup>o</sup> ad inquirendum, &c. Mandavit etiam dominus rex per literas suas dilectis & fidelibus suis Johanni Hastings, Johanni fil<sup>o</sup> Reginaldi, Edmundo de Mortuo mari, Rogero de Mortuo mari, Theobaldo de Verdon, Johanni Tregose & Galfrido de Cannil, quod interfint apud Brekenock, &c. Et postea venerunt apud Laundon. Voluit idem dominus Rex pro statu & jure suo per ipsos Justiciarios quod inde rei veritas inquiretur per sacram<sup>o</sup> tam magnatum, quam aliorum proborum, & legalium hominum de partibus Walliæ & Com<sup>o</sup> Glouc<sup>o</sup> & Heref<sup>o</sup> per quos, &c. cujuscunque conditionis fuissent, ita quod nulli parceretur in hac parte, eo quod res ista dominum regem & Coronam & dignitatem suam tangit, &c. Dicitum est ex parte domini regis Johanni de Hastings & omnibus aliis magnatibus supra nominatis quod pro statu & jure regni, & pro conservatione dignitatis Coronæ & pacis suæ apponant manum ad librum, ad faciend<sup>o</sup> id quod eis ex parte domini regis injungeretur: Qui omnes unanimiter respondent, quod inauditum est quod ipsi vel eorum antecessores hæcenus in hujusmodi casu ad præstandum aliquod sacramentum eoacti fuer<sup>o</sup>, &c. Ac pluries eisdem magnatibus ex parte ipsius Regis conjunctim & separatim, libroque eis porrecto, injunctum est quod faciant sacram<sup>o</sup>; Responderunt demum omnes singularim quod nihil inde facerent sine consideratione Parium suorum. Demum Comes Glouc<sup>o</sup> fecit finem cum domino rege pro decem millibus Marcarum, & Comes Essex pro mille marcis, & uterque eorum committitur Marefchallo. (Recordum per longum est, & continet tres rotulos. Et ob affinitatem, & consanguinitatem cum rege perdonantur plurima, Tamen forisfecerunt libertates suas durante vita ipsorum. Et post decessum eorum, hæredes sui rehabeant.

But now to take our leave of this Principality of Wales, this is that the Romans called by the name of <sup>a</sup> Britannia secunda, and sometimes <sup>b</sup> Valencia, and by the Britaines themselves called <sup>c</sup> Cambria. And we will conclude this Treatise of Wales, &c. with that which that <sup>d</sup> excellent Historian speaking of the wars between the Roman and the ancient Britain, saith, Nec aliud adversus <sup>e</sup> validissimas gentes pro nobis utilius, quàm quod in comune non consulunt, rarus ad propulsandum comune periculum conventus: ita dum singuli pugnant, universi vincuntur.

<sup>f</sup> See 2 part. Pat. 9 E. 2. m. 3. Ordinat<sup>o</sup> de consuetud<sup>o</sup> North-walliæ & West-walliæ.

<sup>g</sup> Vid. Lib. Intr. Co. fo. 549, 550. Three notable matters concerning Wales. 1. Of the government of Wales before 27 H. 8. 2. Of Lordship, Marches, and their authorities and liberties. 3. The Act of 1 & 2 Ph. & Mar. concerning the same.

## CAP. XLIX.

## The President and Councell in the North.

**T**HIS Councell is neither warranted by Act of Parliament, nor by prescription, but raised by King H. 8. by his Commission upon these occasions, and in the manner hereafter expressed. After the suppression of Monasteries of the yearly value of two hundred pound or under, which was by Act of Parliament 4 Febr. Anno 27 H. 8. in the beginning of 28 H. 8. there was a great insurrection of the Lord Hussey and 20800 persons in Lincolnshire pretending it to be for the cause of Religion: against whom Charles Brandon Duke of Suff. went and appeased them. As soon as they were appeased, a great rebellion for the same pretence of 40000 of that County, of whom Sir Robert Aske was Leader: against whom the Duke of York, and others went, and dispersed them. Soon after a great Commotion for the same pretence was raised in Lancashire of men in that County, and in Cumberland, Westmerland, and Northumberland: against whom the Earl of Derby was employed, and quieted them. After this Musgrave Tilly and others to a great multitude did rise, and assaulted Carlisle Castle, whom the Duke of York overthrew. Soon after Sir Francis Bigot with a great number of people rose at Settrington, Pickering, Leigh, and Scarborough in Yorkshire, whom the Duke of York pacified. And after this the Lord Darcy, Ask, Constable, Bulmer, and others began a new rebellion about Hull in Yorkshire, whom the Duke of York appeased. And all these rebellions fell out between the beginning of 28 H. 8. and 30 H. 8.

The King intending the suppression of the great Monasteries, which in effect he brought to passe in Anno 31 H. 8. for preventing of future dangers, and keeping those Northern Counties in quiet, in Anno 31 of his reign raised a President and Councell there, and gave them besides two severall powers and authorities under one Great Seal, the one of Oier and Terminer, De quibuscunque congregationibus & conventiculis illicitis, coadunationibus, confederationibus, Lollardiis, misprisionibus, falsis allegantiis, transgressionibus, riotis, routis, retentionibus, contemptibus, falsitatibus, manutentiis, oppressionibus, violentiis, extortionibus, & aliis malefactis, offensis, & injuriis quibuscunque, per quæ pax & tranquillitas subditorum nostrorum in Com' Eborum, Northumberland, Westmerland, Durham, & Com' Civitatis Eborum, Kingston super Hull, & Newcastle super Tinam gravetur, &c. secundum legem & consuetudinem regni nostri Angliæ, vel aliter secundum sanas discretiones vestras audiend' & terminand'. The other authority was <sup>b</sup> Nec non quascunque actiones reales, seu de libero tenemento, & personales causasque debitorum & demandorum quorumcunque in Com' prædictis, quando ambæ partes vel altera pars sic paupertate gravata fuer', quod commode jus suum secundum legem regni nostri aliter prosequi non possit, similiter secundum leges & consuetudines regni nostri Angliæ, vel aliter secundum sanas discretiones vestras audiend' & terminand'.

But these authorities were granted, to the end that Commissioners by mediation might quiet controverties when one of the parties or both were poor, who are ever most clamorous. And all the Authority they had was expressed in the Patents or Commission under the Great Seal, without any reference to instructions, or any instructions at all. But afterwards, for that the said Commission was against law, & to the end, that their Authority should not be known,

only for the cause aforesaid, but also for that actions real and personall were not to be heard and determined by Commission, but according to the laws of the Realm. Vid. 2 Eliz. Dier 175.

Anno 31 H. 8. 6  
parte Roberto  
Landavens' Ep-  
iscopo Præsi-  
denti Concilii,  
&c. & aliis fact.

<sup>a</sup> First, It was resolved by all the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas. Trin. 6 Jac. that this clause is against law, as the like had been formerly often resolved. See before Cap. of the Court of Requests.

<sup>b</sup> 2. It was then also clearly resolved, that this latter clause was against law, nor

they procured the first institution to be ex diametro altered, viz. that their Commission should not give them any expresse authority at all, but wholly did refer their authority to certain instructions which they kept themselves in private, and were not enrolled in any Court, whereunto the subject might have resort. Sed misera servitus est, ubi jus est vagum, aut incognitum. And thereupon King James being informed hereof by the Judges of the Common Pleas (who had granted prohibitions to the President and Council) gave order that their instructions should be enrolled, to the end that the subject might take advice of learned Council what course he might take to enjoy the benefit of the laws of the Realm, his best birthright.

This is left out of the print in latter time, but it is in the Parliament Rol, &c.

13 El. cap. 13. See in the Chapter of Request, answer made to the objection in like case.

And it appeareth in the Subsidy in Anno 32 H. 8. cap. 50. that H. 8. raised not only this President and Council, but a President and Council also having like authority in the Western parts, pretending it to be for their ease to receive justice at their own doors, but they of Cornwall, Devon' &c. desirous to live under the immediate government of the King, and the Common law, opposed it, Et sic Commissio illa cito evanuit, which Commission under the Great Seal we have seen. See in the statute of 13 El. where the President and Council of York is mentioned, and no man doubteth, but that there is a President and Council de facto, but what jurisdiction they have is the question.

Thus much (having taken upon us to write) we have clearly and plainly delivered our opinion, and he that searcheth the secret of hearts, knoweth that we have published nothing herein or in any other of our works, reluctance conscientia.

And in respect of some continuance it hath had, and many decrees made, it were worthy of the wisdom of a Parliament for some establishment to be had therein.

CAP. L.

The Courts and their Jurisdictions within the City of London; And first of

The Court of the Hustings.

**F**Or the Antiquity and name of this noble City, you may read in Lambard, Inter Leges Edovardi Regis, fo. 136, b. Sed utere tuo iudicio, nihil enim impedio. \* But Ammianus Marcellinus an approved Author above 1200 years since, calleth it Vetustum oppidum. And Cornelius Tacitus, (who married the daughter of Lucius Agricola the Roman, and was here with him by the space of seven years) affirmeth Quod Londinum tempore Neronis (which is above 1500. years past) fuit copia negotiatorum & cōmeatu maxime celebre. To be short, it is Camera regis, Reipublicæ cor, & totius regni Epitome.

And in searching among such Records as we had obserbed, of or concerning this noble City, we have obserbed a Charter in the Saxon tongue made by William the Conqueror in these words; *William Cýng ʒherc william Býrceop ʒ Godspereȝer poȝtȝepoȝan ʒ ealle þa Býrhpapen þe on Lunden beon, &c. i. William the King greeteth William the Bishop & Godfrey the Portreue, and all the Burgesles that in London be, &c.*

This is the highest Court and of the greatest celebrity within London. It is holden before the Mayor and Sheriffs, of all pleas, real, mixt, and personall. Nota. the rule of the Register is, Quodlibet breve, quod tangit liberum tenementum in London, dirigitur Majori sive Custodi & Vicecomitibus; & alia brevia tantum Vicecomitibus.

This word Hustings is deribed of two Saxon words, viz. Hus which signifieth a house, or bench, and things, that is, causes, or pleas, as much to say, as the Bench, or Court of pleas, for Bancus or Bench is taken for a Court, as the Kings Bench, the Common Bench, &c.

Fleta lib. 2. in his Chapter De differentiis Curiarum. Habet rex Curiam suam, &c. Et in Civitatibus & Burgis & in Hustingis London, Lincoln, Winton & Eborum & alibi in libertatibus, &c. Et cap. 48. Habet rex curiam suam in Civitatibus, Burgis & locis exemptis, a sicut in Hustingis London, Winton, Lincoln, Eborum, & apud Shepey, ubi Barones & cives recordum habent, &c. So as neither the name nor the Court is appropriated to London.

<sup>b</sup> For writs of Error to be brought of any judgment in the Hustings; See the Register and F. N. B.

<sup>c</sup> Concerning foreign Wouchers, and foreign pleas, see F. N. B. fo. 6. E. et stat. de Glouc, cap. 12.

Of Lands holden, no writ doth lye but in London according to the custome. Dier 15 El. 317. Judgment of the outlawries in the Hustings is not given by the Mayor, who is Coroner or his Deputy, but by the Recorder by the custome of this City.

Lib. 8. fo. 130. in the case of the City of London. \* For the Antiquity. For the Antiquity & Name.

Regist. 2. b. F. N. B. 6. f.

Fleta lib. 2. ca. 2. & 28.

a F. N. B. 61. q. juris utrum. 62. b. partition. & 199. ex gravi querela. b.

b Regist. 130. 131. F. N. B. 23. c.

c F. N. B. 6. c. Glouc. cap. 12. 2 part Institutes. 33 E. 3. junisd. 60. 36 H. 6. 33.

2, 3. ¶ The two Courts of the Sheriffs.

In Curia Civitatis prædictæ coram Vicecom' sine brevi nostro secundum consuetudinem ejusdem Civitatis. If an erroneous judgment be given before the Sheriffs

Regist. nbi sup. F. N. B. 23. a.

Sheriffs the party grieved shall sue a writ of Error, and remove this before the Mayor and Sheriffs in the Hustings.

Stephanides cap.  
de dispositione  
urbis.

For the Antiquity of the Sheriffs and their Courts, Fitz-Stephen, who wrote of the government of London in the reign of King Stephen, of this City saith;

Hæc Civitas Urbe Roma, secundum Chronicorum fidem, satis antiquior est, &c. Unde & adhuc antiquis eisdem utuntur legibus communibus institutis; hæc similiter illi regionibus est distincta, habet annuos pro Consulibus Vicecomites, habet Senatoriam dignitatem, & Magistratus minores, &c. ad genera causarum, deliberative, demonstrative, judicialis loca sua fora singula, habet sua diebus statutis Comitia, &c.

Nota.

In Lib. Abbat. de  
Remey.  
\* Tempore H. 1.

In the book of the Abby of Ramsey to a conveyance or concord \* without date, made in the Court of the Hustings of London of a certain house in Walbrooc within the City, between VVilcnôthus de VValbroc, and Renaldum Abbatem de Ramsey, the witnesses were (amongst others) VVillielmus de Einsford Vicecomes de London, & Johannes Subvicecomes ejus, & Gervasius Clericus ejus. More might be said hereof, but it is clear, that so long as this City hath been a County of it self, so long there have been Sheriffs, for it cannot be a County without Sheriffs. There are within the wals of this City 97. Parishes, and out of the wals 16. Parishes, standing partly within the Liberties of the City, and part without in Midd. and Surry.

#### 4. ¶ The Court of Equity before the Lord Mayor, commonly called, The Court of Conscience.

1 H. 6. 14. Lib. 8.  
fo. 126.  
Lib. Int. Raft.  
Custome 21 &  
Ville 1.

The Custome of London is, and hath been time out of mind, that when a man is impleaded before the Sheriffs, the Mayor upon the suggestion of the Defendant may send for the parties and for the record, and examine the parties upon their pleas, and if it be found upon his examination that the Plaintiff is satisfied, that he may award that the Plaintiff shall be barred: and this was holden by the Court to be a good Custome, but by no Custome he can examine after judgment. Note, a Court of Equity may be had by prescription, but cannot be raised by grant, as hath been said in the Chapter of the Chancery, & of the County Palatine of Chester.

#### 5. ¶ The Court of the Mayor and Aldermen.

See 43 El. c. 12.  
In fine.  
Lib. 4. fol. 64, 65.  
Fulwoods case.  
The print is  
28 E. 3 cap. 10.  
but it should be  
27 E. 3. cap. 10.  
\* And so resolved  
by Parliament, in  
1 H. 4. cap. 15.  
Altered in the  
penalty. 17 R. 2. Rot. Par. nu. 26. explained by Parliament not to extend to error in judgment.

This is a Court of Record, and consisteth of the Lord Mayor, the Recorder and 23. Aldermen, whereof the two Sheriffs being Aldermen are part.

It is ordained and established that the Mayor, Sheriffs and Aldermen, which have the governance of the City, shall redresse and correct the errors, defaults and misprisions which be used in the City of London, for default of good governance of the Mayor, Sheriffs & Aldermen, &c. This is declaratory of their former power of governance, and for this cause principally amongst others, this Court was instituted.

In this Court are many Courts, as namely,

#### 6. ¶ The Court of Orphans.

F. N. B. 142. g.  
32 E. 3. 3<sup>rd</sup>. 31.  
8 R. 2. 1<sup>st</sup>. 166.  
Li. 4. 64, 65.  
Rot. Par. 1 R. 2.  
nu. 130.

The Mayor and Aldermen by Custome have the custody of Orphans within the City. And if they commit the custody of the Orphans to another man, he shall have a ravishment of Ward, if the Orphan be taken away.

It is enacted, that the Mayor and Chamberlain of London for the time being, shall



shall have the keeping of all the lands and goods of such Orphans as happen within the City, saving to the King and other Lords their rights of such as hold of them out of the same liberty.

A Recognizance may be acknowledged in this Court before the Mayor and Aldermen to the Chamberlain for Orphans.

Lib. 4. fol. 64. 65.  
Fulwoods case.

The Chamberlain is a sole corporation to him and his successors for Orphans: and a recognizance or bond made to him and his successors concerning Orphans shall by custome goe to his successor.

Lib. 4. ubi sup.

The government of Orphans belong to the Mayor and Aldermen, and they have jurisdiction of them, and therefore if any Orphan sue in the Ecclesiastick Court, or elsewhere for a legacy, or duty due to them by the Custome, a Prohibition doth lye. See the First part of the Institutes, Sect. 267, how the goods of a Freeman of London shall be divided.

For the Liberties of London, see 50 E. 3. fo. 143.

An Act was made in 7 H. 4. cap. 9. much prejudiciall to the liberties of this City, which is in print, & it was repealed in 9 H. 4. nu. 30. which is not printed.

7 H. 4. cap. 9.  
Rot. Par. 9 H. 4.  
nu. 30.

It would aske a Treatise by it self to handle at large the other authorities and powers of the Mayor and Aldermen in the Court of Aldermen, and of the other Courts within this City, which we will run over as briefly as we can. And the rather, for that in my Books of Reports I have published many cases concerning the Courts, Customes, Liberties, Franchises, and Priviledges of this City, and also in the First part of the Institutes, and in this and other parts thereof.

Lib. 2. fol. 57.  
Lib. 4. fol. 18.  
54. 64. 65. & 113.  
Lib. 5. fo. 63. 64.  
73. 83. 107.  
Lib. 8. fol. 112.  
Institutes fol. 176.

125. 126. 127. 129. Vide Lib 11. fol. 53. & 194. James Bagges his case. See the first part of the Institutes fol. 176. b. Sect. 267. See the second part of the Institutes, Mag. Cart cap. 9.

### 7. *The Court of Common Councill.*

This Court hath some resemblance of the High Court of Parliament, for it consisteth of two houses, viz. the one of the Mayor and Aldermen, and the other of such as be of the common assembly resembling the whole Comminalty of London. In this Court they may make constitutions and lawes for advancement of trade and traffick: for the better execution of the lawes and statutes of the Realme, or pro bono publico, and for the good government of the City. So as these constitutions & lawes be not contrary to the lawes and statutes of the Realm. And this being made by the Mayor, Aldermen, and Comminalty, do bind within this City and the Liberties thereof. They of the Common assembly do give their assent by holding up their hands.

Lib. 5. fo. 62. 63.  
the Chamberlains case.  
Lib. 8. fo. 123.  
125. the case  
City de Londres.

### 8. *The Court of the Ward-mote.*

Wardmote is derived from Ward and Mote, that is, the Ward Court. In London the Parishes are as Towns, and the Wards are as Hundreds, and therefore Riens diens Gard was a good challenge at the Common law.

7 H. 6. 36. 38.  
7 H. 7. 4.

In this City there are 26 Wards divided for the government of them amongst the 24 Aldermen of the City. This Wardmote inquest, consisting of 12 or more of every Ward, shall enquire of such persons as have not paved or amended their parts and portions of the Streets and Lanes within the said City, &c.

32 H. 8. cap. 17.

### 9. *The Court of Hall-mote.*

This is derived of Hall and Mote, as much to say as the Hall Court, i. Conventus Civium in Aula publicam, every Company of London having an Hall wherein they keep their Courts, and this Court anciently called Hall-mote or Folke-mote.

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10. ¶ *The Court of the Chamberlaine for Apprentices.*

Lib. 8. fo. 129.  
the case of the  
City of London.

This Court concerning the making free of Apprentices. One may be free of London three manner of wayes, viz. by Service, as here in Case of Apprentices: 2. By Birthright, the sonne of a Freeman: and 3. By Redemption, by order of the Court of Aldermen.

4 Rot. Par. 7 R. 2.  
nu. 37.  
Vid. inf. 252, 253.  
\* Nota hoc.  
8 H. 7. 4. b.  
Dier 22. Eliz. 373  
7 H. 6. 1.  
21 H. 7. 16, 17.  
Pl. Com. 36. b.  
38. 47. 59.  
Lib. 8. fo. 129.

Now to treat of the great and notable Franchises, Liberties, and Customes of the City of London, would require a whole Volume of it self. But there is a most benefitfull statute made for the strengthening and preservation of the same, which I know no other Corporation hath. <sup>a</sup> It is enacted that the Citizens of London shall enjoy all their whole liberties whatsoever with this Clause, *Licet usi non fuerunt vel abusi fuerunt*, and notwithstanding any <sup>\*</sup> Statute to the contrary, &c. *Lege statutum*, for by this Act the City may claim liberties by prescription, Charter, or Parliament, notwithstanding any Statute made before 7 R. 2. And this is the statute mentioned in our Books.

11. ¶ *The Court of the conservation of the Water and River of Thames &c.*

4 H. 7. cap. 15.

The Mayor of London for the time being hath the conservation and rule of the Water and River of the Thames, and the issues, bycatches, and lands overflown, &c. from the Bridges of Stanes unto the water of Wendall and Bedwey, and authority as touching punishment for using unlawfull Nets, and other unlawfull Engines in fishing, and to all correction and punishment there concerning unlawfull Nets and Engines there. In all Commissions touching the water of Mey, the Mayor of London shall be one, See hereafter Cap. Commission of Sewers the statute of 3 Jac. cap. 14. that Sewers that fall into the Thames shall be subject to the Commission of Sewers.

Rot. Parl. 2 H. 5.  
nu. 15.

Rot. Parl. 2 H. 5.  
nu. 16.

3 Jac. cap. 14.

12. ¶ *The Court of the Coroner in London.*

The Mayor is Coroner within the City of London, and the Court of the Coroner is holden before him or his Deputy. Vide postea in the Chapter of the Coroner.

13. ¶ *The Court of the Escheator in London.*

The Lord Mayor is also Escheator within the City, and this Court is holden before him or his Deputy. See before in the Chapter of Escheator.

14. ¶ *The Court of Policies and of Assurances in London.*

43 Eliz cap. 12.

This Court sitteth by force of the Commission under the Great Seal warranted by Act of Parliament An. 43 Eliz. cap. 12. there being an Officer or Clerk to register assurances, the jurisdiction of which Court you may reade in that Act of Parliament made to encourage Merchants to trade and traffick, the benefit whereof appeareth there, and is too long to be recited, and the rather for that we can adde nothing to that Act of Parliament.

15. **C** *The Court of the Tower of London.*

This Court is holden within the Virge of London before the Steward there by prescription of debt, trespass, and other Actions of any summe greater or lesser, whereof you may reade in 4 E. 4. fo. 36. a. b. 4 E. 4. 36. a. b.

Note, where it is said, that the Tower of London is within the City of London, it is thus to be understood, that the ancient Wall of London (the mention whereof yet appeareth) extendeth through the Tower, and all that which is inclosed with the said wall, viz. on the West part thereof, is within the City of London, that is to say, in the Parish of All-Saints-Barking within the Ward of the Tower of London. And the residue of the Tower of London, on the East part of that ancient wall is within the County of Middlesex. And this upon view and examination was found out, Mic. 12 Jac. Regis, in the case of Sir Thomas Overbury, who was poisoned in a Chamber in the Tower on the West part of that old wall. And therefore Weston the principall murderer was tried before Commissioners of Oyer and Terminer in London, and so was Sir Gervase Elvice Lieutenant of the Tower, as accessary.

16. **C** *Of the Jurisdiction and authority of the President, Censors, and Comminalty of the Colledge of Physicians scituate in Knight-Riderstreet in the Ward of Castle Barnard within the City of London and 7 miles compasse.*

Of this Colledge, and of their jurisdiction and authority, sufficient hath been said in the 8 Book of Reports in Doctor Bonhams case, whereunto we refer the studious Reader. Hereunto we will adde for the safety of Physicians, especially of the Kings Physicians a Record worthy of observation.

\* Rex adversa valetudine laborans de assensu concilii sui assignavit Johannem Arundel, Johannem Saceby, & W. Hatcliffe Medicos: Robertum VVarren & Johannem Marshall Chirugos ad libere ministrandum & exequendum in & circa personam suam; Imprimis, viz. quod licite valeant moderare sibi dexam suam, & quod possint ministrare Potiones, Syrupos, Confectiones, Laxitivas medicinas, Clysteria, Suppositoria, Caput purgea, Gargarismata Lealen, epithimota, fomentationes, embrocationes, capitis rasuram, unctiones, emplastra, cerera ventos, cum scarificatione vel sine, emorodorum provocationes, &c. Dantes singulis in mandatis quod in executione premissorum sint intendentes, &c.

Upon this, Four things are to be observed. First, that no Physick ought to be given to the King without good warrant. 2. That this Warrant ought to be made by the advice of his Councell. 3. They ought to minister no other Physick then that which is set down in writing. 4. That they may use the aide of those Chirurgicals named in the Warrant, but of no Apothecary; but to prepare and do all things themselves, &c. And the reason of all this is the precious regard had of the health and safety of the King, which is the head of the Common-wealth. The Science of Physick containeth the knowledge of Chirurgery,

If one that is of the mysterie of a Physician take a man in cure and giveth him such physick as within three dayes he dye thereof, without any felonious intent, and against his will, it is no Homicide.

But Britton saith, that if one that is not of the mysterie of a Physician or Chirurgeon, take upon him the cure of a man and he dieth of the Potion or Medicine, this is, (saith he) covert felony.

Physicians and Chirurgicals soient Sages en leur faculties, eyent sanes les consciences, cy que rien ne ent failli a faire cure, silz ne scavoient a bone chefe mitter, ou silz a bone chefe scavoient & sentre mettent nequidant follement ou negligement

Lib. 8. fo. 107. &c.  
Dr. Bonhams case  
See the statutes of  
3 H. 8. c. 6. & 11.  
14 H. 8. cap. 5.  
1 Mar. cap. 9.  
32 H. 8. ca. 40. 42.  
34 H. 8. cap. 8.  
\* Rot. Pat. 32 H. 6.  
m. 17. by what  
Warrant Physick  
is to be given to  
the King.

\* 32 H. 8. cap. 40.  
3 E. 3. coron. 163.

Britton cap. 5.  
De homicid. s.

Mirror cap. 4. §  
De homicide  
Verb. [dant'part]

negligentment, issint que ilz mittont froide par chaude ou le revers, ou trope peu de cure, ou nemi mitter un due diligence, & nosmement in arsons & abscissions que sont defend<sup>o</sup> a faire forsq; al peril des mesters si lour patients moreront ou perdent memorie, in tiels cases sont ils homicides ou mayhemers.

And thus much concerning Physitians.

For Courts holden in other Cities, Towns Corporate, and Burghs, our purpose is not, to treat of them, because they are private and sufficiently known; but let us say somewhat of the liberties, franchises, and immunities of this noble City.

Parl. 17 R. 2.  
nu. 26.

It is enacted, that the statute of 28 E. 3. cap. 10. shall not extend to any erroneous judgement given or to be given in the City of London.

See after cap. 54. the ancient Office of garbling of spices, &c.

Regist. 267. b.

There is a Writ in the Register necessary to be put in execution for the wholsomenesse of aire in London, and in all other Cities, &c. De vicis & venellis mundandis.

\* See the third part of the Instit. Cap. Burglary or Butglary.

Lourglary, or Lourglary is an offence when any cast any corrupt thing appoynting the water in or about London, compounded of these two words Lour corruption, and Laron a Thiefe or Felon, as Burglary: and if any dye by reason of any such offence within a year after, it is felony; and extendeth to all other Cities, Burghs, &c.

It was petitioned to the King, that no man in Cities, Towns, or elsewhere, do carry Pieces of silver, but only the Kings Serjeants at Armes, but that they carry Pieces of Copper and of no other metall. Whereunto the King answered, [The same shall be so, except the Serjeants of the City of London, who may carry their pieces of silver within the liberties of London befoze the Mayor in the presence of the King.]

V. Cartam H. 1.  
De liber. London

Omnes homines London sint quieti & liberi, & omnes resecorum per totam Angliam, & per portus maris de theolonio & passagio, & ab omnibus aliis consuetudinibus.

11 H. 3. 18 Febr.  
speciall and rare liberties granted to the City of London.

In the Charter of H. 3. bearing Teste 18 Febr. Anno regni sui 11, the King granted to the City of London Vicecomitatum London & Midd. &c. And in that Charter this speciall franchise and privilege is granted to the Sheriffes of London and Middlesex for the time being in these words. Ita scilicet quod si illi qui pro tempore fuerint Vicecomites constituti aliquod delictu fecerint, unde misericordia pecuniarum debeant incurrere, non judicentur ad plus nisi ad misericordia viginti libr', & hoc sine damno aliorum civium si vicecomit' non sufficient' ad misericordiaru suaru solutione. Si vero aliquod delictu fecerint, per quod periculum vite vel membrorum incurrere debeant, judicentur sicut judicari debent per legem civitatis: De hiis autem quæ ad pradiatum vicecomitatu pertinent respondeant vicecomites ad Scaccarium nostrum coram Iusticiariis nostris. Salvis eisdem vicecomitibus libertatibus quas alii cives London habent.

Anno 11 H. 3.  
16 martii.  
Duellum.

In the Charter of the same King bearing date 16 Martii Anno regni sui undecimo supradicto, the King granted to the City of London Quod nullus civis civitatis pradiet' faciat duellum, & quod de placitis ad coronam pertinent' se possint disrationare secundu antiquam consuetudinem civitatis, & quod infra muros civitatis, neque in portefokne nemo capiat hospitium per vim vel per liberationem Marechal', &c. & si quis in aliqua terrarum nostrarum citra mare, vel ultra, sive in portubus maris citra mare, vel ultra theolonium vel aliquam aliam consuetudinem ab hominibus London ceperit postquam ipse a recto defecerit, Vic' London namium inde apud London capiant.

Anno 11 H. 3.  
18 Augusti.

In another Charter of the same King bearing date 18 Augusti Anno 11 supradict' the King did disafforest and diswarren the Forest and Warren of Stanes in the County of Middlesex.

Anno 52 H. 3.  
26 Martii.  
De placitis ad coronam.

And by another Charter of the same King bearing date 26 Martii Anno regni sui 52, the King granted to the Citizens of London in these words, Concessimus eisdem civibus quod de placitis ad coronam pertinent', & hiis maxime, quæ infra civitatem pradietam & ejus suburbium fieri contingent, se possint disrationare secundum

secundum antiquam consuetudinem civitatis prædictæ, eo tamen excepto, quod super tumulos mortuorum de eo quod dicitur essent mortui si viverent non liceat præcise jurare sc. loco mortuorum qui ante obitum suum electi fuerint ad eos disrationandos qui de rebus ad coronam spectantibus appellati fuerint, vel reatati alii liberi & legales eligantur qui idem sine dilatione faciant quod per defunctos memoratos, si venirent fieri oporteret, Et quod tam forinseci quam alii attornatos facere possint in Hustingo London tam agendo quam defendendo in curia nostra.

Super tumulos.

Attornati in Hustingo.

The Citizens or Burgeses of London were befoze and after the Conquest governed by Portgraves or Portgreves untill the reign of R. 1. by whose Charter they were governed by two Bailiffs: and yet King Richard in the first year of his reign appointed them a Mayor, who continued therein untill the Eighth year of King John, and then King John appointed a Mayor. And forasmuch as sometimes the Mayor appointed by the King was no Citizen of London, King John in the Tenth year of his reign granted to the Citizens liberty and authority to choose de se ipsis a Mayor, &c. And so it continueth unto this day.

Art. 10 Johannis.

Mayor de se ipsis Aldermen.

The Aldermen of London were changed by election every year untill 28 E. 3. When it was ordered they should not be removed without some speciall cause. But Rot. Parl. 17 R. 2. nu. 25. it is enacted, that the Aldermen of London shall not from henceforth be yearly chosen, but remain till they be put out for reasonable cause, notwithstanding the Ordinances of E. 2. and E. 3. and so it still continueth.

Rot. Parl. 17 R. 2. nu. 25. enacted.

Rot. Par. Anno 1 E. 3. the King granted that the Citizens of London should not be constrained to go out of the City of London to any war: and the liberties of this City shall not for any cause be taken into the Kings hands. Rot. Parl. 1 E. 3. *Auctoritate Parliamenti.*

Warre. Liberties not to be taken into the Kings hands.

See hereafter Cap. of Forests, pag. Cart' H. 1. for their recreation by hunting, &c.

Albeit by the statute of Magna Carta and other Acts of Parliament, the liberties, privileges, and franchises of the City of London be confirmed: yet the most beneficiall of them all is that of \* 7 R. 2. befoze mentioned: whereby it is enacted, that the Citizens of London shall enjoy the same, with this clause, *Licet usi non fuerint vel abusi fuerint,* and notwithstanding any statute to the contrary.

Mag. Cart. cap. 9.  
Rot. Pat. 11 H. 3.  
Rot. Parl. 5 R. 2. nu. 19.  
50 E. 3. nu. 143.  
\* Rot. Par. 7 R. 2. nu. 37.  
Vid. sup. pag. 250  
& Nota hoc.

These notable, rare, and speciall liberties and privileges we have attempted to remember: but whether herein we have done that good to the City that we intended, we know not, for we have omitted many more of no small number of great rarity and consequence too long here to be recited.

See befoze pag. 125. Breve de listis & barris pro duello fac. Vid. Rot. Cart. 18 Februarii 11 H. 3. against the exaction of the Lieutenant of the Tower of Bidelles, &c 2 part of the Institutes Mag. Cart. cap. 23.

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## The Court of the Justices assigned for the Government of the Jewes.

### *Iusticiarii ad custodiam Iudeorum assignati.*

Inter leges Edwardi, Lamb.  
Cap. 29. fo. 133. b.

**O**Mnes Judæi ubicunq; in regno sunt, sub tutela & defensione Regis ligea debent esse, nec quilibet eorum alicui diviti se potest subdere sine Regis licentia: Judæi enim & omnia sua regis sunt. Quod si quispiam detinuerit eos, vel pecuniam eorum, perquirat Rex, si vult, tanquam suum proprium.

Rot. Pat. 41 H. 3.  
m<sup>o</sup> 4. nu. 6.

These Justices did hold a Court concerning the custody and government of the Jewes, as (amongst many other Records) it appeareth Rot. Pat. An. 41 H. 3. m. 4. nu. 6. And that then Philip Basser, Philip Luvell, Henry de Bathon, and Simon Passel, &c. were then Justices ad Custodiam Judæorum assignat'. But when the Jewes were utterly (as hath been said) banished, this Court ceased, which was in 18 E. 1. Anno Domini 1293. See the Second part of the Institutes, Stat. de Judaismo. Rot. Claus. 18 E. 1. Memb. 6. See Tho. Walf. in Hypodigmate Neustriæ 18 E. 1.

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## The Courts of Stainlife and Frendles Wapentakes.

3 H. 5. cap. 2.  
9 H. 6. cap. 10.

**B**Ecause I finde mention made in Acts of Parliament of the Courts of Stainlife and Frendles Wapentakes, &c. I thought good to refer you to those Acts.

CAP.

C A P. L I.

Of the City of Westminster.

**I** hath his name of the Monastery, which *Winstre* signifieth, and it is called Westminster in respect of the Eastminster not far from the Tower of London.

This Westminster Sebert the first King of the East Saxons that was Christianised, founded; and he founded also the University of Cambridge, as works and witnesseth of his Christianity.

Sebert began his reign Anno D. f. 603.

But leaving these, and others of like nature, to others not lying properly in my way; let us turn our eye to such particular jurisdiction as within this City is exercised. For the better understanding whereof, it is to be known that within this City there are Twelve severall wards, out of which there are elected one Burgesse and one Assistant in every severall Ward; and out of these twelve, two are elected yearly in the Thursday in the Easter week for Chief Burgeses to continue for one whole year following. To these Burgeses authority is given by Act of Parliament in the 27 year of the reign of Queen Eliz. (not printed) to hear, examine, determine, and punish according to the laws of the Realm and lawfull customes of the City of London, matters of incontinency, common scolds, Inmates, and common annoyances, and likewise to commit such persons as shall offend against the peace, and thereof to give knowledge within 24 hours to some Justice of Peace within the County of Midd.

This Act was at the first but a probationer, but is continued to this day.

One thing concerning this ancient Monastery is observable, that after the High Court of Parliament was divided into two severall houses (whereof we have said somewhat in the Chapter of the High Court of Parliament) the accustomed place of that thrice worthy Assembly of the Knights, Citizens, and Burgeses of Parliament (when the Parliament was holden in Westminster) was in the Chapter house of the Abbot of Westminster, there to debate and consult De arduis & urgentibus negotiis regni, & statum regni & Ecclesie Anglicane concernentibus, &c. And this continued until the Statute of 1 E. 6 c. 14, which gave to the King Colledges, free Chappels, Chaunteries, and whereby the King enjoyed the ancient and beautifull free Chappell of S. Stephens, founded by King Stephen. (which had lands and revenues of the old yearly value, of 1085 l. 10 s. 5 d.) Since which time the Chappell thereof hath served for the House of Commons when Parliaments have been holden at Westminster.

See before in the Chapter of the High Court of Parliament.

Rot. Parl. Anno 50 E. 3. m. 8.

Radulphus de Ingham Chief Justice of England, (a very poor man being fined before him at 13 s. 4 d.) in another tearm, moved with pity caused the Record to be raised and made 6 s. 8 d. for which he (for his fine) made the Clock (to be heard into Westminster Hall) and the Clockhouse in Westminster, which cost him 800. marks, and continueth unto this day, which sum was entred into the Roll. And almost in the like case in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, Sir Robert Calyn Chief Justice of England would have had Justice Southcote (one of his companions Justice of the Kings Bench) to have altered a Record, which the Justice denyed to doe, and said openly in Court, that he meant not to build a Clockhouse.

Tempore E. 7. Vid. 2 R. 3. f. 10. a.

This Monastery in Anno 30 H. 8. was surrendered to the King, who erected thereof a Dean and Chapter. Anno 33 H. 8. It was raised to a Bishoprick, and Thomas Thurlby made thereof the first and last Bishop, &c. Queen Eliz. made it a Colledge consisting of a Dean, twelve Prebends, a Schoolmaster, an Usher, 40. Scholars, and 12. Almshouses, and so it was named the Collegiate Church of Westminster.

In Anno 37 H. 8. the Kings Pannoy of Westminster was made an Honor.

37 H. 8. cap. 18

## CAP. LII.

## Of the City of Norwich, &amp;c.

In the book of  
Domesday made  
by William the  
Conqueror.

**V**ithin this City there was in the reign of King Edward the Confessor 1300. Citizens, and then this City paid to the King 20 l. and to the Earl 10 l. And besides these 20 s. and Four Prebendaries and Six Sextaries of hony, a Bear, and Six dogs to bait him, Now it yeeldeth 70 l. to the King, and a 100 s. to the Queen, and a Pallrey, and twenty pound of white rent to the Earl, &c.

The foundation of the Incorporation of this City is very ancient, for in ancient Manuscripts it appeareth that In tempore Steph. Regis de nova fundata & ut Villa populata communitas fact'.

Ca nden in Bri-  
tannia.

\* Urbanitas ab  
ui be.

\* Alex Nevill.  
a This Monastery  
was founded by  
King Karute &  
increased by Edw.  
the Confessor, &  
the Monastery  
made of that  
strength as it seemed  
to be potius  
castrum quã clau-  
strum. It was of  
the order of  
S. Benedict of  
black Monks.  
b Statut. de  
27 H. 8. concern-  
ing the Bisho-  
prick of Norwich.

c The like is not  
in England.

See before in  
the Chapt. of the  
royall Franchise  
of Ely, that King  
H. 1. of the Mo-  
nastery of Ely  
made a Bishopr.  
but King H. 1. had  
therein one end,  
and King H. 8.  
ano: her.

This City is highly commended for many things, for it is truly said of it, Quod suis opibus, frequentia, ædificiorum elegancia, Templorum pulchritudine & numero, (Paræcias enim plus minus 30. complectitur) Civium sedulitate, in principem fide, in \* exteros humanitate, inter celeberrimas Britannia: urbes merito connumeranda, &c. Mœnibus validis (in quibus crebræ dispositæ turres, & undecim Portæ) undique obseptæ, nisi ad Ortum qua flumen (cum sinuoso flexu 4. Pontibus pervium Septentrionalem urbis partem interluerit) profundo alveo & præcipitibus ripis defendit. \* It is preferred before all the Cities in England except London. It hath above 30 Parishes, and it is as large within the wals as London. It had within it 4 the Liberties Six Religious houses & one Hospitall.

For the better establishing of the Ecclesiasticall jurisdiction belonging to the Bishop of Norwich (of which jurisdiction in generall we are to treat hereafter) it shall not be impertinent to set down the true state of this Bishoprick.

In Anno 27 H. 8. and before V William Rugge Doctor of Divinity of the University of Cambridge was Abbot of the Monastery of S. Bennets de Hulmo in the County of Norf. and the Bishoprick of Norwich becoming void by the death of Richard Nick commonly called the blind Bishop, the King nominated the said Abbot to be Bishop of Norwich, And afterwards the 4. of Febr. Anno 27 H. 8.

<sup>b</sup> It was (amongst other things) enacted by Authority of Parliament, That such person as should be elected and consecrated Bishop of the said Sea should have and enjoy to him and his successors Bishops of the said Bishoprick of Norwich united and knit to the said Bishoprick the Monastery of S. Bennets, and all and singular Mannors, Lands, Tenements, &c. belonging to the said Monastery, &c. And that the person which should be named Bishop of Norwich and his successors Bishops of the same Bishoprick from thenceforth should be Abbots of the Monastery of S. Bennets, and have the dignities of the said Abbacy united, incorporated, and knit to the Sea of the said Bishop, &c.

But peruse the statute, and you shall find that Doctor Rugge had Beneficium viscatum, for the Bishoprick lost much more by that Act then it gained. And afterwards this Doctor was elected and consecrated Bishop of Norwich: And being Patron, in the right of his Bishoprick, of the Hospitall of S. Giles in Norwich, he as Patron, and Nich. Shaxton Pastor of the said Hospitall by their deed acknowledged and inrolled bearing date 6 Martii, Anno 1 E. 6. did give and grant to King E. 6. his heirs and successors the said Hospitall and the possessions and hereditaments belonging to the same, and all other their possessions and hereditaments



hereditaments in the said County of Norf. Certain Concealors (Templorum helluones) by pretext and colour of the said generall words passed the possessions and hereditaments of the said Monastery of S. Benners de Hulmo in a book of concealments under certain obscure words (which appear in the Act of Parliament hereafter mentioned) by Letters Patents of concealment bearing date the 2 day of August, Anno 27 Eliz. and VWilliam Redmain Doctoz of Divinity, and Bishop of Norwich caused one Hamond a friend of his to take an estate to him and his heirs of and from the said Concealors of all or the greatest part of the said Monastery: which I (being then her Majesties Atturay Generall) understanding, and utterly mistaking the proceeding herein, conferred with the said Bishop about the same, and in the end he was brought to agree, that an Act of Parliament should passe for the establishment of the said Bishoprick and of the possessions thereof, which Act (wherewith I was well acquainted) passed at the Parliament holden in Anno 39 El. and is in print, which you may read at large, wherein you shall observe the fraud and fallshood of the Concealors.

39 El. cap. 22.

What attempts these Concealors (gracelesse and wicked men) made to the subversion of the Deanery and Chapter of the Cathedrall Church of Norwich, you may read in the Third book of my Reports, fo. 73. Sed (savage Deo & auspice Christo) isti helluones non prævauerunt. Which I have the rather remembred both for the establishment of the said Bishoprick, as for the repose and quiet of very many Fermors, Officers, and other persons claiming interests in the said possessions in my native Country.

Lib. 3. fo. 73. the case of the Dean and Chapter of Norwich.

And if any question shall hereafter be made either concerning any of the possessions of this Bishoprick, or any other, or of any Dean and Chapter, or of the Colledges in either of the Universities, &c. by any Concealor or other; their possessions are established by the Act of Parliament of 21 Jac. cap. 2. intituled, An Act for the generall quiet of the subject against all pretence of concealment whatsoever.

21 Jac. cap. 2.

For the Courts of Justice within this City (which is our principall aime) we have treated of the like before in the City of London. To this we will adde an Act of Parliament concerning the jurisdiction of this City (whereof we have not found the like that we remember in any other) which in effect is as followeth.

It is enacted for the Citizens of Norwich, that if their Customes and Usages heretofore used, or hereafter to be used, be difficult or defective in part or in all, or that the same need any due amendment for any matter arising, whereof remedy was not aforetime had, that then the \* Bailifs and 24. Citizens of the same City, so therefore yearly to be chosen, or the greater part of them, shall from henceforth have power to ordain and provide from time to time such remedies which are most agreeable to faith and reason, and for the most profit, the good and peaceable government of the same town, and of strangers thereto repairing, as to them shall seem best, so as such Ordinances be profitable for the King and his people.

Par. 2 R. 2. nu. 39. not in print.

\* It hath now a Mayor and 24 Aldermen, Vide Rot. Cart. Anno 4 H. 4.

It is a County of it self, and hath two Sherifs and large liberties without the wals. See the Statute of 33 H. 6. cap. 7. how many Attornies should be in this City. See before in the Chapter of the High Court of Parliament concerning new Draperies, &c. and Woirsteads &c. made in this City. See Rot. Parl. 18 E. 1. fo. 5. concerning the ancient liberties of this City.

33 H. 6. ca. 7.

\* Burgi & Civitates fundat' & ædificat' iunt ad tuitionem gentiũ, & populorum regni, & idcirco observari debent cum omni libertate, integritate & ratione.

\* Int. Leges Wil. Cong. Lam. 125. Int. Leges Ethelstani & Canuti fo 62. & 106. Op-pida in staurantur, &c.

\* 14 H. 4. It is enacted, that the Merchants and Artificers of Woirsteads in Norf. may sell their single Woirsteads to any place or persons being of the Kings amity notwithstanding any Inhibition or Liberty to the contrary.

\* Par. 14 H. 4. nu. 47. not in print.

Rot. Par. 11 H. 4.  
nu. 48.  
Trin. 13 E. 1. in  
Banco Rot. 76.

He that desires the tearms, true makings, and quantitties of *Worsteads*:  
Let him read the statute of 11 H. 4. Rot. Parl. nu. 48.

Trin. 13 E. 1. in Banco, Rot. 76. In *specimus Cart. H. 3. Civibus Norwic' de libertatibus concess'*.

The beautifull Cathedral or Mother Church of Norwich was begun to be built by Herbert Bishop of Norwich, Anno 9 *V Villielmi Rufi*.

19 E. 3. jurisd. 22.  
26 H. 8. cap. 3.

The Bishops of this See had the first fruits of Ecclesiasticall Things within their Diocesse before the statute of 26 H. 8. ca. 3. which no Bishop, or Archbshop of this Realm had.

It hath also a famous River abounding with Fish, especially the *Pearch*.

The strong and noble Castle of Norwich called *Blanchflower* environed about with the City, but no part thereof but of the County of *Forf.* was not (as some suppose) built by *Bigot* Earl of *Forf.* which some upon view therof have conjectured, for that the Arms of *Carl Bigot* are graven on the Walls thereof. For we find a Charter of *King Stephen* in these words. *Stephanus Rex Anglorum Archiepiscopis, Episcopis, Abbat', Justic', Comitibus, Baronibus, Vicecomitibus, Ministris, & omnibus fidelibus suis Anglia, Salutem. Sciatis me dedisse in feodo & hereditate \* V Villielmo Comiti V Warren' filio meo Castellum Norwici cum toto Burgo, &c.*

\* This William married Isabel daughter and heir of William Earl Warren, and in her right was Earl Warren. Vid. Mat. Par. pag 92.

And *Rafe de VVaet* Earl of Norwich defended this Castle of Norwich against *V Villiam the Conqueror*, who was driven out of England, and travelled with his wife to *Jerusalem*.

But true it is that *Carl Bigot* being after owner thereof, did both repair and enlarge the same, and set his Arms upon the walls thereof. And so much for the Antiquity (a great Ornament of this City) of this Castle, which now for want of reparation is ready to fall.

To conclude, This famous and free City is justly to be commended for profession of true Religion, their Loyalty to their Prince in all times of tumult, the good government of themselves, and the exercise of works of Charity.

This is the chief City of my Native Country.

*Nescio qua natale solum dulcedine cunctos  
Ducit, & immemores non finit esse sui.*

## CAP. LIII.

## The Court of the Tourne.

**V**We have spoken of this Court (being a Court of Record) in the second part of the Institutes, Mag. Cart. cap. 35, whereunto we will adde a Charter of VWilliam the Conqueror, which we find introlled 2 R. 2. nu. 5. pro Decano & capitulo Ecclesiæ beatæ Mariæ de Lincoln'.

VWillielmus gratia dei Rex Anglorum, Comitibus Vicecomitibus, & omnibus Francigenis, & qui in Episcopatu \* Remigii Episcopi terras habent, Salutem, Sciatis vos omnes, & cæteri mei fideles qui in Anglia manent, quod Episcopales leges quæ non bene, nec secundum sanctorum Canonum præcepta usque ad mea tempora in regno Anglorum fuerunt, communi Concilio, & Concilio Archiepiscoporum meorum & cæterorum Episcoporum & Abbatum & omnium Principum regni mei emendandas judicavi. Propterea mando, & regia autoritate præcipio, ut nullus Episcopus vel Archidiaconus de legibus Episcopalibus amplius in \* Hundretto Placita teneant, nec causam quæ ad regimen animarum pertinet ad iudicium sæcularium hominum adducant, sed quicumque secundum Episcopales leges de quacunque causa vel culpa interpellatus fuerit, ad locum quem ad hoc Episcopus elegerit, & nominaverit, veniat, ibique de causa sua respondeat, & non secundum \* Hundrettum, sed secundum Canones & Episcopales leges rectum deo & Episcopo suo faciat. Si vero aliquis per superbiam elatus ad Justitiam Episcopalem venire non voluerit, vocetur semel, & secundo, & tertio; quod si nec sic ad emendationem venerit, excommunicetur: et, si opus fuerit, ad hoc vindicand', fortitudo, & Justitia regis vel Vicecomitis adhibeatur: Ille autem qui vocatus ad Justitiam Episcopi venire noluit, pro unaquaque vocatione legem Episcopalem emendabit: hoc etiam defendo, & mea autoritate interdico, ne ullus Vicecom' aut præpositus, aut minister regis, nec aliquis laicus homo de legibus quæ ad Episcopum pertinent se intromittat: nec aliquis laicus homo alium hominem sine Justitia Episcopi ad iudicium adducat; Judicium vero in nullo loco portetur nisi in Episcopali sede, aut in illo loco quem ad hoc Episcopus construerit.

For the confirmation of this Charter, see in the Register of the Bishop of London. Willielmus dei gratia Rex Anglorum R. Bainardo, & S. de magna Villa, P. de Vabines, cæterisque meis fidelibus de Essex & de Hertfordshire, & de Middlesex, Salutem. Sciatis vos omnes, &c. Tenor istius Cartæ est in Anglico de verbo in verbum in eadem Carta. Consimilis Carta ut ante ex libro Cartarum Archiepiscopi Cantuar'. Against this Charter it is objected. First, the time of the enrolling thereof, viz. in 2 R. 2. being never heard of before. Secondly, out of the red book, Inter leges H. 1. cap. 8. de generalibus Placitis Comitatum. i. as well of the Tourne, as of the County Court.

<sup>a</sup> Sicut antiqua fuerit institutione firmatum, salutari regis imperio, vera nuper est <sup>b</sup> recordatione firmatum, generalia Comitatum Placita certis locis & vicibus & definito tempore per singulas Angliæ provincias convenire debere, nec ullis ultra fatigationibus agitari, nisi propria regis necessitas, vel commune regni commodum sæpius adjiciant. Inter sint autem Episcopi, Comites, Vicedomini, Vicarii, Centenarii, Aldermanni, præfeti, præpositi, Barones, Vavassores, Tun-

2. part of the Inst. Mag. Cart. Ca. 35.

12 H. 7. 18. Fineux. Rot. Par. 2 R. 2. nu. 5.

\* This Remigius was the first Bishop of Lincoln; the Sea being removed from Dorchester to Lincoln.

\* i. In Turno,

\* This is not intended of the Hundred Court but that in those times the Sheriff did hold his Turn per Hundreda. See Mag. Cart. cap. 35. and the Exposition thereupon.

<sup>a</sup> Lib. rubicus in Custodia Remem. Regis compositus tempore H. 1. cap. 8. Read the whole Chapter. Vide ib. Cap. 12.

<sup>b</sup> Int. Leges Edw. Lamb. 135.

Vid. Stat. de Merlbr. cap. 10.

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<sup>d</sup> Ecclesiasticall  
causes.  
<sup>e</sup> Pla. of the  
Crown in the  
Tourn.  
<sup>f</sup> Private causes  
in the County  
Courts.

grevii & ceteri terrarum domini diligenter intendentes ne malorum impunitas, aut Gravionum pravitas, vel iudicum subversio solita miseros laceratione continiant. Agantur itaque primo debita veritas Christianitatis iura; Secundo regis placita; Postremo causas singulorum dignis satisfactionibus expleantur. Whereupon they conclude, that Ecclesiasticall causes were handled in the Tourn in the reign of H. 1. long after the said supposed Charter. And certain it is that the Bishops Consistories were erected, and causes Ecclesiasticall removed from the Tourn to the Consistory after the making of the said Red Book: Ideo penes Lectorem sit iudicium.

<sup>d</sup> Turnum as it is  
here taken.

<sup>e</sup> And so is the  
Turn holden to  
this day. Mag.  
Cart. 35.

<sup>f</sup> And so is the  
County Court  
holden at this day  
Mag. Cart. 35.

<sup>g</sup> E. 6. 25.

<sup>g</sup> 22 E. 4. 22.

<sup>h</sup> 2. part of the  
Inst. Mag. Cart.  
cap. 17.

In the same Chapter of the said Red Book it is further said, Et quoscunque Shiregemote discordantes inveniet, vel amore congreget, vel sequestret iudicio: debet enim Shiregemotus bis, hundreda & wapentachia duodecies in anno congregari.

The Tourn is a Court of Record holden before the Sheriff: the ancient Institution thereof was before Magna Carta to hear and determine all felonies (death of man excepted) and common nuisances. See the Statute of Magna Carta, cap. 17, and the Exposition upon the same in the second part of the Institutes.

The title of this Court is Curia visus Franc. domini regis apud B. Coram Vicecomite in Turno suo, &c. and not Turnum Vicecom' tent', &c. for Turnum est nisi perambulatio. The Articles inquirable in the Tourn are known, and need not be here rehearsed.

## CAP. LIV.

## The Court of the Leet or view of Frankpledge.

**T**his is a Court of Record, and at the first derived and taken out of the Tourn, and is holden before the Steward, and he is Judge thereof. Of the Antiquity and jurisdiction of this Court, you shall read in the Second part of the Institutes, Magna Carta cap. 35. And what the ancient jurisdiction of the Leet was, you shall also read in the Second part of the Institutes, Magna Carta cap. 17.

Leþ, Leeth, or Leet is a Saxon word, and commeth of the Verb Telesþian or Telesþian (þ being added Euphoniae gratia) i. convenire, to assemble together, unde convenius.

If a common Pleas, &c. done within the jurisdiction of the Leet be not presented in the Leet, the Sheriff in his Tourn cannot enquire of it, so that which is within the precinct of the Leet is exempt from the Tourn, otherwise there might be a double charge; but in that case a writ may be directed to the Sheriff to enquire thereof, &c. against the opinion of Fineux in 12 H. 7. if his opinion be not misreported. And by the book of 29 E. 3. This writ is not taken away by the statute of 28 E. 3. cap. 9. made the year before, which was then fresh in the Judges memory.

See the Second part of the Institutes, in the Exposition upon the statute of 31 El. cap. 7. concerning Cottages and Inmates, special matter concerning the jurisdiction of the Leet. See so the jurisdiction of the Leet the statute of 2 E. 6 cap. 10. concerning making of Malt.

The Commons petitioned that excessive fines set on the Kings subjects by such as have Leets may be redressed, whereunto the King answered, The King would the same.

See a notable case concerning the jurisdiction of the Leet and Court Baron, Mich. 18 E. 1. in Banco Rot. 156. Norf. Et ibi tenetur quod Clericus ad Letam venire non habet necesse, nisi ejus praesentia ex certis causis & considerationibus sit necessaria.

This Court of the Leet may enquire of corrupt Victuall as a common nuisance, whereof some have doubted, both so that it is omitted in the statute of the Leet, and of the weak authority of the book of 9 H. 6. where Martyn saith, That it is ordained that none should sell corrupt Victuall. And Courtmore held opinion that it is Actio popularis, whereupon it is collected, that the nuisance thereof belongs to the Leet. <sup>a</sup> And Martyn and Neal 11 H. 4. agreeing with him said truly, so by the <sup>b</sup> statute of 51 H. 3. Stat. Pillor' & Tumbrel', & Assis' Paris & Cervis', and by the statute made in the reign of E. 1. intituled, Stat. de Piscatoribus & Brasiatoribus & aliis Vitellariis, It is ordained that none shall sell corrupt Victualls. And by the <sup>c</sup> statute of 14 E. 3. it appeareth that this Act was ordained in the time of his Grandfather, which was E. 1.

<sup>d</sup> Britton who wrote after the statute of 51 H. 3. and following the same saith thus; Puis soit inquire de ceux queux achatent per un manner de mesure & vendent per meinder mesure faux, & ceux sont punies come vendors des vines, & auxi ceux que ferront atteints de faux aunes, & faux poys, Et auxi les \* Maccgrievs, & les gents que de usage vendent a trespassants mauvale viands corruptus & wacrus, & autrement perillous a la saunty de home. Et les Forstallers, &c. Et fo. 33. he doth conclude the like passage with these words, Enconter le forme de nous statutes.

See Mich. 7 E. 1. Rot. 9 Northā. t. Abbas de Burgo. See the 2. part of the Inst. Mag. Cart. cap. 35.

Int' Leges Edw. cap. 35.

29 E. 3. 21. Wilby. 12 H 7. 18.

Rot. Par. 17 E. 3. nu. 38.

Mich. 18 E. 1. in Banco Rot. 156. Norf.

Stat. de visu Franc. 18 E. a. 9 H. 6. 53. b.

<sup>a</sup> Vid. 11 E. 4. 6. b. per Neal & Britan. 1 R. 3. 1. 7. 7 H. 4. 14. 15. Brook tit. Leet 1. <sup>b</sup> In the stat. at large p. 17. Mag. Cart. parte 2. 23. 24. <sup>c</sup> 14 E 3. cap. 12. <sup>d</sup> Britton f. 77. 1.

\* Macellaris, a Butcher or Victualler.

Fleta lib. 2. ca. 1.  
§. Est etiam.  
Et cap. 11. §. Itē  
si dominus.

Est etiam atrox injuria quæ perpetuam inducit infamiam cum pœna Pillorali & Tumbrelli; quæ quandoque fit per Pistoris, Brasiatores, & alios qui falsis ponderibus utuntur & mensuris, quæ etiam fit per cibaria corrupta, & semicocta vendentes, &c. But none of these statutes gave the conuſance to surbey and correct Victuallers for corrupt Victuall to our Court of the Leet, therefore further Authority therein is desired. Wherein we will produce that which is omni exceptione majus, and that is by a resolution in Parliament.

12 E. 4. ca. 8.

By the statute of 12 E. 4. cap. 8. It is rehearsed, That Mayors, Bailifs, and other like Governors of every City, Borough, and Town of substance within this Realm of England for the most part have Courts of Leets and Views of Frankpledge holden yearly within the same, and surveying of all Victuallers there, and correction and punishment of the offenders, and breakers of the Assise of the same, to be presented and amerced if default be found in the said Courts, &c. And where divers persons intending their singular avail and profit, and to oppresse the said Victuallers, and to enter and break the liberty of divers places in this Realm having Franchises (*that is, Leets aforementioned*) and surveying of all Victuallers, and correction of the same, had purchased Letters Patents of King E. 4. to be surveyors and correctors of all such Victuallers within divers Cities, Boroughs and other places, of Ale, a Beere, Wine, and other Victuals, &c. in <sup>b</sup>wrongfull derogation of the Liberties and Franchises of the said Cities, Boroughs, and other places, &c. *as by the said Act is rehearsed.* It is established and ordained, that all Letters Patents granted by that King, or after to be obtained of any office of searching or surveying of Wine, Ale, Beer, or other Victual, shall be utterly void and of none effect. And that no person other then such Governors before rehearsed, &c. (*that is, in respect of their before rehearsed Leets*) shall use or exercise any such office, &c. And besides the declaration of the same to be void and against law, a penalty of 40 l. is inflicted upon such as shall exercise any such office so obtained or after to be obtained. An excellent Act of Parliament both for the declaration of the law in the case abovesaid, as also that the King by his Letters Patents cannot make any new office for the surveying, correction, &c. of any thing which belong to the Jurisdiction and Conuſance of any former Court which by consequent hath a large extent, and therefore we have cited the same the more at large.

a These words follow after in the Act, and Nota by this it appeareth, that Beer is nor of such late time as some suppose. See also Rot Par. Anno 4 H. 4. n<sup>o</sup>. 53. Beer and Ale mentioned to be then in Calice. Beer is a Saxon word Bier, and Beer is within the word *Cervisia* in the ancient statutes. For it is but as the putting of a new button to an old Coat, *viz.* Hops to Malt and water, to make it continue the longer. <sup>b</sup> Hereby it appeareth that those Letters Patents were against law, and that this is a statute declaratory with addition of a penalty.

Some doe hold that it is within the statute of 18 E. 2. some say as an incident to the Assise of Bread and Ale, and others hold that by that Act power is given to the Lord of the Leet to enquire of that Assise of Bread and Ale, that is to say, of the statute intituled, The Assise of Bread and Ale, which is the said Act of 51 H. 3. in which Act sellers of corrupt Victuals are to be punished. And herewith (say they) agreeth the book in 1 R. 3. fo. 1. that of corrupt Victuall the Leet had jurisdiction by the statute, howsoever that is conceived, it is the Leet that hath conuſance thereof.

Palch. 18 E. 2.  
Coram Rege  
Rot. 76. South.

And albeit Malt, Brasium, be no Victuall of it self, as it is adjudged in Anno 18 E. 2. Quod venditio brasii non est venditio Victualium, nec debet puniri sicut venditio Panis, Vini & Cervisia, & hujusmodi contra formam statuti. Yet because it is the principall ingredient of Beer, and serbeth to Victuall the Kings household, &c. (as it is said in the statute of 17 R. 2.) and tendeth, if it be corrupt and not wholesome, to the great hinderance of health and increase of diseases, we will examine how the law standeth therein at this day.

17 R. 2. cap. 4.

Malt of Malt is a Saxon word. In Latin we call it *Brasium* derived of *brasso*, *i. ebulio, ferveo*. In the ancient statutes *Brasiator* is taken for a Brewer. In *Fleta, ubi supra, Brasiatrix*: In *Britton, ubi supra, Braceresses*, for Brewers. In Latin we use the word *Pandoxator* or *Potifex*: and *Brasiator* at this day is used for a Maltmaker or Maltster.

Malt is made of Barley, and cannot be well and perfectly made, unless it hath the time of 12 dayes in the making thereof, and both in the making thereof in the Fat, Mow, Keeping, and sufficient drying of the said Malt 3 weeks at the least, except it be in the moneths of June, July, and August, and in those moneths by the space of 17 dayes at the least.

2 E. 6. cap. 10.

The Maltmaker ought not slackly and deceitfully dry the Malt, to the intent to have an inordinate increase thereof by swelling of the same, which being not sufficiently dried, within a short time will be musty and full of Weibels.

\* Gurguliones.  
17 R. 2. cap. 4.

No person ought to put to sale any Malt which shall not be well and sufficiently troden, rubbed, and well fanned, whereby there may be conveniently fanned out of one Quarter thereof half a peck of dust, or more.

No person shall mingle any Malt not being well and sufficiently made, or being made of mow-burnt or spiced Barley, with other good Malt, and after put the same to sale. All these be mala in se, and punishable by the Common law.

2 E. 6. cap. 10.

And this statute of 2 E. 6. hath added a penalty, if the suit be brought upon this statute. And if the Brewer put to sale any beer, which he hath brewed with unlawfull (as all is unlawfull that have not the qualities foresaid) and unwholesome Malt, he may be presented for the same in the Leet, &c. as selling of corrupt and unwholesome victuall. And by this statute power is given that the Justices of peace in every of their Sessions, and also the Steward in every Leet shall hear and determine, as well by presentment of 12 men, as by accusation or information of two honest witnesses of, for, and upon all and every the offences and forfeitures in that Act, &c. So as the Justices of peace or Stewards in Leets, may either proceed at the Common law or upon this statute. It is further provided by this Act, that the Bailiffs and Constables of every Borough, and Market town or other Town where Malt shall be made or put to sell, shall from time to time search and surbey the same; and if the same be found to be evil made or mingled with evil Malt, they by the advice of one Justice of peace shall cause the same to be sold at such reasonable price, and under the common price in the market, as to his discretion shall seem expedient. This Act extends not to the making of any Malt for a mans own provision for his own house or family. And the offences against this Act are to be presented within a year.

2 E. 6. cap. 10.

This Act of 2 E. 6. cap. 10. is continued, and yet standeth in force, 27 Eliz. cap. 4. 1 Jac. cap. 25, &c. 4 Car. cap. 4.

That which hath been said (*de malis in se*) of Malt, may also be applyed to Hops another ingredient into Beer, and punishable by the Common law. But against others and many falsehoods practised in packing of foreign Hops, for that the subjects of the Realm have been by reason thereof of late years abused and deceived unto the value of 20 thousand pounds yearly at the least (for that in sacks of foreign Hops there is not found one third part to be good and clean Hops, the rest being dross and soile,) A good law is made Anno 1 Jac. and every person offending therein shall forfeit the same Hops so brought into the Realm. And it is further enacted by the same Act, that if any brewer of Beer or Ale shall employ and spend any Hops unclean, corrupt, or mixt with any powder, dust, dross, sand, or any other soile whatsoever, he shall forfeit the value of those Hops so employed, to be recovered, &c. in any of the Kings Courts of Record.

1 Jac. cap. 13.

The reason wherefore these Courts of the Tourn and Leet are Courts of Record, and not the Courts of the County, of the Hundred, and of the Court Baron (whereof we shall next in order treat) is, for that the Tourn and the Leet are instituted for the Common-weal, as for conservation of the Kings peace, and punishment of common nuisances, &c. And for conservation of the peace, the Sheriffe in the Tourn, and the Steward in the Leet may take Recognizances for

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keeping of the peace. But the said inferiour Courts of the County, Hundred, and the Court Baron have jurisdiction of private causes under the value of 40 s. between party and party.

--- Fuit hæc sapientia quondam

Publica privatis discernere, sacra profanis.

And forasmuch as unclean, corrupted, and mingled Spices and Drugs be so unwholesome and hurtfull, as they tend to the jeopardy of mans body, we will hereunto adde the exposition of the statute of 1 Jac. cap. 19. the penalty of Spices not garbled.

¶ Whereas heretofore great deceits and abuses have been committed in uttering, selling, and putting to sale, sundry sorts of uncleane, corrupt and mingled Spices, &c. garbleable: to the jeopardy of his Majesties person, &c.

¶ Garbleable.] To garble, signifieth in our legall understanding, to sever and divide the good and sufficient from the bad and insufficient; and extendeth not only to Spices and Drugs mentioned in our statute, but to other wares and merchandizes. As for example. By the statute of 1 R. 3. it is provided that no Bowstaves shall be sold ungarbled, &c. that is, untill the good and sufficient be severed and divided from the bad and insufficient: and this garbling of Bowes hath reference to the statute of 12 E. 4. cap. 2. where garbling of Bowes is well expounded, that is, that the Bowstaves be searched and surveyed, &c. and that such as be not good and sufficient be marked, &c. Some think that it is derived from the French Verb, Garber, to make fine, neat, clean, &c. Others fetch it from Cribler and that of Cribrare to sift or sever the good from the bad, unde Cribrum, sic dictum, quia crebris pertusum est foraminibus ad res purgandas à polvere & immondis (unde Cribrarius, the Garbler) which well agreeth with our Act.

1 R. 3. cap. 11.

12 E. 4. cap. 2. the statute appointeth who shall garble them.

A Sive & to sift do come from the Saxons, viz. *sif, sifc*. This Act consisteth of a Preamble and a Body. In the Preamble it is rehearsed, That unclean, corrupt, and mingled Spices, Drugs, Wares, and Merchandises garbleable do tend to the jeopardy of his Majesties person, and of his subjects using the same in their meats, drinks, and other needfull occasions, &c.

The selling of such unclean, corrupt, and mingled Spices and Drugs used in meats, and drinks, is malum in se, and (as hath been said) in divers like cases punishable by the Common law. But this Act tendeth to the prevention of such deceits and abuses, by garbling and purifying of the same before they be sold, and by punishment if they be sold before they be garbled and purified.

All that is garbleable must be garbled and cleansed and sealed by the Garbler before sale, upon pain of forfeiture of the same or value thereof, for which an Act on popular is given.

There be 32 kindes of Spices and Drugs by speciall name mentioned in this Act, viz.

{ 1 Pepper, 2 Cloves, 3 Nace, 4 Nutmegs, 5 Cin- namon, 6 Ginger, 7 Long-pepper, 8 Worme-seeds, 9 Comyn-seeds, 10 Aniseeds, 11 Coliander-seeds, 12 Wynn-pepper, 13 Almonds, 14 Dates, 15 Gals 16 Spiknard, 17 Galingall, 18 Turmeric, 19 Setwell, 20 Cassia-fistula, 21 Ginny-pepper, 22 Seme, 23 Barbaries, 24 Rice, 25 Erins, 26 Stabefacre, 27 Calamus, 28 Fennyrick, 29 Cal- sia, 30 Lignum, 31 Graines, 32 Caraway-seeds:	
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And in generall words, 1. Gums of all sorts and kindes garbleable. 2. All other Spices, Drugs, Wares, and Merchandises garbleable.

¶ Be it furthermore enacted, that if any of the said Spices, Drugs, Wares, or other Merchandises be mixed with \*garbles, matter or thing whatsoever after the same be garbled, &c. That then the said Spices, Drugs, &c. or the value thereof shall be wholly forfeited.

\* Nota. Garbles signifie the dust or soile or uncleanesse that is severed.



It shall and may be lawfull for the Garbler of Spices, &c. within the City of London and the Liberties of the same, &c.

There hath been of ancient time an Officer in London and the Liberties of the same, called the Garbler of Spices, &c. who may make his Deputies. And this Act giveth him authority at all and every time and times \* in the day time to enter into any Shops, Warehouses, or Seller, to view and search such Drugs, Spices, &c. and to garble and make clean the same.

\* This had been implied if it had not been expressed.

There is a Proviso, that if any Merchant or other person (other then Merchants alien, or made or to be made Denizen) shall bring any Spice, Drugs, or other Merchandizes garbleable into this Realme, and shall not offer the same to sale or sell the same within this Realme, &c. and shall transport the same *bona fide* within eight moneths (accounting 28 dayes to the moneth) after his first landing, &c. shall not incurre any of the penalties of this Act.

And this Proviso was added in respect of a generall law made in 16 R. 2. that no manner of Spicery, after that it be brought into the Realm, shall be carried out of the same by Alien or Denisen, upon pain of forfeiture of the same. And this Proviso extendeth only to the naturall born Subjects, and not to Merchants alien, or made or to be made Denizens.

16 R. 2. cap. 1.

And by the Act of 16 R. 2. cap. 1. it is enacted, that Aliens shall sell Wines by whole vessels, and spicery by whole vessels and balls, and in no other manner.

The Court of the Leet may inquire of these offences following by authority of Parliament.

De visu franc. Articles of the Leet, to which we will adde

Concerning tracing and killing of Hares.

Of Hostlers making Horsebread under the assise.

Of breeders of Horses under statute.

Of Artillery, Butts, and Bows.

Concerning shooting in Crossebows and Handguns.

Concerning Wadmalers, Artificers, Workmen, and Labourers.

Against great prices and excesse of Wines;

For amendment of High wayes. 2 & 3 Ph. & Mar. cap. 3. 5 Eliz. 13.

18 Eliz. 9.

Concerning Musters.

For the preservation of the spaw and fry of Fish.

Against taking of Whelants and Partridges.

Against the creation of Cottages and Inmates. Hereof see before in this

Chapter.

By these and divers other Acts of Parliament the jurisdiction of this Court of the Leet hath been much increased, to the end that the Subject might have remedy and justice at his own doores: and therefore it is requisite that the Steward of this Court be learned in the law, for Ignorantia Judicis est calamitas innocentis. See Rot. Parl. 51 E. 7. nu. 46. concerning Taverners.

The stile of this Court of the Leet is, Curia visus franc' pleg' cent' apud B. coram A. B. Seneschallo, &c.

Francus plegius Saxonice ppeborogh Freboroe, Anglice, Freepledge.

The Constables or petty Constables are chosen by the Common Law at the Leet or Tourn, and are by the Common law conservators of the peace, and may take surety of the peace by Obligation, and are as ancient as Tourns or Leets be, and began not about the beginning of E. 3. as some have supposed, Vide the Chapter of the Hundred Court for the Chief Constable, & 9 E. 4. 36. 5 H. 7. 6.

11 H. 4. 12. 38 E. 3. 3.

But, to say once for all: Repetition without addition is but losse of time, and altogether unprofitable.

18 E. 2. De visu franc.

14 H. 8. cap. 11.

32 H. 8. cap. 14.

32 H. 8. cap. 13.

33 H. 8. ca. 8. 9.

33 H. 8. cap. 6.

2 F. 6. cap. 15.

7 E. 7. cap. 5.

4 & 5 P. & M. c 3

1 Eliz. 17. 1 Jac. 25

23 Eliz. cap. 10.

31 Eliz. cap. 7.

3 H. 4. 9. 10 E. 4. 17

44 E. 3. bar. 202.

32 E. 3. ib. 259.

46 E. 3. ib. 214.

Vid. Rot. Parl.

6 E. 3. post. nu. 6.

Fitz. Just. of

Peace 172.

3 E. 3. cor. 288.

12 H. 7. 18. Fincux

## CAP. LV.

## The Court of the County.

See the second  
part of the Inst.  
Mag. Cart. ca. 35

Lib. 6. fol. 12.  
Jentlemans case.  
Stat. de Merton  
cap. 3. 44 E. 3. 10.  
2 part of the Inst.  
Mag. Cart. c. 35

F. N. B. 119. g. h.  
1b. 85. g. & c.  
& 138. b. & c.

4 Eliz. Dier 222.  
35 Eliz. 317. a.

**T**he Style of this Court is: Buck. Curia prima Comitatus E. C. Militie vicecomitis Com' pradiet' cent' apud B. &c. And the next Court Curia secunda E. C. vicecom' Com' pradiet' &c. And so forth.

See the statute of W. 2. cap. 36. against procurement of Suits in this Court.

This Court is no Court of Record, and the Suits are the Judges thereof. But in a Redisseison the Sheriffe is Judge by the statute of Merton cap. 3. and a Writ of error lyeth of his judgement.

Of the antiquity and jurisdiction of this Court, you shall reade in the statute of Magna carta, cap. 35. It holdeth no plea of any debt or damages to the value of 40 s. or above, nor of any trespassse done vi & armis, because a fine is due thereby to the King. But of debt, detinue, trespassse, and other actions personall above 40 s. the Sheriffe may hold plea by force of a Writ of Justicies to him directed, for that is in nature of a Commission to him, and is Vicountel, and not refoznable. And he may befoze any County Court award a Summons to his Wallie refoznable within 2 or 3 dayes at his discretion, to summon the defendant by his goods, &c. to answer; and if the Wallie retorne Nihil, and the plaintiff removeth the same by a Pone into the Common place, that Court shall not grant a Capias, for the nature of the Writ doth not warrant a Capias, and the Sheriffs could not grant the same, neither doth the Writ of Justicies alter the nature of the Court of the County, for therein the Sheriffe is not Judge, but the Suits; and upon a Judgement given therein a Writ of false judgement doth lye, and not a Writ of error. And in divers Reall actions a Writ of Justicies doth lye as it appeareth in our books, as in Bre D'admessurement of dower or pasture, in Customs & services, Mesne, Quod permittat, Rationabilibus divisis, Sect' ad molend', De nuisans, de Curia claudenda, Annuity, &c.

In the County Court upon the Exigent after 5 exact, the Cozoners give judgement, Ideo utlagetur per judicium Coronatorum. But by this Judgement no goods are forfeited befoze the Outlawy appear of Record: and that is the reason, that no man can claim the goods of Outlaws by prescription. Neither shall such an Outlawy disable the party: but if upon a Certiorari to the Cozoners they certifie the Outlawy, this shall serve the King for the forfeiture of his goods, but shall not disable the party till the Exigent be retorned.

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## CAP. LVI.

## The Court of the Hundred.

**T**his is no Court of Record, and the Suitors be thereof Judges. Of the antiquity and jurisdiction hereof vide Magna Carta, ubi sup. And as the Leet was derived out of the Tourn for the ease of the people, so this Court of the Hundred for the same cause was derived out of the Court of the County, and is a Court Baron in his nature.

By the statute of 14 E. 3. Hundreds (except such as then were of estate in fee) are rejoyned (as to the Bailiwick of the same) to the Counties, and all grants made of the Bailiwick of Hundreds since that statute are void, and the making of the Bailiffs thereof belong to the Sheriffe, for the better execution of Justice and of his Office. And so it was resolved by the Lord Treasurer Lea and all the Barons of the Exchequer, and so decreed in the Exchequer Chamber, between Fortescue of Buckinghamshire plaintiffe, and the Sheriffe of the same defendant, Term. 2. Caroli Regis, the plaintiffe having of late divers Hundreds granted to him for life in the County of Buck. reserving a rent, which the Sheriffe disallowed and put in Bailiffs of his own. And a commandement was given by the Court to the Attorney Generall to avoid the like in other Counties, for that they were against law and belonged to the office of the Sheriffe, and were occasions of delays and hinderances of Justice. See the statute of W. 2. cap. 36, against procurement of suits in this Court.

The stile of this Court is, Curia E. C. militis hundredi sui de B. in com. Buck. cent, &c. Coram A B. Seneschallo ibidem.

If there be a Bailiffe of a Liberty appointed by the Lord of the Liberty, or the Sheriffs Bailiffe of any Hundred, Wapentake, or Tything, which have not Lands or Tenements sufficient in that County, there lyeth a Writ De Balivo amovendo, grounded upon the statute of 4 E. 3. cap. 9. There are Constables of the Hundred commonly called, chief Constables, so named, because Constables of Towns are called petit Constables. These Constables of Hundreds were created by the statute of 13 E. 1. and their authority limited to fve things. 1. To make the view of armour. 2. To present befoze Justices assigned such defaults as they do see in the Country about armour. 3. To present defaults of suits of Tourns. 4. Of High-wayes. 5. To present all such as lodge strangers in uplandish towns, for whom they will not answer. Divers and many Acts of Parliament have given the chief Constable and petty Constable moze authority and power then originally they had, which hath been well collected by others. For no Officer that is constituted by Act of Parliament hath moze authority then the Act that creates him, or some subsequent Act of Parliament doth give him, for he cannot prescribe as the Officer by the Common law may. Nota 10 E. 4. fo. 17. the petit Constable was an Officer by the Common law per Curiam, Vid. 4 E. 3. cap. 3. 25 E. 3. ca. 2. See in the Chapter of Hue and Cry in the Third part of the Institutes Hue and Cry alwayes by the Common law made by the Constables of Towns, &c.

Fleta lib. 1. cap. 2. § De Vic' & Constabulariis, &c.

2 part of the Inst.  
Mag. Carr. ca. 35.  
12 H. 7. 18.

14 E. 3. cap. 9.  
4 E. 3. cap. 15.

9 E. 2. Linc' stat.  
Unicum.  
4 E. 3. cap. 9.  
5 E. 3. cap. 4.  
Register 178.  
F. N. B. 163. b.

Stat. de 13 E. 1.  
De Winch. ca. 6.

Lambard, &c.  
See cap. Leet for  
the petty Con-  
stable.

## CAP. LVII.

## The Court Baron.

See the second  
part of the Inst.  
Mag. Cart. ca. 25.

**T**his is a Court incident to every Mannor, and is not of Record, and the Suitors be thereof Judges, although the Plea be holden by force of a writ of right.

There is also a Customary Mannor whereof you may read in the First part of the Institutes Sect. 73, Verb. Court, &c.

And this was first instituted for the ease of the Tenants, and for the ending of debts and damages under 40 s. at home, as it were at their own doores.

1 part of the Inst.  
Sect. 73.

See there for the antiquity and institution of this Court, and the Articles inquirable therein are usuall and well known.

The stile of the Court is: Curia Baronis E. C. Militis manerii sui prædicti (having the Mannors name written in the Margent) ten' tali die, &c. Coram A. B. Seneschallo ibidem.

In the reigne of E. 1. we have seen Court Rols having the Mannors name in the margent. Aula ibidem ten' tali die. &c. the Court of the Mannor being so called, because it was holden in the Hall of the Mannor: as the Court of the Marshalsea is called Curia Aulae Hospitii Domini Regis, because of ancient time it was holden in the Kings Hall.

CAP. LVIII.

The Court of ancient Demesne.

**T**hose Mannors are called the ancient Demesnes of the Crowne which were in the hands of St. Edward the Confessor or William the Conquerour, and so expressed in the Book of Domeſ-day made or begun in the 14 year of William the Conquerour; for so we finde it in Libro Rubro Scaccarii in Custodia Remem' Regis fo. 47. quod liber vocatus Domeſday compositus fuit Anno 14 Willielmi Regis Conquestoris. And Radulphus Niger Monk of Cogithall in Essex in vita Willielmi Conquestoris hath these words, Annis 1081, 1082, 1083, 1084, 1085, 1086, Rex Willielmus describi fecit omnes Barones & Rudatos Milites, & quot carucatas terra quisque habebat & redditus possessionum. And Anno Domini 1081, was the 14 year of William the Conquerour; and this great and excellent surbey lasted 6 years. And in Lucubrat' Okham it is worthily called Liber Judicatorius, because it is the only triall of ancient Demesne; against which, for the uncontrollable truth and verity thereof, there can be taken no averment. And therefore in that respect like the doome and judgement at Domeſ-day.

In Chen' Archiepi. Cant': Sandwice in anno quo facta est hæc descriptio. In Domeſ-day it selfe lege librum, for hereby it appeareth that it was made in the tme of the Conquerour.

All those that hold of these Mannors in Socage are tenants in ancient Demesne: and they plowed the Kings Demesnes of his Mannors, sowed and harrowed the same, mowed and made his Medows, and other such services of husbandry for the sustenance of the King and his honourable household, maintenance of his stable, and other like necessaries pertaining to the Kings husbandry. And to the end these tenants might the better apply themselves to their labours for the profit of the King, they had six priviledges. First, that they should not be impleaded for any their lands, &c. out of the said Mannor, but have justice administered to them at their own doze by the little writ of Right Close directed to the Bailiffs of the Kings Mannors, or to the Lord of the Mannor, if it be in the hands of a subject; & if they were impleaded out of the Mannor, they may abate the Writ. 2 They cannot be impannelled to appear at Westm. or elsewhere in any other Court upon any Inquest or triall of any cause. 3 They are free and quiet from all mannoz of Tols in Fairs and Markets for all things concerning husbandry and sustenance. 4 And of Tares and Tallages by Parliaments, unlesse they be specially named. 5 And of contribution to the expences of the Knights of the Parliament, &c. 6 If they be severally distrained for other services, they all for saving of charges may joyne in a Writ of Monstraverunt, albeit they be severall Tenants.

These priviledges remain still, although the Mannor be come to the hands of Subjects, and although their service of the plough is for the most part altered and turned into money: Avera in Domeſday Grentbrigh Rex fordham, sed ramen semper invenit averam vel 8d. in servicio Regis, that is, a dayes work of a Ploughman, or 8d.

This Court is in nature of a Court Baron, wherein the Suttors are Judges, and is no Court of Record, for Brevia Clausa Recordum non habent.

Nota, the Demandant in a writ of Right Close cannot remove the plea out of the Court of the Lord for any cause, the Tenant may remove the same for 7. causes, viz. 1. For that he holdeth it ad Communem legem. As if a fine and recovery be levied or suffered thereof in the Court of Common pleas, this maketh

See the second part of the Inst. W.2. c.31..f.546

See 21 E.3.32.

Herein Fitz. in his N.B. fo 16. ascribing it to Edw. the Confessor, was deceived. Vid. the Preface to the third Book of my Reports.

See the second part of the Inst. Artic. sup. Cart. cap. 2.

The priviledge of tenants in ancient demesne.

Regist. fo.  
 17 E. 3. 44.  
 F. N. B. 13. c.  
 41 E. 3. 22.  
 49 E. 3. 7.  
 50 E. 3. 4.  
 † Domelday sepe  
 herciare, or herse-  
 are of the French  
 word [herse.]  
 a Vid. li. 5. fo. 105.  
 Alens case.  
 44 E. 3. 38.  
 46 E. 3. 1.  
 49 E. 3. 7. 44 E. 3.  
 22. 21 E. 3. 10.  
 32. 40 E. 3. 4.  
 28 E. 3. 95.  
 34 E. 1. Anc de-  
 mesne 98. 21 E. 4.  
 Anc demesne 6.  
 22 Aff. 45.  
 F. N. B. 136. k.  
 30 E. 3. 12.  
 b 2 E. 2. Execut.  
 118. 15 E. 3.  
 ib. 62. 8 E. 2. b.  
 136. 7 H. 4. 19.  
 Lib. 5. fo. 105.  
 19 H. 6. 64.  
 c 4 E. 2. Redissei-  
 sin 9.  
 d 7 H. 6. 35. 8 H. 6.  
 34. 32 H. 6. 35.  
 F. N. B. 189. g.  
 Lib. 5. fo. 105.  
 Allens case.  
 22 El. Dier 373.  
 7 H. 7. 11.  
 e 2 E. 4. 26. 8 E. 4.  
 6. 7 H. 4. 44.  
 8 H. 4. 24. 17 E. 3.  
 31. Tr. 16 E. 3.  
 Corā Rege Rot.  
 132 Eborum.  
 Tr. 13 E. 3. Corā  
 Rege Rot. 108.  
 Glouc' (finis.)  
 Tr. 3 H. 5. Corā  
 Rege Rot. 9 Effex  
 (finis) 21 E. 3. 20.  
 56. 21 Aff. 4.  
 26 E. 3. 63.  
 f Vid. Dier 22 El.  
 373.  
 g 3 E. 3. 9. F. N. B.  
 19 d.  
 b Dier 22 El. 373.  
 27 Aff. 5. 44 E. 3.  
 38.  
 i 21 E. 3. 32.

the land frank see so long as they stand in force. 2. If the land be not holden of the Mannor being ancient Demesne. 3. If the land be holden by Knights service: for, as hath been said, the service of the Plow and Husbandry is the cause of the privilege. 4. \* If there be no suitors, or but one suitor, for that the suitors are Judges, and therefore the Demandant must sue at the Common law, for that there is a faller of Justice within the Mannor. 5. If the Tenant accept a release of his Lord of his seignior, or the seignior be otherwise extinguished by reason of the seison of the King or otherwise. 6. Or if the Lord disseise his Tenant and maketh a feoffment in fee. 7. If the Lord grant the services of his Tenant, and the Tenant attorn.

† Arabant & herciabant ad curiā domini, i. they did plough, and harrow at the Mannor of the Lord.

<sup>a</sup> And this privilege doth not extend to meer personall actions, as debt upon a Case, Trespasse, Quare clausum fregit, and the like, in which by common Intendment the title of the freehold shall not come in debate. But otherwise it is of all reall actions, and also in actions of Account, Replevin, Ejectione firmæ, Writ of Mesne and the like, where by common Intendment the realty shall come in question.

<sup>b</sup> Lands in ancient demesne are extendable upon a statute Merchant, Staple, Clegit, and regularly all generall statutes extend to ancient demesne.

<sup>c</sup> But a Redisseisin, although they concern the realty, doth not lie in ancient demesne, because the proceeding in a Redisseisin is appointed by the statutes to be made by the Sherif, assumptis secum Coronatoribus Comitatus, &c. and in ancient demesne there are no Cozoners, <sup>d</sup> but otherwise it is in an action of Waste.

And as the Tenants in ancient Demesne are carefull to preserve their privileges, so the Lord is as carefull to preserve his seignior, and the tenure of this tenancy in ancient demesne. And therefore if the Tenant levy a fine, or suffer a recovery in the Court of Common pleas, &c. whereby for the time the land is become frankfee, the Lord by a writ of Disceit may not only restore himselfe to his true seignior, but utterly avoid the fine, and restore his Tenant against the recovery and his own fine to the land again in his former estate: and the reason thereof is, for that the recovery or fine was not suffered or levied before a competent Judge in the right Court, which ought to have been in the Court of ancient Demesne, and therefore after the reverfall in the writ of Disceit, it is now tanquam coram non Judge, and the parties to the fine or recovery shall be fined and imprisoned pro deceptione Curie.

<sup>e</sup> But if in a writ of Right close in ancient Demesne, the Demandant maketh his protestation to sue in the nature of Assise of Mord, the Tenant plead in abatement of the writ, and the writ by judgement is abated, the Demandant brings a writ of false judgment, wherein the writ is affirmed to be good, the Court of Common pleas shall proceed as the inferiour Court should have done, & although that judgment be given to recover the land in the Common place, yet the land is not frankfee, but remains ancient Demesne, because the beginning and foundation thereof was in ancient Demesne.

<sup>f</sup> They may levy a fine in ancient Demesne which by the Custome it is said to be a bar of the estate tail; but certainly that will not hold.

<sup>g</sup> If the Tenant remove the plea for the cause mentioned in the Recordare, he may come into the Kings Court, and assign other cause, and twenty, if he hath, to maintain the jurisdiction of the Kings Court.

C A P. L I X.

The Court of the Coroner.

**T**his Coroner Coronator is so called, because he deals principally with Pleas of the Crown or matters concerning the Crown: He is eligible by the Freeholders of the County, and so continues to this day, as of ancient time the \* Sheriff & Conservators of the peace were, because the people had a great interest and safety in the due execution of their offices, and so long as they were eligible, they continued, notwithstanding the demise of the King, as the Coroner doth to this day. And of ancient time this office was of great estimation, for none could have it under the degree of a Knight.<sup>b</sup> And it appeareth by the writ De Coronatore eligendo, that he must have two properties, viz. sufficient knowledge, ability & diligence in execution of his office implied in these words, Et talē eligi facias, qui melius sciat, & possit officio illi intendere. <sup>c</sup> And the Sheriff after he be elected, shall give unto him his oath duly to execute his office: and the Court which he holdeth is a Court of Record. And commonly there are Four in every County of England; but in the twelve Shires in Wales, and in Cheshire there are but two.

Now concerning his jurisdiction, what it was before the Statute of Magna Carta, and what he hath at this day, and of his Antiquity, you may read in the Second part of the Institutes, Mag. Cart. cap. 17. and the Exposition upon the same, Merton cap. 3. Redisseisin, and W. 1. cap. 10. & 26. & Artic. super Cart. cap. 3. and the Exposition of the same.

He is to take nothing for doing his office upon grievous forfeiture, but by 3 H. 7. he is to have upon an indictment found of murder 13 s. 4 d. of the goods of the murderer, and if he hath nothing, of the amercement of the Township for the escape, &c. See also the ancient Authors, Mirror des Justices, Cap. 1. §. del office del Coroner. Bracton Lib. 3. fo. 121, 122, 123. Britton Cap. 1. Fleta. lib. 1. ca. 18. Statutum de anno 4 E. 1. de officio Coronatoris, and Stanf. Pl. Coronæ fol. 48, 49, 50, &c.

And as the Sheriff in his Tourn may enquire of all felonies by the Common law, saving of death of man, so the Coroner can enquire of no felony but of the death of man, and that super visum corporis: He shall also enquire of the \* escape of the murderer, of Treasure Trove, Deodands, and Wrecks of the Sea. But hereof you shall read more in the Authorities before cited, and in the Third part of the Institutes, in the Title of Appeals.

He ought to deliver the Inquisition of death taken by him at the next Gaol-delivery, or certifye the same into the Kings Bench. \* Upon an Inquisition found before him of murder or manslaughter he ought to put in writing the effect of the evidence given to the Jury before him being materiall, and hath power to binde over witnesses to the next Gaol-delivery in that County. See before in the Chapter of the Courts in London.

To conclude, besides his judiciall place, he hath also authority ministeriall as a Sheriff, &c. viz. when there is just exception taken to the Sheriff; judiciall processe shall be awarded to the Coroners for the execution of the Kings writs, in which cases he is locum tenens Vicecomitis, and in some speciall case the Kings originall writ shall be immediately directed unto him.

In defectu Vic' pro brevibus Regis exequendis, videtur Curia hic, quod aliis quam Coronatoribus non est demandand'. Vide Vet. Mag. Cart. parte 2. fo. 19, 20, 21, Stat' Exoniæ. Fleta Lib. 1. Cap. 18.

Regist. 172.  
F. N. B. 164.

\* Artic. sup. Cart. cap 8. & 13.  
12 R. 2. cap. 2.  
14 E. 3. cap. 7.  
2 Ro. Pat. 5 E. 1.  
Lambard Justice of Peace. 16. b.  
<sup>b</sup> Regist. 177.  
F. N. B. 164.  
Stanf. 48. c.  
W. 1. cap. 20.

<sup>c</sup> 14 E. 3. ca. 8. He must have sufficient land in the County whereof he may answer all people.  
F. N. B. 164.  
34 H. 8. 35 H. 8. cap. 13.

3 H. 7. cap. 2.

Vet. Mag. Cart.  
4 E. 1. part. 1 119.  
Stanf. 49. c. 1.  
35 H 6 23.

\* 3 H. 7. ca. 1.  
4 E. 1. ubi sup.

3 H. 7. ca. 1.  
\* 1 & 2 Ph. & M. cap. 13.

Pl. Com.

Pasch. 9 E. 3 Co-ram Rege Rot. 80. Ebor. Westminster.

## CAP. LX.

Brañ. l. 5. f. 334. a

The Court of *Pepoudres*, vulgarly Pipowders,  
*Curia Pedis pulverisati.*

**T**his Court is incident to every Fair and Market, as a Court Baron to a Mannor, and is derived of two Latin words, as is apparent, and so called, because that for contracts and injuries done concerning the Fair or Market, there shall be as speedy justice done for advancement of Trade, and Traffick, as the dust can fall from the foot, the proceeding there being de hora in horam. And therefore Bracton saith, Item propterea qui celerem debent habere justitiam, sicut sunt mercatores quibus exhibetur *Justitia Pepoudrous, &c.*

Brañ. l. 5. f. 334. a

6 H. 4. 3. 6 E. 4.  
3. b. 7 E. 4. 23.  
Li. 6. fo. 12. a.  
& 20.  
\* See before  
Cap. Justices  
in Eire. simile  
pag. 185.  
2 Mic. 42 & 43 El.  
Coram Regē,  
Lib. 10. fo. 61. En  
le case del Mar-  
shalley Jones  
case.

This is a Court of Record to be holden before the Steward of the Court, and the jurisdiction thereof consisteth in Four conclusions. 1. The contract or cause of action must be in the same time of the same Fair or Market, \* and not before or in a former. 2. It must be for some matter concerning the same Fair or Market, done, complained on, heard and determined. 3. It must be within the precinct of that Fair or Market. 4. The Plaintiff must take an oath according to the Statute of 17 E. 4. cap. 2. but that concludeth not the Defendant. <sup>a</sup> And all this was resolved; & adjudged in a writ of Error brought by Hall against Jones, and the case was this: Jones being Register of the Bishop of Glouc, brought an Action upon the case in a Court of Pipowders belonging to the Market in Gloucester against Hall for these words; Master Jones and his Clerks have by colour of his office extorted and gotten 300 l. per annum, by unlawfull means for many years together above their ordinary fees, for proving of Testaments and granting Administrations. And not guilty being pleaded, &c. It was tried and adjudged for the Plaintiff; and divers errors were assigned, but the judgment was reversed for these errors following. 1. That this Court of Pipowders, being incident to the Market, hath no jurisdiction but of such things as concern the Market; and these slanderous words did in no sort concern the Market: but if one slander the wares of any in the Market, whereby he cannot make sale of them, an action doth lie in that Court. 2. It appeared in the Record that the words were spoken the day before the Market; <sup>b</sup> and no action lyeth in that Court but for an injury within the jurisdiction of the Court done, complained on, heard & determined on the same Market day, the proceeding being de hora in horam, and within the precinct of the Market. And herewith agreeth 3 Mar. Dier 132. And it was resolved that this Court was incident as well to a Market as to a Fair.

<sup>b</sup> 7 H. 6. 18, 19.  
Kelw. 23 H. 7. 99.  
Doct. & St. fo. 11.  
3 Mar. Dier 132.  
Int<sup>r</sup> Hall & Pinder.  
45 E. 3. 1.  
1 H. 4. 6. 13 H. 7.  
19 b. 12 H. 7.  
16, 17.  
<sup>c</sup> 13 F. 4. 8. b.  
8 H. 7. 4. 5.  
12 E. 4. 9.  
19 H. 8. Br. inci-  
dents 34.  
12 H. 6. 3. b.  
17 E. 4. c. 2.  
1 R. 3. cap 6.

<sup>c</sup> And there may be a Court of Pipowders by custome without Fair or Market, & a Market without an owner. Another Error was assigned, for that it is provided by the <sup>d</sup> Statutes of 17 E. 4. and 1 R. 3. that no plea shall be holden in the Court of Pipowders, except the Plaintiff or his Attorny will make oath, that the contract or other deed contained in the Declaration was done or committed within the time of the Fair: but this Error was disallowed by the Court, for although this ought to be done, if the Defendant will stand upon it, notwithstanding it shall not be made part of the Record

Vide Lib, Intrat. Rast. fo. 464. Pipowder 1, 2. fo. 18, Execution 3. fol. 158, Gaoler 1.



CAP. LXI.

The Court of the Clerk of the Market.

**H**E is to this day called Clericus Mercati Hospitii Regis, for of ancient time there was a continuall Market kept at the Court gate, where the King was better served with Viands for his household then by Purveyors, the subject better used, and the King at far lesse charge in respect of the multitude of Purveyors, &c. And the Officer of the Market of the Kings household retaineth his name still, although the good end thereof according to the first institution ceaseth.

The Clerk of the Market shall hold no plea but such as were holden in the reign of E. 1. And at this day there is no great need of him, for the Justices of Assise, the Justices of Oier and Terminer, Justices of Peace, and the Sheriffs in their Tourns, and the Lords in their Leets, may and do inquire of false weights and measures.

He doth keep a Court and inquireth of weights and measures whether they be according to the Kings Standard or no, and for that purpose he maketh proccesse to Sheriffs and Bailiffs to return Pannels before him, &c. And he is to deliuer the Certificates of those things which touch his office into the Exchequer.

Of Drink (that is to say) of Wine, Ale, and Beer, and of Corn and Grain there ought to be but one measure: Una mensura Vini, Cervisiae & bladi, & Virgae, and of all other merchandize per totum regnum. De ponderibus vero sicut de mensuris.

14 E. 3. ca. 12. 13 R. 2. cap. 9. 15 R. 2. 4. 16 R. 2. cap. 3. 9 H. 5. cap. 8. 11 H. 7. cap. 4. 12 H. 7. cap. 5. 1 H. 5. cap. 10.

But notwithstanding these statutes there be within this Realm two kind of weights, the one called Troy weight, which is commanded by the statute, and this derived from the grain or corn of barley from the middest of the Ear and dry. 24 of these coyns or grains make a penny weight, and 20 of these penny weights make an ounce, and 12 ounces make a pound Troy. A grain contains 20 minutes, a minute contains 24 droits, a droit contain 24 blanks. 12 grains of fine gold make a Carat, 24 Carats of fine gold make an ounce, and 12 ounces make a pound of fine gold. By this Troy weight are weighed according to law pearls, precious stones, gold and silver, bread, wheat, and such like.

There is another kinde of weight called Aver de pois. A pound of this consisteth of 16 ounces, every ounce having 20 penny weight, every penny weight 21 grains, and  $\frac{2}{3}$  of a grain. It is called Aver de pois, because thereby they have full measure. Hereby are weighed all Physicall drugs, Wax, Pitch, Tarre, Iron, Steele, Lead, Hemp, Flaxe, Flesh, Butter, Cheese, and divers other commodities, but specially every commodity subject to wast. There was another weight called the Ancell or Ansell weight, which was when the Scales were fixed to a beam or staffe, and he that weighed by it, used his forefinger or hand in the middest, wherein was great deceit, and therefore is put out by the statute of 25 E. 3. cap. 9. 34 E. 3. cap. 5. 8 H. 6. cap. 5. It is derived ab Ansa, which is the handle of the ballance, and this weight was guided by the hand.

Measures of Troy be of three kinds, viz. of things that be dry, of Liquor, and of Longitude, Latitude and profundity.

Britton fo. 75. b.  
Fleta l. 2. c. 20.  
Rot. Par. 50 E. 3.  
nu. 87. & 152.  
13 R. 2. cap. 4.  
32 H. 8. cap. 20.  
17 H. 8. ca. 24.  
Lib. In. Co. 445.  
a Sec the 2. part  
of the Iustitutes,  
28 E. 1. Artic. sup.  
Cart. ca. 2. and  
the Exposition  
thereupon.  
b Rot. Parl.  
8 H. 4. nu. 82.  
c 16 R. 2. ca. 3.  
d Star. de modo  
mittendi extract.  
in Scaccarium.  
Anno 16 E. 1. &  
15 E. 2.  
e Mag. Car. c. 25.  
27 E. 3. ca. 10.  
25 E. 3. cap. 9.

¶ Weights,  
Trutina Capana.  
Ordinatio men-  
surar' 31 E. 3.

¶ Of Mea-  
sures.

¶ Of

Ordinatio mensur.  
3 E. 1.  
ubi sup.

¶ Of dry things, 4 grains make a penny weight, 20 penny weight make an ounce, 12 ounces a pound or pinte (for a pound weight is a pinte in measure) two pounds or pintes make a quart, two quarts make a pottle, two pottles make a gallon, two gallons make a peck, four pecks make a bushell, four bushells make a Combe, two Combes make a Quarter, six Quarters make a Wey, and ten Quarters make a Last.

¶ Of Liquor 12 ounces make a pound, 8 pound make a gallon of wine, 8 gallons of wine make a Bushell of London, which is the 8 part of a Quarter.

Of wine see the Statutes of 1 R. 3. cap. 13. 28 H. 8. cap. 14.

	the Ferkine	8	} Gallons.
	the Biberkin	16	
Of Ale and Beer	the Barrell	32	
	the Hoghead	63	
	or Quarter		} Et sic de cæteris.

See Assisa Panis & Cervisia.

1 H. 3.

Ver. Mag. Cart. fo. 31, 32. 2 part.

Ibidem 44. b.

Compositio ulnarum & perticarum Ver. Mag. Cart. 2 parte 45, 46. Anno 31. E. 1. Statut' de terris mensur'.

See the Statute Compositio de Ponderibus.

Statut' de Pistoribus, Ver. Mag. Cart. 2 parte 23; 24.

Statut' Panis & Cervisia.

¶ Of Longitude, Latitude, and profundity, 3 grains of barley in length make an Inch, 12 Inches make a foot, 3 foot make a yard, a yard and a quarter make an Ell, 5 yards and a half make a Perche, 40 Perches in length make a Furlong, 8 Furlongs make a Mile.

I may speak of the Sellers the by weight of Aver de poys, as Tacitus spake of the Augures in Rome. Hoc genus hominū semper vitabitur, & semper in Civitate retinebitur.

But now let us see what fees the Clerk of the Market ought to take. By the statute of W. 1. cap. 26. it is enacted that no Sherif or other Minister of the King shall take any reward for doing his office, &c. And the Kings Clerk of the Market is the Kings Minister, and therefore he is within the purbien of this statute.

I find that in 8 R. 2. in open Parliament a Goat was allowed to him for marking and sealing of every bushell, 2 d. of every half bushell, 1 d. of every peck, and so according to that rate.

By the statute of 7 H. 7. the chief Officer of every City and Borough shall take for sealing of every bushell a penny, of every other measure a half penny, of every hundred weight 1 d. and of every half hundred ob. and of every weight under a farthing, and not above.

The Clerk of the Market in the reign of Queen Eliz. claimed by custome for the examination and view of every bushell sealed before by the Clerk of the Market, whether it were lawfull or unlawfull 2 d. and in like manner of every lesser measure of wood 1 d. and in like manner of Inholders measures 4 d. and of the measures of Victuallers 2 d. and divers other fees for examination and viewing of weights and measures whether they were lawfull or unlawfull, as is aforesaid. And it was resolved by all the Judges of England, that no fee was due to the Clerk of the Market for view and examination only of weights and measures for three causes. 1. The said Parliament Roll of 8 R. 2. alloweth a fee for sealing, and so doth 7 H. 7. and 11 H. 7. but no allowance for view or examination. 2. The weights and measures are either true, according as before they were sealed, or false: if true, it should be against reason to charge the innocent, for that were disperdere justum cum impio; if false, then by the statute of 13 R. 2. they ought to be burnt, and the end of the view & examination is to find out falshood, to the end they might be punished, and fined to the King, as appeareth by the statute of 13 R. 2. but no fee is to be taken therefore. 3. Whereas the Clerk of the Market affirmed that these fees had been of long time taken, the Judges said, that malus usus abolendus est, and the taking of fees for view and examination only was extortion, and that they could not prescribe against the said statute of W. 1. See in the 2. part of the Institutes, the Exposition of the said statute of W. 1.

By the said statute of 13 R. 2. he ought to take no common fine, for before that statute

W. 1. An. 3 E. 1. ca. 26.

Rot. Par. 8 R. 2. nu. 11.

7 H. 7. ca. 3.

11 H. 7. cap. 4.

13 R. 2. ca. 4.

38 Ass. p. 11.

statute he did use to take a reward (which the Act tearmeth a fine) soꝛ not inquiry of defaults, whereby the King was prevented of his fine, the delinquent not punished, & the people wronged by extortion, & permission of false measures: and therefore the Act prohibedeth that no common fine shall be taken, as is aforesaid, but that every person which is found in default touching the same office be punished according to his desert. And the Clerk of the Market cannot set any price of any thing saleable in the Market, soꝛ that belongs not to weights and measures; and by the Common law *Arbitrio Domini res æstimari debet*, which cannot be altered but by Parliament; and again, *Nemo cogitur rem suam vendere etiam justo precio*; and things saleable in the Market of one kinde are not of one goodnesse: but he ought to assise weights and measures.

It is enacted that good examination and correction be had in Towns infranchised touching weights and measures, so as the \* statutes thereof made be duly observed.

12 F. 4. fo. 8. b.  
23 E. 3. cap. 6.  
13 K. 2. cap. 8.  
3 H. 8. cap. 8.

6 R. 2. cap. 13.  
Rot. Par. 37 E. 3.  
nu. 39.  
\* Which are before in this Chapter.

CAP. LXII.

The Court of the Commissioners of Sewers.

**Q**uando aqua profluit, that is, when water doth issue, vulgarly, sue: hereupon cometh the word *Suera*, soꝛ a sewer, passage, channell, oꝛ gutter of water.

**b** At the complaint of Henry de Lacye Earle of Lincolne, a Commission of Sewers was granted to Roger de Brabason Mayor, and the Sheriffs of London.

**c** Their authority is by Commission under the Great seal in hæc verba, at this day grounded and warranted by the Act of Parliament of 23 H. 8.

**d** Of their jurisdiction you may reade in my Reports, and see the statutes of 6 H. 6. cap. 5. 8 H. 6. cap. 8. 23 H. 6. cap. 9. 12 E. 4. ca. 6. 4 H. 7. ca. 1. 6 H. 8. cap. 10. 23 H. 8. cap. 5. & 10. 3 E. 6. cap. 8. 1 Mar. cap. 11. 13 Eliz. cap. 9.

Certain necessary observations upon some of these statutes, and principally wherein the statute of 23 H. 8. cap. 5. hath been explained, declared, oꝛ altered by any of the said subsequent statutes.

**e** 1 This Commission shall be granted to such substantiall & indifferent persons shall be named by the Lord Chancelor, the Lord Treasurer, and the two Chiefe Justices, oꝛ any three of them, whereof the Lord Chancelour to be one.

**f** 2 Every Commissioner before he take upon him the execution therof shall take the Corporall Oath mentioned in that Act before the Lord Chancelour, oꝛ such as the Lord Chancelour shall direct by Writ of *Verdictum Potestatem*, oꝛ before the Justices of peace in their Quarter Sessions, & s ought to have lands oꝛ tenements of the clear yearly value of 40 Marks of some estate of freehold (except as in the Statute is excepted) upon pain of forfeiture of 40 li. and no Farmer of lands within the Precinct of the Commission, unlesse he hath lands of some estate of freehold of the yearly value of 40 li. and yet he not to meddle with the lands he hath in farm.

**h** 3 The abolvoy oꝛ justification soꝛ a distresse taken by force of this Commission shall be generall, that the said distresse, &c. was taken, &c. by force of the Commission of Sewers soꝛ a lot oꝛ tax assessed by the said Commission, oꝛ soꝛ such other Act oꝛ cause, &c.

**i** 4 There must be six Commissioners, &c. at the least, which shall sit by force of the said Commission.

**k** 5 That the said Act of 23 H. 8. doth not extend to, nor give authority to the

*a* Vid. Pas h.  
22 E. 1. in Banco  
Rot 52. Kanc'  
Ric' de Gras  
Com' de Sewers.  
Vi. Regill. 287. a.  
Certiorar.  
*b* Rot Parl. Anno  
35 E. 1. at Carlisle  
*c* 23 H. 8. cap. 5.  
*d* Lib. 5. f. 99 100.  
Rook's case.  
Lib. 10. fo. 137.  
*e* *Le case de M.lyn*  
*de Chester, & fo.*  
139 Keighleys  
c. 5.  
*Ib* 141. *Le case de*  
*Iste de Ely.*  
Vid. Regill. 252. b  
*De antiqua trench*  
*chea obstruenda*  
*& nova facienda*  
*vel habenda Ad*  
*quod damnū.*  
*Ib. d. 254. b. De*  
*aqua ductu, &*  
255. a.  
F. N. B. 225. e.  
Tr. 31 E. 3. fol.  
44 b. in libro  
meo MS.  
19 E. 3. bite 279  
*e* 23 H. 8. ca. 5. 10.  
To whom and by  
whom this Com-  
mission shall be  
granted.  
*f* 23 H. 8. cap. 5.  
*g* 13 Eliz. cap. 9.

*b* 23 H. 8. cap. 5. Lib. Intr. Coke 292. 293. *i* How many Commissioners must sit. *k* 1 Mar. cap. 11. To what nu-  
fances the Commission of Sewers extend not.

Commissioners of Sewers to reform the great hurt and nuisance by reason of the sand rising out of the Sea, and driven to land by storms and winds. A special provision is there made for the County of Glamorgan.

3 Jac. cap. 14.  
\* *ura*, an excellent exposition of the statute of 23 H. 8 by this Parliament of 3 Jac.

It is adjudged by Act of Parliament Anno 3 Jacobi Regis cap. 14. That Walls, Ditches, Banks, Cutters, Sewers, Gates, Causeys, Bridges, and Watercourses in or about the City of London, where no passage for Boats is used, nor the water therein doth usually ebbe or flow: which Walls, Ditches, Banks, Cutters, Sewers, and other the premises, do fall into the River of Thames, are not under the survey, correction and amendment of the Commissioners of Sewers, nor of the statutes made for Sewers in Anno 23 H. 8, or of any other statute of Sewers, as it is rehearsed by full consent of Parliament: and therefore provision is made that those Walls, Ditches, Banks, Cutters, Sewers, and other the premises, shall be subject to the Commission of Sewers.

13 Eliz. cap. 9.  
How long the Commission shall endure.

6 That a Commission of Sewers shall continue ten years, unless it be repealed or determined by reason of any new Commission, or by Superseas.

13 Eliz. cap. 9.  
The laws written in Parchment & indented, &c. Without Certificate or Royall assent.

7 That Laws, Ordinances and Constitutions made or to be made by force of any such Commission, and written in Parchment indented under the Seals of the said Commissioners or six of them, whereof one part shall remain with the Clerk, &c. and the other part in such place as six of the said Commissioners shall appoint, shall without any Certificate, and without the Royall assent stand and continue in full force notwithstanding any determination of any such Commission by Superseas, until the same be altered by the Commissioners of Sewers after to be assigned, &c.

Determination by expiration.

8 And if any such Commission be determined by expiration of ten years next ensuing the Tasse thereof; then such laws, &c. so indented and sealed, &c. shall continue for one whole year. And that the Justices of peace or six of them, whereof one to be of the Quorum, shall have authority during that year to execute the said laws, &c.

Justices of peace.

9 That by the granting of a new Commission within that year, the power of the Justices of peace to cease.

Nota, no Certificate or return of the Commissions or of any the Ordinances, Laws, or Doings.

10 The said Commissioners shall not be compelled to make any Certificate or return the said Commissions, or of any of their Ordinances, Laws, or doings, by authority of the said Commissions.

11 See also an alteration by the statute of 13 Eliz. concerning fees.

12 Lastly, this is certain, that neither the Commissioners of Sewers, nor any other, have such an absolute authority, but that their proceedings are bound by law.

Regist. 126. 127.  
F. N. B. 113, 114.

Vide the ancient Commission of Sewers by the Common law in the Register, and F. N. B.

Rot. Parl. 2 H. 6. nu. 57.

A generall Commission of Sewers enacted by authority of Parliament, not printed.

6 H. 6. cap. 5.

A generall Commission of Sewers enacted by Parliament, and in print. But the Commission by the statute of 23 H. 8. standeth now in force. And yet by diligent perusal of the former, and by advised comparing of them with the latter, it will manifest wherein the former defects were, and how continually by the latter they were supplied and amended, and give a great light for the true understanding of that which now standeth.

Stat. 25 E. 3. ca. 4.  
45 E. 3. cap. 2.

See Hil. 13 E. 3. coram Rege. Leges & consuetudines approbatae pro reparatione murorum maritimorum & mundatione Fossatarum & Suerarū in paludibus quae hic exprimuntur per commissionem Regis ad hoc faciendum in Merishland.

Hil. 13 E. 2. coram Rege Rot. 55 Norf.  
Pasch. 44 E. 3. coram Rege Rot 2 Mid.  
a 19 E. 3. tit. bar 279.

a A particular Commission granted to S. Joh. de Sutton, & Sir Rob. de Scrope.

b A Commission concerning the River of Lee.

b 2 E. 3. fo. 26.  
c The Court of sewers of Rumney Marsh.

c Rumney Marsh in the County of Kent containing 24000 acres, is at this day, and long time hath been governed by certain ancient and equal laws of Sewers made by a venerable Justice Henry de Bache, in the reign of H. 3. from which laws not only other parts in Kent, but all England receive light and direction: For example: The said generall Act of 23 H. 8. ca. 5. in the clause which giveth

gibeth power to the Commissioners to make Statutes, Ordinances, and provisions, &c. necessary and behoefull after the lawes and customes of Runney Marsh in the County of Kent, or otherwise by any wayes or means, &c.

Both the Towne and Marsh of Runney took their name of one Robert Runney. This Robert (as it appeareth by the Book of Domesday) held this Towne of Odo Bishop of Baieux, wherein he had 13 Burgeses, who for their service at the sea were discharged of all actions and customes of charge, except felony, breach of the peate and forestalling.

See before in the Chapters of the Courts of London, &c. the jurisdiction that the Lord Mayor hath in the River of Thames.

CAP. LXIII.

The Court of the Commissioners upon the Statute of Bankrupts.

**W**e have fetched as well the name as the wickednesse of Bankrupts from forein Nations: For Banque in the French is mensa, and a Banquet or Eschanger is \* mensarius, and route is a signe or mark, as we say, a Cart rout is the signe or mark where the Cart hath gone: metaphorically it is taken for him that hath wasted his estate, & removed his Banque, so as there is left but a mention thereof. Some say it should be derived from Banque and rumpue, as he that hath broken his Banque or state.

In former times as the name of a Bankrupt, so was the offence it self (as hath been said) a stranger to an Englishman, who of all other Nations was free of Bankruptcy. And the first statute that we find against this crime, was indeed made against strangers, viz. against Lombards, who after they had made Obligations to their creditors, suddenly escaped out of the Realm without any agreement made with their creditors. \* It was therefore enacted, that if any Merchant of the Company knowledge himself bound in that manner, that then the Company shall answer the debt: so that another Merchant which is not of the Company shall not be thereby grieved nor impeached: neither do we find either any complaint in Parliament, or Act of Parliament made against any English Bankrupt untill the 34 year of H. 8. when the English Merchant had rioted in three kind of costlinesses, viz. costly building, costly diet, and costly apparell, accompanied with neglect of his trade and servants, and thereby consumed his wealth.

He is called in Latin \* Decoctor, a Decoquendo, for consuming of his estate in riotous and delicate living. The said Act of 34 H. 8. is altered by the statutes of 13 Eliz. cap. 7. 1 Jacobi, cap. 15. & 21 Jacobi, cap. 19.

And it is to be observed, that all the aforesaid statutes and lawes made against Bankrupts, and for relief of creditors, shall be in all things largely and beneficially construed, &c. for the aid, help and relief of the creditors.

A Bankrupt is described by the statute of 13 Eliz. cap. 7. and 1 Jac. cap. 15. but more effectually by the statute of 21 Jac. cap. 19. So as by all these three he is perfectly described. And the Commission doth extend to all and every of the said descriptions and articles thereof.

<sup>a</sup> The authority of the Commissioners is by Commission under the Great seal; their jurisdiction and power is by force of the said Acts of Parliament which ought to be pursued, <sup>b</sup> or else they are subject to the action of the party grieved, for he hath no other remedy. <sup>c</sup> The Lord Chancelour or Lord Keeper upon complaint made unto him in writing hath authority to grant the said Commission.

The derivation and significatida of Bankrupt.

Cicero pro Flaminio: *In qua e vitate unusquisque proceri nullus potest sine quinq; praetoribus, 3 praetoribus & quinq; mensariis.*

25 E. 3. stat. 3. cap. 23.

Parl. 50 E. 3. nu. 160. against Lombards.

\* 51 E. 3. nu. 51. Vid. 50 E. 3. ca. 6. & 2 R 2. cap. 3. stat. 2. against frauds generally 34 H. 8. cap. 4.

Cicero in Catilinam: *Exercitum collectum ex rusticis, merciculis, & decoctoribus.*

The description of a Bankrupt. <sup>a</sup> The authority of the Commissioners and their jurisdiction.

<sup>b</sup> Lib 8. f. 21. Inc. Curt & Delabar. <sup>c</sup> 13 Eliz. cap. 7. who may grant the Commission.

\* Three qualities of every of these Commissioners.

Generall pleading. 1 Jac. cap. 15.  
21 Jac. cap. 19.

\* Lib. 2. fo. 25, 26. Cullamors case. Lib. 8. fo. 98. Baspoles case. 1b. fol. 121. Int' Curt & Delabar.

The law hath provided that these Commissioners ought to have 3 qualities, viz. wisdom, honesty, and discretion; which if it be observed, it is the best means for the due execution of the said statute, and the life of these laws doth consist in the due execution thereof; and for such Commissioners if any Action shall be brought against them, &c. for doing of any thing by force of the said statutes, they may plead generally, and not to be given to any special pleading.

They have power to examine the offender upon oath, and after he be declared a Bankrupt, to examine his wife upon oath, and to examine witnesses also upon oath. See the statute. And they have power to break any the Houses, Chambers, Warehouses, &c. Trunks and Chests of such offenders. See the other parts of this Act of 21 Jacobi, which are plainly and effectually expressed, and need not here to be recited.

For the exposition of the said statute of 13 Eliz. \* See in my Reports lib. 2. fo. 25, 26. Cullamors case. Lib. 8, fo 98, in Baspoles case, & ibid. fo. 121. inter Curt & Delabar.

## CAP. LXIV.

### Commissioners for examination of Witnesses.

**F**oasmuch as the Court of Star-Chamber, the Chancery in cases of equity, the Exchequer Chamber in cases of equity, the Court of Wards, and the Duchy of Lancaster do proceed upon witnesses examined before Commissioners, or in Court before the Examiners, it shall be necessary (as a matter of great importance) to say somewhat of the power, authority, and duty of the said Commissioners and Examiners, and incidently of witnesses.

See li. 9. fo. 70, 71 Peacocks case, for this and some of the cases following.

Lib. 9. ubi sup.

The Commissioners, albeit named by the parties reciprocally, ought to stand indifferent, and do their uttermost endeavour to find out by due examination the whole truth, and to suppress no part thereof; for their authority is to that end merely and wholly from the King by force of his Commission.

Lib. 9. ubi sup.

Neither Commissioner nor examiner are strictly bound to the letter of the Interrogatory, but ought to explain every other matter or thing which riseth necessarily thereupon, for manifestation of the whole truth concerning the matter in question.

Lib. 9. ubi supra.

Neither Commissioner nor Examiner ought to discover to either of the parties or to any other, any of the depositions or any part of them, which they have taken before publication be granted.

Aug. Serm. 28. de verbis Apostoli. Jurare est jus veritatis Deo redere.

Azo. Injurandū est affirmatio vel negatio, religione adhibita. See the third part of the Institutes cap. Perjury.

Neither Commissioner nor Examiner after the examination begun, ought to confer with either party touching the examination, or take new instructions concerning the same.

For as much as the witness by his oath, which is so sacred, as he calleth Almighty God (who is truth it self and cannot be deceived, and hath knowledge of the secrets of the heart) to witness that which he shall depose; it is the duty both of the Commissioner and the Examiner gravely, temperately, and leisurely to take the deposition of the witness, without any menace, disturbance, or interruption of them in hinderance of the truth, which are grievously to be punished. And after the depositions taken, the Commissioners and Examiners ought to read the same distinctly to the witnesses; and suffer them to explain themselves for the manifestation of the whole truth. And it is safe for the Commissioner and Examiner that the witnesses subscribe their names or marks to the Paper-booke, but they must be certified in Parchment.

And

And albeit the Commissioners be not equall in state or degree, yet are they all of equall power and authority: for, as it hath been said of old, that there might be priority, but no superiority amongst Commissioners.

Interrogatories ought to be single and plaine, pertinent to the matter in question, and in no sort captious, leading, or directory.

In some cases the Courts of the Common law do judge upon witnesses, but they must ever give their testimony viva voce. \* As in dower, if the issue be whether the husband be alive or no, &c.

Witness is derived of the Saxon Verb Weren, i. Scire. Quia de quibus sciunt testari debent, & \* omne sacramentum debet esse certæ scientiæ. In Latin Testis à testando; & testari est testimonium perhibere: unde Regula juris, Plus valet unus oculatus testis, quam auriti decem: Testis de visu præponderat aliis.

<sup>a</sup> An Oath ought to be accompanied with the fear of God, and service of God for advancement of truth, Dominum Deum tuum timebis, & illi soli servies, & per nomen illius jurabis.

Bracon saith that an alien born cannot be a witness: which is to be understood of an alien Infidell: <sup>b</sup> for the Bishop of Rosse being a Scot born, was admitted to be a witness, and sworn Anno 14 Eliz. in the case of the Duke of Norfolk by the opinion of the Justices assistants. <sup>c</sup> Testis falsus non erit impunitus.

Nocte dieque suam gestat sub pectore testem: <sup>d</sup> Vox simplex nec probationem facit, nec præsumptionem inducit.

<sup>e</sup> Testium numerus si non adjicitur, duo sufficiunt.  
 Jurato creditur in iudicio.  
<sup>f</sup> Testibus deponentibus in pari numero dignioribus est credendum.  
<sup>g</sup> Testimoignes ne poent testefie le negative, mes affirmative.  
<sup>h</sup> Allegans contraria non est audiendus, verum vero consentiens est falsum nec vero nec falso.

Juramentum est indivisibile, & non est admittendum in parte verum, & in parte falsum.

<sup>i</sup> Allegans suam turpitudinem non est audiendus.  
 Index non potest esse testis in propria causa.  
 Jusjurandum inter alios fact' nec nocere, nec prodesse debet.  
 Facultas probationum non est angustanda.  
 De crimine in Lupanari commisso, lupanares testes esse possunt.  
 Qui prodit in scenam mercedis ergo, infamis est.

Witnesses ought to come to be deposed untaught, and without instruction, and should wish the victory to the party that right hath, and that justice should be administered: and should say from his heart, Non sum doctus, nec instructus, nec curo de victoria, modo ministretur Justitia, See Britton 134, 135.

\* 8 H. 6. 13. 2 E. 2  
 trial 46, &c.  
 Dier 2 Eliz. 185.  
 13 Eliz. 306.

¶ *Of witnesses.*  
 Additions to the  
 1 part of the In-  
 stitutes. Sect. 1.  
 fo. 6.

And to the third  
 part of the Insti-  
 tutes cap. Perju. 7

\* 12 Aff. 12.  
 23 Aff. n.

11 Aff. p. 19.

a Deut. 6. 13.

b 16 Januarii

24 Eliz.

c Prov. 19.

d Braçt. lib. 5.

fo. 400. b.

2 H. 7. Kelw. 96.

a. b.

e Braçt. lib. 5. 359.

f Vid. 2 E. 2. tri-

all 45.

g F. N. B. 106, 107

b 16 E. 4. 10. a.

i Trin. 13 E. 1. in  
 Com. Banco,  
 Rich. de Rayn-  
 hams case.

Histriones Mer-  
 cenarii.

## CAP. LXV.

*Curia cursus Aquæ apud Gravesend.*

**O**f this Court, and others like, which are in private, we intend not to treat, for that the labour herein were infinite, and serveth nothing for the publick, whereat our principall aime hath been.

## CAP. LXVI.

## The Kings Swanheard.

Rot. Pat. 16 R. 2.  
part 1. m. 39.

\* Tr. 33 E. 1. Essex  
coram Rege.  
Rot. 124.

7 H. 6. 2cc.

¶ *The Kings  
Alneger.*

<sup>a</sup> Rot. Pat. 14 E. 1.  
Tho. Darlington  
Militi.

This appeareth  
also by the sta-  
tutes themselves.

25 E. 3. cap. 1.  
stat. 4.

27 E. 3. stat. 1. cap. 4. 3 R. 2. cap. 17 R. 2. cap. 2. & 5. 1 H. 4. cap. 13. 11 H. 4. 6. 13 H. 4. 4. 11 H. 6. 1. 31 H. 6. 5.  
4 E. 4. 1. 8 E. 4. 1. R. 3. Rot. Claus. 17 R. 2. m. 14. <sup>b</sup> The derivation of Alneger.

**V**hat authority the Kings Swanheard hath, being of ancient time by his Office Magister deductus Cygnorum, you may reade Rot. Patentium Anno 11 H. 4. part. 1. m. 14. Rot. Pat. 30 E. 3. part 1. m. 20. and Lib. 7. fo. 15, &c. Le case de Swannes, but Court he hath not: No Fowle can be a \* Gray but a Swan.

So likewise there is an ancient Officer of the Kings Alneger of the Kings gift being before any statute: As taking one example for many. <sup>a</sup> In 14 E. 1. Sir Thomas Darlington was by the Kings Letters Patents Alneger of Broad Cloth, and had a fee of the King for the exercise of his Office; For the fee that he had of the Subject was (as it ought to be) by Act of Parliament. 27 E. 3. St. 1. cap. 4. <sup>b</sup> Alneger of Avlne in French, and that of ulna, ulnator. See before concerning the alnaging of new Draperies, Cap. Of the High Court of Parliament, pag. 31.



## CAP. LXVII.

The Wardens Courts in the East, West,  
and middle Marches adjoining  
to Scotland.

23 H. 8. cap. 16.  
31 H. 6. cap. 3.  
8 E. 4. cap. 2.  
22 E. 4. cap. 8.

**T**hey proceeded according to the Law called the March Law, or Borders Law, but their jurisdiction was increased by Act of Parliament. The limits of their jurisdiction was within the Marches, which were confined to the Counties of Northumberland, Cumberland, Westmerland, and the Towne of Newcastle upon Tyne in the County of York.

4 H. 5. cap. 7.  
23 H. 8. cap. 16.  
31 H. 6. cap. 3.

For the word [Marches,] see before Cap. President and Councell of Wales.

But since King James was Monarch of both Kingdomes, the batable grounds on both sides are become quiet, and so peaceable, as all the said Courts in the East, West, and middle Marches are vanished, and hostile laws on both sides by authority of Parliament in either of the Kingdoms repealed. See the said Statute of 4 Jacobi. See the first part of the Institutes, Sect. 3.

4 Jac. cap. 1.

## CAP. LXVIII.

## Of Callais or Callis Caletum.

Rot. Par. 50 E. 3.  
 nu. 211, 212.  
 6 H. 6. nu. 41.  
 See the statute of  
 27 H. 8. concern-  
 ing good lawes  
 and orders for  
 Callis and the  
 Marches thereof  
 and 1 H. 7. cap. 3.  
 b 21 H. 7. 33.  
 11 H. 8. Kelw.  
 202. b.  
 Par. 3 R. 2. nu. 48.  
 c Pat. 15 E. 3.  
 2 patt.  
 Parl. 9 R. 2. nu. 4.  
 d 42 E. 3. cap. 10.  
 Lib. 7. in Calvyns  
 case.  
 e Rot. Parl. 9 R. 2.  
 nu. 4.  
 9 H. 5. stat. 2. ca. 5  
 f 1 R. 2. nu. 37.  
 g Parl. 50 E. 3.  
 nu. 209.

**T**his strong Port Town, the famous and flourishing Mart, Staple, and  
 vent of English commodities was holden and kept by the space of 211  
 years by ten severall Kings, viz. E. 3. R. 2. H. 4. H. 5. H. 6. E. 4. E. 5. R. 3.  
 H. 7. H. 8. E. 6. and holden and lost by King Philip and Mary the first Queen  
 regnant of this Realm, the Lord Wentworth then Deputy there.

It was governed by Englishmen and by English laws, some particuler cu-  
 stomes excepted. <sup>b</sup> And of a judgement given there a Writ of Error did lye re-  
 toznable into the Kings Bench. <sup>c</sup> Before the Staple at Callais, it was kept at  
 Bruges in Flanders.

<sup>d</sup> The children bozn there were inheritable in England and so declared by au-  
 thority of Parliament.

<sup>e</sup> And there the King had his Mint in such manner as in the Tower of Lon-  
 don. Certaine it is that riches followed the Staple wheresoever it was kept.

<sup>f</sup> And it could not be appointed in any place but by Act of Parliament.

<sup>g</sup> The Staple being at Callais, upon all rodes forth of the Town by the Cap-  
 tain, the Mayoꝝ of the Staple furnished him forth of Merchants and their ser-  
 vants to the number of 100 Bill-men, and 200 Archers without any wages.  
 And yet it appeareth in the Parliament Roll of 2 R. 2. nu. 15. that Callais cost  
 the King yearly twenty thousand pounds.

See the Parliament Roll of 50 E. 3. nu. 211, 212. for the Mayoꝝ Courts, &c.  
 and Liberties, and Franchises, &c. there. Many Acts of Parliament have been  
 made concerning this Town, and the Staple therein, which need not here to  
 be recited: only we thought it not good totally to pretermitt it, because the Kings  
 right remains to it, and it may hereafter be restored (which is so much desired)  
 to the right owner.

## CAP. LXIX.

Of the Isle of Man, *Insula Euboniæ, modo Mannæ,*  
and of the Law and Jurisdiction of the same.

**T**his Isle hath been an ancient Kingdome, as it appeareth in Li. 7. in Calvins case, which need not here to be recited. And yet we find it not granted or conveyed by the name of a Kingdome, sed per nomen *Insulæ*, &c. cum patronatu Episcopatus. He hath the Patronage of the Bishoprick of Sodor, which is a visible mark of a Kingdome; albeit of ancient time the Archbishop of Canterbury was Patron of the Bishoprick of \* Rochester, and the Earl of Glouc' of the Bishoprick of Landaf. Vide Lib. M. S. in Recept. Scaccarii fo. 166. & Lib. Parliam. in Turri London Temps E. 1. fo. 19, 21.

William le Scrope emit de domino Willielmo de Monte acuto *Insulam Euboniæ*, (i. *Mannæ*): Est nempe jus ipsius *Insulæ* ut quisquis illius sit dominus Rex vocetur, cui etiam fasset Corona aurea coronari.

The Lord Scrope forfeited the same to H. 4. for High treason. King H. 4. granted the same to Henry Earl of Northumberland in these words. Rex, &c. De gratia nostra speciali dedimus & concessimus Henrico Comiti Northumbriæ *Insulam*, Castrum, \* Pelam, & Dominium de Man, ac omnia *insulas* & *Dominia* eidem *Insulæ* pertinent' quæ fuer' Willielmi le Scrope Chivalier defuncti, quem in vita sua Conquestati fuimus, & ipsum sic Conquestatum decrevimus, & quæ ratione Conquestati illius tanquam Conquestata cepimus in manum nostram. Quæ quidem Conquestum & Decretum in præsentem Parlamento nostro de assensu Dominorum Temporalium in eodem Parlamento existentium quoad personam præfati Willielmi, ac omnia, terras, tenementa, bona, & catalla sua tam infra regnum nostrum quam extra ad supplicationem Communitatis regni nostri affirmata existunt, &c. Habenda & tenenda eidem Comiti & hæredibus suis, &c. per servic' portandi diebus Coronationis nostræ & hæredum nostrorum ad sinistrum humerum nostrum & sinistros humeros hæredum nostrorum per seipsum aut sufficientem & honorificum deputatum suum illum gladium nudum quo cincti eramus quando in parte de Holdernes applicuimus, vocatum *Lancaster Sword*, durante processione & toto tempore solemnizationis Coronationis supradictæ.

In this little Kingdome there are 2 Castles, 17 Parishes, 4 Market towns, and many Villages, and in that Isle there is a Bishoprick, as hereafter shall be shewed.

Anno 5 H. 4. the said Henry Earl of Northumberland was attainted of treason, and by Act of Parliament 1 Martii, 7 H. 4. it is enacted that the King should have the forfeiture of all his lands and tenements. And afterwards in 7 H. 4. the King granted the Isle of Man unâ cum Patronatu Episcopatus to Sir John Stanley for life: and after in the same year he granted the same Isle unâ cum Patronatu Episcopatus, to the said Sir John Stanley and to his heirs; Tenend' de Rege hæredibus & successoribus suis per homagium ligeum: Reddendo nobis duos Falcones semel tantum, viz. immediate post homagium hujusmodi fact': Et reddendo hæredibus nostris regibus Angliæ duos Falcones diebus Coronationis eorundem hæredum nostrorum pro omnibus aliis serviciis, consuetudinibus, & demandis, adeo libere, plene, & integre, sicut Willielmus Scrope Chivalier vel aliquis alius, &c.

This Sir John Stanley had issue Sir John Stanley Knight, who had issue Sir Henry Stanley Lord Chamberlain to King H. 6. who created him Lord Stanley, who had issue George, who had issue Thomas, whom King H. 7. created

Walf. pa. 387.  
Lib. 7. fo. 21. in  
Calvins case.

\* Rot. Cart.  
16 Johan. m. 6.

Anno Dom. 1393.  
Walf. An. 17 R. 2.

Corona aurea.  
Of the quality  
of him. See Walf.  
Ubi supra.  
Rot. Pat. 1 H. 4.  
Rot. 2. Bundel-  
lo 2. parte 5.  
m. 36.

\* A Pele or Pile,  
a fortresse in a  
small Isle belon-  
ging to the Isle  
of Man.

Nota, the title of  
the King by Con-  
quest is affirmed  
by Parliament.

Rot. Pat. 7 H. 4.  
parte 2. m. 18.  
Cum patronatu  
Episcopatus.

Carl

Carl of Derby to him and the heirs males of his body, who had issue Thomas, who had issue Edward, who had issue Henry, who had issue Ferdinando and William. Ferdinando had issue Anne, Frances, and Elizabeth, and died without issue male: And between these daughters being heirs generall, and William Carl of Derby being heir male, question was moved concerning the title of the Isle of Man: which by Queen Elizabeth was referred to the Lord Keeper Egerton, and to divers Lords of the Councell, and to Popham Chief Justice of England, Anderson Chief Justice of the Common Pleas, & Peryam Chief Baron, who Trin. 40 Eliz. upon hearing of the Councell of both sides, and mature deliberation, resolved these five points. 1. That the Isle of Man was an ancient Kingdome of it self, and no part of the Kingdome of England. 2. They affirmed a case reported by Keilw. Anno 14 H. 8. to be law, viz. Mich. 14 H. 8. an office was found that Thomas Carl of Derby at the time of his death was seised of the Isle of Man in fee; whereupon the Countesse his wife, by her Countell, moved to have her Dowry in the Chancery: but it was resolved by Brudnell, Brook, and Firzh, Justices, and all the Kings Councell that the office was merely void, because the Isle of man was no part of the Realm of England, nor was governed by the law of this Layd, but was like to Tourney in Normandy, or Gascoign in France, when they were in the King of Englands hands, which were merely out of the power of the Chancery, which was the place to endow the widow of the King, &c. 2. It was resolved by them that the statute of W. 2. De donis conditionalibus, nor of 27 H. 8. of Uses, nor the statutes of 32 or 34 H. 8. of Wills, nor any other generall Act of Parliament did extend to the Isle of Man for the cause aforesaid, but by speciall name an Act of Parliament may extend to it. 3. It was resolved that seeing no office could be found to entitle the King to the forfeiture of treason, that the King might grant by Commission under the Great Seal to seise the same into the Kings hands, &c. which being done and returned of Record is sufficient to bring it into the Kings seisin and possession, and into charge, &c. 4. That the King might grant the same under the Great Seal, because he cannot grant it in any other manner. And herewith agreeth divers grants under the Great Seal of this Isle, <sup>b</sup> viz. 4 Junii, 18 E. 1. Rex E. 1. concessit Waltero de Huntercombe, &c. Rex E. 2. concessit Petro de Gaveston, &c. 1 Maii, 5 E. 2. Gilberto Magaskill, and in the same year granted Henrico de Bello monte Insulam predictam cum omni Dominio & Justitia regali pro termino vite, &c. 5. It was resolved that a feesimple in this Isle passing by the Letters Patents to Str John Stanley and his heirs, is descendible to his heirs according to the course of the Common law, for the grant it self by Letters Patents is warranted by the Common law in this case: and therefore if there be no other impediment, the Isle in this case shall descend to the heirs generall, and not to the heir male; as the grand Seignories and Connots in Wales were impleadable at the Common law, but the lands holden of them by the Customes of Wales, &c. Which resolutions we have thought good to report, because they are the best directions that we have found, both in these, and for the like cases.

By these Letters Patents it appeareth, that Simon Montacute had intruded into and occupied the said Isle in nostris exheredationem, for which he was attached to answer the same in the Kings Bench at the suit of the King, but what proceeded thereupon we yet find not.

But now let us come to their Laws, and Jurisdiction of this Isle, the like whereof we find not in any place. Their Judges they call \* Deemsters, which they choose out of themselves. All controversies they determine without proces, pleading, writing, or any charge or expence at all. If any case be ambiguous and of greater weight, it is referred to 12, which they call Claves Insulae, the keyes of the Island. They have Coroners (quos Annuos vocant) who supply the office of a Sherrif.

But albeit this be so, yet when this Isle was in the Kings hands, if any injustice or injuries were done to any of his subjects there, the King might grant

Vide 33 H. 8. c. 6. a proviso for the subjects of the Isle of Man.

14 El. cap. 5.

a In Turri Lond'

3 Junii. 6 H. 4.

such a Commit-

tion under the

Great Seal was

granted to Sir

John Stanley, &

William Stanley,

&c. to seise, &c.

in this very case.

b In tur' Rot. Pat.

18 E. 1. & Anno

5 E. 2.

Rot. Pat. 2 Apr.

6 E. 2.

\* A Dema a Sax-  
on word for a  
Judge. Giraldus:  
sunt duo J. dices  
in Insula Mannia  
(olim Ervaniz  
vincturata) qui de  
libris ibidem co-  
m. argentibus cog-  
oscunt.

a Commission for redresse thereof: the like whereof we finde, Rot. Pat. Anno 20 E. 1. in these words; Rex dilectis & fidelibus suis Nicholao de Segrave seniori, Osberro de Spaldington, & Johanni de Surhewell, Salutem. Sciatis quod assignavimus vos Justiciarios nostros ad querelas omnium & singulorum de Insula de Man se conqueri volentium de quibuscunque transgressionibus, & injuriis eis per quoscunque tam balivos & ministros nostros quam alios in prædicta Insula illatis audiend' & terminand', & ad plenam & celerem Justiciam partibus inde faciend' secundum legem & consuetudinem partium illarum. Et ideo vobis mandamus quod ad certos dies & loca quos, &c. in Insula prædicta querelas illas, &c. audiatis & terminetis in forma prædicta, facturi, &c. Salvis, &c. Mandavimus enim Custodi nostro Insula prædictæ; quod ad certos, &c. in Insula prædicta venire fac' coram vobis tot & tales, &c. In cujus, &c. Teste Rege apud Berewick, 15 die Julii.

So as albeit the Kings writ runneth not into the Isle of Man, yet the Kings Commission extendeth thither for redresse of injustice and wrong: but the Commissioners must proceed according to law and justice of the Isle. They have peculiar Laws or Customs; for example: If a man steal a Horse, or an Ore, it is no Felony, for the offender cannot \* hide them, but if he steal a Capon, or a Pigge he shall be hanged, &c. Upon the sale of a Horse or any contract for any other thing, they make the stipulation perfect, per traditionem stipulæ. Nota, the true derivation of stipulation. And as they have peculiar Laws, so have they a proper Language.

This Isle hath a Bishop instituted by Gregory the Fourth Bishop of Rome, and he is under the Archbishop of York; but hath neither place nor voice in the Parliament of England. In hac Insula Judex Ecclesiasticus citat, definit, & infra Octo dies parent, aut carceri intruduntur.

The Inhabitants of this Isle are religious, industrious, and true people without begging or stealing.

In the margent, thus; *De querelis hominum Insule de Man audiend' & terminand'.*

*Nota, secundum legem & consuetudinem Insule de Man.*

\* They have no Woods.  
12 H. H. 3. fo. 5. a.

Epūs Soborensis.

## CAP. LXX.

Of the Isles of Jersey *alias* Gearsey, *olim* *Cæsarea*, and Garnsey, *olim* *Sarua*, and of the law, and Jurisdiction of the same.

Jersey hath 12.  
Parishes.  
Garnsey 10.

**B**oth these Isles did of ancient time belong to the Duchy of Normandy: but when King H. 1. had overthrowen his elder brother Robert Duke of Normandy, he did unte to the Kingdome of England perpetually the Duchy of Normandy together with these Isles: and albeit King John lost the possession of Normandy, and King H. 3. took money for it, yet the Inhabitants of these Isles with great constancy remained, and so to this day do remain true and faithfull to the Crown of England; And the possessions of these Islands being parcell of the Duchy of Normandy, are a good setin for the King of England of the whole Duchy.

Concerning the Judicature and Customes of these Isles whereat we principally aim, it appeareth by the Kings Records in the Tower, Quod Rex Johannes constituit 12 Coronatores juratos ad Placita & Jura ad Coronam spectantia custodienda, & concessit pro securitate Insularum, quod Balivus de cætero per vitam Coronatorum poterat placitare sine brevi de nova disseisina fact' infra annum, de morte antecessorum infra annum, de dote similiter infra annum. And for the most part they proceed according to the Customes of Normandy.

Drugo Barentyne dicit quod 40. An' est tempus extra memoriam secundum consuetudinem partium illarum.

King E. 3. assigned Hen. de Guldeford and others, Justices Errants in the Isles of Garnsey and C. by his Commission to inquire if he had right in the Pannoz of C. &c. and there it appeareth that they demanded advise of the men of the Isles learned in their customes, who informed them of the customes of the Isles, which the Justices followed, and there it appeareth that if the information was against the lawes of the Isles, they may be holpen by the lawes of the same. See the Book.

Quod in Customis & aliis rebus tanquam indigenæ & non alienigenæ tractentur, &c. Quod juratores in Insula, &c. non protrahunt judicia sua ultra unius anni spacium.

An Action of trespassse was brought by A. in the Kings Bench for a trespassse done by B. in the Isle of Jersey: whereupon in the Record this Entry was made. Et quia negotium prædictum in Curia hic terminari non potest, eo quod Juratores Insulæ præd' coram Justiciar' hic venire non possunt, nec de jure debent, nec aliqua negotia de Insula prædicta emergentia non debent terminari nisi secundum consuetudinem Insulæ prædictæ, Ideo totum recordum negotii mittatur in Cancellariam domini regis, ut inde fiat <sup>b</sup> commissio domini regis, cui vel quibus domino regi placuerit ad negotium prædictum in Insula prædicta audiend' & terminand' secundum consuetudinem Insulæ prædictæ.

By this it appeareth, that albeit the Kings writ runneth not into these Isles, yet his Commission under the Great Seal doth, but the Commissioners must judge according to the Lawes and Custome of these Isles.

<sup>c</sup> De Attornato generali in Insulis de Gernsey, Jersey, <sup>d</sup> Serk & Aureney fact' virtute brevis domini regis. Rex omnibus Balivis & fidelibus suis in Insulis de Gernsey, Jersey, Serk & Aureney ad quos, &c. Sciatis, &c. in quibuscunque curiis nostris Insularum earundem, &c. post adventum ipsius A. in Insul' prædict' si contingat

Paſch. 17 E. 2.

Coram rege Rot.  
67 Jersey.

2 E. 3. fo. 5. b.  
The Abbot of  
the Mount of  
S. Mich. caſe.

Rot. Clauſ. 9 E. 3.

& 25 E. 3.

Mich. 41 E. 3.

Coram rege Rot.

109. Jersey in  
placito tranſgr.

<sup>a</sup> Secundum conf.  
Insulæ præd.

<sup>b</sup> Mic. 6 H. 8. 17 2 b.

Kelw. 10 the Bay-  
lif and Jurates  
of Jersey. Lib. 7.

fo. 20, 21. in  
Calvins caſe.

<sup>c</sup> Regiſt. fo. 22.

<sup>d</sup> Theſe little Iſl.  
of Serk and Au-  
reney doe lye be-  
tween and neer

the other, & were  
parcell alſo of the  
Duchy of Nor-  
mandy.

contingat ipsum A. interim venire ad partes illas. Teste, &c. They are not bound by our Acts of Parliament, unlesse they be specially named.

Vid. 33 H. 8. c. 6.

The King hath granted to the men of the Isles of Ornesey, Serk and Aurony, that they during the space of 8 years shall be free of all manner of Tolls, Exactions and Customs within the Realm as his Liege men and Vassals.

Rot. Par. 14 R. 2. nu. 30.

Insulani petunt, quia sunt in mari constituti, quod non ulterius extra Insulas prædictas prosequerentur ad eorum periculum, & non facile possunt sequi Curias Regis in Anglia.

For the Isles of Jersey and Guernsey, see Mich. 5 E. 3. Coram Rege Rot. 46. Pasch. 17 E. 2. Coram Rege Rot. 67.

Within Guernsey there are ten Parishes, one Market Town being the Port or Haven called S. Peters Port by the Castle of Cornet. Jersey hath S. Albones and Hillary two little Islands adjacent, it hath twelve Parishes, and four Castles.

CAP. LXXI.

*De Insula Vectis or Vecta, of the Isle of Wight.*

**O**f this we shall not need to say any thing, because it is and ever hath been part of Hampshire, and ever governed by the Laws of England, as the other Shires have been: but seeing we have named it, we will relate some things which we have observed.

First, there hath been an ancient Baron, de Insula, of the Isle, or Lisle, and of latter times there was a Viscount of the same, which is to be understood of the Isle of Wight: for in the Parliament Rolls of E. 2. I find him called de Insula Vecta.

Secondly, Henry de Beauchamp Earl of Warwick for the singular favour which King Henry the Sixth bare to him, crowned him King of Wight: but we could never find any Letters Patents of this creation, because (as some doe hold) the King could not by law create him a King within his own Kingdome, because there cannot be two Kings of the same place in one Kingdome: And after the same King named him Primus Comes totius Angliæ. But of this it is truly said: Cum illo novus hic & insolitus titulus omnino evanuit. Camden.

See the Statute of 4 H. 7. cap. 16. against taking of Farms within this Isle, and the power of Judicature given thereby to the Captain of this Isle, or his Lieutenant in a certain case.

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CAP. LXXII.

Of the Island called Lindesfarne or Leidisfarne, scituate by the River Lied having on the South Eastward the Island of Farn, and is called the Holy Island.

**I**t hath one Castle, one Church, and one Parish, and a safe Haven defended by a Block-house.

It is called the holy Island, for that it being a solitary place holy men in times past retired themselves thither for their better, and more devout service of God. It was of ancient time a Bishops seat, which was after translated to Duresme, and is governed by the law of England.

*Ferne Isle.*

For that this Isle of Farn hath neither Church nor Town, but only a Castle, I passe it (and other like Isles) over.



C A P. L X X I I I.

Of the Forests, and the Jurisdiction of the Courts of the Forest.

**F**or the word Foresta, see Domesday in Glouc' & alibi. For the derivation and description thereof, and some other things concerning the same; see the First part of the Institutes.

In Latin it is called Saltus, or Sylva. And so in Domesday, Sylva est in defens, scilicet, in Foresta Regis.

A Forest doth consist of 8. things, viz. of Soil, Covert, Laws, Courts, Judges, Officers, Game, and certain Bounds.

\* Foresta est nomen collectivum, and by the grant thereof the soil, game, and a free Chase doth passe.

And seeing we are to treat of matters of game, and hunting; Let us (to the end we may proceed the more cheerfully) recreate our selves with the excellent description of Didoes Doe of the Forest wounded with a deadly arrow sticken in her, and not impertinent to our purpose.

Uritur infœlix Dido, totaque vagatur  
Urbe furens, qualis coniecta Cerva sagitta,  
Quam procul incautam nemora inter Cressia fixit  
Pastor agens telis, liquitque volatile ferrum  
Inscius: illa fuga sylvas saltusque peragrat  
Dixeros, \* hæret lateri lethalis arundo.

And in another place using again the word [sylva] & describing a Forest, saith;  
Ibat in antiquam sylvam stabula alta ferarum.

King John the 15 of June in the 18. year of his reign at Kummigsmead, alias Kyme meade between Stanes and Windsor, granted the like Charter as Carta de Foresta is.

And now let us set down the Courts of the Forest.

Within every Forest there are these Courts.

1. The Court of the Attachments or the Woodmote Court, this is to be kept before the Verderors every forty days throughout the year, and thereupon is called the forty day Court. At this Court the Foresters bring in the Attachments de Viridi & Venatione, and the presentment thereof, and the Verderors do receive the same, and inroll them, but this Court can only inquire, and not convict; but it is to be observed, that no man ought to be attached by his body for Vert or Venison, unless he be taken with the manner within the Forest, other wise the Attachment must be by his goods.

2. The Court of Regard or Survey of Dogs is holden every third year for expeditation or lawing of Dogs by that Court.

3. The Court of \* Swanmote is to be holden before the Verderors as Judges by the Steward of the Swanmote thrice in the year, and the Foresters ought to present their Attachments at the next Swanmote Court, and the Freeholders within the Forest are to appear at the Swanmote to make Enquests and Juries. \* And this Court may inquire de superoneratione Forestariorum & aliorum ministrorum Forestæ, & de eorum oppressionibus populo nostro illatis. And this Court may not only inquire, but convict also, but not give judgment.

or Gemote, which is Curia, i. Curia Ministrorum Forestæ, so called because it is but a preparative for a Ordinari Forestæ, 34 E. 1. 34 E. 2. cap. 4.

Domesday in C<sup>o</sup>  
Glouc' & alibi.  
2 Mar. Dier 169.  
1. part of the Inst.  
Sect. 378. f. 233. a.  
Cckam cap.

Quod Regis For-  
esta. Bracton  
fo. 231. & 316.  
Britton fo. 34.  
Fleta l. 2. c. 343 f.

\* 1. pt of the Inst.  
Sect. 1. fo. 5. b.  
In the Saxons  
time Forests  
were called *walds*,  
*unde Waldgrave*,  
i. *prepositus For-*  
*resta.*

Virgill.

Sylva, as in  
Domesday Saltus  
à saltando, quia  
ibi fere saltant.

\* Like to an e-  
vill conscience in  
the false and sin-  
nerous Officer of  
the Forest if any  
such be.

Cart. de Foresta  
cap. 16.  
The Court of  
Attachments.

1 E. 3. cap. 8.  
7 R. 2. cap. 4.

Cart. de Forest.  
cap. 6.  
The Court of  
the Lawing of  
Dogs.

Cart. de Forest.  
cap. 8. Of Swan-  
mote.

1 E. 3. ca. 8.  
50 E. 3. Assis' 442.  
\* Swanmote is  
derived of *Sweni*,  
that is, *Saxonicæ*,  
*Minister*, & *mote*,  
the Justice seat.

45 E. 3. fo. 7.

\* We will hereafter shew from whence these several names be derived, and the duty of their several places.

See Domelday Warw. Si veto p. mare contra hostes ibar: rex, vel quatuor Batfneius, vel quatuor libras dena iortu ei mittant.  
 a Ordinatio Forestar. 34 E. 1.  
 b Regist. 8. b.  
 c See the 2. part of the Inst. Magna Carta cap 29.

\* Rot. Par. Anno E. 3. nu. Int' petitiones. d See the 2. pt of the Inst. W. 1. cap. 15. Bracton lib. 3. fo. 154. Flet. lib. 2. c. 2. e F. N. B. 67. a. Register. 1 E. 3. a. - 8.

Regist. 80 b. 43 E. 3. 30 a. & b.

Consuetud' & Assisa de Foresta. Vet. Mag. Cart. parte 2. fo. 29.

\* Nota, the entry is *Præsentatum, & convictum per Viridar'*.  
 f 50 E. 3. Ass 42. Ordinac' Forest. 34 E. 1.  
 I restitut' by 36.

For the Jurisdiction of this Court I find a notable case in 45 E. 3. in a writ of trespass of false imprisonment brought against I. de W. The Defendant said that he is Forester in fee of the Forest, and that at a certain Swanmote it was presented by the \* Foresters, Verderers, Regarders, and Agisters that the Plaintiff had chased and taken Deer within the Forest, whereupon the Defendant being Forester in fee came to the Plaintiff, and prayed him to find pledges to answer the same before the Justice in Eire in this Country (that is, at the Justice seat) and that to doe the Plaintiff refused, by force whereof he retained him, untill he had performed the statute in that case provided, and justified the imprisonment. The Plaintiff replied de son tort demesne sans tiel cause, and the issue was received by the Court. And it was said that before the Justice in Eire he should have no averment against the presentment of the Foresters.

Out of this case we doe observe 6. conclusions, 1. That the law of the Forest is allowed, and bounded by the Common laws of this Realm, and therefore it is necessary, that the Judges should know, and be learned in the same. 2. That though the Verderers be Judges of the Swanmote, and the Steward but a Minister, yet the presentment in that Court is as well by them as Verderers, as by Foresters, or Keepers, Regarders, and Agisters, by the law of the Forest. 3. <sup>b</sup> That a Forester or Keeper may arrest any man that kills or chaseth any Deer within the Forest when he is taken with the manner within the Forest, or if the offender be indicted. But then it is demanded, what if a man be so imprisoned, & offer sufficient pledges, and they are not taken, what remedy for the party, seeing there are very seldome Justice seats for Forests holden? The answer is, that in the Term time he may have ex merito Justitiæ a Habeas Corpus out of the Kings Bench, or if he have privilege, out of the Court of Common pleas, or of the Exchequer, or out of the Chancery without any privilege either in the Term time, or out of the Term in time of Vacation, and upon the return of the writ, he may also be bailed by force of a \* writ De homine replegiando directed Custod' Forestæ, <sup>d</sup> if he be arrested by the Officers of the Forest for hunting, &c. whereof he stands indicted or presented taken with the manner he finding <sup>e</sup> 2. pledges: but if he be adjudged by the Justices in Eire, and imprisoned he cannot be bailed by that writ De homine replegiand' directed Custodi Forestæ, &c. and <sup>e</sup> if he be unjustly proceeded withall there he hath remedy by law, as hereafter, when we treat of the Justice Seat, shall be declared. And it is to be observed, that there is a diversity between the writ De homine replegiando directed to the Sheriff, for he is restrained by the statute of VV. 1. cap. 15. to replevy any man imprisoned for the Forest, being taken with the manner or indicted, but this statute extends not to the writ De homine replegiand' directed Custodi Forestæ, &c.

The Fourth conclusion is, that the offender may be retained by him untill he hath found pledges to appear before the Justice in Eire, because (as hath been said) the Court of the Swanmote hath no power of Judicature, but if he offer sufficient sureties, he ought not to be imprisoned.

5. That this Justice in Eire at his Sessions may by the law of the Forest proceed upon the presentments or verdias in the Court of the Swanmote, though they be taken in another Court, as the Justices in Eire might have done in like cases, as before in the Chapter of Justices in Eire appeareth.

6. Lastly, Note the issue joyned upon the plea of the Forester, viz. de injuria sua propria absque tali causa, and allowed by the Court, and the consequent thereupon. And thus much for the case the Reporter saith, that it was said that the party should \* not traverse the presentment of the Foresters, Verderers, Regarders, and Agisters: and herewith agreeth; 50 E. 3. and note the presentment was in that case by 36. And herein this diversity is to be observed, that if at the Swanmote the presentment of the Foresters be found true by the Jury concerning Vert or Venison, the offender standeth thereof convict in law, and cannot traverse the same: but an indictment or presentment before the

Chief

Chief Justice of the Forest at a Court of the Justice Seat by a Jury, and not found in the Swanmote, may be traversed. 8 E.3. Itinere Pickering 147. a. because it is not presented but by one Jury.

21 E.3.48.

4. This case also giveth just occasion to speak of the Court of the Justice Seat holden before the Chief Justice of the Forest, aptly called in the said Book Justice in Eire, for so he is, and hath authority and jurisdiction to hear and determine concerning Tert and Venison, &c. by force of Letters Patents under the Great Seal, wherof there be two, one for the Forest on this side of Trent, the other beyond, By which Letters Patents the King doth grant unto him Officium Gardiani Capitalis Justiciarii ac Justiciarii sui Itinerantis omnium & singularum Forestarum, Parcorum, Chacearum & VVarrennarum suarum cum suis pertin' quibuscunque \* ultra Trentam existen', &c. dantes & concedentes eidem A. B. plenam auctoritatem & potestatem tenore prædictarum Literarum Patentium omnia & omnimoda Placita, querelas, & causas Forestarum, Parcorum, Chacearum & Warrennarum prædict' tam de Viridi gram', quam de Venatione, ac de aliis causis quibuscunque infra easdem Forestas, a Parcous, Chaseas & VVarrennas, venien', sive emergen' audiend' & determinand': Habend', occupand', gaudend' & exercend' offic' præd' cum pertin' per se vel per sufficien' b deputatum suum sive deputatos suos suffic' durante vita ipsius A. B. &c.

The Justice Seat,

And this Court of the Justice Seat cannot be kept oftner then every third year, and other Justices in Eir kept their Courts every seventh year. And (as before other Justices in Eire) it must be summoned forty days at the least before the sitting thereof: and one writ of summons is to be directed to the Sherif of the County, which writ you shall find hereafter in this Chapter.

\* The like office *Citra Trentam mutatis mutandis.* Note, anciently this great Officer was created by Writ, as other Justices in Eire were, but now by the statute of 27 H. 8. ca. 24. he is to be created by Let. Par. See before Cap. Justices in Eire.

There is another writ of Summons directed Custodi Forestæ domini regis vel ejus locum tenenti in eadem, and this writ consisteth upon two parts, First, to summon all the Officers of the Forest, and that they bring with them all Records, &c. Secondly, all persons which claim any Liberties or Franchises within the Forest, &c. and to shew how they claim the same. c And this Court of Justice Seat hath jurisdiction to inquire, hear, and determine two things.

a This is to be understood of Parks, Chases & Warrens within the Forests, as hereafter shall appear. b That is by the statute of 32 H. 8. cap. 35. c Cart. de Forest. cap. 16. 21 H. 7. 30.

1. All trespasses within the Forest according to the laws of the Forests. 2. All the claims of Franchises, Priviledges, and Liberties within the Forest, as to have Parks, Warrens, Libraries, to be quit of asserts, and purprestures, to cut down his own Woods without view of the Forester, &c. Likewise claims of Leets, Hundreds, Felons goods, Waifs, Strays, Fugitives, and to kill Hares and other Beasts of chase within the Forest, or to have a Wood infra meras Forestæ & extra regardum Forestæ, that is, to be out of jurisdiction of the Forest, and other Franchises, Priviledges, Liberties, Immunities, Freedomes, &c. within the Forest, wherof you shall read excellent matter in the Eire of Pickering in 8 E. 3. Rot. 31, where Guilberd of Aton claimed his Woods extra regardum Forestæ, &c.

This Chief Justice may by the statute of 32 H. 8. make his Deputy (Wher all the Writs of Commons ancient and late, are Coram (the Justice Itinerant) aut ejus Deputato.)

32 H. 8. ca. 35.

Before any Justice Seat be holden, the \* Regarders of the Forest must make their regard by force of the Kings writ, and the regard is obambulare, to go through and view the whole Forest and every Bayliwike of the same, ad videndum, inquirendum, imbreviandum & certificandum all the trespasses in the Forest: his office extendeth through the whole Forest, and every part thereof, to inquire of all offences concerning Tert and Venison, and of all concealments of any offences or defaults of the Foresters, and all other Officers of the Kings Forest. He is a ministeriall Officer, and is constituted either by Letters Patents of the King, or by the Chief Justice at the Justice Seat, or to be chosen by writ to the Sherif. The duty of this Officer appeareth by the writ hereafter mentioned.

\* A Regarder is derived of the French word *Regardeire*, that is, to view or see, because he cannot present any thing but upon his own sight and view. To speak once for all, the names of all the Officers from the highest to the lowest, put them in mind of

Before a Justice Seat there ought to be preparations for the same, to the

their duty: *Conveniumt rebus nomina sepe suis: Nomina sunt nota veteri.* end

end, that good service may be done there, & quod Itinera non sint umbratilia, as taking one or two Examples in stead of many,

Breve de Regard cum artic.  
a Forest' de Sherwood. i. Limpida Sylva.  
b Cart. de Forest. cap. 7.  
c 12 Capit. paten. inferius.  
In this writ 9. things are to be observed.

Rex Vic' Not, Salutem, Præcipimus tibi quod Venire fac' certis die & loco quos ad hoc duxerimus providend' omnes Forestarios & Regardatores de Sherwood' ad regard' faciend' in Forest' prædict' ante advent' Justiciariorum nostrorum de Forest', & loco regardatorum nostrorum qui mortui sunt & infirmi alios eligi fac'. ita quod b 12 sint in quolibet Regard', & nomina illorum imbreventur. 4 Et Forestar' debent jurare quod 12 milites ducent per totam balivam suam, ad videndum omnes transgressiones quæ exprimuntur in scriptis capitulorum quæ tibi mittimus, & hoc non omittent pro aliqua re: 6 Debent etiam milites jurare quod facient regard', sicut debet fieri & soler. 7 Et quod ibunt sicut Forestar' eos ducent ad prædicta videnda. 8 Et si Forestar' noluerint eos ducere, vel aliquid forisfact' concealare voluerint, ipsi milites non omittent pro illis quin forisfact' illud videant & imbrevari faciant: et hoc pro nulla re dimittant. Et 9 quod Regard' fiat circa Fest' beati Petri ad Vincula prox' futur', Teste, &c.

The 12. Chapters above-mentioned are these which the Regarders duty is to prepare.

Nota, all these 11. are to be upon his view, *super visum*, and in this respect may be resembled to a Coroner, *super visum al'*.

- 1 Videnda sunt omnia Assarta, &c. *Assarts.*
- 2 Videndæ sunt omnes Purprestur' in boscis, &c. *Purprestures in woods.*
- 3 Videndæ sunt omnes Purprestur' in terris arabil', &c. *in Arable.*
- 4 Vidend' sunt omnia Vasta boscorum, &c. *Wast of Woods.*
- 5 Vidend' sunt omnes Bosci domini regis, &c. *The Kings Woods.*
- 6 Vidend' sunt omnes Haiæ domini regis, &c. *The Hedges of the King.*
- 7 Item omnes purprestur' & omnia assarta, & omnia vasta, &c. *General woods.*
- 8 Vidend' sunt omnes Aereæ Austurcorum, Espervorum, Falconum, &c. *Aeries of Hawks.*
- 9 Vidend' sunt omnes Forga & Mineria, &c. *All Forges and Mines.*
- 10 Vidend' sunt Portus maris, &c. *The Havens of the Sea.*
- 11 Vidend' est Mel, si quid, &c. *Hony.*

12 Item milites debent attente inquirere in itinere suo quis habuerit arcus & sagitt' vel baliscas leporarias, butcheras, vel aliquid ingenium ad malefaciend' domino regi de feris suis. Balista, or Arcubalista, signifieth a *Crossbow*.

Leporaria, a harepipe. Burcheta of the French word Berche, a kinde of *Gunne*.

Ordinatio Forestæ.  
34 E. 1.

Imprimis ordinavimus pro nobis & hæredibus nostris quod de transgres' in Forestis nostris de Viridi & de Venatione de cætero fact', Forestar' infra quorum balivas hujusmodi transgres' fieri contigerint, præsentant easdem ad prox' Swanimorum coram Forestar', Viridar', Regardator', Agistator', & aliis earundem Forestarum ministris. Et super præsentationibus hujusmodi ibidem coram Forestar', Viridar' & omnibus aliis ministris supradictis per sacram' tam militum quam aliorum proborum & legalium hominum de partibus vicinioribus, ubi transgressiones sic præsentatæ fact' fuer' non suspectorum, per quos rei veritas plenius inquiretur. Et sic inquisita veritate præsentationes illæ per communem concordiam & assensum ministrorum prædictorum roborentur & sigillis suis sigillentur. Et si alio modo fuit indictament' pro null' penitus habeatur.

This Ordinance being made by the King only without Authority of Parliament, albeit it was in affirmance of the law, did not binde, and therefore was not executed: and that it was but an Ordinance, or Declaration made by King E. 1. it appeareth expressly by the statute of 1 E. 3. and by that Act of 1 E. 3. the said Declaration is rehearsed as a law, the observation whereof is also an excellent preparation for a Justice Seat.

1 E. 3. ca. 8. It. 1.  
F. N. B. 164.  
¶ Viridarius à viridi, Vert, or Gren. huc, for that his office principally concerneth to look to the Vert, or Gren, & to see it be maintained.

Viridarius is a Judiciall Officer of the forest, and chosen in full County by force of the Kings writ. His office is to observe and keep the Assises or Laws of the forest, and to view, receive, and inroll the Attachments and presentments of all manner of trespasses of the forest of Vert and Venison, & to do equall right and justice as well to poor as to rich. All this and much more you may read in the

the Oath which he taketh befoze the Sheriffe. There be most commonly four Verderors in every of the Kings Forests.

Agistator, so called, because he taketh beasts to agistment, that is, to depasture within the Forest, or to feed upon the pawnsage, and commeth of the French word, Gysler, to lye, because the beasts that feed there are there levant & couchant, lying and rising. And his office consisteth in agistando, recipiendo, imbreviando, & certificando.

And this Officer is constituted by the Kings Letters Patents; And of these in such Forests where there is any pawnsage, there be four in number.

Gruarii, (of whom you shall reade in Forest Records) is derived from the french word Gruyer, which signifieth generally the principall Officers of the Forest. Et ipsi Gruarii vocantur ad similitudinem eorum qui Aucupio Regis in grues olim prærant.

Forestarium is taken for a Woodward not only of the King within his Forest, but ex vi termini of any subject of his Woods wheresoever they lye: which appeareth by a Writ in Bracton in these words. Rex Vic' Salut. Scias quod propter destructionem quæ facta est in bosco & terra quam A. de N. tenet in dotem in tali villa de B. de N. Provisum est in Curia nostra coram Justiciariis nostris, quod idem apponat Forstarium suum ad prædictum boscum custodiend', ita quod prædict' A. non habeat in eodem bosco nisi rationabile estoverium suum ad ardensum & claudendum tantum super eandem terram quam ipse tenet in eodem, &c. But in legall understanding he is taken for a sworn Officer ministeriall of the Kings Forest, & his duty appeareth by his oath, which consisteth on fve parts. 1. That he shall be loyall and true to the Master of the Forest. 2. That he shall truly walk and keep the Office of the Forestership, and true watch make both early and late both of West and Wenison. 3. Truly attache, and true presentment make of all manner of trespasses done within this Forest to his knowledge, and specially within the keeping of his Bailtwick. 4. The Kings counsell, his fellows, and his own, he shall truly keep. 5. No concealment make for no favour, meed or dread, but well and truly to behave himself therein.

a Officers of the Forest shall not be sworn on enquests out of the Forest.  
b Messarius is a Power or Harvester, derived à merendo. Fleta lib. 2, cap. 75. messor. 30 aff.

Thestylis & rapido fessis messoribus æstu  
Allia Serpyllumque herbas contundit olentes.

[ Surcharge of the Forest ] Superoneratio forestæ, is when a Commoner in the Forest putteth on more Beasts then he ought, and so surchargeth the Forest. It is taken from the Writ De secunda superoneratione pasturæ in the same sent when the Commoner surchargeth. Where it is said (têpore coronationis Regis Henrici avi, that is, of H. 2.) It is to be known that he was crowned twice, viz. the 20 of December in the first year; he caused his sonne Henry to be crowned King the 15 of June in the 16 year of his reign; Henry his son died the 11 of June in the 28 year of his reign; after whose death King Henry Fitz Emprisse was crowned again.

¶ Desertum, id quod ab hominibus deseritur, & feris relinquitur.  
¶ Masura terræ, sunt in eisdem masuris 60 domus plus quam ante fuerunt. Mas de rra, that is an erchange of land where there is a house.  
¶ Fugacia signifieth a Chase, and is all one with Chasea. See the Charter of Mawde the Empreffe, Kiling her self Anglorum Domina, made to Miles of Glocester, creating him thereby Earl of Hereford, wherein towards the end follow these words. Præcipio quod hæc omnia supradicta teneat de me libere & quiete in bosco & plano, in forestis & fugaciis, in pratis & pasturis, &c. Præterea autem concedo, ut in propriis ipsius prædiis quisque tam in agris, quam in sylvis excitet agitetq; feras; meas autem ne venetur, iis præsertim in locis quos privilegio circumscripti meo cum pœna præcipio.

That H. 1. made at Woodstock a Park, which was; saith he, the first Park in England. But it is out of doubt that there were Parks in the dayes of the

¶ *Agistatores.*  
Conit. & Aff. forest. ubi sup.

*Gruarii.*

See the Cust. de Norm.

¶ *Forestarium.*

Bracton lib. 4. fo. 316 a. & b. & 231. a.

a Ordinat. forest. 34 E. 1. cap. 5. Regist. 183. F.N.B.  
b Assisa et cõsuet. forest. 6 E. 1. c. 16. *Virgil.*

Regist. & F.N.B. 126. a. c. & c. Surcharge. Mag. Cart. cap 5.

Domesday. Sudsex Cicestr. & fæpe.

Carta Matildis Imperatricis Milonide Glocest.

Int. leges Canuti cap. 77. Lamb.

Johannes Rossus, & alli post eum.

Deorfald. Falda ferina.  
Domesday.  
Chent. Certh.  
Ib. parcus sylvaticus bestiarum Devoncoire. Winchelere. Hertfordscire. Belinton.  
Assis. forest. 6 E. 1. cap. 1.

Ibid. 8 E. 3. Irinere Picker. Guilbert of Atons case.

Ib. Agric. 11. Camia continet spacium octo palmarum in longitudine. Dorf. claus. An. 16 R. 2 m. 30.

Brañ. lib. 3. fo. 32

21 E. 3. 48. a. In Scire fac.  
Vid. 25 E. 3. fo. 43 Nichol. Gowers case.  
Vid. Regist. 263. b. Bre de inquirendo de libertatibus allocatis.

Saxons, which were called Deerfald of two Saxon words of Deor for Deer, and fald for a place inclosed with pale, hedge, or wall. And in the Book of Domesday often mention is made by expresse name de Pareis, Parcus bestiarum, Parcus sylvaticus bestiarum.

Haia taken for Pareus of the French word Heye for an inclosure Rot. Inquist. 36 E. 3. in Seacc' de forest'.

¶ Haia de Kingellie in Hamshire.

¶ Halmus, i. Insula an Isle. ¶ Bercaria, Vid. i part Instir. Sect. 1. ¶ Marnivus mutulatus is a Mastiffe expedited or lawed, and not mused: for no Dog by the law of the Forest ought to be mused. Mutulatus cometh of the Werbe Demutulo, i. demembro. ¶ Bissa, i. Cerva, of the French word Biche for a Hind. ¶ Mureleges, à legendo mures, of getting of Mice, a Wilde Cat. ¶ Tessonnes of the French word Tesson, for a Gray, Black, or Badger. ¶ Besonus of Bison a French word for a wilde Ore.

¶ Ham, Saxonice domus, home, sometime Villa, as Mileham olim Mildham, because the aire was milde and temperate.

¶ Hue and cry, Hutesum & Clamor, the one being an exposition of the other, each of them signifying crying and shouting; verba dolentis. And Hue is derived of the French word huier, and crier. But Hue and Cry by the Forest law is not to be made for trespass in Vert, but in Venison only. This Hue and Cry cannot be pursued but only within the bounds of the Forest; and the offence must be committed within the Forest, and not within the park. And this Hue and Cry may be made by any of the Kings Ministers of the Forest, for any of them may arrest the malefactor, and none can make Hue and Cry but he that may arrest in that case, and cannot. And so are the generall words, si quis viderit, &c. to be understood.

Si quis viderit, &c. If any Township or Village follow not the Hue and Cry, they shall be amerced at the Justice seat.

¶ Taken with the Mayneer, à Mano is in 4 kinds, viz. Dog-draw, that is, drawing after a Deer which he hath hurt. Stable stand, viz. at his standing with any knife, Gunne, or Bow, or close with Greyhounds in his Leash ready to shoot or course. \* Back-bear, that is, carrying away the Deer which he killed. Bloody hand, that is, when he hath shot or coursed, and is imbued with blood.

But what if injustice be done at the Justice seat? For example, as if a claim be made of any liberty at a Justice seat, and is there allowed, what remedy hath the party grieved in this case? which I do the rather propound, because I find not this doubt resolved in any of the readings upon this statute of Carta de Foresta, or in any that have written of the Forest laws. And I find this question resolved by a notable Book case in 21 E. 3. agreeable with the Register and other Books; where the case was this, A. & B. before the Justices of the Forest of Pickering claymed to have within the Wood of E. within the same Forest a Woodward proper, and also to have the windfals in the same Wood, which claime was allowed by the said Justices, where in truth the said claime was false, to the disherison of the Commoners there: for that the Commoners within the said Town of E. had the choice of the said woodward, and all the windfals for their reasonable Coffers as belonging to their freehold. Whereupon on the behalf of the Commoners the Record before the Justices of the Forest was removed by Certiorari, (which in the forest law is called a Venre facias Record) into the Kings Bench (which Court is above all Cires) and two of the Commissioners, viz. Robert de Scarborough and Robert Wich sued out a scire fac' upon the said Record against the said A. & B. &c. And they declared upon the said Writ that all the Commoners had the liberties aforesaid: Exception was taken to the Writ, that the grievance is as well supposed to others, as to those two which were plaintifes in the Scire fac. Whereunto it was answered, that although the grievance was to others, yet those two that would complain might maintaine this suit. And if the others be of Record with A. and B. yet these two may sue, and these two might have joyned in A. and B. And there it is holden, that if a profit be

be granted to a comminallty out of the Forest, the claime ought to be made by them all, but otherwise it is within the Forest, where every one shall have his Action by himself for that which belongs to him; and in the end the Writ was adjudged to be good. But in this case somewhat is implied, for by the law of the Forest when a claim is made of any liberty within the Forest, although no issue be joyned thereupon, yet the entry is, *Et quia videtur Justiciariis quod expediens & necesse ad inquirendum super præmissis rei veritatem antequam ad allocationem clamei prædicti procedatur, inquiretur inde veritas per ministros ejusdem forestæ: and sometime tam per ministros forestæ quam per alios liberos & legales homines, at the discretion of the Justices for the advancement of truth: and accordingly the Foresters, Verderers, Regarders, and Agisters doe enquire thereof.* Also if a claim be made before the Justices of the Forest, whereupon there groweth difficulty, or if a demurrer in law be thereupon joyned; the Justices may adjourn the same into the Kings Bench to be there adjudged, and then the Entry is, *Ideo quoad clameum prædict' pro eo quod Justiciarii prædict' nondam advilantur de iudicio inde reddendo, datus est dies eidem H. coram Domino Rege (in tali return') ubicunq; &c. de audiendo inde iudicium, &c. Et dictum eidem H. quod interim sequatur bñe de Venire fac' inde recordum, &c. Postea Dominus Rex mandavit præfat' Justic' bñe suum in hæc verba.* Edw. Dei gratia Rex Angliæ, &c. Dilecto & fideli suo Ricō de Willowbye salutem. Cum vos & socii vestri Justiciarii nostri ad placita forestæ, &c. tenend' assignat' quoddam clameum de diversis libertatibus per dilectum & fidelem nostrum H. de Percy coram vobis & sociis vestris prædictis in eadem forest' fact' propter quasdam difficultates in eodem clameo content' coram nobis adjornaveritis, ut accepimus, Vobis mandamus quod si ita est, tunc omnia clamea prædicta nec non recorda & process, inde coram vobis habita coram nobis ubicunque fuerimus in Anglia sub sigillo vestro sine dilatione mittatis juxta adjornamentum prædictum hoc bñe nobis remittentes. Teste, &c. Anno 12 E. 3.

Virtute cujus Brevis clameum prædict', nec non recordum & process, prædict' mittuntur coram rege ad diem prædict' una cum brevi prædicto.

Postea Dominus Rex mandavit præfato R. de W. quoddam aliud bñe claus. in hæc verba. Edw. &c. dilecto & fideli R. de W. Salutem. Cum vos & socii vestri Justiciarii nostri ad placita forest' in forest' H. com' Lane' de Pick' in com' Eborum tenend' assign' quædam clam' de diversis libertatibus per dilectum & fidelem nostrum H. de Percy coram vobis & sociis vestris prædict' in eadem forest' habend' fact' propter quasdam difficultat' in eisdem clameis interveniend' coram nobis adjornaveritis, & quædam alia clamea sua similiter ibidem de quibusdam aliis libertatibus fact' allocaveritis, prout accepimus; Nos volentes tam super dictas libertates sic adjornat', quam super al' allocat' certis de causis certiorari; vobis mandamus quod si ita est, tunc omnia clamea præd' nec non record' & process, inde coram vobis, & sociis vestris prædict' habit' coram nobis ubicunque fuerimus in Anglia sub sigillo vestro sine dilatione mittatis, & hoc breve, ut hiis inspectis ulterius fieri faciemus, quod de jure fore viderimus faciend'. T. E. Duce Cornub. Com' Cestriæ filio nostro charissimo Custod' Angl' apud Berkhamsted Primo die Februarii anno regni nostri 13. Virtute cujus brevis clam' præd' tam adjornat' quam allocat' mittuntur coram Rege una cum bñi prædict', &c.

By all which cases the former question is resolved, which case and consequents thereupon is worthy of serious consideration.

Nicholas Gower was indicted for that he killed the Kings Game in the Kings Forest, when he was the Kings Steward of the same, and also had taken ransome for Indiments, which Indiments were removed coram Rege, and the Steward was put to answer thereunto,

28 E. 3. Itincere Picker. Henry de Percyes case which depended in advilement for difficulty four years before R. de Willowby, and other Justices of the Forest.

Venire fac.

Record.

Certiorari.

\* A Certiorari before judgement out of the Chancery returned into the Kings Bench directed to R. de Willowbie (being the ancient primary Judge) only, because he only hath the keeping of the Records.

25 E. 3. 43.

27 E. 1. coram Rege Rot. 13. Wigorn'. Note the Writ of the Justice of the Forest return' into the Kings Bench. Breve Iusticiarii forestæ. Versus Godfridum Episc. Wigorn'. Ad finem faciend' pro transgress. venationis in foresta de Windesfor

Procedi non potuit ad finem. cap. sine recordo, &c. A Certiorari to the Justice of the Forest for the Record.

Episcopus paratus est satisfacere

*Hugo le Despencer Iustic' Forest' citra Trentam mandavit quoddam Breve suum Vic' Wigorn' retorn' coram Domino Rege in crastino Sancti Johannis Baptistæ prox' præterito, &c. in hac verba. Hugo le Despenser Iustic' Forest' citra Trentam Vic' Wigorn' Salutem. Mandamus vobis quod distring' Godfridum Episcopum Wigorn' per omnes terras & catalla sua in balliva vestra, ita quod nec ipse, nec aliquis per eum ad ea manum apponat, donec aliud a Domino Rege seu à nobis inde habueritis in mandatis. Et quod de exitibus coram Domino Rege respondeatis, & quod habeatis corpus ejus coram Domino Rege in festo Sancti Johannis Baptistæ ubicunque tunc fuerit in Anglia, ad finem faciend' pro transgressione venationis per ipsum facta in foresta de Windesfor sicut per legalem inquisitionem secundum Assisam foresta coram nobis apud Windesfor captam plenius nobis constat. Et unde eidem Episcopo per literas nostras ex parte Domini Regis aliàs mandavimus, quod pro fine suo inde faciendo veniret coram nobis apud London, ita quod esset ibi in crastino Sanctæ Trinitatis prox' præterito, vel sufficientem Attornatum suum ibidem mitteret suam plenam potestatem in hac parte habentem: qui ad diem illum coram nobis non venit, nec Attornatum in hac parte misit sicut ei ex parte Domini Regis mandatum fuit; Et habeatis ibi hoc Breve. Dat' apud Lugtheburghe die Iovis in Octab' Ascensionis Domini Anno regni Regis Edwardi vicesimo sexto. Ad quem diem Vic' nihil inde fecit, sed mandavit quod præceperat ballivis libertatis ejusdem Episcopi de Osewoldestowe qui nihil inde fecerunt. Per quod præceptum fuit eidem vic' quod non omitteret propter prædictam libertatem, quin distring' prædictum Episcopum per omnes terras, &c. Et quod de exitibus, &c. Et quod haberet corpus ejus coram Rege in Octabis Sancti Michaelis, ubicunque, &c. ad finem faciend', &c. cum Domino Rege pro transgress. prædict', &c. Et similiter quia procedi non potuit ad finem capiend' de præd' Episcopo, &c. sine record' prædicti Hugonis Iustic' &c. de transgress. præd. &c. Mandatum fuit eidem Hugoni Iustic', &c. quod recordum inde coram eo habitum regi mitteret ad præfatum Terminum cum omnibus recordi illud tangentibus. Et Vic' nullum breve retornavit coram Rege ad præfat' Terminum Sancti Michaelis: nec prædictus Hugo Iustic', &c. aliquod recordum misit, &c. propter quod, sicut prius præcept' fuit vic' quod non omitteret propter prædictam libertatem, quin distring' prædictum Episcopum per omnes terras, &c. Et quod de exitibus, &c. Et quod haberet corpus ejus coram Rege in Octabis Sancti Hilarii ubicunque, &c. ad finem faciend' in forma prædict', &c. Et Vic' retorn' breve, sed prædictus Hugo Iustic' nullum recordum misit. Et super hoc venit quidam Aluredus de Northgrave pro prædicto Episcopo, & dicit quod præfatus Hugo Iustic', &c. distringit præd' Episcopum per diversa brevina sua in Com' Wigorn' & Glouc' ad finem faciend' coram ipso de eadem trangr. & nihilominus paratus est satisfacere Domino Regi pro prædicto Episcopo de prædict' transgress. secundum recordum prædicti Hugonis, & secundum quod Cur' Regis consideraverit, &c. Et quia dictus Hugo Iustic' nullum recordum misit per quod procedi potest ad finem capiend' de prædicto Episcopo, &c. Ideo quoad prædictum Episcopum cessat distr' usque à die Pascha in unum mensem ubicunque, &c. Et dictum est prædicto Aluredo quod tunc sit ibi ad finem faciend' pro prædicto Episcopo, vel quod habeat Warrantum de prædicto Hugone Iustic' quod finem fecit vel finem facere debeat coram prædicto Hugone Iustic', &c. de transgressione prædict', &c. Et nihilominus mandatum est præfato Hugoni Iustic', &c. quod Venire fac' recordum prædictum, ut prædictum est, coram Rege præfatu terminu, &c.*

Observe



Obferve well the parts of this Record, and a ready way to help the King to his fines after the Fire of the forest is ended.

On the other side it is demanded what if a man make a just and lawfull claim to certain liberties at the Justice Seat, and cannot obtain the same to be allowed by the Justices of the forest, what remedy for him that maketh such claim?

\* Whereunto the answer is, that he shall have a writ De libertatibus allocandis, directed to the Justices of the forest, which writ doth appear in the Register.

<sup>a</sup> And any person that is to make any claim may the first day of the Fire either make it in person or by Atturny, N.B. 26.g. And he that appears upon a presentment or indictment taken before the Justices in Fire, and traverteth the Indictment, may after appear by Atturny. See before Cap. Justices in Fire the writ in the Regist. 19.a. W. 2. cap. 10.

<sup>b</sup> And the entry is A. B. po: lo: suo T. B. vel L. N. de omnibus placitis seu querelis moris seu movendis, & ad omnes libertates calumniand', prosequend', & defendend' durante Itinere isto: whereby it appeareth in what generalty an Atturny may be made.

<sup>c</sup> And this agreeth with the Register, fo. 19. b. by 5. kind of Writs which are worthy of observation, viz. ' Breve de clameo admittend' in itinere per Attornatum primo die itineris, &c. ' De libertatibus exigendis in Itinere: ' De Attornat' in omnibus placitis & querelis in itinere, & ad libertates calumniandas: ' Aliter in omnibus placitis & querelis in Itinere juxta formā stat' de Merton cap. 10. Glouc' cap. 8. & W. 2. cap. 10. ' Aliter de Attornatis, &c.

And these Writs are to be granted ex merito Justiciæ, without any denyall as well to the Justices in Fire of the forest, as other Justices in Fire for the admitt'ing of Atturnies. Vid. 2. part of the Institutes W. 2. cap. 10.

And upon search made I find the like writ beginning, Omnibus Balivis & fidelibus suis, &c. in the Fire of Pickering, 19. b. for the Prior of St. Johns of Jerusalem to make an Atturny before the Justices of the forest.

But what if the Justice in Fire give an erroneous judgment, &c. what remedy hath the party grieved? He may have a writ of Error out of the Chancery returnable into the Kings Bench, and there justice shall be done.

<sup>d</sup> If a man make his claim by grant or prescription, and he or his Councell mistaketh his right title in some materiall point, so as the claim is found against him, it is good for him that his true title be found by the same verdict specially, for then may the party by petition make a fine and pray licence to make a new claim, and thereunto he ought to be admitted.

And concerning claims it is specially to be observed, that by the forest law a grant made of a privilege within the forest to all the Inhabitants being Freeholders within the forest or such other Comminalties not incorporated, is good.

<sup>e</sup> If a man make a false claim by claiming more then he ought, he shall be fined for his false claim, but that which he ought to have shall not be seised: As the Prior of York claimed by Charter to have Withe of all Wenison, tam in carne quam in corio, where he ought not to have it in corio, for which he was fined and enjoyed it in carne.

In the Fire of Pickering holden before Richard de Willowby, Robert de Hungerford and John de Hambury Justices in Fire for the forest of Pickering, Anno 8 E. 3. a claim was made by Thomas de Pickering and Margaret his wife, viz. Habere in dominico bosco suo de Lozon Woodwardum ad custodiendum Boscum suum, & quod nullus in eo amputet aut prostrare faciat arborem aliquam sine voluntate sua, & quod ipsi in bosco suo possunt prostrare & dare pro voluntate sua arbores virides & siccas, & dare & vendere arbores suas pro voluntate sua sine visu forestariorum, &c. and prescribed in the same in the right of the said Margaret. where this prescription was inquired of and allowed to be good in law, but it was found, as to the taking of the trees without the view of the Forester, to be untrue.

\* The like prescription made by Sellinger to take and cut down Timber trees within his own Woods within the forest of Hage in the County of Hereford without

\* Regist. 162. and F. N. B. 229. b. & 230. a. & In communia de Scaccar-de Anno 14 E. 1 de libertatibus allocandis & vide L. Ockhā f. 47. 48. 28 E. 3. Itinere Pick. 148. a. 8 E. 3. Itinere Pick. the case of the Prioresse of Recela. Reg. 19. b.

<sup>c</sup> Regist. 19. b.

2 E. 3. fo. 29. Lib. 9. fo. 28. b. Labbot de Strata Marcellas case. 4 E. 3. Itin' Pick. fo. 165. the case of William of Persay and Petronilla de Kintorph. 8 E. 3. Itin' Pick. fo. 2. Itin' Lanc' fo. 4. 8 E. 3. Itin' Pick. fo. 15. Lanc. f. 64.

Picketings case.

\* In Cur' Scaccar' Ceram Edw. Sanders Capital' Bar. & alii Baronibus tempore R. Eliz. of the report of Popham Chief Justice.

Constit. & Aff.  
Forest' ubi sup.  
A man may claim  
to have dogs in-  
expeditate and  
hounds within  
the Forest.

Regist. 257. a.  
F. N. B. 226. f.  
2 E. 2. tris. 9.  
Ad quod damnū.

Pasch. 5 Jac. Reg.

Vid. Reg 158. a.  
Bowland is cal-  
led Libera Cha-  
sea de Bowland.

Temp' E. 1. tref-  
passe 249, the case  
is to be under-  
stood of a For: st  
where Foresters  
(there named)  
be, for every Fo-  
rest is a free  
Chase, but not  
ē converso.  
43 E. 3. 8.

Vid. Dier 6 E. 6.  
fo. 70.

without the view of the Forester, and upon argument and long abatement it was adjudged, that the prescription was good notwithstanding the Ordinance of 34 E. 1. and the statute of 1 E. 3. cap. 2. And the reason was, because that statute was but in affirmance of the Common law of the forest, and against such a statute a man may prescribe. And that 34 E. 1. was but an Ordinance and no statute, see F. N. B. 167. a. Register, Which judgment was agreeable to Pickering's case abovesaid, and is of great consequence: for the statute of Carta de Foresta, and most of the statutes concerning forests are likewise declarativa antiqui juris; and therefore, as against the Common law, so against them a man may prescribe upon a just and reasonable cause; but if they were introductiva novi Juris, then no prescription can be made against them, unless he hath another statute to preferre the liberties.

And if a man hath a Wood in a forest, and hath no such prescription, the law doth appoint him a means to sell both wood and timber, so it be no prejudice to the game, but sufficient is left besides, and that is, by a writ of Ad quod damnū, upon return whereof the King doth licence him, &c.

By the Kings commandment under his Signature and Signet, all the Judges were assembled about certain questions concerning his forests of Leicester in the County of Leicester, and of Bowland in the County of Warwick, to be moved to them by the Attorney of the Duchy. And the first question which was moved, was, whether the said forests were forests in name only, or in law: which being quæstio facti, the Judges could give no answer: but by way of direction they resolved, that if they were forests in law, it must appear of Record, for there be certain incidents inseparable to every forest, viz. Courts of Record, and Officers of Record, Courts of Record, as Courts of Attachments, Swanmote, and Justice Seats. Officers of Record, as Foresters, Verderers, Regarders, Agisters, &c. who are made (as it appeareth before) by matter of Record, &c. but appellation or naming of them forests in offices, pleadings, grants, or other conveyances, are no proofs, that they be forests in law.

2. It was resolved by them, that if they be but free Chases and no forests in law, that then the owners of Woods within such Chases may cut down timber or wood growing therein without view of any Officer, or licence of any; but if they cut down so much as they leave not sufficient covert, and by use wood for the game, they shall be punished at the Kings suit. And so it is if a common person hath liberty of Chase in other mens Woods, the owners of the Woods cannot cut down all the Woods, but leave sufficient for covert, and by use, as hath been accustomed, no more then the owners of Woods in which others have common of Cstovers, can destroy the whole Woods, but leave sufficient for the Cstovers.

3. And being demanded whether in the Kings free Chases a man might have common & feeding for sheep & warren by prescription or grant: It was resolved clearly they might, but they must not surcharge to the prejudice of the Kings game, but the owner of the soil within such a free Chase cannot erect a Warren without a Charter from the King. And it seemeth to me that by prescription a man may have common for his sheep within the Kings forest: for, first, I find no authority in our books (that I remember) against it; and that generally a man may common in a forest, it appeareth by Carta de foresta, Cap. 1. 33 E. 1. stat. 5. 34 E. 1. cap. 6. And if so; common in general, especially so; common appendant so much favoured in law, and particularly so; Sheep, as well as so; Horses & Mares. 12 H. 3. Common 25. F. N. B. 230. a. And to conclude this point, the Prioresse of Wicham prescribed to have common in the forest of Pickering, pro omnibus averiis suis, except caprellis, before the Justices in Eyre in 8 E. 3. Rot. 31. which being found to be true was allowed to her, &c. and such a prescription may have a lawfull beginning by the Kings grant.

4. That he that hath a Warren within a free Chase may build upon his own inheritance within his Warren a convenient lodge for preservation of his game. And Popham Chief Justice before all the rest of the Judges cited the said case of Selenger adjudged in the Exchequer.

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Some question being moved between the Earl of Hott. Justice in Cire in all the Kings forests, and the Earl of Dorset Treasurer of England, concerning the disposing of the Kings Woods in his forests; for resolving whereof by the Kings commandment all the Judges of England were assembled, who upon conference and mature deliberation resolved these 7. points following.

1. That the Justices in Cire, and the Kings Officers within his forest have charge of Venison, and of Vert or Greene hue for the maintenance or preservation of the Kings game, and therein of all manner of trees for covert, buise and patronage. But when need is to sell reasonable woods within his forest, or timber for his Majesties use, the same must be sold or taken by force of the Great Seal, or Exchequer seal by the view of the Forester to the intent that the woods or the timber shall not be taken in places inconvenient for the game. But the Justice in Cire, or any of the Kings Officers within the forest cannot sell or dispose of any wood within the forest without Commission: and so the Exchequer and the Foresters have *divisum imperium*, the one for the profit of the King, and the other for his pleasure.

2. That regularly neither the Court of the Exchequer, nor any of the Kings Officers can dispose of the Kings timber or woods, but it ought to be done by Commission, &c. as is aforesaid, for the Kings best profit.

3. That every man in his own Woods within the forest may take Housebote and Heybote by the view of the Foresters. The Kings Farmers that have clauses in their Leases to take timber, &c. by view, &c. may take the same accordingly: and so may Freeholders by prescription, and Coppholders, which by custom have used to take Housebote, &c. take the same by view of the Foresters, &c. or otherwise according to the custom.

4. It was resolved, that no Officer of the Forest could claim *W'ndefals* or *Dotard* trees for their fees by prescription, because they were once parcell of the Kings inheritance, but they ought to be sold by Commission, as before it appeareth, for the Kings best benefit.

5. That he, that hath the Herbage, or Pastnage of a Parke by the grant or demise of the King or any other, cannot take any Herbage or Pastnage but of surplusage over and above the competent and sufficient Pasture, and feeding of the game: and if the owner of the game suffer the game so to encrease, as there is no surplusage, then he that hath the Herbage and Pastnage cannot put any Beasts in the Park.

6. That the owner of the Park may divide any competent parcell of the Park with Rail, Pale or Hedge for the feed of the game in Winter, and he that hath the Herbage cannot put any Beasts therein.

Lastly, if the Pasture and Pastnage of the Park be but sufficient to feed the game in Winter and Summer, the owner thereof may drive out the Beasts of him that hath the Herbage and Pastnage. And thereupon by like assent of all the Judges the Court of the Exchequer took this order following with some reasonable additions.

Whereas heretofore some question hath been moved between the Lord Treasurer of England, and the Warden and Chief Justice, and Justice Itinerant of all the Kings Majesties Forests, Chases, Parks and Warrens on this side the water of Trent, what appertaineth to each of their offices and places concerning the dealing with and disposing of Woods, Trees, and Coppices within his Highnesses Parks, Forests and Chases, which being by his Majesty referred to the consideration and determination of his Judges, and Barons, they have resolved touching the same by one uniform assent, as hereafter followeth, viz. That as the Lord Treasurer of England for the time being, and Court of Exchequer have the only ordinary power under the King to deal therein so far forth as the same concerns the inheritance and profit of the Crown, as in the sale of Woods, Trees, Coppices and such like: so in like manner it concerns the Warden and Chief Justice, and Justice Itinerant of all the Kings Majesties Forests, Chases, Parks,

*In Baga de Forestis in Curia Rodia Rem. Regis. 12 E. 2. Com' to sell the underwood in the Park of Clarendon. 17 E. 2. Com' to sell Windfals in the Park of Northar. 28 Com' to sell wood in Clarendon. Nota, minuti laterones quercuum Carli & Curbi in Foresta de Grovete end' virtute brevis domini regis. Simile ibidem 10, 11. 13. & 14 E. 4. Simile 17 H. 6. virtute Literarum Pat. H. 6.*

1 E. 3. Stat. 2. c. 25. Constit. & Ass. Forst. ubi sup.

Vid. Itin' Pick. 8 E. 3. Rot. 30. the case of William de Persey and Petronilla his wife.

Rot. Par. 18 E. 1. fo. 16. the King may grant Estovers in his Forest without view of the For. ster.

*The Order of the Exchequer upon the resolution of the Judges,*

Parks, and Warrens, and their ministers to deale therein so far as it may concern the preservation and maintenance of the Game, in respect of the Shades, coverts, pawninge, and such like for the Deer. And therefore it is resolved by all their opinions, that the Lord Treasurer of England and Court of Exchequer may not sell any Woods or Coppices within any the Kings Parks, Forests, or Chases, (except windfals, roofals, and meer dead and soze trees) without the privity and allowance of the said Warden, and Chief Justice, and Justice Itinerant, within whose Jurisdiction it is: For may cut down the dead and soze trees, nor carry them or windfals or roofals away, but at fit times, and by the view of such as have charge of the Game, whereby it may be seen unto, that the same may be done at fit and convenient times: and that no trees, other then those that be dead and sear, and meerly windfals and roofals, may be thrown down or taken away without the privity and allowance of the Warden, and chief Justice, and Justice Itinerant of his Majesties Parks, Forests, or Chases.

And as for the Warden, and Chief Justice, and Justice Itinerant, and the Keepers and other Ministers of Parks, Forests, and Chases appertaining to the King, they may not cut down any trees for new paling or ralling, or for repair of Lodges, without the Warrant and allowance of the Lord Treasurer of England for the time being: but timber needfull for mending of small defects in old pales or ralls that are broken, so as the same do not exceed two or three timber trees in any one Forest, Park, or Chase, in any one year, they may be permitted to take of trees in places fit, without making waste thereof, or any spoile or prejudice to the Kings inheritance, making the Kings Surveyor of the Woods speedily acquainted, who is to see that the same hath been accordingly well imployed: and needfull browse also in places fit, and times seasonable the Keepers may take for the Deer, not cutting down the limes or great boughs of the trees. And therefore it is ordered by this Court, that from henceforth where it shall be thought requisite to sell any of the Kings Woods or Coppices within any his Parks, Forests, or Chases, that a Writ or Commission in nature of an Ad quod damnum shall be directed unto the Warden and Chief Justice, and Justice Itinerant within the Forests, within whose government the same is to be done, to enquire and certifie what number of trees and what Coppices may be sold, and in what places with least prejudice to the Kings Game; and that upon the reason thereof, the sale shall be made of such trees and Coppices, as upon such Certificate shall be thought fit to be sold. And in like manner it is ordered, that for the new paling, and new ralling, and new building of Lodges in any place within or about any his Majesties Parks, Forests, or Chases, and the great repairs of old Pales, Ralls, or Lodges in or about the same; that it is to be done upon Certificate from the Warden and Chief Justice, and Justice Itinerant, and the Surveyor of his Majesties Woods within whose jurisdiction it is, by Warrant from the Lord Treasurer of England for the time being.

It is very obserbable, that if any Act of Parliament hath been made against any of the Articles of the statute of Carta de Foresta, by the Act of Parliament of 42 E. 3. the same is made void, and by the statutes of <sup>a</sup> Confirmationes Cartarum all judgements given against any of the points of Carta de Foresta, shall be holden for void. And where H. 2. Fitz Empeffe claimed that he might make Forests not only within his own Woods and Grounds, but in the Woods and Grounds of his Subjects, and thereupon made divers such Forests within his own and other mens Woods and Grounds: whereupon some Readers and others that have followed them are of opinion that H. 2. might De jure do that which he did. But this Act of Carta de foresta, which is but a declaratory law restoring the subject to his former right, is directly against that concept, in these words. <sup>b</sup> In primis omnes foresta, quas Henricus avus noster afforestavit, videantur per bonos & legales homines; & si <sup>c</sup> boscum aliquem alium quam suum dominicum afforestaverit ad damnum illius cujus boscum ille fuerit, statim deafforestetur; & si boscum suum proprium afforestaverit, remaneat foresta, salva <sup>d</sup> communia de herbagio & aliis in eadem foresta illis qui prius eam habere consueverunt. To the same effect is the

<sup>42</sup> E. 3. cap. 1.  
<sup>a</sup> Confirm. Cart.  
<sup>25</sup> E. 1.  
<sup>b</sup> Cart. de foresta.  
 cap. 1. & 2.  
<sup>c</sup> This is an Act of restitution, for if the King might have made a Forest in other mens Woods, then could not the owner have felled down his own woods without view or license, & sic ad damnum illius, &c.  
<sup>d</sup> Nota, all manner of Commons are saved.

third Chapter. Neither could H. 2. or any other King have made or raised a free Chase, Park, or Warren for himself in any of the grounds of the subjects; for it is truly said in Pl. Co. that the common law hath so admeasured the Kings prerogatives, that they should not take away, nor prejudice the inheritance of any. But we agree, that all the lands of the subject are originally derived from the Crown. And therefore when the ancient Kings had the most part in their own hands, or at least great Desarts, waste and woody grounds for want of habitation, they might make what Forests it pleased them therein, which may be a reason and cause of a lawfull beginning, and therefore a Forest may be by prescription good in law over other mens grounds. But the King in his own grounds may make a Forest at this day, which is also proved by these two Chapters, for such Forests are thereby saved and enacted to stand.

Pl. Com' Seigni-  
or Beke's  
case. fo. 236.

King H. 8. intending to make a Forest about his house at Hampton Court assigned and limited a certain Territory of grounds for nourishing and generation of Beasts of Venery, and Fowls of Warren, extending over the lands and grounds of divers and many Freeholders, and Coppholders, within the Parishes, Townships, and Villages of Eastmalsey, Westmalsey, Walton, Cher, Weybridge, and part of Cobham: and finding that he could not erect either Forest or Chase over other mens grounds without their Consents; did agree with the Freeholders and customary tenants, as by his Indenture bearing date the first day of October in the 29 year of his reign, between him on the one part, and Sir Richard Page Knight, Thomas Henage Esquire, and other the Freeholders and customary Tenants in the Towns and Villages aforesaid of the other part, wherein the King doth name it (ad faciendum populum for the easier passage) Hampton Court Chase. But afterwards (in close words in severall places) that it should have all such and like Liberties, Jurisdictions, and Preeminences, Laws, Statutes, Officers, &c. \* as any Chase or Forest within this Realm had, &c. And all offences done within the same, should be punished as if the same had been done within any Chase or Forest within this Realm. And the King did thereby covenant and grant, that the Freeholders and Coppholders aforesaid might sell and take their Woods, Groves, and Coppices, at their will and pleasure without any view, &c. and to make their hedges and fences about their Corn, &c. to keep out the Deer, &c. And (for recompence to both Freeholders and Coppholders, &c.) that the third part of the free rent of every Freehold should be deducted, and the moiety of the fine of the heir of every Coppholder should be also deducted, &c. which Indenture and all the covenants therein being recited, it is enacted by authority of Parliament accordingly. By which Act and divers generall clauses referring to Forests, the King intended to have it a Forest. But hereby it plainly appeareth both by the Kings said Indenture, and by the judgement of the whole Parliament, that the King could neither erect any Chase or Forest over any mans grounds without their consent and agreement. And yet King H. 8. did stand as much upon his Prerogative as any King of England ever did.

31 H 8. cap. 5.

\* Nota.

But to join this new with some that is ancient, In Rot. Parl. anno 18 E. 1. there is a notable Record in these words:

*Rogerus Episcopus Coventr' & Lichf. queritur contra Rogerum Extraneum & socios suos Justic' Domini Regis de Foresta in com' Staff. Eo quod seif. in manus Domini Regis boscos ipsius Episcopi de maneriis suis de Cannock & Rugeleghe, &c. Rogerus & alii Justiciar' ven' & dicunt, quod in Itinere suo presentatum fuit per Viridar', Forestar' & alios fideles Domini Regis, quod pradicti bosci super Dominum Regem & ejus progenitor' per ipsum Episcopum & predecessores suos purprestabantur. Et eo quod licet eis Justiciariis in Itineribus suis purpresturas factas infra metas foreste Domini Regis in manus Domini Regis seifire, ideo seifire fecerunt, &c. Et Episcopus bene concedit quod sunt infra metas foreste: Set dicit quod Rex Ric' per cartam suam Dat' 4 die Decembris*

Petitio Episcopi  
Covent. & Lich.  
contra Justiciarios  
Forestar'.

Purprestur'.

Gnowshall.

Nota, in boscis deafforestatis per cartam licet fugare, & voluntatem inde facere; à fortiori, in boscis deafforestat' virtute Actus Parl. de Carta de Foresta.

38 H. 6. fo. 10. ac

Adjoined into Parliament.

Deafforestatio per Chart. Nota.

\* Nota, infra metas forestæ, & tamen extra forestam. Foresta de Cannock.

*cembris Anno regni sui primo dedit Hugoni tunc Episcopo Coventr' & Lich. prædecessori suo & successoribus suis dicta duo maneria cum Ecclesiis, hundred', & omnibus aliis libertatibus. Et per aliam cartam dat' 30 Nov. Anno regni sui primo concessit dicto Hugoni quod omnia maneria sua, terra & omnes homines sui & feod' Ecclesiæ de Covent' & Lichf. de Cestr' & Salop, & de Gnowshall & omnium Ecclesiarum suarum, libera essent & quieta de foresta, & de placitis forestæ, de vastis & assartis & regardis forestæ, cum multis aliis libertatibus in eisdem cartis recitatis, &c. Virtute quarum Cartarum, ipse & omnes prædecessores sui à tempore confeccionis earundem Cartarum solebant fugare in dictis boscis, & voluntatem suam inde facere, &c. Et petit quod Dominus Rex, &c. Et prædict' Justic' dicunt quod Dominus H. Rex pater Domini Regis nunc fuit in seifina dictorum maneriorum & boscorum. Et scrutatis Rotulis, & Brevibus Scaccarii invenitur primum breve regis H. Anno regni sui 14 Vic' Staff. direct', & quod sciat, quod reddidit A. tunc Episcopo Covent' & Lichf. dicta maneria, &c. Item 2 alia breviva Baronibus de Scaccario direct' quod computent Vic' Staff. 30<sup>s</sup>. 6<sup>d</sup>. pro med' pro Anno 14. Item comp. &c. 61<sup>s</sup>. pro Anno 10 pro dictis maneriis, &c. Et præd' Justic' dicunt, quod patet per easdem cartas quod carta per quam Episc' clam' esse quietus de foresta, &c. data fuit & facta ante cartam per quam dictus Rex R. dedit Episcopo, manerium & boscos prædictos, per quod dicunt quod prædictus Episcopus non potest clamare dictos boscos esse quietos, &c. per formam dictæ Cartæ factæ ante donationem dictorum boscorum: ob quod datus est dies dicto Episcopo, &c. in unum mensem ad parliament. &c. Postea ad Parliamentum nunc, &c. venit prædict' Episc. in propria persona sua, & reddidit Regi dictos boscos ut jus ipsius Regis. Et idem Dominus Rex ex gratia sua concessit & dedit eosdem boscos prædicto Episcopo per easdem metas, bundas & divisiones per quas ipse & prædecessores sui à tempore confeccionis Cartæ prædictæ Richardi Regis boscos illos tenuer', &c. Et quod habeant & teneant liberos ab omnimodis placitis forestæ, &c. \* Et quod nec Justiciar' forestæ seu Forestar' Viridar' & Regardatores, seu alii ministri quicunq; se intromittant infra metas suprædictas licet sint infra metas forestæ antiquas de Cannock. Et pro hac, &c. idem Episcopus cognovit se teneri Domino Regi in mille libris sterling.*

See hereafter pag. 307.

1 E. 2. ca. 1. stat. 2.  
Rot. Parl. 1 R. 2.  
nu. 61.  
5 R. 2. 84.

Observe well this Record, and the parts of the same. And it is to be known, that where others perambulations were made in the reign of H. 3. E. 1. and E. 2. that all these perambulations and others that should be made (albeit there be no Charters thereof now extant) are established and made good, both by the statute of 1 E. 3. cap. 1. stat. 2. in print; and by an Act of Parliament in 1 R. 2; nu. 61. in the Roll of Parliament and not in print; and by another Act of Parliament 5 R. 2. nu. 84. not in print. For albeit it be to be presumed that Charters have been made according to the Perambulations; yet forasmuch as time wears out many things, if Charters should now be required, many places should become forest againe, which now are in peace and deafforested.

The form of the perambulation of a Forest is, Perambulatio facta in Com' Eborum de foresta de G. die Anno Regis, &c. apud E. coram A B. C D. Justiciariis Domini Regis ad dictam perambulationem faciend' assignatis per sacramentum F G, M P, N S, &c. Qui dicunt super Sacramentum suum, &c. And so set down the metes and bounds of the Forest, shewing what is within the Forest, and what to be extra forestam secundum tenorem Magnæ Cartæ de foresta, eo quod afforestata fuerit post coronationem Domini Henrici Regis 2, &c. In cuius rei testimonium, &c.

Nota,

Nota, the Charters be generall and thozt to this effect. Rex omnibus ad quos presentes literæ pervenerint, Salutem. Sciatis quod volumus & concedimus pro nobis & hæredibus nostris, quod perambulationes factæ coram A. B. C. D. ad hoc assignat' per præceptum nostrum de forestis nostris in Com. Eborum de cætero teneantur & observentur per metas & Bundas contentas in eisdem perambulationibus, quarum tenor de verbo in verbum sequitur in hunc modum. And rehearse the whole perambulation.

A long complaint in Parliament against Foresters, for afforesting of mens purties, for undue triall, and for their extortions, too long here to be rehearsed, but worthy to be read, with a prayer that the great Charter may be kept, and that all men may enjoy their purties according to the perambulations made in the reign of King E. 1. whereunto the King answered, [The King would the great Charter to be kept: and that such as will complaine in the right of their purties, may have Writs out of the Chancery.] See Rot. Parl. 50 E. 3. nu. 80. & 1 R. 2. nu. 60.

Rot. Parl. 22 E. 3. nu. 26.

Purieu containeth such grounds which H. 2. R. 1. or King John added to their ancient Forests over other mens grounds, and which were disafforsted by force of the statute of Carta de foresta, cap. 1. & cap. 3. and the perambulations and grants thereupon. And is derived from a French Adjective and a French Noun, viz. Pur which signifieth clear, entire, and exempt, and Lieu, that is, a place entire, clear, or exempt from the Forest. And both of these derived from the Latin Adjective and Noun, viz. purus locus; and in this sense the Civilians called that parum locum qui sepulchrorum religioni non est obstructus. And the perambulation whereby the purieu is deafforsted is called in French Pourallee; i. perambulatio, so as the purieu and pourallee are two distinct things, and \* purieu is the right name of the place deafforsted.

¶ Purieu what it is, and whereof derived.

By this it appeareth that Chases that never were any Forests cannot have any purieu, and consequently the case in 16 Eliz. Dier. 326, 327. is mistaken, for the Chase of Whaddon never was any Forest. Whereby it may be observed, how necessary the true derivation of words is, according to the example of Littleton, as in divers parts of the first part of the Institutes appears.

33 E. 1. stat. 5.

By this deafforstation the owners of the grounds within the purieu may at their will and pleasure sell, cut down, eradicate, and stub up all the Timber, Woods, and underwoods, convert their Pastures, Meadows and other Grounds to arable, inclose them in with any kind of inclosure, build and erect new edifices upon the same or any part thereof, and to dispose and use the same after the disafforstation, as they never had been afforsted.

And where some have conceived, that quoad to the owners of the soyle the purieu is disafforsted, but not as to others, but as to them it should remaine a Forest, by reason of these words in the first Chapter, ad damnum illius cujus boscus ille fuerit, those words were added to shew the unlawfulness of the afforstation, because it was ad damnum, &c. as hath been proved before. And then these men must make a diversity between a deafforstation by force of the first Chapter of afforstations in the reign of H. 2. And deafforstations made by force of the third Chapter of afforstations in the reigns of R. 1. and King John, for there the clause of ad damnum is omitted, and therefore those afforstations are utterly made void against all men.

The statute of Carta de foresta hath been above 30 times, and lastly in 4 H. 5. confirmed and enacted and commanded to be put in execution, and we finde no authority in law that we remember against our opinion herein; therefore we proceed and do hold, that in any purieu a man may as lawfully hunt to all intents and purposes within the purieu within his own grounds, as any other owner may do in his grounds that never were afforsted at all.

Some have endeavoured to limit the purieu man to hunt by custome or prescription, but all the said statutes were made within time of memory against which they cannot prescribe. Some endeavour to maintain it to be by Forest law, but it is questioned whether there be any such Forest law, in that point. for

See the first part of the Institutes Sect 170.

Quod non legitur non creditur: but to conclude this point, No forest law can stand against laws enacted by Authority of Parliament. Others think, that the said Statute of 33 E. 1. Stat. 5. or some other Statute in the reign of E. 1. E. 2. or E. 3. does in some sort restrain their hunting, which is utterly denyed, that they are restrained by any such in any of the said Kings times; but if any such Statutes were, They are, being contrary to the Statute of Carta de Foresta, repealed by the Statute of 42 E. 3. cap. 1. And all the Statutes or Writs, either that of Woodstock in the reign of H. 2. or any other in his time, or in the reigns of R. 1. or King John are all abrogated by the Statute of Carta de Foresta made in 9 H. 3. cap. 1. & 3. as to the Deafforestations, &c. And the Statute or Writ of Woodstock doth extend to Deafforestations before, and not after, the words thereof being, Nullus faciat aliquam installationē inter forestā & boscos, &c. p ipsū vel progenitores suos deafforestatos. And for the same reason the Purlieman may keep his dogs within the purliem unexpeditated, and seeing the wilde Beasts does belong to the purlieman racione soli, so long as they remain in his grounds, he may kill them, for the property racione soli is in him; so as hereby concerning purliens, and by the resolution of the Judges concerning Chases, it appeareth, that the makers of the Statute of 22 E. 4. mistook the law in both of them, viz. concerning Chases and Purliens, but the Statute being in the affirmative worketh no prejudice to any. And if he chase them with Greyhounds, and the Beasts of the forest do flee towards the forest for their safety, if the owner pursue them to the bounds of the forest, and then call back his dogs, and do his endeavour to call them again from the pursuit, although the dogs follow the chase in the forest, and kill the Kings Deer there, this is no offence, so as the owner enter not into the forest, nor meddle with the Deer so killed. But if the dogs fasten upon the Deer, before he recover the forest, and the Deer drag the dogs into the forest, there the Purlieman may follow his dogs and take the Deer.

In some Letters Patents of the perambulations or purallies of forests made by King E. 3. to any County where lands are disafforested, which we have seen, there is refered to the King forty days for his wild Beasts within the purliens to return again, and for his raungers within that time to rechase them into the forest, which is taken to be a convenient time for that purpose. And albeit these purliens be absolutely disafforested, and have no liberty of forest there, yet for convenienty it hath been permitted that the Rangers of the forest should as often as the wild Beasts of the forest range into the purliem, with his hound rechase the same: and these Rangers have used to present unlawfull hunting and Hunters of the Kings Deer within the purliem, as in the night, or at unseasonable Deer, or killing of the Kings Deer in purliens by no purliem men, but unlawfull Hunters or the like: such as should not take advantage of their own wrong both to the King and the purliem men, and that they are known to be Deer belonging to the Kings forest, because there are no other within the purliem; where in the best rule we can (for avoiding of tediousness) give the Reader, is to follow the judicall Records and Presidents of the Cires holden before grave and learned Justices in Cire, as those of Wickering, Lancaster, & the like, concerning presentment of matters done within the purliens of the Rangers wherunto we do rather incline, when we consider the oath which the Rangers have anciently taken & continually in these words. You shall truly execute the office of a Ranger in the purliem of P. upon the border of the Kings forest of P. You shall rechase with your Hound & drive the wild Beasts of the forest, as often as they shall range out of the same forest into the purliens; You shall truly present all unlawfull hunting and hunters of wilde Beasts of Venerie and Chase \* as well within the purliens, as the forest, and those and all other offences you shall present at the Kings next Court of Attachments, or Swanmore which shall first happen: So help you God. And it is to be noted, that in such forests, as have no purliens, there is no Ranger.

It was petitioned in Parliament, that no man be impeached for hunting within the purliem or without the bound of the forest, and that there be levied no assart rents.

This

Rot. Par. 51 E. 3. nu. 39.

22 E. 4. cap. 7.

43 E. 3. 8. the Earl of Arundels case.

38 E. 3. f. 10. b. simile. 12 H. 8. fo. 10. a.

20 E. 3. Rot. Pat. 1 pars pro deaff. forest' Forestæ de Kemfam.

Vide Rot. Parl. 12 E. 3. nu. 26, 27. a complaint of the purliem men, and the Kings answer.

The oath of the Ranger.

\* This proveth that the purliens are no part of the Forest, but distinct things. Rot. Par. 51 E. 3. nu. 39. 50 E. 3. nu. 80. 1 R. 2. nu. 60.



This Petition consisting on two parts. 1. Concerning hunting in the publick, or out of the bounds of the forest, the second concerning assart rents.

To the first: the King answereth, That the Charter of the forest shall be kept, which is a yielding to the Petition for that part, for by that Charter the bounds of the forests are established, and no purlieus excepted.

As to the second: he answered, That the demand was unreasonable.

The Commons made Petition that men might enjoy their purlieus freely, and that perambulations might be made as was in the time of King H. 3.

Whereunto the King answered, The King thinketh the perambulations are duly made, and who will, may complain, and shall be heard.

The Abbot of Whithby had a forest called Whithby forest (by the grant of H. 2. and King John with all Officers incident thereunto) adjoining to the forest of the Earl of Lancaster called Pickering forest, and the game of the forest of Pickering ranged into the forest of Whithby, Idem Abbas habens exploratores suos statim ponere fecit retia, & alia ingenia sua juxta Hakenesse & alibi distan' a foresta ista per tractum unius arcus & aliquando plus, & postea cum canibus excitare fecit feras, ita quod per excitationem illam plures ferarum illarum in redeundo & fugiendo versus forestam de Pickering decidunt in retibus & ingeniis predictis & capiuntur, & annuatim capere facit in destructionem ferarum forestæ predictæ de Pickering ad damnum domini, & nescitur quo Warranto; per quod præceptum fuit Vicecomiti, quod Venire faciat prædictum Abbatem. Whereupon the Abbot came and pleaded his title to the forest, ut supra. Et quod omnes Abbates loci prædicti virtute Concessus, &c. prædictos cervos & cervas in locis prædictis ubi retia & ingenia prædicta posita fuerunt, & quæ fuerunt infra limites Forestæ suæ de Whithby, & quoad quod idem habens exploratores super feras domini, &c. retia & ingenia poni fecit prope forestam de Pickering, &c. per quod in redeundo plures feræ captæ fuerunt, quod omnino est contra Assis' Forestæ, idem Abbas dicit, quod ad hoc respondere non debet, &c. Et quia manifeste liquet Curia, &c. quod feræ de Foresta ad Forestam aliter conferri non possunt, nisi ipsius in cuius Foresta inveniuntur, eo quod signo aliquo non consistunt signatæ nec divisas aliquas cognoscunt, Ideo consideratum est, quod idem Abbas eat sine die.

By which Record and many others it doth appear, that when the Kings Game of the forest doe range out of the forest (and purlieu, if any be) they belong not to the King, but are at their naturall liberty, & occupanti conceduntur.

And this is the reason that some have said, that where the King was seised of the forest of M. in fee, and that a custome was pleaded time out of mind, that if any Beast of the forest should range into the free chase of the Abbot de Dien adjoining to the said forest, that the Foresters of the said forest, &c. might enter into the said chase, and with little dogs recatch the Kings Beasts of his forest into the forest again, that this custome is against law, for that (besides the reason yielded in the Abbot of Whicbies case) immediately when they are out of the bounds of the forest, the property is out of the King, for the being within the forest maketh the property in that case. But the book of 7 H. 6. is left at large whether the prescription be good or no, and yet aid was thereupon granted: and Dier 16 Eliz. 326, 327. agreeth therewith. But in the Abbot of Whicbies case there is no prescription for the King, but against him.

It is to be observed, that by the law of the forest when any claim is made by any ancient Charter of any Franchise, Liberty, or Immunity, or discharge within the forest by ancient and obscure terms and words, the entry is (for example) Et quia non liquet curia manifeste cujusmodi libertates prædictæ vocabulorum idem Prior habere intendit, dictum est Priori quod prædictæ vocabula declarer, &c. And after he that maketh the claim, declareth, that is, explaineth the same, and pleadeth further, Quod ipse & prædecessores sui semper à consecutione Cartæ prædictæ sine interruptione usi sunt & gavisii sunt libertatibus prædictis (according to his declaration) & hoc paratus est verificare per ministros istius Forestæ, &c. Ideo inquiratur rei veritas per eosdem, &c. Where the entry is after the declaration made, Et quia videtur Justiciariis quod expediens est & necesse, quod Curia certioretur

2 R. 2. nu. 48.

In Itin' Pick.  
8 E. 3. Rot. 42.

Nota, for Hats,  
Hyndes.

The Kings Deer  
are not branded  
or signed with  
any mark, that  
they may be  
known whose  
they are out of  
the Forest.  
7 H. 6. fo. 36.

Lib. 5. fo. 104. b.  
Rolfsons case.

16 Eliz. Dier 326,  
327.

Vide Itin' Pick.  
8 E. 3. The Prior  
of Ellortons case.  
Rot. 35. Et ibid.  
the Prior of  
Maltons case.  
Rot.

tioretur super possessionem ipsius Prioris in hac parte, inquiratur inde veritas per ministros ejusdem Forestæ, and thereupon the Foresters, Verderers, and Regarders are sworn, and so much as they find have been continually used, is allowed, and so much as hath not been used is disallowed; so as Use and continuall possessions are the best Expositors of ancient and obscure words.

Regula.  
Hil. 6 E. 3. Rot.  
179. Coram Rege  
diuturnas &  
longæva possessio  
virtute generaliū  
verborum in an-  
tiquis Cartis sus-  
ficiunt.

For example: ¶ Quietum esse de misericordia Forestæ, is to be quit of all amer-  
ciaments in the which he in any sort might fall within the forest. And here mise-  
ricordia is taken as well for a fine, as for an amerciament.

¶ Quietum esse de Vasto, if he did wast in his woods within the forest he  
should not be amerced, nor for any other wast.

¶ Quietum esse de rewardo, that is, to be quit of amerciament wheresoever in  
any parish within the forest, if the usage hath been accordingly.

8 E. 3. Itin' Pick.  
Lambstons cafe  
putura.  
Geldū in Domeſ-  
dayſæpe pro  
Scot Anglice.

¶ Quiet' de omnibus geldis, i. quiet' esse de omni putura Forestar', & de om-  
ni præstatione, ad collectionem garbarum, agnorum & lanæ ad opus forestar' ejuſ-  
dem forestæ.

¶ De Woodgeldis, i. quiet' esse de omni collectione in foresta præd' ad opus  
quorumcunque ministrorum forest' præd' ratione boscorum.

¶ De Horngeldis, Quietum esse de omni collect' in foresta de bestiis cornu-  
tis asses'.

¶ De Fotegeldis, i. quiet' esse de finibus & amerciamentis pro canibus infra  
forestam inexpeditatis, if the usage hath been accordingly, otherwise not: for an-  
cient Charters by the law of the forest must be adjudged according to the conti-  
nued usage, and not ex vi termini.

¶ De Buckfall, i. ubi homines convenire tenentur, ibidem convenire ad sta-  
bleiam faciend' circa feras, & ad easdem congregand', quietum esse de hoc serv-  
icio, quando dominus chaseaverit.

¶ De Tristris, anciently wriſſten traistris, and is derived' of traist, i. trust, and  
signifieth, ubi alii homines manentes in eadem foresta tempore quo dominus  
chaceaverit in eadem venire debent, & confisi sunt, Anglice are trusted, ad tenend'  
Leporarios certis locis assignatis pro feris ibidem expectand' & capiend', quietum  
esse de hoc servicio.

¶ De Fledwite, of fled, a Saxon word, a fugitive, one that fleeth, an outlaw,  
and wite a Saxon word also, a freedome.

\* Carra de Fore-  
sta cap. 14.

¶ De Careio, cum aliqua Carra, seu careta cartata transeuntes per fore-  
stam, & similiter summagia, seu Somagia equorum consuet' sunt solvere secun-  
dum magis vel minus ministris ibidem pro chemino ibidem habend'. Quietum  
esse de hujusmodi solutionibus. Summagium or Somagium cometh of the French  
word somier or sumier, which signifieth a Horse carrying any load. Chimagiū,  
a Toll for way-faring men through a forest, derived from the French word Che-  
min for a way.

¶ De Scoto, seu Shoto, quando homines faciant collectum inter se ad aliquod  
obtinendum seu evitandum. Quietum esse de tali collect'. ¶ De tallagio, idem  
ut de Scoto.

8 E. 3. Itin' Pick.  
fo. 149.

¶ Extra regardum forestæ. If any man within a forest doe hold his woods or  
lands by grant or prescription to be extra regardum forestæ, the woods or lands  
are deafforded.

¶ Exilium, i. cum homines utlegantur in Itinere istius forestæ pro transgressi-  
one Viridis seu Venationis.

¶ De escapio, secundum Assisam forestæ si averia alicujus in landis veritis, vel  
tempore verito in eadem inveniantur, prima vice pro quolibet pede averiorum  
prædict' ipsi quorum fuerint amercentur ad unum denarium; & si secundo ibi-  
dem inveniantur, similiter pro quolibet pede unum denarium; & si tertio ibidem  
inveniantur, averia illa remaneant domino forisfacta, de quibus amerciamentis  
& forisfacturis per hujusmodi vocabulum, de escapio, extiter' quieti.

F. N. B. 230.

¶ De Pannagio, that is, to be quit to pay any thing for pawning.

¶ Assertum, Assert, is so called of the effect (as some hold) and is derived (say  
they) of ad and sero, asserto, because of wood grounds, marshes, or wast grounds  
they

they are converted to be sown with Corn, and therefore in the Register, & F.N.B. it is wrytten assartare, with an E, and so it is in Carta de Foresta cap. 4. Bracton hereof saith, Illud quod fuit aliquando boscus, & locus vastæ solitudinis & communia & jam inde efficitur assartum; vel redactum est in culturam. And here with agreeth Fleta, Illud olim fuit foresta & boscus, &c. & jam efficitur assartum, & redactum est in culturam, & idem dici poterit de mariscis & alijs vastitatibus in culturam redactis.

Others fetch it other wise, but we hold, that it is derived of the French word essarter, to grub up, or clear a ground of wood, &c. and this appeareth by Domei-day. Herefordsh. Merchelay in eodem manerio sunt 58 acra terræ provectæ de sylva, wrytten ober the same essars, de essart' sylvæ exeunt 17 s. & 4 d. E. being turned into A.

*Radulphus episcopus Karleol petit versus Priorem Ecclesiæ Karleol decimas duarum placearum terræ de novo assartarum in Foresta de Inglewood, quarum una vocat' Lynthwayt & alia Kirthwayte, quæ sunt infra limites parochiæ suæ de Aspaterick. Et super hoc similiter venit Mr. Hen. de Burton persona Ecclesiæ de Thorisby, & easdem decimas clamat ut pertinen' ad Ecclesiã suam. Et Prior venit & dicit quod Henr. Rex vetus concessit dicto deo & Ecclesiæ suæ beatæ Mariæ Karleol' omnes decimas de omnibus terris quas inculturam redigerent infra Forestam, & inde eos feofavit per quoddam Cornu eburneũ quod dedit Ecclesiæ suæ prædict', &c. Et Willielmus Inge qui sequitur pro rege dicit quod decimæ prædict' pertin' ad Regem & non ad alium, quia sunt infra bundas Forestæ de Inglewood: Et quod rex in Foresta sua prædict' potest villas edificare, Ecclesiã construere, terras assartare, & ecclesiã illas cum decimis terrarum illarum pro voluntate sua cuicunque voluerit conferre, &c. Et quia dominus rex super præmiss' vult certiorari, ut unicunque tribuatur quod suum est, assignetur, &c. et certificent regem ad proxim' Parliamentum, &c.*

¶ *Purpresture.* For this and the derivation, see in the Second part of the Institutes, Statutum de Bigamis cap. 4. and the exposition upon the same, and Carta de foresta cap. 4.

*b* Coopertura is a Whicket or Covert of wood.

¶ *c* Maeremium is derived of the old Normandy word Marisme for Timber.

¶ *d* Scotales, Scotalæ, derived of two English words Scor and Ale, as much to say as a tribute or contribution of drinking for the ministers of the forest when they came to the house of any, whereunto others are contributory within the perambulation of the forest, which then was called *c* potura, a drinking. And after they claimed the same for all victuals for themselves, their Servants, Horses, and Dogs, which was called putura; and this doth notably appear by a Record in 5 E. 3. in these words.

¶ *f* Putura in Chacea de Bowland, i. consuetudo clamata per forestarios, & aliquando per balivos hundredorum, recipere victualia, tam pro seipsis, hominibus, equis & canibus de tenentibus & inhabitantibus infra perambulationem forestæ seu hundredi quando eo pervenerint, nihil inde solvend'. Where the statute of Carta de foresta speaketh. Nullus forestarius seu balivus de cætero faciat Scotalas, &c. s by the statute of 25 E. 3. it is enacted, that no Forester or Keeper of forest or Chase, nor any other Minister shall make or gather sustenance, nor other gathering of Victuals, nor other thing by colour of their office against any mans will within their Balliwick or without, but that which is due of old right, that is, those fees, which time out of mind they ought to have within that forest, and as shall appear to be due by the oath of 12 Regarders.

Prior de Ellortons case. *Quit' de geldis* is to be quit *de putura*. s 25 E. 3. cap. 7. stat. Cap. Itineris *filenale*, of the Saxon word *filen*, or *fulsen*, and *alc*, i. an Ale feast, whereat they were filled with Ale. Bracton lib. 3. fo. 117. in reciting of Capitula Itineris, calleth it *Filcale*, i. *Fildale*, an extortion *colore computationis*. Vide Fleta lib. 1. ca. 20. Carta de Foresta cap. 7.

Registr. 157.  
Fleta li. 2. c. 35.  
F.N.B. 226. f.  
Cart. de Forest.  
cap. 4.  
Bract. li. 4. fo. 226.  
Fleta li. 4. ca. 22.  
Lib. 2. cap. 25.  
Vide Lucubr. Oc-  
kam 20. b.  
Rot. Par. 51 E. 3.  
nu. 39.

Rot. Plar. Parl.  
de Anno 18 E. 1.  
Rot. 8. Inter Ep-  
iscopum Karleol'  
& Priorem  
ejusdem de deci-  
mis assartorum.

a Glanv. li. 9. cap  
11, 12. Fleta lib.  
2. cap. 35. 18 E. 2.  
de visu Franc'  
pleg. Dier 7 El.  
240.  
b Cart. de Forest.  
cap. 12.  
c 8 E. 3. Itin' Pick.  
fo. 17.  
d Cart. de Forest.  
cap. 7. Fleta li. 2.  
cap. 35. Cap. Itin'  
W. 1. cap. 4. de  
PaRur' pauperũ.  
e Potura.  
Vid. 45 E. 3. 15. &  
F.N.B. 209. b.  
De potura pau-  
perum, a drinking  
or sustenance for  
the poor. 12 H. 4.  
24. Hil. 5 E. 3.  
Coram rege Ro.  
30. Ebotum.  
8 E. 3. Itin' Pick.  
fo. 150. b.  
Putura.  
f 8 E. 3. Itin' Pick.

8 E. 3. Trin' Pick.  
sic John de Mel-  
faes case.

¶ Chablicia, or Cablicia, byowse wood, derived of the French word Chablis, as boys Chablis, either rent down from trees by the wind, or branches of trees cut for the byowse of Deer.

¶ Parkebote, to be quit of enclosing of a Park or any part thereof, derived of two English words, Parke, and bote.

Fleta li. 1. c. 47.

¶ Brigbote, or Bruckbote, to be quit of making of bridges.

¶ Pannagium, or panagium, is derived from the French word panage, *i. pa-stura pecorum in nemoribus de glandibus & aliis fructibus arborum.*

Trin. 2 E. 3. Co-  
ram reg<sup>e</sup> Rot. 12.

¶ Expaltare canes, *i. expeditare canes.* Expeditatio is derived of *ex* & *pede*, because the Dog is lamed in the foot, *inexpeditatus* is unlamed.

Carta de Fore-  
sta cap. 6.

Canis in this Act is taken for Mastivus by these words, *talis expeditatio fact' p' Assisam communiter usitaram*, which hath reference to the Assise of the Forest, tempore H. 2. Art. 6. which speaketh only de expeditatione Mastivorum, & Assis' & Conserud' Forestæ, 6 E. 1. cap. 9. speaketh only de mastivo.

¶ Ortelles, this word is taken from the French word Orteilles, in English, Claws.

Carta de foresta  
ubi supra.

¶ Pellora, of the French word Pelote, and they from Pila: In this Act it is taken for the ball of the foot, sine pelora, without the ball of the foot. And therefore by the expresse words of this Act the ball of the foot of the Mastiffe is not to be cut off, but the three claws of the forefoot to the skin. This extendeth only to Mastiffs, and to no other Dogs, for *Ubi non est lex, ibi non est transgressio*; and necessary it is, that such as dwell in forests where there are coverts, that they should keep other Dogs unexpeditated, and the Mastiff expeditated for the defence of their house, or for giving of warning of Theeves and Robbers, &c. Molossus (the old British word) is a Mast-theef, because he doth mase or amase a Theef, &c.

M. S. Priorat. Co-  
vent' fo. 14. b.

¶ Managium & mesagium, is commonly in ancient Records taken for mesagium.

The words of this Act are *De expeditatione Canum existentium in foresta*, and therefore in purlieus or places deafforested, a man may keep a Mastiff without being expeditated. And that I may say it once for all, my intention is chiefly to explain the obscure words of this Statute of Carta de Foresta, and other Acts, and leave the Reader to the text it self being plain: for, *Sapius est petere fontes, quam sedari rivulos.*

13 R. 2. cap. 13.  
19 H. 7. cap. 11.  
1 Jac. cap. 27.  
3 Jac. cap. 13.  
Assisa Forest'.

Who may keep Greyhounds or other Dogs to hunt, or Ingens, &c. either in a forest, or out of the forest, appeareth by certain Statutes.

But if Greyhounds be found running ad nocumentum, the Forester ought to retain them, and present them in the presence of the Verderers, and send them to the King, or to the Chief Justice of the Forest.

We find not that any Chapter or Article of Carta de Foresta, doth extend to Chases or Parks, but only the 11 Chapter. *Quicumque Archiepiscopus, Episcopus, Comes vel Baro ad mandatum nostrum transierit per forestam nostram, &c.* which Chapter doth not only extend to the Forests of the King, but to his Chases and Parks also, for so was the law before the making of this Act, which is but in affirmance of the Common law of the forest before this Act.

1. In respect of the persons, for every Lord of Parliament, be he Spirituall or Temporall, had this priviledge besides those that be named in this Chapter, as such Abbots and Bishops, as were Lords of Parliament, and so of Dukes, Marqueses, and Viscounts, which were created and created, afterwards being Lords of Parliament have the same priviledge also.

8 E. 3. Itin' Pick.  
fo. 134. A Fore-  
ster or any other  
Officer of the fo-  
rest cannot give  
a Nobleman a  
course in the fo-  
rest but it is pre-  
sented.

2. By reason of the kind of commandment *ad mandatum nostrum*, saith the statute, which words have reference to the Writ of Parliament directed to every Lord of Parliament. *Ideo vobis mandamus, &c.* and is a legall commandment by writ directed severally to each and every Lord of Parliament to appear at the Kings Court of Parliament, &c. to treat de arduis & urgentibus negotiis regni, statum & defensionem regni & Ecclesiæ Anglicanæ concernentibus, and to recreate themselves veniendo, and after redeundo, they may passing by any of the Kings

Kings Forests, Chases, or Parks, hunt and kill one or two of the Kings Deer. The Lords of Parliament may doe it at other times ex gratia, but by law eundo & redeundo, to and from the Parliament.

3. Here is implied that the Lord of Parliament may in the absence of the Forester or Keeper after the blowing of the horn, kill one or two of the Kings Deer, propriis suis canibus, aut arcu suo proprio.

4. Here is a secret conclusion of Law, that albeit spirituall persons are prohibited by the Cannon law to hunt, yet by the Common law of the Land they may for their recreation, to make them fitter for the performance of their duty and office, use the recreation of hunting, as here it directly appeareth: And in *Assisa Forestæ* 6 E. 1. it appeareth that the Abbot of Peterborough had a right of hunting in the forest of Rockingham. And this appeareth in other Statutes, viz. 13 R. 2. 19 H. 7. 1 Jac. And at this day, and time out of mind, the King hath had after the decease of every Archbishop and Bishop (inter alia) *Mutam suam canum*, &c. his Kennell of Hounds, or a composition for the same, which and other things are in the *Erchequer* called *multa*.

5. The last conclusion is, that all Cannons against the Laws or Customes of the Realm are void and of none effect.

Linwood de Ve-  
latore Clerico,  
&c.  
Carr. de Foresta  
cap. 11.  
Assisa forestæ.  
6 E. 1.  
13 R. 2 cap 12.  
19 H 7 cap. 11.  
1 Jac. ca. 27.  
*Muta canum* is  
deriv'd from the  
French word *ma-  
in decubines*.  
See 25 H. 8. cap.  
19 &c.

☉ Of the drifts of the Forests, *Agitatio Animalium in Foresta.*

The drifts of the forests are said to be when all the Cattle as well of Commoners as of Strangers are driven by the Officers of the forest to some certain Pound or place inclosed, and the end hereof is threecfold, viz. First, to see whether those that ought to common doe common with such kind of Cattle as by prescription or grant they ought. Secondly, if they common with such Cattle as they ought, whether they doe surcharge or no. Thirdly, if the Cattle of any Stranger be there, which ought not to common at all.

By the statute of 32 H. 8. it is enacted, That all Forests, Chases, Commons, Moors, Heaths, and waste grounds within the Realm of England and Wales, and the Marches of the same, and every of them shall be driven at the Feast of St. Michael the Archangell next coming or within 15. days then next after, and so yeerly to be driven by the Lords, owners, and possessors of the said Forests or Chases, or by the Officers of the same, and by the Constables, Headboroughs, Bailifs, Bursholders, and Tithing men, within whose offices, precincts, & limits the Commons, Moors, Marishes, Heaths, and wast grounds being out of the Forests and Chases be or lie upon pain of xl. s. to be forfeited to our said Sovereign Lord the King by every of the said Officers, Bailifs, Constables, Headboroughs, Bursholders and Tithing men, as often, and at every time as the said drift shall be omitted, or left undone, or not effectually done within 15. days after the said Feast of St. Michael the Archangel, as is aforesaid. And it shall be also lawfull to the Lords, owners and possessioners of the said Forests and Chases by their Officers of the same, and by the Constables, Bailifs, Headboroughs, Bursholders and Tithing-men, and every of them within the limits of their offices to make like drift of the said Forests, Chases, Commons, Moors, Marishes, Heaths, and wast grounds at any other season and time of the yeare whensoever, and as often as they shall think meet and convenient.

32 H. 8. cap. 12.

Out of this Act of Parliament, as to the drift of the Forest or Chase, these conclusions are to be observed. 1. By what persons this drift is to be made, and therein if the forest be in the Kings hands it must be made by all the Kings Of-

ficers of attendance in the forest, and by four men and the Reeve of every Town within the forest, who to that purpose are included under the name of Officers. And if they be in a subjects hands, then either by the owners or possessors of the said Forests, or Chases, or by such Officers, as is before said. 2. At what certain time such drift in forests or chases is to be made? It appeareth by this Act that it ought to be effectually done yearly within 15. days after the Feast of St. Michael the Archangel. 3. The said drift may be made at other season or time of the year whensoever, and as often as they shall think meet and convenient. 4. That Stoned Horses under 15 handfull high are prohibited to Common in any forest. See the statute. 5. For Commons, &c. out of any Forest or Chase. In these words are included Purcheus and other grounds wherein men have Common, and these are to be driven by the owners and possessors of the same, and by the Constables, Headboroughs, Bailiffs, Burtholders, and Tithingmen, within whose offices, precincts, and limits the said Commons, &c. being out of any forest, or chase doe lie at such times are aforesaid.

Ayerles of Hawks  
8 E. 3. Itin. Pick.  
Sir John de Mel-  
fies case.

29 H. 8. tit. Offi-  
cers, Br. 47.

The statute speaketh De Aeriis Accipitrum, Esperorum, Falconum, Aquilaru, & Hieronum, which is but in affirmance of the Common law, for it extendeth to Ayeries of other Hawks then be specially named, as to Ayeries Merleonorum in boscis suis de Levesham.

A forester by Patent for his life is made Justice in Cire of the same forest hac vice, the forestership is become void, for these offices be incompatible, because the forester is under the correction of the Justice in Cire, and he cannot judge himself: the same law is of a Warden of a forest and of a Justice in Cire of the same forest: Though the offices of the Steward and Justice of the forest be both judiciall, yet whether he be Steward of the Swanimote, or of the Cire he is under the correction of the Justice in Cire, and therefore incompatible.

We have been requested to set down what persons and what Officers either that then were, or which have been since the last Cire, and how many sorts of Officers, and what number doe belong to a forest, which we cannot better resolve and satisfy, then by the Records of the Cires of forests, and specially by the writ of Summons of those Cires, which we have thought good to set down verbatim, not only for answer to the said questions, but for divers other observations as we find it in the said Cire of Pickering with the exact and particular return of the same.

Vic' Eborum.  
The persons that  
ought to appear  
before the Justi-  
ces in Cire of the  
Forest, &c.  
Forest a Hen.  
Com. Lanc'.  
\* Under these  
words are inclu-  
ded the Constable  
of the Castle,  
the Warden, the  
Ranger, the Agi-  
sters, the Stew-  
ard, the Bow-bea-  
rer.

\* Four great  
learned men Jus-  
tices in Cire of  
the Forest.

\* See Cart. de  
Forest. cap. 2.

Forestar' Viridar'.

*Edwardus dei gratia Rex Angliæ, dominus Hibernia & dux Aquitania Vic' Eborum Salutem. Summon' per bonos summonitores Archiepiscopos, Episcopos, Abbates, Priores, Comites, Barones, Milites, & omnes liberi tenentes, qui terras seu tenementa habent infra metas Forestæ dilecti consanguinei & fidelis nostri Henrici Com' Lanc' de Pick. in Com' predict', & de qualibet Vib ejusdem Com' infra metas ejusdem Forestæ existen' quatuor homines & Præpositum & Forestar' Villarum, & \* omnes alios, qui coram Justiciar' ad placita Forestæ venire solent & debent, quod sint apud Pickering die Luna prox' post Fest' Sancti Michaelis prox' futur' coram dilectis & fidelibus nostris \* Ricardo de Willoughby, Fo. de Shardelowe, Roberto de Hungerford, & Johanne de Hambury, tribus vel duobus eorum quos ad requisitionem dicti consanguinei nostri constituimus Justic' ad itinerandum hac vice ad Placita Forestæ ipsius Comitis in Com' predict' à tempore quo Edmundus nuper Com' Lanc' pater pred' Henrici, cujus hæres ipse est, Placita Forestæ in eadem Foresta virtute\* concessionis sibi per dominum E. nuper regem Angliæ Avum nostrum inde fact' ultimum tenuit, auditur' & factur' preceptum nostrum de hiis que ad placita pred' pertin'. Fac' etiam venire coram Justic' predictis omnes Forestar', Viridar', & omnes illos qui fuer' Forestar' & Viridar' Forestæ predict' in Com' predict' post ultima placita predict'*

cum

cum omnibus attachiament' suis tam de Viridi quam Venatione qua post ult' Placita Foresta sunt emersa & nondum terminat' (viz.) tam de illis Attachimentis qua manent infra metas Foresta, quam de illis qua manent extra Foresta: Fac' etiam venire coram eisdem Justiciariis tribus vel duobus eorum Regardatores ipsius Comit' in balliva tua, Ita quod habeant ibi omnia Regarda sua sigillis suis signat' & omnes Agistatores prefat' Com' in eadem balliva sua cum omnibus Attachiment'. Et habeas ibi Sum' & hoc Breve. T. me ipso apud Westm' 17 die Augusti, Anno regni nostri 8.

To what end the Officers are summoned.

Regardatores.

Ad quod Breve Petrus de Saltmersh Vic' Eborum retornavit quod fecit plenum retornum istius brevis Hugoni de Nevil ballivo libertatis H. Comit' Lanc' Honor' de Pickering, cui executio istius brevis restat faciend', qui sibi respond' quod summon' fecit Archiepiscopos, Episcopos, Abbates, Priores, Comites, Barones, Milites, & omnes libere tenen' qui terras & tenementa habent infra met' Forest', & de qualibet Vill' ejusdem Com' infra metas ejusdem Forest' existen' quatuor homines & Præposit' & Forestar' Villar', & omnes alios qui coram Justiciar' ad placita venire solent & debent, quod sint apud Pickering ad diem in Brevi predict' content' coram prefat' Justiciar' tribus vel duobus eorum, auditur' & factur' præcept' domini regis de hiis que ad predict' placita pertinent. Et quod venire fecit Forestar', Viridar', & omnes illos qui fuer' Forestar', & Viridar' Forest' præd' in balliva sua post ult' placita præd' cum omnibus Attachimentis præd' tam de Viridi quam de Venatione qua post ult' placita Foresta sunt emersa & nondum terminat'. Et etiam quod venire fac' coram eisdem Justic' tribus vel duobus eorum Regardatores ipsius Comit' in balliva sua, ita quod haberent ibi omnia Regarda sua sigillis suis signat' & omnes Agistatores prefat' Comit' in eadem balliva sua cum omnibus agistamentis prout patet in schedula retorn' suo predicto attachiata.

Nota, the punctu all and dire et answer to all the points of thew: it.

{	Forestar' de feodo in le Westward istius foresta de Pickering, viz.	} Willielmus de Percehay Miles. * Petronilla de Kynthorpe, & po. lo. suo Edmundum de Hastings ad omnia faciend' qua Forestar' incumbunt durante Itinere isto, & fecit sacramentum.
	Forestar' Custod' Foresta in le Eastward, viz.	} Rogerus de Leicester. Hugo de Yeland. Willielmus le Parker.

\* Nota, A womā that is a Forester in fee cannot execute the office her self, but she may make a Deputy during the Eire, and her Deputy shall be sworn, &c. By Carta de Foresta cap 7. Tot Forestarii ponantur ad Forestas custodiend' quoad illas custodiend' rationabiliter videtur sufficere. \* Viridarii 4.

* Viridar' foresta de Pickering, viz.	}	Robertus Thurnese.
		Rogerus Browne.
		Robertus Playce.
		Fo. de Kilwardbye.

Regardatores Foresta de Pickering.	}	Willielmus de Everly.
		Rogerus le Longe.
		Fohannes Boye.
		Fohannes filius Alani.
		Galfridus de Kinthorp.
		Thomas Thurnese. Hugo de Nevill.

Rogerus de Alveston.
Fohannes filius Galfridi.
Rogerus de Stapleton.
Rogerus Strutcocke.
Radulphus de Colloughton.
Fohannes de la Chemnie.

Regardator' 13, By the statute de Carta de Foresta cap. 7. there are to be 12. at the least, and, as here it appeareth, there may be more.

Agistatores in le Westward istius Foresta } Johannes Dringe.  
 Ricardus Russell.  
 Agistatores 4. }  
 Agistatores in le Eastward istius Foresta } Willielmus de Roston.  
 Willielmus Russell.

Nomina Forest'  
 & Viridar' qui  
 fuerunt.

Nomina Forestar' nunc istius Foresta, & eorum qui fuerunt Forestar'  
 istius Foresta, & eorum qui fuerunt Viridar' istius Foresta.

Alanus de Newton } Capital' Forestar' Willielmi de Percehay unius  
 Johannes de Wardeleden. } Forestar' de feodo Foresta de Pick. in le  
 Westward ibidem.

Henry de Ripley } Capital' Forestar' Petronilla de Kintherp alterius Fore-  
 Thomas de Dalby } star' de feodo Foresta de Pickering.

David de Neuton } Capit' Forestar' Hugon' de Teland For' Custodis Fo-  
 Thomas de Rippely } rest' in le Eastward.

Nomina Subforestariorum Foresta predict'.

Subforestarii 8. } Johannes de Harley. Johannes Munnewe. Forestar' Radulphi  
 Ricardus de Aleintostes. Johannes Scot. de Hastings Cu-  
 Willielmus Gower. Willielmus Courtman. stod' Foresta prae-  
 Ricardus de Helmesley. dict' nunc. }

Nomina Subforestar' qui fuer' in Foresta ista post ultimum Iter, &c.

Galfridus de Hawly. Johannes Rouceby. Adamus fil' Willielmi.  
 Robertus de Wigan. Rogerus fil' Nich. Johannes de Nevil.  
 Petrus Lilly. Alanus fil' Radi. Thomas de Newton.

Viridar'.

Bernardus de Bergh, qui obiit, fuit Viridar' in Foresta ista, & Alexander  
 de Bergh filius eius et haeres venit & reddidit rotulos suos tam de viridi quam  
 de venatione tangen' Forestam istam de tempore predicto.

The Law of the Forest is, that if a Merderoz die, his heir is to bring in  
 the Rols of his Aunccestors time, which if he doe, then the Entry is ut supra.

Adam de Bruis qui obiit fuit Viridar' in Foresta predict', & nullus est  
 qui venit ad Rotul' reddend', Ideo Vic' seisir' fac' omnia terras & tene-  
 menta quae fuer' prae'd' Ade quousque, &c. Postea venit Willielmus B. fi-  
 lius ejus & haeres, & fecit finem pro Rotulis predictis, & admittitur per  
 40s. prout patet in Rotul' de extractis.

If the Merderoz alien his lands or die seised, and no man bringeth in the  
 Rols, then shall the land by the law of the Forest be seised by the Sheriff, which  
 the Merderoz had, untill the Rols be brought in, and if the Rols be lost, then  
 till he make his fine and have his Ouffer le main, and the Entry is, as is next  
 above.

Ricardus de Shelton, qui obiit, fuit Constabular' castr' prae'd. & custos istius  
 Forest', & nullus est qui venit ad rotul' & munimenta ist' Forest' tangen'  
 reddend', Ideo veniant ejus terr' & tenementa tenentes ad respondend', &c.



If the Warden of the Forest dye, and his heyre, or Tertenant bying not in the Rolls, &c. his heyre or Tertenant shall answer for the same.

And here it is to be obserbed, that where the Forest of Pickering was appendant or belonging to the Castle of Pickering, that he that is the Constable of the Castle is ever by the Law of the Forest Chief Warden of that Forest. And so it is of the Forest of Windsor belonging to Windsor Castle, of the Forest of Rockingham belonging to the Castle of Rockingham, and all other Forests belonging to Castles. And accordingly here you may observe, that the office of Constableship and Wardenship are in this Record conjoynd one with the other.

26 Ass. p. 60.

*Philippus de Monte Gomeri qui sequitur pro Domino Rege, petit vers' Radulphum Quintyn Ballivam custodia libera Haya Regis de Alrewas que pertinet ad Serjantiam Regis Senescall' Forestæ Regis de Canoco, & qua ab eadem Serjantia alienata est sine assensu prædecessorum Regis Regum Angliæ. Et Radulphus venit, & per licentiam reddit Domino Regi inde seisinam suam, &c.*

Trin. 14 E. 1. in banco 107. 7. Staff.

The duty of a Woodward doth appears by his name, and by his oath. *Nomina sunt notæ rerum.*

Custos forestarū.

Hil. 13 E. 3. It is thus resolved: Quilibet Woodwardus secundum Assisam Forestæ debet portare hatchetrum, & non arcum & sagittas pro sinistra suspicione venationis deponend' ad præsentand' tam de viridi quam de venatione. Et videtur Justic' hic & Concilio Regis quod' Capreoli Anglicæ Roes, sunt bestia de Warrenna & non de Foresta. eo quod fugant alas feras.

Hil. 13 E. 3. coram Rege Rot. 103. Eborum. 8 E. 3. Itin. Pick. acc.

\* Roe-bucks, Capreoli.

¶ Bedellus is an Officer of the Forest, that doth waerne all the Courts of the Forest, and doth execute the Proses of the Forest, and make all Proclamations as well wthyn the Courts, as without; and is deribed of the Saxon word Bydder, to call or warne, or of the French word in Normandy Bedeah, a Bailiffe or Apparator.

¶ A Passer of the Game of the Forest.

16 E. 4. fo. 12.

¶ Mensis vetitus, sence month, or defence month, so called, because it is the fawning month, when the Does have fawnes, for the preservation whercof they ought to be fenced, and defended from hurt and disquiet. It containeth a moneth containing 31. dayes, and beginneth in the fiftenth day before Midsummer (that is, the Nativity of St. John Baptist) in the beginning of which a Swanimote is to be holden, and endeth fiftene dayes after. See the Statute of Carta de Foresta cap. 8. whereby it is enacted, quod tertium Swanimotum teneatur in initio 15. dierum ante festum Sancti Johannis Baptistæ, quando Agitatores nostri conveniunt pro \* faonatione seu feonatione bestiarum nostrarum.

Cart. de Foresta cap. 8.

This word faonatio, or feonatio, is deribed of the French word faonier, that is to fawne, or for Does to bying forth, &c.

<sup>a</sup> See Rot. Parl. 18 E. 1. fo. 3. nu. 37. the punishment of a Forester for doing trespass in the Forest.

<sup>b</sup> If the King or other Lord doth pardon a trespass in a Forest; and the offender at a Justice seat by his learned Councell plead the same; in the proceeding thereupon we doe observe two things. First, that by the law of the Forest, before any allowance thereof, the Justices charge the Ministers of the Forest to enquire whether the delinquent hath done any trespass in Tert or Venison after the date of the pardon. Secondly, when the pardon is allowed, then the entry is, Quod invenit manucaprores quod amodo non forisfac', i. non delinqueret aur peccaret. <sup>c</sup> But if an offender be convicted for trespass in the Forest in hunting, &c. and adjudged to be fined and imprisoned, which fine, though it be paid, yet shall he finde sureties for his good abearing, &c. in these words <sup>d</sup> Quod amodo se bene geret, & in Foresta prædicta non forisfac. i. non delinqueret seu peccaret. Unde forisfactura pro delicto.

\* The printed book is *venatione*, which ought to be amended, and made *faonatione* or *feonatione*, which significth the fawning.

<sup>a</sup> Rot. Parl. 18 E. 1 fo. 3. nu. 37.

<sup>b</sup> 8 E. 3. Itin. Pick. Sic Raphe Hastings case.

<sup>c</sup> This is the word of Carta de Foresta cap. 10.

<sup>d</sup> Ibidem Rob. Saltmerthes case. dCarta de Foresta cap. 10.

<sup>e</sup> 8 E. 3. Itin. Pick. of William de Persay, and William de Kinthorpe fo 165.

<sup>e</sup> By the absence or non venue of the Justices in Eyreat the day of the adjournment, the Justice seat is discontinued, and how and by what meanes it may be recontri-

recontinued, and resummoned, it appeareth in 8 E. 3. *Itinere Pickering.*

7 R. 2. cap. 3.

No Jury shall be compelled by any Officer of the Forest, or any other person whatsoever, to give their verdict in any other place, then where their charge is given, against their good will, nor by malice, menace, or other dures, shall be constrained to give their verdict of a trespass in the Forest, otherwise then their conscience will clearly informe them. This Law extendeth to Forests only.

Albeit there be some beasts that be no beasts of Forest, as the Buck, &c. and some Beasts and Fowles that be no Beasts and Fowles of Warren, yet if any man hunt or hawke at them within the Forest, it is against the Will of the Forest, and punishable by the Lawes of the Forest, for all manner of hunting or hawking there without warrant is unlawfull, because it disquieteth the Beasts of the Forest.

Carta Regis H. 1. civibus London.  
\* Nota, the Citizens of London had this privilege before this Charter.  
42 E. 3. 2. a. in Trans.

We reade that King H. 1. by his Charter granted, Quod Cives Londoniæ habeant fugationes suas ad fugandum sicut melius, & plenius habuerunt \* antecessores eorum, scilicet Silre, & Middlesex & Suer.

The King being seised of a Forest, did grant the Forest to another in fee, the grantee shall have no Forest, because he hath no power to make Justices and Officers of Forest to hold Courts, &c. but yet though it cannot take effect *ex vi termini*, as a Forest, yet together with the Game the same shall passe as a free Chase for the Savages and Conies; for as hath been said, every Forest is a free Chase, & quiddam amplius.

Regist. 8. b.

Chasea est ad communem legem, and is not to be guided by the Forest Laws, and so are Parks.

See the first part of the Institutes, Sect. 1. verb. Ties ou teints.

But if the King doth grant a Forest to a Subject, and granteth further that upon request made in the Chancery, he and his heires shall have Justices of the Forest, then the Subject hath a Forest in Law, as the Duke of Lancaster had the Forests of Pickering and Lancaster, and the Abbot of Whithby had the Forest of Whithbys in the County of York, which being not understood, hath been the cause that Readers and others have erred. Vide 12 H. 7. Kelw. 13. & 14. &c. 4 E. 3. 55. Malins case. 2 H. 6. 15. Forest de Exmore. 27 H. 8. cap. 7. 1 E. 3. cap. 2. 22 E. 4. cap. 7. 32 H. 8. cap. 13.

Mich. 18 E. 1. in Banco Rot. 155. Eborum.

*Ricardus de Cornubia & 9. alii attach. fuerunt ad respondend' Johanni de Sallaye quare ipsum ceperunt, & in prisona detinuerunt per decem septimanas apud Castrum de Knaresburgh, &c. Ricardus & alii dicunt quod Castrum & Honor de Knaresburgh cum Foresta de Bestayne fuit aliquando in seifina Domini H. Regis, patris Domini Regis nunc, & eo tempore fuit talis consuetudo in Foresta predicta, quod si quis indictatus fuerit per Forestarios coram Seneschallo ejusdem Honoris de transgressione de venatione facta in eadem Foresta, idem Seneschallus tales transgressores ubicunque fuerint inventi infra eandem libertatem predicti Honoris, licite potest arrestare & imprisonare, & eos in prisona detinere quousque satisfecerint de transgressione, &c.*

By the grant of a Forest a Chase passeth.

Nota, capti cum manuopere.

*Qui Rex Hen. dedit predict' Honorem cum Foresta, &c. Ricardo fratri suo Com' Cornub' patri Edmundi Com' Cornub' qui toto tempore suo usus est tali libertate arrestandi, &c. Johannes è contra dicit, nullam talem fuisse consuetudinem arrestandi malefactores, nisi quando capti fuerunt cum manuopere, & hoc ab antiquiore tempore, quia idem Comes non habet ibidem Forestam, sed Chaceam tantum. Et quod tempore Willielmi de Stotewill Domini dictæ Chaceæ qui dedit Regi J. dictam Chaceam, & tempore dicti Regis J. & tempore Regis H. patris, dum dicta Chacea fuit in manu sua, nunquam arrestaverunt aliquos de transgressione in Chacea illa, nisi illos qui capti fuerunt cum manuopere, & hoc offert verificare per patriam, &c. Ricardus dicit quod non possunt predictam verificationem sine predicto Com' verificare. Ideo præc' est vic' quod sum' predict' Com', &c. Consimile placitum & consimilis responsio in eodem Rotulo. Item al' in Rot. 163.*

King

King R. 2. granted to Thomas Duke of Gloucester in speciall title, the Castle of Saint Brionel, and the Forest of Deane, (whereby nothing passed, as hath been said, but a Frank Chase) now by authority of Parliament it is enacted, that the said Duke should hold the said Forest as a Forest, and to constitute such Justices and Officers, &c. as belong to a Forest.

Rot. Parl. 14 R. 2. nu. 13.

But what was the title of the Courts of Eyre of Forests in the hands of subjects? We answer, taking one example of the Forest of Pickering in the hands of Henry Carle of Lancaster; Placita Forestæ Henrici Comitis Lancæ de Pickering tent' apud Pickering coram Ricardo de Willowby, Jo. de Shardelowe, Roberto de Hungerford, & Johanne de Hanbury, Justiciariis ad itinerand' hac vice, ad placita Forestæ prædictæ in Com' Eborum assignat' die Lunæ prox' post festum Sancti Michaelis, Anno regni Regis E. 3. post Conquestum 8.

If any felony be committed within the Forest, it shall be inquired of before the Judges of the Common Law, and doth not belong to the conscience of the Chiefe Justice of the Forest.

12 E. 3. coron. 119. Felonia.

Mich. 9 E. 1. coram Rege Rot. 6. Huntingdon. Transgressio in foresta Regis pro Venatione Regis non est hic terminanda.

Transgressio.

Nota, Before Scoope and other Justices in Eyre, according to the course of the Common Law, a man claimed to be quit of pawnage in the Kings Forest, and also he claimed in the same Forest pawnage of his tenant pur agittes; and for that this belonged to the Justices of the Forest, they would not meddles with it. And the reason of that is, the words of the Statute of Carta de Foresta, cap. 16. Præsententur capitalibus Justiciariis nostris de foresta, cum in partes illas venerint, & coram eis terminentur. So as the termination and ending thereof belongeth to the Chiefe Justices of the Forest, by the expresse words of the Statute. And where the Statute saith, Coram capitalibus Justiciariis nostris, &c. It is to be knowne, that there is but one Chiefe Justice of the Forests on this side Trent, and he is named Justiciarius itinerans forestarum, &c. circa Trentam. And there is another Capitalis Justiciarius, and he is Justiciarius Itinerans omnium forestarum, &c. ultra Trentam; who commonly is a man of greater dignity then knowledge in the Lawes of the Forest. And therefore when Justice seats are to be holden, there be associated to him such as the King shall appoint, who together with him shall determine omnia placita, &c. forestæ, with a Patent of Si non omnes, and a Writ De admittendo, &c. And the Chiefe Justice of the Forest, and these associates, are Capiales Justicarii forestæ, and named Capiales in respect of the Verderors and others, that to some purposes (as hath been said) have inferior judicall places.

V. Cas. de Foresta (a. 16. Temp. E. 3. Kelw. 150. b. V. 21 H. 7. 22. & 30.

For these associations and other Writs, see a notable president 8 E. 3. Itin. Pickering in the case of William of Persey, &c. fol. 165.

And seeing, as it hath before appeared, the Forest Lawes differ in many cases from the common Lawes of England, it is good reason they should be determined before men learned in the Lawes of the Forest, as in other cases. As if a trespass be done either in Vert or Venison in any Forest in the hands of a subject, in the life of the ancestor, Lord of the Forest, it shall be punished in the life of the heire. But so it is not in the Chases or Parkes of a subject, for by the Common law Actio personalis moritur cum persona.

If a man committed a trespass in a Forest, and dye, by the Forest law the trespass is dispunishable, agreeable to the rule of the Common law.

But by the Statute of 19 H. 7. he that shall stalk with any bush or beast in any Parke, Chase, or Forest, without licence, &c. shall forfeit for every time he so stalketh r. li. to any person that will sue for the same by action of debt, wherein no wager of law, protection, or esoine shall be allowed, and two Justices of Peace may examine the same, &c. See the Statute of 1 H. 7. cap. 7. See the third part of the Institutes, cap. Felony.

8 E. 3. Itin. Pick. Hugh Latimers case. 19 H. 7. cap. 11. In this Act see the great penalty for keepi' g of Ners called Deer-hayes and Buck-hals by any that hath not any Forest, Park, or Chase. \* 25 Ad. p. 69.

\* If a Forester'ship or a Bailwick of a Forest be granted in fee, if it be found out at an Eyre for the Forest, that the grantee hath misdone in his Bailwicke, the Bailwick is forfeited. Nota, the Justices in Eyre have power to enquire thereof. In these offices of Forester'ships or Bailwicks in fee within a Forest, albeit they have an absolute fee simple therein, yet are they of such trust, that they

Register fo. 257.  
F. N. B. 226.

For the beasts of Chase and Warren, and Fow's of Warren being not proper to this Treatise, see the first part of the Inst. Sect. 378 Rot. Parl. 18 E. 1. fol. 10.

\* *Lutra animal amphibium.*

they cannot be granted over without the Kings license, and before such license be granted, there goeth out a Writ of Ad quod dampnum to the King, if such license shall be, &c.

There be many beasts of the forest by the laws of the forests of England. The Hart in Summer, the Hinde in Winter, and all that proceed as of them: the Buck in Summer, the Doe in Winter, and the proceed of them: the Hare male and female, and their proceed: the wilde Boar male and female, and their proceed: and the Wolf male and female and their proceed: the Fox male and female, and their proceed, the Hart in male and female: Capreolus the Roe, as it appeareth before, is no beast of the forest, but it is a beast of Chase.

But I find that in 18 E. 1. John de Claret was amerced in 100 li, pro uno cervo & duobus lutris captis in foresta de Pek, and he petitioned to the King in Parliament to be discharged thereof and was denied. Yet I take an Otter is no beast of the forest: but all hunting in the forest, as hath bin said, is unlawfull.

The proceeds of the Hart and Hinde. The Male the first year a Calf, the second a Woket, the third a Spayad, the fourth a Staggard, the fifth a Stag, the sixth a Hart, and so after. The female, the first year a Calf, the second year, a Wokets sister, the third year a Hinde.

The proceeds of the Buck and Doe. The first year a Falwn, the second year a Wicket, the third a Sozell, the fourth a Soze, the fifth a Buck of the first head, the sixth a great Buck.

The proceeds of the Hare, the first year a Leberet, the second a Hare, the third a great Hare. Of a Wilde Boar: a Pig, a Hogge, a Hog-shear, a Boar, and after a Sanglier.

The seasons by the law of the Forest for the Beasts of the forest are these. Of the Hart and the Buck, beginneth at the feast of S. John Baptist, and endeth at Holy Rood day. Of the Hinde and Doe, beginneth at Holyrood and continueth till Candlemasse. Of the Fox at Christmasse, & continueth till the 25 of March. Of the Hare, at Michaelmas, and lasteth till Midsummer. Of the Boze, from Christmasse till Candlemasse.

In the Statute of Carta de foresta in divers places Venacio signifieth Venison in French Venaison, and so in effect in Dutch and other languages. It is called Venison or Venaison, of the mean whereby the beasts are taken, quoniam ex venatione capiuntur, and being hunted are most wholesome. They are called beasts of Venary (not Venery as some term it) because they are gotten by hunting. No beast of the forest that is solivagū & nocivū is venison, as the Fox, the Wolf, the Martin, because they be no meat, but caro eorū est nociva: A fortiori, the Bear is no Venison not only because he is Animal solivagū & nocivū, but because he is no beast of the forest, & whatsoever is venison must be a beast of the forest, sed non e converso. On the other side, Animalia gregalia non sunt nociva, as the wilde Boar; for naturally the first thre years he is Animal gregale, and after trusting to his own strength, and for the pleasure of man becometh solivagum. He is then called Sanglier, because he is singularis, but he is Venison and to be eaten. The Hare is Venison also, which the Poet preferreth before all others.

Inter quadrupides gloria prima Lepus.

So as the Red-deer, the Falloow-deer, the wilde Boar, and the Hare, are venison. Whereupon these two conclusions in the law of the forest do follow. First whatsoever beast of the forest is for the food of man is venison, and therewith agreeth Virgil, describing a feast,

Implentur veteris bacchi pinguisq; ferina.

They had their belly full of old wine and fat Venison. So Venison was the principall dish of the feast.

2. Whatsoever beast of the forest is not for food of man is no venison. Therefore Capreolus being no beast of the forest, as hath been said, is not by the law of the forest Venison, for though it be food and taken by hunting, it is no Venison. Nature hath endued the beasts of the forest which are Venison with two qualities, swiftnesse, and feare, and their feare increaseth their swiftnesse.

Pedibus

Cart. de foresta, ca. 8. 10. 16. &c. And so it is taken 1 Reg. ca. 4. ver. 21 Venatio Cervorū, the venison of Harts.

a Ordinatio forestarū ca. 1. 5.

*Aristotle.*

*Aristotle.*

\* Sanglier, quia singularis.

*Martial.*

De rā sep Grace i. fera bellua nati eorum, and their skins called Caro ferica.

—Pedibus timor addidit alas: but yet the Deer are the most fearefull.

Dente tuerur aper, defendunt cornua taurum,  
Imbelles Damæ quid nisi præda sumus?

Having spoken somewhat de Venatione, it followeth that we should say somewhat de Viridi, because the Statute saith, Tam de Viridi quam de Venatione, and other Statutes speak of Vert and Venison.

Viridis, Green hue, à viriditate, the French calleth it Verd, & we Vert, whatsoever beareth green leaf, but specially of great and thick covert. And Vert is of divers kinds, some that beareth fruit that may serve as well for food of men as of beasts, as Pear trees, Chestnut trees, Apple trees, Service trees, Nut trees, Crab trees, &c. and for the shelter and defence of the Game: some called Haut-boys, serving for food and bowse of and for the Game, and for the defence of them, as Oaks, Beeches, &c. Some Haut-boys, for bowse and shelter and defence only, as Ashes, Poples, &c. Of Sub-boys, some for bowse and food of the Game, and for shelter and defence, as Maples, &c. some for bowse, and defence, as Birch, Sallow, Willow, &c. some for shelter and defence only, as Alder, Elder, &c. Of bushes and other vegetables, some for food and shelter, as the Hawthorn, Blackthorn, &c. some for hiding and shelter, as Bakes, Gorse, Heath, &c. To sum up all, Plantarum tria sunt genera: Arborea, Arborecentes, & Herba: Arborea, as Haut-boys, & Sub-boys, Arborecentes, as Bushes, Bakes, &c. Herba:, as Herbs and Weeds, which albeit they be green, yet our legall Viridis extendeth not to them.

A Viridi commeth, as hath been said, Viridarii, because their office is to see to the preservation of Vert, which in troth is the preservation of Venison. The Poet speaking to the trees, saith,

Quercus es in sylvis pulcherrima, Pinus in hortis,  
Populus in fluviis, Abies in montibus altis.

See for the punishment of trespass done de Viridi, either in the Kings woods, or in the woods of the Subject, Conser' & Assis' Forest, ubi supra.

The Philosophicall Poet in describing the most delightfull pleasures of woods, &c. and Green hue, saith,

Devenere locos latos, & amena vireta  
Fortunatorum nemorum sedesque beatas.

And because it should be hard and difficult that any man should hunt and kill the Kings Deer in his forest and passe away without discovery, unless there were Procurers, Plotters, Assisers, and Receivers: By the law of the forest, whosoever receiveth within the forest any such Malefactor either in hunting or killing, knowing him to be such a Malefactor, or any flesh of the Kings Venison knowing it to be the Kings; in this case he is a principall trespasser, wherein the law of the forest differeth from the Common law, for by the Common law he that receiveth a trespasser and agreeth to a trespass after it be done, is no trespasser, unless the trespass was done to his use, or for his benefit, and then his agreement subsequent amounteth to a commandment, for in that case, Omnis rati-habitio retrahitur & mandato equiparatur, but by the law of the forest such a Receiver is a principall Trespasser, though the trespass was not done to his use, as well as the Procurers and Plotters; but by the Common law in case of felony such a Receiver is but an Accessary. But in the case abovesaid, if the receipt be out of the forest, he cannot be punished by the law of the forest, because it is out of the jurisdiction of the forest, which jurisdiction is locall. And seeing the jurisdiction of the forest is locall, the law of the forest hath provided, that the forest should be inclosed by metes and bounds, which indeed are the inclosure of the forest: for as Parks are inclosed with wall, pale or hedges, so forests and chases are inclosed by metes and bounds, and as a Parke cannot be a Parke without such an inclosure in deed, as is abovesaid, so it can be neither forest nor

*Martial.*

De viridi, viretū  
viretum, &c.  
Cart de Forest.  
cap. 8. 16.  
1 E. 3. ca. 8.  
\* Conluet. & Assi-  
sa de Forest. 5 E. 1.  
cap. 1. 20, 21.  
Hil. 13 E. 3. Corā  
Rege Rot. 103.  
Virgil. Itar in  
antiquum sylva  
stabula alta ferra-  
rum.  
a Deut. 20. v. 19.  
b Conluet. & Assi-  
sa Forest. 6 E. 1. c.  
2. & 20.

*Virgil.*

¶ Of Principall  
and Accessary,  
8 E. 3. Itin. Pick,  
fo. 3. & 5.

12 E. 4. 9. 15 E. 4.  
15. b. 14 H. 6. 26,  
27. 37 Aff. 8.  
38 Aff. 6. 38 E. 3.  
18. 13 H. 7. 12, 13.  
Nota, that in the  
highest and low-  
est offences, 2 E.  
High treason and  
trespass there  
are no Accessa-  
ries, but in felony  
which is between  
both, there be Ac-  
cessaries both be-  
fore and after.  
See the 3. part of  
the Instit. Cap.  
Principall & Ac-  
cessary.

chafe without an inclosure in law, that is, by metes, and bounds. *Metæ sunt clausuræ Forestarum & Chacearum*: and *Foresta est locus in quo feræ includuntur, venandi ergo, solis metis*. And where by the statute of 6 E. 1. cap. 18. it is provided, quod omnes metæ forestæ sint integræ domino regi, that is so to be understood, quoad jurisdictionem & imperium, & non quoad dominium: for if Rivers or High-ways be bounds, as most commonly they be, yet the King hath no more interest in the Soil, Way, River, or Fishing, then of right he ought, but only for his jurisdiction of his forest which extendeth over the whole Way, River, &c. And where Hills and other houses, trees, &c. of other men, and such like, be metes and bounds of the forests, yet thereby the King hath no interest in such Hills, houses, or trees, &c. And therefore old Woodmen have divided metes, quoad jurisdictionem & imperium, into metes inclusive, as Ways, Rivers, &c. and into metes exclusive, as Churches, Church-yards, Chappels, Hills, Houses, Trees, &c. which bound the forest, but are excluded from any jurisdiction: and that the said law of 6 E. 1. is intended only of metes inclusive, if any man kill or hunt any of the Kings Deer in any part of the River, High-way, &c. being an inclusive boundary of the forest, he is as great an offender, as if he had killed or hunted within the main continent of the forest, albeit the state and interest of the soil of the High-way or River be in other men; but neither of these kind of metes and bounds are removeable, because they are the inclosure of the Kings forest, and if either of them be removed, it is punishable by the laws of the forest. This word *metæ* is only used in this statute: In ancient perambulations and records you shall read *secundum metas, maras, bundas, & marchias forestæ*. *Mæra* is fetched from the Saxon word *mere*, and that of *μέγιστος* Græcè, which signifieth to divide or bound. *Bunda* a bound, is derived from the Saxon word *Bunna*, signifying a higher thing, as Hills, Houses, Trees, &c. *Marchia* is derived from the Saxon word *March*, now a mark. Sed *metæ accipitur pro quocunque termino, limite, seu fine*.

\* 8 E. 3. Itin' Pick.  
fo. 6.  
*Mæra*.  
*Bunda*.  
*Marchia*.  
*Mæra*.

*Virgil.*

His ego nec metas rerum, nec tempora pono,

Regist. Judic.  
35, 36.  
Dier 16 El. 3, 26,  
327.

And it is to be observed, that a man may have a free Chase as belonging to his manor in his own Woods, as well as a Warren or Park in his own grounds; for the Chase, Warren and Park are collateral inheritances, and not issuing out of the soil, as the Common doth, and therefore if a man hath a Chase in other mens grounds, and after purchase the grounds, the Chase remaineth.

¶ *Perambulations of Forests according to the ancient metes and bounds.*  
Vid. sup. pa. 302.

After Easter following the Parliament holden in February, Anno 9 H. 3. according to the statute of *Carta de foresta*, Hugh de Nevill, and Brian de Lisse were appointed Commissioners to take Inquisitions of the ancient metes and bounds of such forests, as either H. 2. or any King after had enlarged. And in the reign of H. 3. divers Perambulations, and Deafforestations were made, and many other in the reigns of H. 3. E. 1. E. 2. and E. 3. &c. All which were returned into the Chancery, and remain of record in the Tower.

Rot. Par. Anno  
9 H. 4. nu 40.

The Commons of Herefordshire pray remedy against the evil customes of the forest of Wyastone; namely, for taking their Cattel comming thereunto as forest. Whereunto the royall answer of the King in Parliament was in these words, The old good laws and customes of the forest to be observed, and the contrary forbidden by a writ under the Privy Seal. *Regalis sanè & digna Plantaginestorum genere sententia*, wherewith we will conclude, that new opinions of new Authors, or single opinions of Readers not grounded upon the Authorities of our Books or Judicall Presidents, are not to be allowed, but the laws both good and old, and specially the statute of *Carta de foresta*, and other Statutes, and the resolution of the Judges thereupon are to be duly observed. See also the old and just Articles of the Charge in *Fleta lib. 2. cap. 35.* and reject all new inventions without warrant of law.

The good old laws of the forest to be observed.

*Nota*, the Charge and Articles inquitable by the good old law of the Forest, which is worthy to be advisedly read and followed. Vid. Lib. 2 fo. 80. Lib. 137, 138. Lib. 9. 49, 50.

Two of the principall and ancient Articles, the one concerning Venison, and the other concerning Vert, be, First, that the chief Forester at the Justice seat ought to answer for all manner of Venison delivered by warrant, or otherwise, in this manner: The Twelve Jurors ought to present before the Justices in Eyre the number of Deer that have been killed since the last Eyre, and then the chief Forester is to answer by what warrant the same were killed, and such warrants as are lawfull ought to be allowed, and such as be unlawfull are to be disallowed. Secondly, the Twelve Jurors shall present what Okes, Trees, and other woods have been felled and delivered out of the forest by the Officers of the same, and they to answer and shew by what warrants the same were done; whereupon it will appear whether the warrants be sufficient or no, the truth whereof shall be inquired by the Foresters, Verderers, and Regarders. But these or any other Disturber of the forest are not to be returned of any Jury out of the forest.

8 E. 3. Itin' Pi k.  
fo. 112, 113.

Vide Register.  
F. N. B. 167. 2.  
34 E. 1.

The Lawes of the forests of England are certain, and established by Authority of Parliament, and not, as in other Countreies, changeable and floting in uncertainty, ad principis placitum.

The commendation of the Forest Laws of England.

For the Antiquity of such forests within England as we have treated of, the best and surest argument thereof, is, that the forests in England (being in number 69.) except the new forest in Hamshire created by William the Conqueror, as a Conqueror, and Hampton Court forest by H. 8. by Authority of Parliament, are so ancient as no Record or History doth make any mention of any of their creations or beginnings.

The Antiquity of Forests.

The number of the Forests is 69. with the Forest of Hampton Court.

Our Ancestors the Saxons called a Forest \* Buckholt, i. sylva ferina or cervina; We dare not fetch our kind of forest, as some do, from the holy History of Scripture, for therein we find no such forests as we have. And it is worthy of observation that in the Customary of Normandy Cap. 10. fo. 17. b. I.e. seneschal au Prince visiteit les forests & hayes du Prince & ronoquoit les for-seits, &c. So as we fetch not our Chief Justice of the forest from Normandy, where the Kings Steward was the Chief Judge of the forest.

\* Holt Saxonice, Sylva Latine.  
Levit. 17. 13.  
4 Reg. cap. 2.  
Psal. 50. 10.  
Psal. 80. 14.  
104. 29. 4 Eldr.  
5. 15. Jer. 5. 6.  
Ezech. 31. 6.

And as forests are of great Antiquity, so the care and charge of them was in England always committed to great and honourable Personages, and the like was also in forain Nations;

Sic canimus sylvas, sylva sunt Consule digna.

Virgil.

For of ancient time the Consuls of Rome had the government of the forests, &c. But take Suetonius as he is, Ab opimatibus datam scribit operam ut Provinciae futuris Consulibus minimi negotii, i. sylva collecti decernerentur: for to say the truth, Recreations should not be used as Professions, and Trades, but to be used as Medicines, to make men more able and fit for higher and greater affairs, and therefore they are called Recreations, because they newly create spirits, tanquam instaurationes spirituum: but yet these pleasures are accounted inter res minimi negotii. Nonnulli principes immoderato venatus studio ita correpti, & corrupti sunt, ut ei omnia posthabeant magno dedecore, & ingenti aliorum damno.

Suetonius in Caesare.  
Vid. Elera lib. 2. cap. 35. De veteribus Capite Forestae.  
Voluptates commendatior usus.

Hæc bis bina, canes & aves, servi atque caballi,  
Dicantur domino sæpe vorare suos.

And to say the truth, the Hunter sitteth on a Beast, he is compassed about with Beasts, and hunteth and chaleteth Beasts, and therefore not to be used daily as a Trade. And it was justly provided by the Tenth Chapter of this Charter of the forest, Quod nullus de cetero amirrat vitam pro venatione nostra, &c. Whereof John Salisbury speaking of hunting and Hunters saith, In tantum hujus vanitatis instinctu erupere, ut hostes naturæ fierent conditionis suæ immemores, divini judicii contemptores, dum in vindictam ferarum imaginem dei exquisitis judiciis subjugarent; nec veriti sunt hominem pro bestiola perdere quem Unigenitus dei redemit sanguine suo.

Johannes Saram lib. 1. de nugis Curialium; c. 4. Vid. 31 H. 8. c. 12. quod cito evanuit; repeated 1 E. 6. cap. 12. 1 Mar. cap. 1.

Duo clarissima  
mundi lumina,  
Auctoritas &  
Ratio.

Manwood fo. 1.

Thus have we wandred in the wildernesse of the Lawes of the Forest: Where in we have dissented from others, we have produced our Authorities, and shewed our Reasons, the two maine lights and guides, which herein we have followed. We have faithfully published divers resolutions of the Judges concerning Forests and Forrest Lawes, wherewith we were well acquainted, which are the safest grounds to build upon. Many things which are evident by the Text of Carta de Foresta, and other Statutes concerning Forests, we have not so much as touched, but left the same to the judicious Reader, whom we advise to beware to give credit to our new Authors, either vouching of Acts of Parliament, Booke Cases, or Judgements in Case, &c. for we have found many of them mistaken, vouched without warrant, or not understood, which the judicious Reader will soone finde: nor to Carta de Foresta of King Canutus granted (as it is published in print) at a Parliament holden at Winchester, Anno Domini 1016. We confesse that in that yeare, which was the first yeare of his reigne, he held a Parliament at Winchester, and made divers Lawes as well for the honour and worship of Almighty God, as for the good government of his people, which he published in the Saxon Tongue, (neither doe we reade that he ever published any Law for England in the Danish tongue, as they affirme he did this) In all these Lawes he never maketh mention of this Carta de Foresta, or of any these supposed Lawes of the Forest therein contained, which he had just occasion to doe; for amongst his other lawes at the same Parliament, he maketh this Law the 77. Chapter in the Saxon Tongue, which is thus translated into Latine: Præterea autem concedo ut in propriis ipsius prædiis quisque tam in agris quam in sylvis excitet agitétque, feras autem meas ne venetur cum pœna præcipio. Now in the supposed Carta de Foresta of King Canutus, in the 30. Chapter, it is thus contained: Volo ut omnis liber homo pro libito suo habeat Venerem seu Viridem in planis suis, sine Chæsa ramem: & devitent omnes meam ubicunque eam habere voluerit. Which we hold greatly to differ from the true Law before rehearsed in two respects. First, that the true Law extended to Woods as well as to Plains, and this to Plains only. Secondly, by that they might hunt, &c. by this they cannot; therefore we leave that Carta de Foresta of King Canutus as justly suspected, till we receive better proofe of them: whatsoever it be, it is of little use, for so many of the Chapters therein as be contrary to, or differing either from our Magna Carta de Foresta, or any other Act of Parliament, are certainly of no force.

Thus have we as briefly as we could, treated of the Courts of the Forest, and incidently of such Forrest Lawes as now stand in force; wherein (as the judicious Reader may well perceive) we have respected matter more then method. See Carta de Foresta Anno 9 H. 3. & Cart. 17. Regis Johannis, Match, Par. pag. 264.



## CAP. LXXIV.

## Of Ecclesiasticall Courts, anciently called Halmots, (i. Holy Courts) Circgemots, or Chircgemots.

**V**Here some may doubt, how we that professe the Common Law should write of Ecclesiasticall Courts, which proceed not by the rules of the Common Lawes. To this we answer by good authority in our Bookes, that the Kings Lawes of this Realme do bound the jurisdiction of Ecclesiasticall Courts, and that the King is well apprised of all his Judges which he hath within his Realme, as well spirituall as tempozall, as Archbishops, Bishops, and their Officers, Deanes, and other Ministers, which have<sup>b</sup> spirituall jurisdiction. And that the Popes Collector or Minister (so say our ancient Bookes) had no jurisdiction within the Realme.

And it is declared by the King, the Lords Spirituall and Tempozall, and the Commons in full Parliament, That the Spirituall (now being usually called the English Church) alwayes hath been reputed, and also found of that sort, that both for<sup>\*</sup> knowledge, integrity and sufficiency of number it hath been always thought, and is also at this houre sufficient and meet of it selfe, without the intermedling of any exterior person or persons, to declare and determine of such doubts, and to administer all such offices and duties as to their rooms<sup>d</sup> spirituall doth appertain: for the due administration whereof, and to keep them from corruption and sinister affection, the Kings most noble Progenitors, and the antecessors of the Nobles of this Realme have sufficiently endowed the said Church both with honour and possessions. And the Lawes Tempozall for triall of property of lands and goods, and for the conservation of the people of this Realme in unity and peace, without rapine or spoile, was and yet is administered, adjudged, and executed by sundry Judges and Ministers of the other part of the said body politique, called the Tempozalty: and both their authorities and jurisdictions do conjoyne together in the due administration of Justice, the one to help the other.

Of what things the Clergy hath spirituall jurisdiction, is evident in our Bookes, and particularly in Cawdries Case, whereof there is no question. And certain it is, that this Kingdome hath been best governed, and peace and quiet preferred, when both parties, that is, when the Justices of the Tempozall Courts, and the Ecclesiasticall Judges have kept themselves within their proper jurisdiction, without inchoaching or usurping one upon another; and where such inchoachments or usurpations have been made, they have been the seeds of great trouble and inconvenience; for preventing and avoiding whereof, we have composed this Treatise of the Ecclesiasticall Courts of the Realm.

The Adversary hath made divers objections against our Archbishops and Bishops made about the beginning of the reign of Queene Elizabeth, and by consequent against the Bishops ever since. First, that they were never consecrated according to the Law, because they had not thre Bishops at the least at their Consecration, nay never a Bishop at all, as was pretended; because they being Bishops in the reigne of E. 6. were deprived in the reigne of Queene Mary, and were not (as was pretended) restored before their presence at the Consecration. These pretences being (in troth) but meer cavills, tending to the scandall of the Clergy (being one of the greatest States of the Realm, as it is said in the Statute of 8 Eliz. cap. 1.) are fully answered by the said Statute, and provision made by authority of that Parliament for the establishing of the Archbishops and

2 H. 4. 9.  
Rot. clauf. 4 H. 4.  
m. 11. optime.  
Rot. clauf. 11 E. 2.  
Dorf.  
a Nota, the Kings  
Judges.  
b Spirituall jurisdiction.  
c 25 H. 8. cap. 21.

\* If so, then much more at this day. See before pag. 43.  
d The Spirituall jurisdiction.

The Tempozall jurisdiction.

Of what things they have jurisdiction.  
Articuli Cleri per totum, lib. 5. fo. 1.  
Cawdries case.

See before cap. of the Chancery, the Articles against Cardinal Wolsey Art. 1. 13.  
14. 17. 18. 19. 22.  
24. 25. 29. 30.  
Bia. lib. 5. cap. 2. & c.  
Britton fo. 10. b.  
Rot. Pacl. 15 E. 3. nu. 22.  
e See Dier. Mich. 6 & 7 Eliz.

8 Eliz cap. 1.

Book in libro de  
antiquitate Bri-  
tannicæ Ecclesiæ.  
Sub titulo Ma-  
ximæ. Capitulum  
107. § 12.

and Bishops both in presenti and in futuro, in their Bishopricks, Of this Sta-  
tute Archbishop Parker in his Book De antiquitate Britannicæ Ecclesiæ speak-  
ing of himself saith, Anno Domini 1559. Cantuar' Episcopus electus est à Decano  
& Capitulo Ecclesiæ Metropolitanæ Cantuar': posteaq; eodem Anno 17 Decem-  
bris adhibitis quatuor Episcopis, &c. lege quadam de hac re lata, requisitus con-  
secratus est. Another objection was made against our Archbishops and Bishops,  
that the Commission (being never enrolled) whereby the Bishops made in  
Queen Maries time were deprived before the fourth year of the reign of Queen  
Elizabeth: or the Record of the approbation of them cannot be found: & therefore  
it was pretended that the Archbishops and Bishops made by Queen Elizabeth,  
being the former, should be no lawfull Bishops. But by the Statute of 39 Eliz.  
cap. 3. the Archbishops and Bishops are adjudged lawfull, as by the said Act ap-  
peareth. And by these two Statutes, these and all other objections against our  
Bishops are answered, which we have thought good to remember, seeing we  
are in fear of their jurisdiction, ut obstinatur os iniqua loquentium.

39 Eliz. cap. 3.

### Of the Court of Convocation.

The House  
of Bishops.  
B. N. B. 259. B.  
Register. fo.  
Per the Register  
of the Archbishops  
& Bishops.

It is called the Convocation of the Clergy. In England there being two  
Provinces, the one of Canterbury, and the other of York, the Bishops and  
Suffragans belonging to York, are the Bishops of Durlesme, Carlisle, Chester,  
and the Isle of Man, and all the rest of the Bishops are within the Province of  
Canterbury.

29 Eliz. cap. 3.  
32 Eliz. cap. 3.  
3 Eliz. c. 2. § 1.  
and is only called  
Church of more.  
Item Reges. E. 2.  
cap. 12. Quosque  
Churchæ non discedentes inveniant, vel amore congregent, vel sequestret judicio.

In some Convocations the whole Clergy of either Province are either pre-  
sent in person, or by representation: \* but these Provinces  
and they only sit in the Parliament time, and this consisteth of two parts,  
viz. the Upper house, where the Archbishops and Bishops sit, and the Lower  
house where the rest do sit.

\* 21 E. 4. 45, 46.

Acts.  
The antiquity  
of the Convocation  
of Bishops.  
B. N. B. 259. B.  
Register. fo. 123, 124. 6 H. 3. Hol. 222. Rot. Parl. 18 E. 3. nu. 1. Rot. Parl. 2 H. 4. nu. 29.  
P. R. B. 259. B. N. B. cap. 1.

Anno Domini 686 Augustine assembled in counsell the Brittain Bishops, and  
held a great Synod.

By what au-  
thority they  
met.  
\* 23 E. 3. Rot.  
Parl. 24. Doff. di. 1. 27 E. 2. m. 30. 31. 25 H. 3. cap. 19.

The Clergie was never assembled or called together at a Convocation but by  
the Kings \* Writ, adjutoria Regis, as Beda saith ubi supra, Vid. Parl. 18 E. 3.  
nu. 1. In lege: In Anno Domini 727, a Convocation of the Clergy called  
Magna Convocatio Dei frequentia.

Whether their  
jurisdiction  
was.

Their jurisdiction was to deal with Heresies, Schismes, and other meer Spi-  
rituall and Ecclesiastical causes, and therein they did proceed juxta legem divi-  
nam & Canones sanctæ Ecclesiæ. And as they could never assemble together of  
themselves, but were alwayes called together \* by the Kings Writ, so were  
they often times commanded by the Kings Writ to deal with nothing that con-  
cerned the Kings laws of the land, his Crowne and dignity, his Person, or his  
State, or the State of his Counsell or Kingdome: as to illustrate this matter to  
remember one or two examples.

Merton cap. 5.  
21 E. 4. 45. 1. per  
Vavafor. & super  
Statute, Crown  
& Vavafor.  
20 E. 3. 13.  
34 H. 6. 39. 158 H. 6. 21. Regist. fol. F. N. B. 259. a De procurat. Cler. See in the Chapter of the High Court of  
Parliament, Regist. 261. & F. N. B. 229. 2. & Parl. 6 E. 3. nu. 6. 8 H. 6. cap. 10. \* 2 Chron. 29. 15. Ezechiel. Num.  
ca. 10. v. 2. vid. sup. p. 43.

Rot. Parl. 23 E. 3.  
2. part. m. 27.  
De prohibitione  
sedi Episcopis.

Mandatum est omnibus Episcopis qui conventuri sunt apud Gloucesteriam die Sab-  
bathi in crastino Sanctæ Katherinæ firmiter inhibendo quod sicut Baronias suas  
(quas de Rege tenent) diligent, nullo modo presument consilium tenere de ali-  
quibus quæ ad coronam Regis pertinent, vel quæ personam Regis vel statum  
suum, vel statum concilii sui contingunt. Scituri pro certo quod si fecerint, Rex  
inde se capiet ad Baronias suas. Teste Rege, &c.

See the statute of Carlisle Anno 35 E. 1.

Rex, &c. Venerabilibus in Christo paribus eadem gratia W. Archiepiscopo Cantuariensi, totius Angliæ Primati, ac cæteris Episcopis & Prælati Cant' Provinciæ ad Concilium Provinciale apud London in proximo conventuris, Mandamus vobis in fide & dilectione quibus nobis tenemini firmiter inhibentes ne in dicto Concilio quicquid in nostri, aut status Coronæ nostræ vel regni nostri præjudicium statuatis, faciatis, seu quoquo modo libet orderetis. Teste Rege, &c.

De isto negotio scribitur præfatis Prælati per literas de credentia, ut in Rotulo clausarum sub eodem Datu continetur.

Prohibitio fact' Archiepiscopo Cant' & Clero conventur' post festum Sancti Barth. quod nihil attemptent in præjudicium Coronæ.

Vide Cap. Of the High Court of Parliament, pag. 4. & 5. a. for Procuratores Cleri, & 21 R. 2. cap. 2.

And further the King did often appoint Commissioners by Writ to sit with them at the Convocation, and to have consens of such things as they meant to establish, that nothing should be done in prejudice, ut supra. \* And therefore the statute of 25 H. 8. ca. 19. (whereby it is provided, that no Canons, Constitution, or Ordinance should be made or put in execution within this Realm by authority of the Convocation of the Clergy, which were contrariant or repugnant to the Kings Prerogative Royall, or the Customes, Lawes, and Statutes of this Realm) is but declaratory of the old Common law.

Mar. cap. 8. the Prerogatives, and Lawes of the Crown saved. *Versus finem.*

But by the said Act of 25 H. 8. their jurisdiction and power is much limited and straitened concerning their making of new Canons: for they must have both license to make them, and after they be made, the Kings Royall assent to allow them, before they be put in execution. But in the end of that Act there is an expresse Proviso, that such Canons as were made before that Act, which be not contrariant nor repugnant to the Kings Prerogative, the Lawes, Statutes or Customes of the Realm, should be still used and executed as they were before the making of that Act. But before that Act a Disme granted by the Clergy at the Convocation, did not binde the Clergy before the Kings Royall assent.

Stat. de Carl. 35 E. 1.  
Rot. Par. 15 E. 2.  
1 part. m. 8. pro Rege de inhibitione faciendâ.  
6 E. 3. dor. claus. part 2. m. 15. &c.  
51 E. 3. nu. 42.  
46 E. 3. prem. 8.  
21 E. 4. 45. ubi sup.  
Rot. Par. 1 R. 2. nu. 114.  
\* 25 H. 8. cap. 19.  
19 E. 3. Quare non admittit acc' 10 H. 7. 6. per Brian. & 2 Ph. & Mar. cap. 8. the Prerogatives, and Lawes of the Crown saved. *Versus finem.*

¶ *What their jurisdiction now is.*

King H. 8. was acknowledged Supreme Head in divers Convocations.

And if any cause shall depend in contention in any Ecclesiasticall Court which may or shall touch the King, his Heirs, or Successors, the party grieved shall or may appeale to the Upper house of Convocation within 15 dayes after sentence given.

As there be two houses of Convocation, so are there two Prolocutors, one of the Bishops of the Higher house, chosen by that house, another of the Lower house, and presented to the Bishops for their Prolocutor.

It is called Convocation à Convocando, because they are called together by the Kings Writ.

The Clerks of the Convocation called by the Kings Writ, and their servants and familiars shall have such privilege in coming, tarrying, and going, as the great men, and Comminalty of this Realm, called to the Kings Parliament.

2 R. 3. 4. 21 E. 4. 42. 47.  
20 H. 6. 13.  
26 H. 8. cap. 1.  
24 H. 8. ca. 12.  
1 Eliz. cap. 1.

8 H. 6. cap. 1.

### ¶ *Of Subscription.*

Subscription required by the Clergy is twofold: one by force both of an Act of Parliament confirming & establishing the 39 Articles of Religion agreed upon at a Convocation of the Church of England, and ratified by Queen Elizabeth under the Great Seal of England. Another by Canons made at a Convocation of the Church of England, and ratified by King James, as is aforesaid.

By the Act of 13 Eliz. cap. 12. referring to Canons made by the Clergy of England at a Convocation holden at London in Anno Domini 1562, containing 39 Articles of Religion, and ratified as is aforesaid,

The

13 Eliz. ca. 12.  
Act a Convocation holden at London Anno Dom. 1562. & 50 Eliz.

At a Convocatio  
begun at Lond<sup>e</sup>,  
Anno dñi 1603.  
1 Jac. Regis § 36.

This Book is ra-  
tified and confir-  
med by Act of  
Parliament, viz.  
2 E. 6. cap. 1.  
5 E. 6. c. 1. 1 El.  
cap. 2. 8 El. cap. 1.  
23 El. ca. 1.

Dier 23 El. 377.  
Lib. 6. fo. 69.  
Grenes case.  
\* Smiths case.

The other is by Canons of the Church of England made and ratified by King James, as is aforesaid.

The Subscription hereby required is to three Articles.

The first is, that the Kings Majesty under God is the only Supreme Gover-  
nor of the Realm, and of all other his Highness Dominions and Countries, &c.

2. That the Book of Common prayer, and of ordering of Bishops, Priests,  
and Deacons, containeth nothing in it contrary to the Word of God, &c.

3. That he alloweth of the said 39. Articles of Religion, and acknowledg-  
eth them to be agreeable to the Word of God.

And in this Section, Ubi supra, 1 Jac. The form of the subscription is set down,  
which was not expressed in the Act of 13 Eliz.

By the Statute of 13 Eliz. the Delinquent is disabled and deprived ipso facto,  
but the Delinquent against the Canon of King James is to be proceeded withall  
by the censures of the Church. This statute of 13 is well expounded in Dier  
23 El. 377. & lib. 6, fo. 69. in Grenes case.

And I heard Wray Chief Justice in the Kings Bench, \* Pasch. 23 El. report,  
that where one Smith subscribed to the said 39 Articles of Religion, with this  
addition (so far forth as the same were agreeable to the Word of God) that it  
was resolved by him, and all the Judges of England, that this subscription was  
not according to the Statute of 13 Eliz. because the statute required an absolute  
subscription, and this subscription made it conditionall; and that this Act was  
made for avoiding of diversity of opinions, &c. And by this addition the party  
might by his own private opinion take some of them to be against the Word of  
God; and by this means diversity of opinions should not be avoided, which was  
the scope of the Statute, and the very Act it self made touching Subscription  
hereby of none effect.

He must also bring a testimoniall from men known to the Bishop, to be of  
sound Religion, a testimoniall both of his honest life, of profession the doctrine  
expressed in the said Articles; and he ought to be able to answer, and render to the  
Ordinary an account of his faith in Latin, &c.

Besides this subscription, when any Clerk is admitted and instituted to any  
Benefice, he is sworn to Canonically obedience to his Diocesan.

### ¶ Of the High Commission in causes Ecclesiasticall.

Pasch. 9 Jac. the  
resolution of the  
Court of Com-  
mon Pleas upon  
mature deliberati-  
on, set down in  
writing by the  
commandment of  
King James.

Two questions have been made concerning the Jurisdiction of these Com-  
missioners.

First, what Causes doe belong to the High Commissioners by force of the  
Act of 1 El. cap. 1. and of the Letters Patents thereupon grounded.

Secondly, in what cases the High Commissioners by the said Act of 1 Eliz.  
cap. 1. and of the Letters Patents to them granted, may impose fine and im-  
prisonment, and in what not.

It is said, by force of the statute of 1 El. For that before this Act it is agreed,  
that all Ordinaries and Ecclesiasticall Judges whatsoever, ought in all Eccle-  
siasticall causes to have proceeded according to the censures of the Church, and  
could not in any case have punished any Delinquent by fine or imprisonment,  
unlesse they had authority so to doe by Act of Parliament. And the Papall au-  
thority (as hath been confessed) did never fine or imprison in any case, but ever  
proceeded only by Ecclesiasticall censures. Seeing then the state of the question  
concerning fine and imprisonment dependeth wholly upon the statute of 1 Eliz.  
and is of greatest consequence, and openeth the way to the other question, for it  
is confessed that by Letters Patents only (without an Act of Parliament) such  
power to fine and imprison in Ecclesiasticall causes cannot be granted; the point  
of fine and imprisonment shall be first handled. And for that every Act of Par-  
liament doth consist of the letter, and of the meaning of the Makers of the Act:  
the

fly 252  
Dier 130

the Act of 1 Eliz. doth neither by meaning nor letter give any power to the High Commissioners to fine or imprison any, but in certain particular causes, as shall manifestly out of the Act it self appear hereafter. And seeing every Act of Parliament upon consideration had of all the parts thereof together, is the best Exposition of it self, the parts of this Act of 1 Eliz. doe necessarily fall into consideration.

First, the Title of the Act is, *An Act restoring to the Crown the ancient Jurisdiction, &c.* By this the nature of the Act doth appear to be an Act of Restitution.

*The title of the Act.*

And this is also manifest by the preamble of the Act, where it is said:

*The preamble of the Act.*

Whereas divers good laws were made in the time of the late King Henry the Eight, for the extinguishment of all forain power, and for the restoring unto the Crown of this Realm the ancient Rights and Jurisdictions of the same.

From whence this reason is drawn, that seeing the expresse letter and meaning is to restore to the Crown the ancient Jurisdiction Ecclesiasticall, and no Commissioner by force of that ancient Ecclesiasticall Jurisdiction could impose fine and imprisonment, that these Commissioners having their force from this Act of Restitution, cannot punish any party by fine or imprisonment, otherwise then shall be hereafter expressed.

*1 Ratio.*

The first clause of the body of the Act (to let in the restitution of the ancient Right and Jurisdiction Ecclesiasticall within the Realm) doth abolish all forain Jurisdiction out of the Realm.

Then followeth the principall clause of restitution and uniting of the ancient Jurisdiction Ecclesiasticall, being the main purpose of the Act, in these words.

Be it enacted, that such Jurisdiction, &c. Spirituall or Ecclesiasticall, as by any Spirituall or Ecclesiasticall power or authority hath heretofore been, or lawfully may be exercised or used for the visitation of the Ecclesiasticall state and persons, and for reformation, order, and correction of the same, and of all manner of Errors, Heresies, Schismes, abuses, offences, contempts, and enormities, shall for ever by Authority of this Parliament be united and annexed to the Imperial Crown of this Realm.

And upon this clause being the finall intention of this Act expressed in the Title and Preamble, doe the subsequent clauses depend; Therefore this clause is especially to be considered, and therein these things are to be observed.

First, that by this clause Queen Elizabeth was not declared Supream head, &c. but by a former clause in this Act, viz. that the Statute of 1 & 2 Ph. & Mar. cap. 8. (whereby amongst others, the Act of 26 H. 8. cap. 1. and 35 H. 8. cap. 3. were repealed) was by this Act made utterly void, and consequently the Act of Repeal being repealed, the Acts of 26 H. 8. cap. 1. and 35 H. 8. cap. 3. were amongst others implicite revived, by which Acts of 26 H. 8. and 35 H. 8. It is declared and enacted, that the King, his heirs and successors should be taken and accepted the only supream Head in earth of the Church of England, and should have and enjoy annexed to the Imperiall Crown of this Realm, as well the title and stile thereof, as all honours, dignities, preheminences, jurisdictions, &c. to the said dignity of supream Head belonging, &c. By which stile, title, & dignity of supream Head of the Church of England, King H. 8. his heirs and successors had and have all Ecclesiasticall Jurisdiction whatsoever. So as the first clause reviving the Act of 26 H. 8. &c. thereby Queen Elizabeth, her heirs and successors were supream Head of the Church of England. And there this Act extending to raise a Commission for the necessity of the time, intended only to restore and annex to the Crown such Jurisdiction in some particular points as by the intent of the Statute, the Commissioners should execute, and not to de-

clare by this clause that her Majesty should be supreme Head of the Church, for that was provided for before.

2 Ratio.

Secondly, that no Jurisdiction is by this Act restored & united to the Crown, but such as before the Act had been, or lawfully might be exercised or used for the reformation, &c. correction, &c. Whereupon it is concluded, that seeing that no man could be fined or imprisoned by force of any Jurisdiction Ecclesiasticall, which had been used, or lawfully might be used before this Act, that therefore by this Act no power of fining and imprisoning in Ecclesiasticall causes is given by this Act.

The third observation is, that this clause divideth it self into two branches: the first concerning the visitation of the Ecclesiasticall state and persons. This branch was enacted out of necessity, for that all the Bishops, and most of the Clergy of England, being then Popish, it was necessary to raise a Commission to depose them, that would not deprive themselves, and in case of restitution of religion to have a more summary proceeding then by the ordinary and prolix course of law is required. This branch concerns only Ecclesiasticall persons: So as, as necessity did cause this Commission, so it should be exercised but upon necessity, for it was never intended that it should be a continuall standing Commission, for that should prejudice all the Bishops of England in their Ecclesiasticall Jurisdiction, and be grievous to the subject to be drawn up from all the remote parts of the Realm, where before their own Diocesan they might receive justice at their own doors.

The first Commission upon these Statutes, whereby about 20 Bishops were deprived, and many others of the Popish Clergy, is said to be lost, and inrolled it is not, as it ought to have been. And it is affirmed by some that have seen it, that it passed not above twenty sheets of paper copy wise; but now the High Commission contains above three hundred sheets of paper. And it is likewise affirmed, that never any High Commission was inrolled (as they all ought to have been) untill my Lord Chancelor Egertons time, so as no man before that time could know what their Jurisdiction was till that time.

The second branch is, And for reformation, order, and correction of the same (*that is, of Ecclesiasticall persons*) and of all manner of Errors, Heresies, Schismes, abuses, offences, contempts, and enormities.

So as these two branches extend not to the universality of the Supremacy, but only to those points whereunto the Commission to be raised by this Act should extend, for which purpose nothing is restored or united by this Act, but only the visitation of the Ecclesiasticall state and persons, and the reformation of the same, and of all Errors, Heresies, Schismes, abuses, offences, contempts, and enormities which be criminall.

The Jurisdiction being restored to Queen Eliz. her heirs and successors, next and immediately doth the Act, &c. give her power to assign and authorize Commissioners to execute this jurisdiction restored and united to her, for which purpose it is further enacted, That your Highnesse, your heirs and successors shall have power and authority by vertue of this Act by Letters Patents, &c. to assigne, name, & authorize, &c. such persons being naturall born subjects, &c. as your Majesty, your heirs and successors shall think meet to exercise, use, occupy, and execute under your Highnesse, your heirs and successors, all manner of jurisdiction, &c. in any wise touching or concerning any Spirituall or Ecclesiasticall jurisdiction, &c. and to visit, reforme, &c. all errors, heresies, schismes, abuses, offences, contempts and enormities, which by any manner Spirituall or Ecclesiasticall power, authority, or jurisdiction can or may lawfully be reformed, corrected, restrained or amended.

Out of this clause of Assignation it is to be observed, that the substance of the Commission of assignation or deputation is described and purtrayed out both for manner and matter by this clause.

1 That

2 for such all  
The clause of  
Assignation of  
the Jurisdiction  
on restored by  
this Act.

1. That it ought to be under the Great Seal.
2. The Commissioners to be assigned ought to be naturall boyn subjects of Queen Eliz. her heirs or successors.
3. Their Authority, viz. To exercise, use, occupy, and execute under your Highnesse, your heirs and successors, all manner of jurisdiction, &c. and to visit, and reform all such Errors, Heresies, Schismes, abuses, offences, &c. which by any manner of Ecclesiasticall or Spirituall power can, or lawfully may be reformed, corrected, &c.
4. The locall limits and bounds of their Commission, viz. within the Realm of England, &c.

So as by this clause there is no question, but the Commissioners for such causes as are committed to them by force of this Act, may, if the Commissioners be competent, proceed to deprivation of the Popish Clergy, which was the main object of the Act, or to punish them by Ecclesiasticall censures, and by no words; or meaning hitherto can punish by fine or imprisonment, for that no Ecclesiasticall power could reform and correct (as the statute speaketh) in that manner. And without question, if the Commissioners be competent, that is, if they be spirituall men, they may proceed to sentence of Excommunication, which may right well be certified as well as Excommunication before Commissioners Delegates; both of these Authorities being under the Great Seal, and each of them having authority by force of severall Acts of Parliament. And Excommunication certified by Commissioners Delegates hath been allowed, as it appeareth in 23 Eliz. Dier 371. And in many cases Acts of Parliament have adjudged men excommunicate ipso facto. But if they be meer Lay men, the fault is not in the statute or in the law, but in the nomination: and upon Certificate made of the Excommunication according to law, a Significavit or Cap. Excom. shall be awarded out of the Chancery, for the taking and imprisoning of the bodies of such excommunicate persons.

3 Ratio.

*The High Commissioners may excommunicate if they be competent.*  
Dier 23 El. 371.

Now after the Letters Patents of the Commission are described, and limited, followeth a clause of direction for the Commissioners to keep themselves within their Commission in these words.

And that such persons so to be named, &c. after the said Letters Patents to them delivered shall have power and Authority by vertue of this Act and the said Letters Patents under your Highnesse, your heirs and successors to exercise, use, and execute all the premisses according to the tenor and effect of the said Letters Patents, any matter or cause to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

*The clause of Execution.*

This is a clause of reference merely to the former parts of the Act, and yet by colour of this clause the High Commissioners doe pretend to fine and imprison.

That this clause referreth wholly to the former parts of the Act, it is apparent by the very words thereof, for first, the words be to exercise, use, and execute all the premisses, which word (premisses) referreth to all the former branches of the Act, viz. 1. To the ancient jurisdiction Ecclesiasticall restored by this Act, by which ancient jurisdiction no person could be corrected by fine or imprisonment. 2. To such jurisdiction Spirituall or Ecclesiasticall, as by any Spirituall or Ecclesiasticall power hath heretofore been, or lawfully might be exercised, or used; for these be the expresse words of the main clause of restoring & uniting of the ancient jurisdiction to the Crown. But it is agreed, that before this Act no man could be punished by fine or imprisonment by any Ecclesiasticall power, unlesse it were by force of some Act of Parliament; therefore by these words in this clause (to execute the premisses) the Commissioners cannot fine or imprison. This word (premisses) hath relation to these words in the clause of assignation next going before this clause, viz. to visit, reform, redresse, order, correct, and amend all such errors, heresies, schismes, &c. which by any manner, power, authority, or jurisdiction Ecclesiasticall or Spirituall can, or may lawfully be reformed, &c. corrected, &c. but no correction before this Act could be by fine or imprisonment, but in certain speciall cases.

Then this clause followeth, (according to the tenor and effect of the said Letters Patents) which words also do wholly refer to the former parts of the Act. For if these words (to execute all the \* premises) be words of reference, then the addition of these (according to the tenor and effect of the \* said Letters patents, any matter or cause to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding) must of necessity be referred also to the former parts of the Act, by none of which power is given to fine or imprisonment.

\* Premises.  
\* Said.

Also this word (execute) cannot but be referred to the former authority. And it is not said according to the tenor and effect of any Letters Patents, and yet if the words had been so, the same being coupled to the word (premises) had not restrained them, for they could in that case but only have executed the premises; but the words be according to the tenor and effect of the Letters Patents before limited by the said Act, that is, first that the Letters Patents be under the Great Seal. 2. That they be made to naturall born subjects. 3. Their authority is declared with a limitation. 4. The local limits and bounds of the Commission is set down: and this is the true and genuine sense of these words, viz. To execute the premises according to the tenor and effect of the said Letters Patents. And therefore we marvell how in a case of so great consequence, and so visible to every eye that look into the Act of 1 Eliz. the very words thereof are (for the advantage of the High Commissioners) in the very binding clause altered, and changed. For there it is alleaged, that the Statute of 1 Eliz. saith, that the High Commissioners shall execute the premises by vertue of this Act according to their Commission indefinitely without reference or restraint, whereas the words of the Act be, according to the said Letters patents, the effect whereof was limited and expressed before. And by the authority that is claimed by the Commissioners, who seeke not, but that confiscation of lands, forfeiture of goods and chattels, &c. as well may be imposed, as fine and imprisonment? But were it not a violent interpretation directly against the letter and meaning of the Act, and full of great inconvenience to make of these latter words this construction, viz. that the High Commissioners should correct and punish all the Errors, Heresies, Schismes, Offences, Abuses, Contempts, and enormities, &c. under such pains, forfeiture, and penalty, as Queen Elizabeth, her heirs, and successors, by any Letters Patents should impose or appoint: and that consequently by force of the generality of this construction, she did impose and appoint fine and imprisonment. Which construction should be first directly against the words and meaning of the Act for the causes aforesaid. Secondly, that by the same reason by the generality of such a construction Queen Elizabeth might have imposed forfeiture of lands, confiscation of goods, nay corporall punishment, losse of member, and of life also, for incontinency, sollicitation of chastity, working on a Holiday, or any inferior offence punishable by the Ecclesiasticall Law, and yet the sentence of the Commissioners in such cases should be both satall and small, and uncontrollable by any ordinary means, either by Appeal, Error, Moderata misericordia, or otherwise. Thirdly, that this violent construction, under mysticall and cloudy words, should extend to fine and imprisonment, &c. all persons, as well Lay men of what estate, degree, or sex soever, in cases Ecclesiasticall (where they were not to be fined and imprisoned before) as to Ecclesiasticall persons, who were the proper objects of this Act. And then by the construction that hath been made of the other side in cases where an executor detaineth a Legacy, or a Paritioner payeth not his tythes, or the like concerning Meum and Tuum, the Queen, &c. might have inflicted (as hath been said) what punishment she would, and the High Commissioners fine and imprisonment (as it standeth at this day) without limitation of time, be it never so great, or time of imprisonment, be it never so long, and without controlment by any ordinary remedy, be the sentence never so unjust or erroneous; then which nothing could be more absurd and inconvenient. Talis interpretatio in ambiguis semper fienda est; ut evitetur inconveniens & absurdum. But this construction should not be in ambiguis, but directly against the words and meaning of this Act. And seeing it hath been granted that the Papall authority

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city or any other having Ecclesiasticall jurisdiction could not fine and imprison before this Act of 1 Eliz. and that it is expressly said in the preamble of this Act, that where in the reign of King H. 8. divers good laws were made as well for the extinguishment of foreign authority, as for restoring to the Crown the ancient jurisdictions, &c. by reason whereof the subjects were kept in order, and disburdened of great and intolerable charges and exactions (which good laws being repealed by Queen Mary the said Act doth revive and restore) It followeth à concessis, and by the Letter of this Act, that it was never the meaning of the makers thereof to extend the said clause to fine and imprison the subject for Ecclesiasticall causes, and to make him subject to greater confiscations, forfeitures, and punishments, where his body before this Act was not subject to imprisonment but upon the Kings Writ De excom' capiendo, nor his body, lands, and goods, to fines, or other penalties, or punishments, by them to be imposed, &c. for this were not by this Act of restitution to ease them of former intolerable charges (as the Statute speaketh) but by this Act to make them subject to greater and more heavy pains, punishments, and charges, then ever they were before. And the Statute of 27 H. 8. cap. 15. saith, that the Canons, &c. were overmuch onerous to his Highnesse subjects, but they were never so onerous as this Act should be. *Ut uno absurdo dato infinita sequuntur.* We must therefore retire our selves to the text of the Act of 1 Eliz. the only ground of this question, and thereupon the conclusion is, that no Letters Patents can by vertue of this Act of 1 Eliz. give any power to the Commissioners to imprison, except it be in certain particular cases, which now fall into consideration. For example. The Statute of 1 H. 7. cap. 4. doth

1 H. 7. cap. 4.

give power to Bishops, &c. to commit Priests convicted of any incontinency to prison, and that no Bishop, &c. shall be chargeable therefore in an Action of false imprisonment. Now seeing that such jurisdiction Ecclesiasticall (that is, to hear, determine, and punish, &c.) as by any Spirituall or Ecclesiasticall power or authority before the said Act of 1 Eliz. had been, or might lawfully have been exercised or used for the visitation of the Ecclesiasticall State and persons, and for reformation and correction of the same, and of all manner of Errors, Heresies, Schismes, &c. and that every Bishop, &c. might punish such offenders by imprisonment according to the said Act, that such power (and the like in any other case by Act of Parliament if any be) is united to the Crown and may be committed over to the High Commissioners as before the said Act by any Spirituall or Ecclesiasticall power had been or lawfully might be used, which be the words of the Act it self.

Vid. Stat. of 2 H. 4. ca. 13. & 1 Eliz. ca. 1. and observe them well.

But these generall words, viz. Which have been or lawfully might be used, &c. do not extend to any authority or power given by any Act of Parliament to any Ecclesiasticall Judge: which Act stood repealed and annulled by a former Act of Parliament, and had no essence at the time of the making of this Act of 1 Eliz. and that for two reasons: First, for that this Act of 1 Eliz. doth repeal and revive divers Acts of Parliament, and therefore shall not be construed to repeal or revive any other by the said generall words. Secondly, for that generall words shall not extend to authorities repealed or annulled by Act of Parliament. And so it was adjudged in the Lord Darcies case in the Kings Bench Pasch. 38 Eliz. where the case was, that the Lord of the Mannor of Thorp Kirby was amongst other franchises and immunities discharged by the Letters Patents of King E. 4. of Purbeance: which Charter for the point of discharge of purbeance was annulled by the Statute of 27 H. 8. cap. And after the Mannor comming to the hands of King E. 6. he by his Letters Patents granted the said Mannor to the Lord Darcie and his heirs: and further granted Tot, talia, eadem, hujusmodi & consimilia jura, jurisdictiones, franchiseas, privilegia, &c. quot, quant, qualia, & quæ, &c. prout aliquis dominus manerii habuit, tenuit, seu gavisus fuit virtute alicujus cartæ, doni, seu concessionis aut aliquarum literarum patenrium per præfatum regem, aut per aliquem progenitorum suorum quorumcunq; fact' concess' seu confirmat', aliquo statuto non obtante. And it was adjudged as it had been before in the Lord Pagets case, Mich. 21 & 22 Eliz. in Scaccario: that albeit

Pasch. 38 Eliz. coram Rege the Lord Darcies case

Mich. 21 & 22 Eliz. in Scaccario, the Lord Pagets case.

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such a generall grant had been enacted and confirmed by Act of Parliament, yet had not those generall words extended to rebtbe any authorizty, franchise, p̄viledge, &c. once granted, and which was after, and befoze the grant repealed or returned by Act of Parliament, unlesse there had been speciall words to rebtbe the same, but should extend to other authorizties, franchises, and p̄viledges which stood not then repealed.

1 H. 7. 12 13.

And there is a far stronger case reported in 1 H. 7. fo. 12. & 13. By authorizty of Parliament all p̄heminences, p̄rogatives, franchises, and liberties were given to King H. 7. in taile generally without limitation or saving. And the question was whether the franchises and liberties of Lords and other inferiour subjects were given: and it was resolved by all the Judges that they were not, for that the Act was to be intended to do no inferiour subject wrong, but the generall words were to be intended of such as might be intalled without p̄judice of the subject; which is a stronger case then this, for besides the p̄judice of the inferiour Ordinary for his jurisdiction, and for the subject for taking away his appeal, and drawing him from remote parts to his intolerable charge, where he might receive justice at home, the clause preceding of uniting, and latter particular words do limit and expound the generality of the former words.

Now that divers and many other Acts of Parliament, which are generall in words, have upon consideration of the mischief, and all the parts of the Act (for the avoiding of the inconvenience and absurdity that might follow) received a particular interpretation, it appeareth in our Books in cases of far lesse inconvenience and absurdity.

Pl. Com. fo. 369.  
Stowels case.

Pl. Com. in Stowels case fo. 369. the Preamble is to be considered, for it is the key to open the meaning of the makers of the Act, and mischiefs which they intend to remedy. The Judges of the Law have ever in such sort pursued the intents of the meaning of the makers of Acts of Parliament, as they have expounded Acts generall in words to be particular, where the intent hath been particular (which are the words of the Book) And therefore upon that rule it is there adjudged, that where the statute of 7 E. 6. is generall; If any Receiver or minister accountant, &c. receive of any person any summe of money for payment of any fees, &c. shall forfeit 6 s. 8 d. for every penny; that this do not extend according to the generality of the words to the Receiver of common persons, because these words subsequent be added (otherwise then he lawfully may by former laws and statutes.) Now the Judges restrained the generality to a particular, to the Kings Receiver only: for that no law or statute was formerly made concerning common persons Receivers, &c. But in the case in question, as well the precedent clause of restitution, as the subsequent clause expressing offences in particular, and the words in the same generall sentence, viz. under your Highnesse, &c. and principally the cause of the making of this Act do qualifie the generality of the words. And yet notwithstanding it was resolved by all the Court in the said case of Scradling, fo. 203. a. that the Receiver of common persons were within the words of the said statute. But there it is said, that if a man consider in what point the mischief was befoze the statute, and what thing the Parliament meant to redresse by this, he shall perceibe that the intent of the makers of the Act was to punish only the Ministers of the King. And a little after the Judges say that the title of that Act is. An Act for the true answer of the Kings Revenues. And by this also the intent of the makers of the Act is to be collected, and these be the words of the book, which is a far stronger case then the case in question.

4 E. 4. 4 &amp; 12.

4 E. 4. fo. 4. & 12. Every statute ought to be expounded according to the intent of them that made it, where the words thereof are doubtfull & uncertain, and according to the rehearfall of the statute; and there a generall statute is construed particularly upon consideration had of the cause of making of the Act, and of the rehearfall of all the parts of the Act. To conclude this point with a generall rule allowed by all laws in construction of statutes, *Quamvis lex generaliter loquitur, retringenda tamen est, ut cessante ratione & ipsa cesset: cum enim ratio sit anima vigorq; ipsius legis non videtur legislator id sensisse, quod ratione careat, etiam si*

etiam si verborum generalitas prima facie aliter suadeat. Seeing then so many inconveniencies against reason, and the meaning of the makers of the Act should follow, it is evident that the generality of the said words in the clause of *Allegation* shall (as they ought) be limited by the clause of *Restitution*, as hath bin said. And it agreeth not well with the Title of the *High Commission* to deal in petty and inferior causes. And for the recital of a *Branch* of this Act in the statute of 8 Eliz. cap. 1. It referreth to the Act of primo it self, and is only in the *Preamble*, and therefore doth neither increase nor diminish the same. But albeit they have continuance and jurisdiction of enormous and heinous causes, according to the original institution, yet cannot they punish the offender in the same by fine or imprisonment, unless the same were punishable by fine or imprisonment before the making of the said Act of 1 Eliz. by some Act of Parliament unrepealed at the making of this Act.

But it is said (enormous) is uncertain; Surely in an Act whereof many of the makers are Lay and unlearned men, it hath been expounded by law to be equipollent to heinous, horrible and exorbitant. And this appeareth by the Statute of 2 E. 3. cap. 2. *Commission of Oyer and Terminer*, &c. shall not go out, but where the trespass is horrible. Now if such Commission be granted for a small cause, a revocation thereof, which is a flat prohibition, doth lye, as it appeareth in the Register 125, and the words thereof be, *Quia non enormis latio*, Which word (*enormis*) in that *Writ* doth expresse this word [horrible] in the said Act, and there is as great uncertainty in that case upon this word [*enormis*] to prohibit the Commissioners of *Oyer and Terminer*, as in the case now in question concerning the Ecclesiasticall Commission, and especially in this Act of primo it ought to be taken to be horrible, exorbitant, & extra omnem normam; for that the High Commissioners do claim to send for all degrees of men and women, and out of all the parts of England or Wales, be the place never so remote, &c. But the Commission of *Oyer and Terminer* cannot be taken but in the proper County where the fact was done. And yet it is evident by all which hath been said, that his Majesty hath, and Queen Elizabeth before him had as great and ample supremacy and jurisdiction Ecclesiasticall as ever King of England had before them, and that had justly and rightly pertained to them by divers other Acts, and by the ancient laws of England, if the said clause of *Annexation* in the said statute of 1 Eliz. had never been inserted.

This Act of 1 Eliz. provideth against them that should by printing, writing, or words, maintain or defend the jurisdiction spirittuall of any foreign Prince, Prelat, &c. within this Realm; that every such person being lawfully convicted by the course of the Common law, shall for the first offence forfeit and lose all his and their goods and chattels. And if any person so convicted shall not be worth of his proper goods and chattels to the value of 20 li. then such person so convicted shall suffer imprisonment one whole year, &c. Now albeit upon the maintenance or defence of the Popes Supremacy depend so many mischiefs as the principall scope of this and other Acts was utterly to abolish and extinguish the same, and that it is High Treason in the second degree: yet see how temperately this Act doth punish that most dangerous and damnable error. And albeit the proceedings at the Common law are reversible by *Writ* of error; yet the statute addeth two cautions, that no persons should be impeached for any of the offences by preaching, teaching, or words, unless they be lawfully indicted within the space of one half year. And if any person be imprisoned, and be not indicted within half a year, then the person so imprisoned shall be set at liberty. Now if the party offending in so high and supreme an offence, as the maintaining of the Popes Supremacy, shall be punished for the first offence so temperately, and with such caution and limitation, it was never the meaning of the statute to charge the subject with fine or imprisonment by the discretion of the Commissioners without limitation either of time of imprisonment, or quantity of fine, for lesser crimes and offences, whereunto he was not subject before the making of this Act.

But if the meaning of the makers of the Act had been to have inflicted newly upon the subject not only fine and imprisonment, but by the same reason confiscation of goods, forfeiture of lands, nay any corporall punishment, &c. they would not under such cloudy and dark words have inflicted those greater punishments for lesser offences without some limitation, as they did for the greatest offences of all, and not to have left lesser offences to the absolute and uncontrollable power of the High Commissioners by any ordinary mean.

If the High Commissioners might have fined and imprisoned men for offences against the Ecclesiasticall laws, to what end were the statutes of 23 Eliz. 28 Eliz. &c. made against men for abstaining and not coming to Divine service, &c. and why did those Acts inflict a penalty of 20 l. the month, and imprisonment, &c. with a discharge of the penalty, &c. upon submission, if the High Commissioners might have fined and imprisoned them absolutely without certainty of any sum, or limitation of any time of imprisonment, and without any ability or power by submission or conformity to ease themselves? And yet absence from Divine service is a meer Ecclesiasticall cause; and the like may be said of divers other Acts of Parliament of like nature.

Thus hath this statute been plainly expounded by the parts of the same, according to the naturall and genuine sense, and the originall institution and jurisdiction of the High Commission by force of the said Act truly expressed.

And concerning the form of Commissions and practice by the High Commissioners in the reign of the late Queen Eliz. by fining and imprisoning for adultery, fornication, simony, usury, defamation, &c. it may be that such fines have been imposed, but, as we be informed, not one of them levied in all the reign of Queen Eliz. by any judicall processe out of the Exchequer in the time of Sir Edward Sanders, who was Chief Baron at the time of the making of the said Act, Sir Robert Bell, Sir John Jefferies, Sir Roger Manwood, or Sir William Peryam Chief Barons of the Exchequer: So as in all the late Queens time (as we be informed) no fine was levied, or any subject in his body, lands or goods charged therewith, which would not have been by so many worthy men assisted with divers other grave and learned Barons pretermitted to be either levied or witten for by the Court, if by law the same ought to have been levied. And the subjects (for the greatest part) being wrongfully fined, imprisoned, and injured by colour of the High Commission, asked no advise to take any ordinary remedy, for that the High Commissioners (knowing the weaknesse of their Authority) kept the Commission secret, and contrary to law and justice suffered not the same to be introlled in the Chancery, so as the subject lived under an unknown Commission and Authority (& Misera est servitus ubi jus est vagum aut incognitum) untill of late the Lord Chancelor (as hath been said) according to law caused the same to be introlled; and very few upon serious consideration took an exact survey of all the parts of the Act of 1 Eliz. And this is the cause why their Presidents (if they affirm truly) may be many, especially against the weaker sort: and the judgments and Presidents in the Kings Courts concerning these matters, few, as they give out, charging the Judges of the Realm with Innovation. And yet some being intolerably grieved, sometime to their utter undoing, by the High Commissioners, upon complaint made to the highest Courts of ordinary Justice in this Realm, the Judges upon consideration had of the statute of 1 Eliz. which is the foundation whereupon the High Commission is grounded, have, as often as complaint hath been made, relieved them according to law and justice.

In *Atmeres* case the whole Court of Exchequer in the late Queens reign, judicially resolved, being the Kings proper Court, that the High Commissioners could not punish any man for working on a Holy day, albeit it be a matter of Ecclesiasticall consance, but ought by the true meaning of the statute of 1 Eliz. to be punished by the Diocesan, which is to be seen of Record.

Also in the reign of Queen Eliz. William Taylor Clerk, Parson of Springfeld in Essex did implead William Masly Gent. before the High Commissioners for giving irreverent speeches to the Minister, &c. for carrying his Coyn on Holy days,

Taylor's case.  
Mich. 44 & 45 El.  
Rot. 1255.  
Simile 43 & 44  
El. Rot. 503.

days, for not suffering the Parson and Partitioners to come thorough his yard in Rogation week in the perambulation, and not giving them a repast as usually he had done, that he whistled and knocked on the Parsons Barn door, and said he did it to make him musique for his daughters marriage, and many other Articles of like nature; and it was ruled upon open motion, and often debating by the whole Court of Common pleas, that the High Commissioners could not deal with such inferiour offences, but are to be left to the proper Diocesan, who is to reform the same with lesse charge and travell in the proper Diocesse. And thereupon a Prohibition was granted by the Court of Common Pleas, whereby it appeareth, that they cannot hold plea of all Ecclesiasticall causes.

The like Prohibition was granted out of the Common pleas in the said late Queens reign, between Robert Pool Clerk Parson of *W*inchelsey, and Thomas Gray, to the High Commissioners, for that they held plea for assaulting and laying violent hands on the said Robert Pool being a Parson, upon open motion and argument by the whole Court.

Hil. 3 Jac. Regis, in Communi Banco, between Lyn and Wats for promise of a yearly sum in marriage.

\* Trin. 3 Jac. in Communi Banco, between Jeneway Parson of *T*. in *C*l-*S*sex, and Porter for defamation, and laying violent hands on a Clerk.

And concerning fine and imprisonment, Anno 9 Reginae Eliz. which was about eight years after the statute of 1 Eliz. Sir James Dier and others of the Judges were then living, that were present at the making of the said statute, Thomas Lee an Attorney of the Common pleas, being convented before the High Commissioners for hearing of a Masse, was by them in their proceedings committed to prison, which matter being returned by Habeas Corpus, he was upon great consideration had, by the Lord Dier and the whole Court of Common pleas discharged of his imprisonment, for that the High Commission had no power to imprison him in that case.

The like resolution was in 18 Eliz. by the Lord Dier, and the whole Court of Common pleas, in the case of one Hinde, who being convented before the High Commissioners for Usury, to answer, &c. was thereupon imprisoned by them, & by Habeas Corpus delivered, for that the imprisonment in that case was unlawfull.

By warrant from the High Commissioners in the reign of Queen Eliz. directed to Richard Butler Constable of Aldington in the County of Northampton, for attaching and arresting of the body of John Simpson of Aldington aforesaid, and bringing his body before the High Commissioners in case of Adultery with the wife of Edward Fuste, the Constable being assisted with one William Johnson servant of the said Edward Fuste, the said Constable with Johnson came to a Widows house in Aldington where the said Simpson was, and the doors being open would have at eight of the clock at night arrested Simpson by the said Warrant, which the said Constable read unto him, notwithstanding the said Simpson resisted them, and in his own defence (and shewed how) slew the said Johnson that came in aid of the said Constable. Now the question before the Justices of Assise of that County, (Simpson being in the Gaol therein) what his offence was? wherein the doubt rested in this, whether the Constable might lawfully attach and arrest the body of the said Simpson, (which in law is an imprisonment) for if he had lawfull authority to arrest him, then the offence was wilfull murder in killing one that came in aid of a Minister of Justice in execution of his office: but if the Constable had no lawfull authority to arrest his body by force of the High Commissioners Warrant, then was it but se defendendo, a small offence, which doubt wholly consisted upon construction of the statute of 1 Eliz. for by the Letters Patents expresse authority is given to the High Commissioners to send for the body of any offender, &c. by Pursivant, or by Warrant. The matter being weighty, and the said Simpson being by the Coroners inquest indicted of wilfull murder, supposing the said Warrant to be lawfull, the Justices of Assise thought not good to proceed against him at those Assises, but deferred it till the next Assises: At what time after this long time of delibera-

Graves case,  
Vid. infra p. 234.  
Trin. 43 El Rot.  
1233. in Com.  
Banco.  
Simile 40 Eliz.  
Rot. 422 in Com.  
Banco.  
The like in the  
Kings bench,  
Pasch. 39 Eliz.  
Rot. 100. &  
Pasch. 41 Eliz.  
ibidem Rot. 235.  
\* Tr. 3 Jac. in  
Com' Banco  
Porters case.  
2 Mic. 9 & 10 El.  
Rot. 1556. Lees  
case.

18 El. Dier fo.  
Hindes case.

Simpsons case be-  
fore the Judges  
of Assise in Nor-  
thamptonshire,  
42 Eliz.

tion, and upon conference, it was resolved, that the statute of 1 Eliz. gave no power to the High Commissioners to make any Warrant to arrest the body of Simpson in that case, but ought to have proceeded by Citation: and therefore that Simpson killing the said Johnson had committed no murder; and so the Jury upon his arraignment found him not guilty of murder according to the direction of the Court, as it appeareth by the Record it self. And it was resolved in Grayes case aforesaid, that for the battery of a Minister they could not fine and imprison.

William Thicknes having the privilege of the Court of Common pleas, had a Habeas Corpus to the Sherif of London for his body, with the cause, he being under their custody, who returned that the High Commissioners had committed him to their custody by force of his Majesties Commission for causes Ecclesiasticall, and of the statute in that case provided, for that he was convicted before them of Adultery, and other contempts and enormities appertaining to Ecclesiasticall consuance. And the case being debated in open Court, he was discharged of his imprisonment, for that by the statute of 1 El. they could not imprison him.

By the statute of 25 H. 8. cap. 19. it is enacted, that for lack of Justice at or within any of the Courts of the Archbishops of this Realm, or in any of the Kings Dominions, it shall be lawfull to the parties grieved to appeal to the Kings Court of Chancery, and that upon every such appeal Commissions shall be directed under the Great Seal to such persons as shall be named by the Kings Highnesse, &c. which Commissioners so by the Kings Highnesse, &c. to be named or appointed, shall have full power and authority to hear and finally determine such Appeal, and that such judgment and sentence as the said Commissioners shall make and decree in and upon such appeal, shall be good, effectuell, and definitive. Which words, albeit they be more generall, & with lesse reference to the precedent matter, then the Act of 1 El. yet have such Commissioners no colour to fine or imprison any: but where the words be [and such judgement and sentence as the said Commissioners shall make and decree] these generall words have these words implicite annexed to them [according to the Ecclesiasticall laws] shall be good, effectuell, &c. So in the statute of 1 Eliz. such words are implicite to be added to the said clause, viz. That the High Commissioners shall execute the premisses according to the said Letters Patents by the rule of the Ecclesiasticall law or Authority of Parliament. And since the High Commission was introlled and made publicque, many prohibitions have been granted according to Law and Justice upon complaint made by the parties grieved.

And in the reign of the said late Queen Eliz. it was resolved, that the High Commission should be limited to certain particular enormous and exorbitant causes, which if it were pursued would breed great quiet and repose within the Realm.

In the reign of the said late Queen a Prohibition was granted by Sir James Dier Chief Justice, and the whole Court of Common pleas, 10 Febr. Anno 21 Eliz. to the High Commissioners for that they did hold plea de jure Advocacionis.

<sup>a</sup> And in my Lord Andersons time in the reign of Queen Elizabeth the Court of Common pleas granted divers Prohibitions, as it appeareth before, and two of spectall note <sup>b</sup> between Baker and Broughton, and another between Blackheath and the Bishop of Gloucester. And in my Lord Gaudies time who succeeded the Lord Anderson and enjoyed his place but a short time, yet in that time the Court of Common pleas granted Prohibitions also to the High Commissioners.

Many other Prohibitions have been granted to the High Commissioners out of the Court of Common pleas of after times.

In the Kings Bench there are also many Prohibitions granted to the High Commissioners in the times of the Lord Wray, Lord Popham, Lord Fleming, &c. which are to the same effect as those which have been cited be.

And wee will conclude with the confession of the Lord Archbishop Bancroft

Supra pag. 333.  
Grayes case.

William Thicknes  
case, in Commu-  
ni Banco.

\* 5 H. 8. cap. 19.

See Hil. 17 El.  
Rot. 1402. Inter  
Henr. Evans Clericum  
querent &  
Thomam Jeffe-  
ries Clericum  
Defendant.  
<sup>a</sup> Hil. 3 Jac.  
<sup>b</sup> Mich. 41 & 42  
El. Rot. 2919.  
and an Attachment  
thereupon,  
Mich. 42 & 43 El.  
Rot. 3332.

cross himself in his 22 Article, his own words being: Of latter dayes, whereas certain lewd persons, (two for example sake) one for notorious adultery and other intolerable contempts, and another for abusing of a Bishop of this Kingdome by threatning speeches and sundry rayling tearmes, no way to be endured, were thereupon fined and imprisoned by the High Commissioners till they should enter into bonds to perform further orders of the said Court, the one was delivered by *Habeas Corpus* out of the Kings Bench, and the other by a like writ out of the Common pleas, and sundry other Prohibitions have been likewise awarded to his Majesties said Commissioners upon these suggestions, that they had no authority to fine or imprison any man, &c.

By this Article it appeareth, that before the time of the Chief Justice of the Court of Common pleas that now is, and before divers of the Judges, that now be, were called to be Judges by the judgment and resolution both of the Court of Kings Bench and Common pleas by *Habeas Corpus*; the parties that were fined and imprisoned by the High Commissioners in case of Adultery and scandall of a Bishop, &c. were by the law discharged, for that the fining and imprisonment of them was unlawfull.

And these were the resolutions of the whole Court of Common pleas Pasch. 9 Jacobi Regis, upon often conference and mature deliberation, and accordingly they proceeded.

## ¶ The Prerogative Court of the Archbishop of Canterbury.

### *Curia Prerogativa Archiepiscopi Cantuariensis.*

This is the Court wherein all Testaments be proved, and all Administrations granted, where the party dying within his Province hath bona notabilia, in some other Diocese then where he dieth, which regularly is to be to the value of 5 l. but in the Diocese of London it is 10 l. by composition.

The Bishops, Lords and Commons assented in full Parliament, that the King, his heirs and successors might lawfully make their Testaments, and that erection shall be done of the same, whereof some doubt was made before. See Rot. Par. 1 H. 5. nu. 13, the Testament of King H. 4. and his Executors refused, the Archbishop of Canterbury was to grant Administration with the Testament annexed to the same. See 1 H. 6. nu. 18, the last Will and Executors of H. 5. 10 H. 6. nu. 27.

When the King is made an Executor of the last Will and Testament of any other, the King doth appoint certain persons to take the execution of the Will upon them (against whom such as have cause of suit may bring their Action) and appointeth others to take the Account. See Rot. Par. 15 H. 6. Katherine Queen Dowager of England, mother of H. 6. made her last Will and Testament, and thereof constituted King H. 6. her sole Executor. And thereupon the King appointed Robert Rolleston, Clerk, Keeper of the great Wardrobe, John Merston and Richard Alreed Esquires, to execute the said Will by the oversight of the Cardinall, the Duke of Glouc. and the Bishop of Linc. or of two of them to whom they should account.

The Probate of every Bishops Testament or granting of Administration of his goods, although he hath net goods but within his own jurisdiction, doth belong to the Archbishop.

The like Court the Archbishop of York hath.

From this Court the Appeal is to the King in Chancery. Points touching the jurisdiction of this Court, and the Consistories of Bishops, &c. such points as have been judicially resolved, are necessary to be remembered, both for the safety of the Judge, and the benefit of the party interested.

See the Articles and answers in the 2 part of the Exposition of *Articuli, &c.*

Rot. Par. 16 R. 2. nu. 10. not in print.

Rot. Par. 15 H. 6. nu. 32. Obiit 2 Junii 1436. apud Bermondsey.

If a man die intestate having bona notabilia in divers Diocesses, the Judge of this Court hath used to asseſſe a convenient ſum to be imploied in pios uſus, but with theſe limitations following: 1. It muſt be after Adminiſtration granted, and the Inventory made and returned, to the end the Eſtate of the Intestate may be known. 2. The Adminiſtrator beſore any aſſeſſement muſt be called to it, to the intent the Judge may be informed of the true ſtate of the Intestate, and of his children and kinred, for whoſe ſuccour and relief there is great pteſty. The 3. the aſſeſſement muſt be in particular, how much, to whom, and to what uſe. 4. There muſt a publique Act be made of it beſore any payment be made. 5. Payment muſt be made according to the Act. Laſtly, the Judge ought not directly or indiretly to take any thing thereof to his own uſe, nor for the aſſeſſment thereof or entering the publique Act, and if he doth, it is Extortion.

Mich 20 Jac. in  
Camera Stellata.

And Termino Mich. 20 Jacobi Regis, Sir John Benner Judge of this Court, for not obſerving of theſe rules was ſentenced in the Star-chamber for Extortion, and fined at twenty thouſand pounds, impriſoned, and disabled ever after to bear an office, as by the ſentence appeareth. And the like orders and rules muſt be obſerved in all reſpects (ſaving the two former) in commutation of penance, which two former doe not concern this matter. And theſe rules as well concerning aſſeſſments in pios uſus, upon granting of Adminiſtrations, as for commutation of penance, may ſerve for the direction of all the Ordinaries and Judges in Eccleſiaſticall Courts in England.

21 H. 8. cap. 5.  
Mich. 6 Jac. Reg.  
Rot. 1301. in  
Communi Banco.

There was an Act made Anno 21 H. 8. concerning fees for probate of Laſt Wills and Teſtaments, and granting of Adminiſtrations. In the caſe of James Rowſe Commiſſary of the Archdeacon of Huntingdon, in an Inſormation againſt him by Edmond Neale, for Extortion upon the ſaid ſtatute of 21 H. 8. whereunto he pleaded not guilty, and was found guilty, the point in queſtion upon the Inſormation was, if the Probate be not written upon the Teſtament it ſelf, but upon the Tranſcript ingroſſed, whether the taking of a fee by the Defendant for the ingroſſing were within the ſaid ſtatute? And it was upon debate in open Court reſolved by the Chief Juſtice, and the reſt of the Juſtices, Walmsly, Warburton, Foſter and Daniel, that ſuch a fee taken for the ingroſſing was within the ſtatute, for that the Act is in the Negative. And if the Executor requeſt any to ingroſſe the Teſtament, he muſt agree with him, that he ſo requeſt (or bying one ready ingroſſed with him as he did in the caſe in queſtion, which is a ſafe and ready way) but the Ordinary or Commiſſary ought not to exact a fee for it of the party as a fee due to him, for divers reaſons. Firſt, for that the words are expreſſe for the the Probation, &c. or for Regiſtring, Sealing, writing, praizing, making of Inventories, &c. which word (writing) extends to this caſe. Secondly, the words be, or any thing concerning the ſame Probate, and when the Seal and Probate is put to the Tranſcript, this concerns the Probate, for the Probate is not put to any other writing. Thirdly, if ſuch a conſtruction ſhould be made, that this caſe is out of the ſtatute, this benefiſtall law ſhould be illuſory and vaine, for if the Ordinary or his Commiſſary might take what he would for the ingroſſing by his Clerks as a fee due to him, the Act ſhould be of none effect; and the manner of the precise penning of the Act and the certainty of the fees, and not above, ſhould be all in vaine. And the Ordinary, if he will, may annex the Probate to the Teſtament it ſelf, as ſeeing he can have no other fee then is in the ſtatute, it may be hereafter he will doe: but for the miſreciting of the Act of 21 H. 8. in the Inſormation, Curia adviſare vult: and this reſolution extending to all Courts of Eccleſiaſticall juriſdiction that have Probate of Teſtaments, we thought it neceſſary to make a memorizall of it.

See the 3 part of  
the Inſtit. Cap.  
Extortion.

See the Act.

\* Note this.

See the words of  
the Act at large.



☉ The Court of the Arches of the Archbishop of Canterbury.

This Court is called Curia de Arcubus, and hath been anciently holden in Bow Church of London. For I read of it in a Record of a Prohibition Termino Hil. coram Rege Anno 7 E. 1. Rot. 8. in Curia Christianitatis coram Decano de Arcubus London, Of Bow Church in London, where the Court hath continually been kept, which and 12 other Parishes in London, whereof Bow is the chief, are within the peculiar jurisdiction in spirituall causes of the Archbishop of Canterbury, and exempt from the Bishop of London.

The Judge of this Court is called the Dean of the Arches, unto whose officially in spirituall causes to the Archbishop of Canterbury is annexed the peculiar jurisdiction of these 13 Parishes. He hath ordinary jurisdiction in spirituall causes of the first instance, & by Appeal through the whole Province of Canterbury, as it appeareth by the statute of 24 H. 8. cap. 12. His power to call any person for any cause out of any part of his Province in the Diocess of any other, unlesse it be upon appeal, is restrained by the statute of 21 H. 8. cap. 9. This Court in the statute of 25 H. 8. cap. 19. is called the Court of the Arches, or Audience of the Archbishop of Canterbury: and from this Court of the Arches the Appeal is to the King in Chancery by the said Act of 25 H. 8.

Hil. 7 E. 1. coram Rege Rot. 8. Pasch 12 E. 1. in Banco. Essex. Gulielmus de Mortuo mari Clericus &c. Sec Dier 7 Eli. 2. 241.

24 H. 8. cap. 12. 1 Eliz. cap. 1. 21 H. 8. cap. 9. 25 H. 8. cap. 19.

☉ The Court of Audience. *Curia Audientie Cantuariensis.*

This Court is kept by the Archbishop in his Palace, and medleth not with any matter between party and party of contentious jurisdiction, but dealeth with matters pro forma, as confirmations of Bishops elections, consecrations, and the like, and with matters of voluntary jurisdiction, as the granting of the guardianship of the spiritualties sede vacante of Bishops, admission and institution to Benefices, dispensing with Banes of matrimony, and such like.

☉ The Court of the Faculties.

This is also a Court, although it holdeth no plea of controverſie (like the Court of Audience next before.) It belongeth to the Archbishop, and his Officer is called Magister ad Facultates. And his power is to grant Dispensations, as to marry, to eat flesh on dayes prohibited, (and so may every Diocellan) the Sonne to succeed his Father in his Benefice, one to have two or more Benefices incompatible, &c. It is called Faculties in the statute of 28 H. 8. which in one sense signifieth a dispensation. So as facultates (in this sense) dispensationes & indulgentia are synonyma.

This authority was raised and given to the Archbishop of Canterbury by the statute of 25 H. 8. cap. 21. whereby authority is given to the said Archbishop and his successors to grant Dispensations, faculties, &c. by himself or his sufficient and substantiall \* Commissary or Deputy for any such matter, whereof heretofore such dispensations, faculties, &c. then had been accustomed to be had at the See of Rome, or by authority thereof. <sup>a</sup> This Branch of this Act you shall find pleaded Lib. plac' Co. pag. 512, 513.

<sup>b</sup> Concerning the power of the Archbishop to grant Dispensations to any to eat flesh on Fridayes, Saturdayes, Embryng dayes, Vigils, and Lent, the same is limited by the statute of 5 Eliz. cap. 5. And the penalty of 5 Eliz. in that case is diminished and made lesse by 35 Eliz. cap. 7. Note the statute of 5 Eliz. concerning eating of flesh on Wednesdayes is repealed by 27 Eliz. ca. 11. which Act of 27 Eliz. is affirmed by the Act of 35 Eliz. and by 21 Jac. cap. 28. and expressly by the statute of 3 Caroli cap. 4.

Vi. 28 H. 8. ca. 15 21 H. 8. cap. 13. 5 Eliz. cap. 16.

\* Commonly called the Master of the Faculties. <sup>a</sup> Trin. 44 Eliz. in Com. Banco. Rot. 1525. lib. 4. f. 117. Lib. pl. Co. p. 512 513. <sup>b</sup> 2 E. 6. cap. 19. 5 E. 6. cap. 3. See the third part of the Instit. cap. Diet. pag. 200. 5 Eliz. ca. 5. 35 Eliz. cap. 7. 27 Eliz. cap. 11. Lib. pl. Co. 371. 27 Eliz. ca. 11. 3 Caroli ca. 4. Vid. 35 Eliz. c. 7.

☉ Curia

¶ *Curia Peculiarium.* The Court of Peculiars.

The Archbishop of Canterbury hath a peculiar jurisdiction in others parties within the City of London and other Diocesses, &c.

¶ *The Consistory Courts of the Archbishops and Bishops.*

The Consistory Court of every Archbishop and Bishop of every Diocess in Ecclesiasticall causes is holden before his Chancelour in his Cathedral Church, or before his Commissary in places of the Diocess far remote and distant from the Bishops Consistory, so as the Chancelour cannot call them to the Consistory without great travell and veration: and he is called Commissarius foraneus. From these the appeal is to the Archbishop of either Province respectibely: When Consistories of Archbishops and Bishops began within this Realm, see before in the Chapter of the Tourn of the Sheriffe.

It appeareth by many Records in the reigns of H. 3. and E. 1. (as taking some one or two examples for many) that by the law and custome of England no Bishop could make his will of his goods or chattels comming of his Bishoprick, &c. without the Kings license. The Bishops that they might freely make their Wills, yielded to give to the King after their deceases respectibely for ever six things, 1. \* Their best Horse or Halkrey with bridle and saddle. 2. A Cloak with a Cape. 3. One Cup with a cover. 4. One Bason and Civer. 5. One Ring of gold. 6. His Kennell of Hounds. For these a Writ issueth out of the Exchequer after the decease of every Bishop: For example, Rex &c. Vic' Eboru. Præcipimus tibi, quod non omit' propter aliquam libertatem, quin eam ingred' & distring' omnes executores testamenti & ultimæ voluntatis reverendissimi in Christo patris Matthæi nuper Archiepiscopi Eborum defuncti, ac administratores & occupatores bonorum & catallorum quæ fuer' dicti nuper Archiepiscopi, nec non hared' & tenent' terrarum & tenorum quæ nuper sua fuer' per omnes terras & catalla sua in balliva tua. Ita quod nec ipsi nec aliquis per ipsos ad ea man' appon' donec al' inde tibi præceperimus. Et quod de exitibus earundem terrarum nobis respond', & quod habeas corpora eorum coram Baronibus de Scaccario nostro apud Westm' à die Paschæ in tres septimanas ad respond' nobis de uno optimo equo five palfrido cum cello & frano. Una chlamyde five cloca cum capella. Uno citho cum coopertorio. Una pelve cum lavatorio five aquar'; & uno annulo aureo, nec non \* muta canum quæ nuper fuer' ejusdem nuper Archiepiscopi tempore mortis suæ; & quæ ad nos ratione prærogativæ nostræ spectant & pertinent, & de precio five valore inde, unde nobis nondam est respons'. Et habeas ibi tunc nomina executorum & aliorum prædict' & hoc Breve.

The most ancient of this kind that we find and remember (but certainly there were such Writts before) is inter Memorand' de Scaccario, Anno 2 E. 2. the Bishop of Bathe and Wels case. Tr. 36 E. 3. ibid. Int. comia. the Bishop of Cheshers case. Hil. 5 E. 4. ibid. adjudge upon demurrer, that the duty being to the King after the decease of every Bishop, it extendeth to an Archbishop, the Archbishop of Yorks case, for every Archbishop is a Bishop. It is sometimes called mulctura or mulctura de Episcopis, sometime monnier, &c. The King by verdict of twelve recovered ten thousand Marks against the Bishop of Norwich for that he prosecuted against the Abbot of S. Edmonds Bury to appear before him against the Kings Prohibition, for which it was adjudged that his temporalties should be seised, and his body taken,

\* Upon consideration had of the statutes of 3 R. 2. 7 H. 4. 1 H. 5. & Rot. Parl. 6 H. 4. nu. 48. & 4 H. 6. nu. 29. If any Alien or stranger boyn be presented to a Benefice, the Bishop ought not to admit him, but may lawfully refuse him: which we have added, for that the Abjudgements or late Impressions may deceive you.

¶ *The*

See Lit. Sect. 133.  
136. 648.

24 H. 4. cap. 12.

Rot. claus. 30 H. 3.  
m. 4. mandatum  
est Thom. de  
Stanford, &c.  
Ro. Pat. 13 E. 1.  
m. 21. Rex licent.  
dedit Episcop.  
Bangor, &c.

\* It is said that  
this was given by  
the Bishops being  
secular persons  
Ecclesiasticall for  
all the secular  
Clergy.

\* *Mute des Cheins*  
of *mut* cometh  
*muta*, signifying a  
Kennell.  
Int. com. de Hil.  
2 E. 2. in Scaccar.  
Proces verf.  
Episc. de Bath &  
Wels.

Mic. 19 E. 3. coram  
Rege. Rot.  
157. Notff.  
Tr. 21 E. 3. Rot.  
170. coram Rege  
21 E. 3. fo. 60.  
\* 3 R. 2. cap. 3.  
7 H. 4. cap. 12.  
1 H. 5. cap. 7.  
Rot. Parl. 6 H. 4.  
ru. 48.  
4 H. 6. nu. 29.

### ¶ The Court of the Arch-Deacon, or his Commissary.

This Court is to be holden where and in what places the Arch-Deacon either by prescription or composition hath jurisdiction in spirituall causes within his Archdeaconry. And from him the Appeal is to the Diocesan. He is called *Oculus Episcopi*.

24 H. 8. cap. 12.

In some Acts of Parliament and many Records and Histories you shall reade of the Bishops Pall, *Pallium Episcopale*. It is a Hood of white Wooll, to be worn as Doctors Hoods be upon the shoulders, with four Crosses woven in: to it, &c. the form and colours whereof you may see in the Book *De antiquitate Britannicæ Ecclesiæ* pag. 1. for a Pall is the Arms belonging to the See of Canterbury, and therefore expressed there, and commonly in other places,

25 H. 8. c. 20, &amp;c. Vid. Cailaneus 4 part. Catalogi gloriæ mundi fo. 103. a.

*Palla est vestis qua Altare cooperitur, viz. ut lineus pannus consecratus qui super Altare ponitur, super quem extenditur Corporale.*

26 Consideratio, ubi legas si placet, multa de pallio.

The Clergy petitioned in Parliament, that of every Consultation conditionall, the Ordinary may of himself take upon him the true understanding thereof, and therein proceed accordingly.

Vocabular' jaris.

Parl. 51 E. 3. nu. 83.

Whereunto the Kings answer was, That the King cannot depart with his right, but to yeild to his subjects according to law. *Notakoc, & stude bene.*

### ¶ The Court of Delegates and consequently of Appeals.

It is so vulgarly called, because these Delegates do sit by force of the Kings Commission under the Great Seal upon an Appeal to the King in the Court of Chancery in three causes. First, when a sentence is given in any Ecclesiasticall cause by the Archbishop or his Officiall. Secondly, when any sentence is given in any Ecclesiasticall cause in places exempt. Thirdly, when a sentence is given in the Admirall Court in suits civil and marine by the order of the Civill law. And these Commissioners are called Delegates, because they are delegated by the Kings Commission for these purposes.

25 H. 8. ca. 19.

Now because we have generally spoken of Appeals in Ecclesiasticall causes, which are grounded upon Acts of Parliament, it shall be pertinent to our purpose to set down the resolution of the Judges, and of the learned in the Ecclesiasticall law, which doth summe up in what causes, from what Courts, and in what time Appeals are to be made, and other necessary incidents concerning the same, as the Lord Hier under his own hand hath reported, but are left out of the print, & yet worthy to be known and published, which you shall hear in his own words and language.

### ¶ Of Appeals.

First, in cases Testamentary, Patrimony, and Tithes, from the Archdeacon or his Officiall, if the matter be there commenced, to the Bishop of the Diocess, and from the Bishop Diocesan or his Commissary in such case, or if the matter be there commenced, within fifteen dayes after sentence given, to the Archbishop of the Province, and no further.

Appeals. Anno 24 H. 8. ca. 12.

Item, from the Archdeacon or Commissary of the Archbishop, if the matter be there commenced within fifteen dayes, &c. to the Audience or Arches of the said Archbishop: and from thence within other fifteen dayes, &c. to the Archbishop himself, and no further. And if the cause be commenced before the Archbishop, then to be there definitively determined without further Appeal.

See infra, this is altered by the statute of 25 H. 8. in the next pag.

Item, where the matter toucheth the King, the Appeal within fifteen dayes to be

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be made to the higher Convocation house of that Province, and no further, but finally to be there determined.

25 H. 8. cap. 19.

A generall prohibition, that no Appeales shall be pursued out of the Realme to Rome, or elsewhere.

¶ Vide supr. pag. precedent.

Item, a generall Clause that all manner of Appeales, what matter soever they concern, shall be made in such manner, forme and condition within the Realm, as it is above ordered by 24 H. 8. in the three Causes aforesaid; And one further degree in Appeales for all manner of Causes is given, viz. from the Archbishops Court to the King in his Chancery, where a Commission shall be awarded for the determination of the said Appeale, and from thence no further.

Item, that persons exempt shall likewise pursue their Appeale in the Chancery, ut supra, and not to the Archbishop.

Note, in case where a sentence is given by Commissioners delegates by the Prince, as by the late Visitors, Anno 1 Eliz. the party grieved appealing, such appeale is out of the Orders prescribed by the said Statutes, and the Prince in that case may grant a new Commission to others to determine that Appeale. Et ceo fuit fait per l'opinion del plusors des Justices en le case de Goodman deprive del Deanery de Wells.

Nota, Stephen Gardener Evesque de Winton, fuit deprive al Lambeth per Commission del Roy E 6. fait a 10 persons proceeding sur ceo ex officio mero mixto vel promotio omni appellacione remota summarie de plano, absque omni forma & figura judicii, sola facti veritate inspecta.

This case is in print, Dier fo. 209. a.

Et vide Mich. 3 & 4 Eliz. Coueney President del Novel Colledge in Oxon' deprive per le Evesque de Winton, Visitor del dit Colledge, & exempt de tout jurisdiction ordinary, fait appeale al Roy in son Chancery, & Commission illong; grant a A. Browne & Weston Justices, que sur conference ove auters Justices & Civilians, resolve que le appeale ne gist, ne ascenn auter remedie pur le appellant pur ceo que cesti case fuit hors del dit Statute de 24 & 25 H. 8. car cest deprivation est mere temporall, & come p ley prov'. Ex quo sequitur, que une assise gist, &c.

Nota, in appellis per Doctorem Lewes Judic' Admiral' & al' &c. Forasmuch as an Appeale is a naturall defence, it cannot be taken away by any Prince or power. and in every case generally when sentence is given, and appeale made to the superior, the Judge that did give the sentence is bound to obey the appeale, and proceed no further untill the superiour hath examined and determined the cause of appeale. Nevertheless where this clause (appellacione remota) is in the Commission, the Judge that gave sentence is not bound to obey the appeale, but may execute his sentence, and proceed further, untill the appeale be received by the superior, and an Inhibition be sent unto him: for that clause (appellacione remota) hath three notable effects. The first is, that the jurisdiction of the Judge that gave sentence, is not by the appeale suspended or stopped, so he may proceed, the same notwithstanding. The second, that for proceeding to execution or further proces he is not punishable. The third, that those things that are done by the said Judge after such appeale cannot be said void, for they cannot be reversed per viam nullitatis.

\* parliam. at Clarendon 10 H. 2. cap. 8.

Mat. Par. pa. 97.

Rot. claus. in

dors. anno 8 H. 3.

part. 1. m. 29.

Rex Dublin Ar-

chiepisc. &c.

Rot. Parl. 18 E. 1.

Rot. 1. William

de Valentia. &

Rot. 3. nu. 39.

Wil. de Marting-

ham acc.

See Hovenden

fol. 284.

But if the appeale be just and lawfull, the superior Judge ought of right and equity to receive and admit the same, as he ought to do justice to the subjects. And so if the cause of the appeale be just and lawfull, he ought to reverse and revoke all meane Acts done after the said appeale in prejudice of the appellant. Thus far the Report of the Lord Dier truly translated.

\* At the Parliament holden at Clarendon called Assisa de Clarendon Anno 10 H. 2. cap. 8. the formes of appeales in causes Ecclesiasticall, are set down within the Realm, and none to be made out of the Realm. Ne quis appellat ad dominum Papam, \* Rex agere tulit appell' ad Papam in causa Bastardix, ut contra dignitatem Regis de Consilio igitur (the King speaking in the person of the King) magnatum & fidelium nobis assistent' vobis mandamus, firmiter injungentes quatenus non obstante appellacione premissa non differatis pro eo sententiam, &c. So as the first Article of the Statute of 25 H. 8. concerning the prohibi-

prohibition of Appeals to Rome is declaratory of the ancient Law of the Realme.

\* And it is to be observed, that the first attempt of any appeale to the See of Rome out of England was by Anselme Bishop of Canterbury, in the reigne of William Rufus, and yet it took no effect.

See 8 Eliz. cap. 5. an appeale in Civill and Martine causes befoze the Lord Admirall, &c. a sentence befoze Commissioners delegates is finall.

See befoze pag. 125. upon a sentence given by the Constable and Marshall proceeding by the Civill Law in causa Armorum, there lyeth an appeale to the King, but none of the said Statutes extend to this kind of appeale.

See Rot. cl. Anno 30 H. 3. part. 2. m. 11. de Appellatione pro Rege facta in electione Abbatissæ de Shaftesbury.

\* Hayward Doctor of the Civill and Canon Law in the life of William 2. 8 Eliz. cap. 5.

### ¶ The Court of the Commissioners of Review, *Ad Revidendum.*

Albeit the said Acts of 24 H. 8. and 25 H. 8. do upon certaine appeales make the sentence definitive as to any appeale, for the words be [shall be definitive] and that no further appeale should be had; yet the King after such a definitive sentence, as supreme Head, may grant a Commission of revlew, ad revidendum, &c. for 2. causes. 1. For that it is not restrained by the Statute. 2. For that after a definitive sentence the Pope as supreme head by the Canon Law used to grant a Commission ad revidend'. And such authority as the Pope had, claiming as supreme head, doth of right belong to the Crowne, and is annexed thereunto by the Statutes of 26 H. 8. cap. 1. and 1 Eliz. cap. 1. And so it was resolved in the Kings Bench Trin. 39 Eliz. where the case was, that sentence being given in an Ecclesiasticall cause in the Country, the party grieved appealed according to the said Act of 25 H. 8. to the Archbishop, befoze whom the first sentence was affirmed. Whereupon according to the Statute of 25 H. 8. he appealed to the Delegates: befoze whom both the former sentences were repealed and made void by definitive sentence, and thereupon the Queen as supreme head granted a Commission of Review, ad revidend' the sentence of the Delegates. And upon this matter a Prohibition was prayed in the Kings Bench, pretending that the Commission of Review was against Law, for that the sentence befoze the Delegates was definitive by the Statute of 25 H. 8. But upon mature deliberation and debate the Prohibition was denyed, for that the Commission for the causes above-said, was resolved to be lawfully granted. In this case I being then the Queens Attorney was of Counsell to maintain the Queens power. And presidents were cited in this Court in Michelots case, Anno 29 Eliz. and in Goodmans case, and Huers case, in 29 Eliz. also. See the Statute of 8 Eliz. cap. 5. and observe like words in that Statute, ut supra.

24 H. 8. ubi supr.  
25 H. 8. ubi supr.

Trin. 39 Eliz. in the Kings Bench. Hollingworths case. Lib. Intr. Rot. fol. 16. App. peale to Rome. lb. Rome 389.

Upon a sentence given by the High Commissioners, a Commission of Revlew may be granted to and for the party grieved, as by an expresse clause within that Commission appeareth. And if no such clause had been therein, yet a Commission of Revlew might have been granted. Quia sicut fontes communicant aquas fluminibus cumulativè, non privativè; sic Rex subditis suis jurisdictionem communicat in causis Ecclesiasticis vigore Statuti in hujusmodi casu editi & privi cumulativè, non privativè, by construction upon that Act.

*The High Commission.*

### Le Court des Conservators des priviledges de St. Johns de Jerusalem, &c.

There were two Courts holden coram Conservatoribus privilegiorum, the one Hospitaliorum, and another Templariorum. Of whose jurisdiction, and of their restraint to grant any general Statutions priusquam exprimat super qua re fieri

W. 2. cap. 43.

fieri debeat citatio, & si viderint huiusmodi conservatores quod peratur citatio de aliqua re cujus cognitio spectat ad forum regium, huiusmodi conservatores nec citationes faciant nec cognoscant, as by the statute of W. 2. appeareth.

See the Second part of the Institutes, the Exposition upon that statute.

The Templers were dissolved in 4 E. 2. and the Hospitlers in 32 H. 8. so as these Courts are determined.

Now for a conclusion concerning England, I have reserved to say somewhat for the honour, and supreme State of both the Relatives of our Sovereign Lord the King, and of this his Kingdom, which I conceive to be necessary to that which in this part of the Institutes we have taken in hand, for that it graceth and strengtheneth all the rest.

24 H. 8. cap. 12.

By the whole Parliament of 24 H. 8. wherein, besides the Archbishops and Bishops of the Realm, there were 29 Abbots and Priors Lords of Parliament: It was resolved, and so declared by an Act, That by divers and sundry old antique Histories, and Chronicles, it is manifestly declared and expressed, that this Realme of England is an Empire, and so hath been accepted in the world, &c.

But against the truth hereof, opposition hath been made. First, that this is the only Parliament that hath affirmed it. Secondly, that this Declaration is unjust and untrue, and that History or Chronicle doth not affirm the same.

Vid. stat. de 28. cap. 2. in Hibernia.

As to the first I answer: that one Act of Parliament is inlar omnium, being a proof of the unanswerable and highest nature, but this is not the only; for so much in effect (as to this point) is affirmed by all the Lords Spirituall & Temporall, and the Commons by Authority of Parliament long before the reign of H. 8. that the Crown of England hath been so free at all times, that it hath been in no earthly subjection, but immediately subject to God in all things touching the regality of the same Crown, and to no other.

Stat. de 16 R. 2. cap. 5. An. domini 1392.

Rot. Claus. 13 E. 2. m. 6.

Publique Postartes made by the Emperour claimed de jure to exercise their offices here in England, but because it was against the dignity of a supreme King, they were prohibited by the Kings writ.

Bracon who wrote in the reign of H. 3. Lib. 1. ca. 8. nu. 5. Anno dom. 1270. Int. Leges Edwardi cap. 17. An. dom. 1050.

And long before, these by the ancient law of the Crown of England, were due to the King. Omnis quidem sub rege, & ipse sub nullo, sed tantum sub deo. (Et ibidem paulo post eodem numero) Ipse autem rex non debet esse sub homine, sed sub deo, &c.

And therewith agreeth the Law before the Conquest. Rex autem, quia Vicarius summi regis est, ad hoc est constitutus, ut regnum terrenum, & populum domini, & super omnia sanctam veneretur Ecclesiam ejus & regat, & ab injuriis defendat, & maleficos ab ea evellat, & destruat & penitus disperdat.

Anno dom. 169.

And long before that Anno 169. à passione Christi dominus Eleutherius Papa Lucio regi Brytanniæ scripsit, ad petitionem regis & procerum regni Brytanniæ. Petistis à nobis leges Romanas & Cæsaris vobis transmitti, quibus in regno Brytanniæ uti voluistis: Leges Romanas & Cæsaris semper reprobare possumus, legem dei nequaquam. Suscepistis enim nuper miseratione divina in regno Brytanniæ legem & fidem Christi, habetis penes vos in regno utranque paginam, ex illis dei gratia per consilium regni vestri sume legem, & per illam dei patientia vestrum reges Brytanniæ regnum, Vicarius vero dei estis in regno, &c. and higher I cannot goe.

22 E. 4. nu. 19.

And by the way it is to be observed in the severall grants by Abbots and Priors made to King E. 4. they severally stile him by these very words, Supremus Dominus noster E. 4. Rex.

25 H. 8. ca. 21.

And by three other Acts of Parliament, viz. by the statute of 25 H. 8. cap. 21. wherein by Authority of Parliament it is enacted and declared (directing their Declaration to the King) That this your Graces Realm recognizing no Superior under God but only your Grace, hath been and is free from subjection to any mans laws, but only to such as have been devised, made and ordained within this Realm for the wealth of the same, or to such other, as by sufferance of your Grace and your progenitors, the people of this your Realm have taken at their free

free liberty by their own consent to be used amongst them, & have bound themselves by long use and custome to the observance of the same, not as to the observance of the laws of any forain Prince, Potentate, or Prelate, but as to the custome and ancient laws of this Realm originally established as laws of the same, by the said sufferance, consents and custome, and none otherwise.

And by the statutes of 25 H.8. cap. 21. 1 El. cap. 1. and 1 Jac. cap. 1. the Crown of this Kingdome is affirmed to be an Imperiall Crown.

As to the second: I might answer \* that Le Court de Parliament est de tres-grand honor & Justice, de que nul home doit imaginer chose dishonorable. And with the Doctoz and Student upon the Statute of 45 E. 3. cap. That it cannot be thought that a statute that is made by the Authority of the whole Realm (as well of the King, and of the Lords Spirituall and Temporall, as of all the Commons, will recite a thing against the truth.

But to be short, King Edgar stiled and subscribed himself in his Charter, Basileus, Imperator & dominus, which you may read in the Preface to the Fourth part of my Reports; Vide Rot. Pat. 1 E. 4. parte 6. m. 23.

Edward commonly called St. Edward son of King Edgar in a Charter which he made to the Abby of Ramsay (which I have) stiled himself, Ego Edwardus totius Albionis Dei moderante gubernatore basileus.

Another Charter of King Edwine to the Abby of Crowland intituled, Carta regis Edwini filii regis Edmundi fratris regis Edgari deterris in Jecklea. Wherein he is stiled Edwinus Anglorum rex & totius Brytannicæ telluris gubernator & rector, and many others.

To conclude this point with a late and learned writer, whom I will cite for that he agreeth with the former Authorities, he saith, that the regall estate and dignity of a King is of two manners. The one is Imperiall or Supream, such a one is our Sovereign Lady Elizabeth by the grace of God Queen of England, France and Ireland, which Sovereign Queen holdeth her Empire and Kingdomes with her people and subjects immediately of the Lord of Heaven and Earth, without any other mean seigniorie or attendancie of corporall or bodily service or allegiance to any other worldly Prince or Potentate, maugre the head of either her forain enemies or intestine and homebozn traitterous vassals, and also from her sentence (she and we all her faithfull and loyall subjects acknowledging to her estate no Superiour) lyeth no Appeal.

There is also a King, and he a Homager or Feudofary to the Estate and Majesty of another King as to his superiour Lord, &c. As that of Navar and Portugall to the King of Castell: the Kingdomes of Granada and Leons to Aragon: the Kingdomes of Lombardy, Sicill, Naples and Bohemia to the sacred Empire: the old Kingdome of Burgundy, and now the late created title of the King of Arles, to the King of the French men; and so forth of the rest.

The King which is Supream and Imperiall is equivalent within his Land to the power and authority that Cesar can challenge within his own Dominions, and such a King challengeth of right to set upon his head a \* Crown Imperiall with a Diademe elevated on high, to signifie the perfection and greatnesse of their estate; but to the other Kings homagers a Crown not elevated is due. And that we may (as duty is) both with reverence and dutifull fear discern and judge the office and function of our Sovereign to be most holy and sacred; let us see with what honozs a soveraign King (such a one as is her Majesty) is illustrated and made redoubted to his subjects, first, what great Majesty, honoz, power, and glory is intended by setting a Crown upon her head, for in the reverend and majesticall action of Coronation, she is first anointed, then blessed, after that consecrated; to signifie unto her and unto us that she is of God, that her power is from Christ, and that she is to rule over Christian people: the Crown set on her head is called triumphant, and it is of gold to signifie her excellent Majesty; it is called triumphant by reason that the like Crown in fashion and form was given the Emperours and Captains of the Romans in their triumphs over Kings and Nations. This Crown triumphant is most due to her excellent Majesty even

25 H.8. cap. 21.  
1 El. cap. 1.  
1 Jac. cap. 1.  
Pl. Com. 398 b.  
Doct. & Stud. fo.  
164. cap. 55.

The like Charter to the house of Dunnington by King Edgar.

J. F. of the Inner Temple, in his book intituled, The glory of genealogy. p. 140, 141.

Nota.

\* A Crown Imperiall.

With what Majesty crowned.

A Crown triumphant.

by the strict course of laws of Arms, since that her Ancestors have triumphed over many Kings and mighty people, as H. 1. over five Kings of Ireland, E. 1. triumphed over the Scottish and Welsh Nations. E. 3. and H. 5. both of them over France. In the triumphant Crown of our soveraign Lady there be placed (not only for the ornament of her regall Diademe, but also to signify the Princely vertues of a King) twelve Gems or Stones of precious esteem.

And for this Kingdome of England, the other part of the Relatve, hear what an ancient Poet hath said.

*Bartholomæus.*

Anglia gens fortis, & fertilis angulus orbis:  
Insula prædives quæ toto vix eget orbe,  
Et cujus totus indiget orbis ope.  
Anglia plena jocis, gens libera & apta jocari,  
Libera gens, cui libera mens, & libera lingua;  
Sed lingua melior liberiorque manus.

*The Answer to certain objections against the Kings Stile of  
Defender of the Faith.*

This Bull you may see in Speeds Chronicle, p. 759. nu. 41. Anno dñi 1521. 13 H. 8. See Laert. Cherub. Bullar. rom. 1. pag. 619.

And where some doe object that the King our soveraign Lord ought not de jure to enjoy the title and stile of Defender of the Faith, Defensor fidei: for (say they) Pope Leo decimus, Anno Pontificatus sui, by his Bull granted the same to King H. 8. & posteris suis. Well, veritas à quocunque dicitur, a deo est. But they say that by the Bull of Pope Paul the third, against King H. 8. upon his suppression of the lesser houses of Religion in Anno 27 H. 8. he did not only depose him of this title, but of his Crown also, and gave his Kingdome to him that could get it: which, say we, was done de facto, sed non de jure; and we confesse also that by colour of that Bull, Pope July the third in his Bull to King Philip & Queen Mary his direction was Charissimis in Christo filiis nostris Philippo regi & Mariæ reginæ illustribus, wherein he omitted the title of Defensor of the faith: but besides the Popes Bull, which (as it seemeth) is countermandable at his pleasure, the King hath a surer right thereunto to this stile, for by the full consent of all the Lords Spirituall and Temporall and the Commons assembled in Parliament, and by Authority of the same, in Anno 35 H. 8. it is enacted, that all his Majesties subjeas should from thenceforth accept and take his Majesties stile as it is declared and set forth in manner and form following, that is to say, in the Latin tongue by these words; Henricus octavus dei gratia Angliæ, Franciæ, & Hiberniæ Rex, fidei defensor & in terra Ecclesiæ Anglicanæ & Hiberniæ supremum caput, and in the English tongue by these words; Henry the eight by the grace of God King of England, France and Ireland, Defender of the faith, and of the Church of England, and also of Ireland, in Earth supream head: and that the said stile should be from thenceforth by authority aforesaid united and annexed for ever to the Imperiall Crown of his Highnesse Realm of England. Hereunto it is objected, that this Act of Parliament is repealed by the Act of 1 Mar. but that is mistaken, for as the treasons made and enacted by subsequent clauses of the said Act of 35 H. 1. are repealed by the Act of 1 Mar. but the stile and title of the Crown without question remaineth of force unrepealed; and accordingly Queen Mary in all her severall Sessions of Parliament before her marriage and after her marriage, she and King Philip used the stile and title of Defender of the faith in all their Parliaments, Letters Patents, &c. according to the said Act of 35 H. 8. and by the way she used the title also of Supremum Caput in the second Session of her Parliament in the first year of her reign. And by the resolution of the Judges in anno 1 Mar. it appeareth that the Statutes of 26 H. 8. cap. 1. & 35 H. 8. cap. 3. concerning the stile of the King remains in force, for thereupon did the question depend: so as albeit Pope July in his Bull vouchsafed not to give King Ph. & Q. Mary their stile of Defender of the faith, yet both she before, and both of them after their marriage, according to their right took it upon them notwithstanding the thundering Bull of Pope Paul the third. Lastly, all the Kings and

Queens

35 H. cap. 3.

1 Mar. Dier 94.



Queens regnant of England have at their Coronation time out of minde been sworn to defend the faith, and therefore were of common right Defenders of the Faith: by reason of which Oath they may take upon them the Title, and are more firmly bound to perform and do it, then by the Popes Bull.

Having spoken of England, and of the petty Islands and Dominions of the same, and intending to speak of that noble Island and Kingdome of Ireland, I could not pass over that ancient and renowned Kingdome of Scotland wholly in silence, but as it were to salute it by the way, and yet to adde somewhat, which none that have written of that Kingdome have (to my remembrance) touched.

CAP. LXXV.

Of Scotland.

Concerning this Kingdome there are many things worthy of observation.

1. That these two mighty, famous, and ancient kingdoms, viz. England and Scotland (I use the words of the Act of Parliament) were anciently but one.

1 Jac. Regis ca. 1.

2. That one Religion and service of God is holden and celebrated by both.

3. That as there is one language in both, so there was one kind of government and one law in ancient time that ruled both with many unanimous agreements between them, which evidently appeareth by many proofs. First, that the Laws of Scotland are divided as the Laws of England be into the Common laws, Acts of Parliament, and Customes. Their Common laws are principally contained in two Books. The first called Regiam Majestatem, because it beginneth (as Justinians Institutes do) with these words [Regiam Majestatem.]

Vide 4 Jac. ca. 10 & 7 Jac. cap. 1.

11 Jac. Regis c. 1 & 2. in Ireland.

The second Book is called Quoniam Attachiamenta, because it beginneth with those two words.

The first Book doth in substance agree with our \* Glanvil, and most commonly de verbo in verbum, and many times our Glanvil is cited therein by special name.

\* First printed by the perswasion & procurement of Sir Will. Stanford a grave and learned

ned Judge of the Common Pleas Anno Dom. 1554. 1 & 2 Ph. & Mar. Of whom hear what *Hovenden* saith *An. Dom.* 1180. (& regni H. 2. 26.) *Henricus Rex Angliæ pater constituit Ranulphum de Glanvilla summum Iustitiarium totius Angliæ, cujus sapientia conditæ sunt leges subscriptæ quas Anglicanas vocamus.* This *Hovenden* lived in the reign of H. 2. and died in the time of King *John*. See Pl. Com. 368. b. per *Cathyn* in Epist. to the eighth Book of Reports.

Secondly, the Crown of Scotland is descendible to the Daughter or Heir Female where there is no issue Male. If there be many Daughters or heirs Female, it descends to the eldest. Likewise they have the like descents of lands to Subjects as England have as none can inherit in the right Line ascendant. The eldest Daughter hath *incuriam parrem*. All the Daughters of Subjects do inherit.

Thirdly, they have the High Court of Parliament, as we in England have, and called by the same name, consisting of the same Members, viz. Lords Spirituall, Lords Temporall, and the Commons. It is summoned and called at the Kings pleasure for a certain time. When they meet, the King or his Chancelor, with the causes of calling them together. But there of later times the Lords Spirituall do choose eight Temporall Lords, and the Lords Temporall choose eight Spirituall Lords. These sixteen make choice of eight chosen for the Counties, and eight of Cities and Burghes, in all, thirty two. But whatsoever is agreed upon by them, the King doth allow or disallow by moving of his Scepter, &c.

Parliament.

Fourthly, they have the same degrees of Nobility, as Dukes, Marqueses, Earls, Viscounts, Barons, &c.

Fifthly, they have the same great Officers, as Chancelour, that keepeth the Great Seal, Lord Treasurer, Lord Privy Seal, Secretary, &c.

Sixthly.

Sixthly, and the same Officers of Justice, as Sheriffs, Coroners, &c.

Seventhly, the same laws for the most part *quarto modo* appropriated to England, viz. Tenant by the curtesie, because they had the same law that England had.

Eighthly, the like Writts, Brevia, as de Recto, Assise of Novel Dissin', Mor-danc', De gard, De Ideot' inquirend', De divisis fac', Replegiar', Attachm', &c.

Ninthly, they agree with Magna Carta concerning Wardships, &c.

Tenthly, with Carra de foresta cap. 11. for it is lawfull of Bishops, Carls, and Barons coming or returning through the Kings Forests at the Kings command to kill one or two Beasts in the sight of the Forester, or otherwite in his absence to blow his Horn, that he appear not to take it thlevisly,

11. The Lord of whom the land is holden by Knights service per antiquius feoffamentum shall have the wardship of the body.

12. The Sheriffes should cause the Acts of Parliament to be proclaimed, &c. All which, and many more are the ancient laws of both Kingdoms, as it appeareth in the said Books of Regiam majestatem, & quoniam attachiamenta, &c.

13. The Sheriffes there have an inheritance in their Office, as sometime in England they had, and yet in Cumberland they have.

14. The same Vocables of art are used in the laws of both Kingdomes, as Ordellum, i. the Court of Water and Iron, Filius mulieratus, Marchetum, Serplaith, or Sorpler, Iudicamenta, &c. Machameum or Mahemium, Murdrum or Murcharum, Chancemeley, Mote, Misericordia, Messuagium, Flightwight, Medlerum, Remanere, Manerium, Recognitio per Assisam, Pipoudres, Pannagium, Ora, Nonclayme, Soc or Sok, Serjanteria, grand Serjanty, pety Serjeanty, Sectar or a Suffer, Sheriffs, of inheritance there, the Sheriffs Court or County Court, Toll, Tumbrellum or Tumbrellum, Thainus, Sotcage, Burgage, Servicium militare, Relief or Relieve, Them & Teme, Theffbote, In libera Eleemosyna, Terræ Dominicales, Liberum tenementum, Vidiare duellum, Warrenna, or Varena, Valvasores or Vavafores, Waff, Stray, Castleward, Veredictum, Viridarii, Infangthief, Outfangthief, Outlawry, Outlawed, Justice in Circ, Weck of the Sea, Voucher, Vicenetum, Hamsockne, Hida terræ, Bovata terræ, Heriot or Heregeld, Hutefium or Huesium, Regrateurs, Forrestallers, a Gultide, falsifying of dooms or recovery, Quarentena, Felonia, Feodum, Homage, Fealty, Estroverium, essonium, enicia pars, Disparagement, Disselsons, Disclaimer, Scaccarium, Collistrigium, Champertie, Maeremium, Averia, Caralla, Wote, Bloodwite, Grand Assise, Assise of novel dissin', Barettoys, Affidavit, Adjournment, Responsals, Attozntes, and many others.

There was an Heptarchy in Scotland, but now a Monarchy. There are there two Archbishops, the one of S. Andrew, the other of Glasco: S. Andrew hath eight Bishops under him, and Glasco three.

There are there thirty Counties or Sherifdoms.

The ancient Motto of the King of England is, God and my right (*intelligitur*) shall me defend. Of the King of Scotland, In my defence God me defend.

There are also two famous Universities, one in S. Andrews, the other in Glasco.

The length of Scotland from Tweede to the uttermost Coast is 480 Miles: it is longer then England, but narrower, and endeth like a Wedge.

Of ancient time all the Bishops of Scotland were sacred, and confirmed by the Archbishop of York.

But by reason of their Acts of Parliament, which in many points have altered, diminished, and abrogated many of the old, and made new laws and other proceedings: the distinct Kingdoms as they now stand have many different Lawes.

Item, It is ordained by the King by consent and deliverance of the three Estates, that all and singular the Kings Lieges of the Realme live and be governed under the Kings laws and statutes of the Realm allanerly: and under na particular laws, nor speciall priviledge, nor be na laws of uther Countries nor Realms.

Item,

*Item*, It is statute and ordained, That all our Sovereigne Lordis Lieges beand under his obeifance, and in speciall the Isles be ruled by our Sovereigne Lordis awn laws and the Common laws of the Realm, and be nane uther laws.

Parl Jacobi 4.  
cap. 79. 11 Martii  
Anno Dom. 1503

King James at his Parliament holden Anno 1. of his reigne, endeavoured to have made an union of both Kingdomes, and to have erected a new Kingdome of Great Brittain. And thereupon authoritp was given to certaine Commissioners of the higher and lower House of Parliament, to treat with certain Commissioners of Scotland for and concerning an union of both Kingdomes. Amongst these Commissioners there grew a queston, whether there could be made an union of the Kingdomes by raising a new Kingdome of Great Brittain, before there was an union of the Lawes. Which queston by the Kings commandment was referred to all the Judges of England in Trinity Terme. Anno 2 Jac. who unanimously resolved (I being then Attorney generall, and present) That Anglia had lawes, and Scotia had lawes, but this new erected Kingdome of Britannia should have no law. And therefore where all the judicall proceedings in England are secundum legem & consuetudinem Angliæ, it could not be altered secundum legem & consuetudinem Britannia, untill there was an union of the lawes of both Kingdomes, which could not be done but by \* authoritp of Parliament in either Kingdome.

1 Jac. cap. 2.

Anno 3 Ja. ca. 3. An Act made for things to be done by force of the said Act of 1 Ja. cap. 2. in any other Session of Parliament.

Anno 4 Ja. cap. 1. A repeale of hostile lawes and of hostilitp between England and Scotland, &c. And it is enacted, that no Englishman shall be sent out of England into Scotland for any offence done in Scotland, untill such time as both Realmes shall be made one in lawes and government. So as the resolution of the Judges was approved by Parliament. See a Proclamation 20. Octob. 2 Ja. concerning the Kings Title of King of Great Brittain, wherein all judicall and legall proceedings, &c. are excepted.

Vid. supra p. 36.  
\* Ex instrumento  
Lib Hosp. Sancti  
Leonardi in  
Com. Eborum,  
Egbert Rex in  
Parlamento a-  
pud Wintoniam  
mutavit nomen  
Regni de consen-  
su populi sui, &  
jussit illud de ex-  
tero vocari An-  
gliam. Iste Rex  
Egbertus obiit  
Anno Dom. 673.  
See a Proclama-  
tion 15. Septemb.  
1603. 2 Id.

I never read of any union of divided Kingdomes, and therefore I conceibe it to be without president. And in this union many things would fall into consideration, and those of great weight, other then the union of lawes, though that be a maine one: As for example, the severall Crownes are descendible to severall heyres of \* blood. And queston may be made who should be heyre of this new Kingdome.

\* H. 7.

But the learned Poet hath found out an union without danger, directing his verses to King James.

Cum triplici fulvum conjunge Leone Leonem,  
Ut varias Atavus junxerat antè Rosas,  
Majus opus, varios sine cæde unire Leones,  
Sanguine quàm varias consociasse Rosas.

Whosoever is desirous to know such Miscellanea as we have observed concerning Scotland, let him reade these Records and Authorities following.

The Records of Parliament from the beginning thereof, for the receivers and tryers of Petitions in the Lords house, Rot. liberat. anno 3 Ed. 1. m. 2. per Johannem Lovetot, Rot. paten' anno 20 Ed. 1. Gilberto Comiti Glovornia & Hereford. Scotia. Rot. Parliament. 21 Ed. 1. inter placita Rot. 1. & 2. Hovenden 1194. pag. 7. carta Regis R. 1. Mat. V Vestm. anno Dom. 1260. pag. 302. H. 3. Rot. Scotia 21 E. 1. Carta F. 1. & Iſæ Alexandri Regis Scotia. Rot. Vasconia 25 E. 1. m. 2. 3. in dorf. Trin. 25. E. 1. coram Rege Rot. 6. Norff. Rafe de Tonyes case. Anno 29 E. 1. Iſæ quas Rex per se & quas Comites & Barones Angliæ per se miserunt Domino Papæ anno 29 E. 1. autoritate Parliamenti, quæ irroculatæ sunt etiam in Scaccario. Vid. V Valsingham 48. & 49.

Rot. Parl. apud  
Linc. 29 E. 1.  
Anno Dom. 1300  
Literæ omnium  
Nobilium An-  
glia, &c. Papæ.

Rot. pat. 24 E. 1. Episcopis Scotia. Mich. 33 E. 1. coram Rege Rot. 127. Sco-  
tia

tia, Rot. Parl. 35 E. 1. in brevi de Parlamento, & auter 1 E. 2. 1 E. 3. fo. 17. Grayes case. 6 E. 3. 18. The Abbot of Crowlands case. 9 E. 3. 6. John Darcy's case. Rot. pat. 10 E. 3. 2. ps. Comes Arundel. Rot. Parl. 14 E. 3. nu. 15. stat. 4. Rot. claus. 22 E. 3. & 23 E. 3. breve de Parlamento magnifico Principi, &c. 22 Aff. p. 85. 39 E. 3. fo. 35. Rot. Parliament. 42 E. 3. nu. 7. 42 E. 3. fo. 25. 8 R. 2. tit. Cont. clayme. pl. ultimo. 13 H. 4. fo. 5. Rot. pat. 2 H. 5. part. 3. m. 1. 8 H. 5. fo. 5. 32 H. 6. 25. 20 E. 4. 6. b. Litt. sect. 100. & 165. 1 part of the Institutes, Stat. de 2 & 3 E. 6. cap. 36. Fortescue cap. 13. Pl. com. 126. Dier manuscript 3 Eliz. 2. 2. b. & 13 Eliz. fo. 68. m. 5. Dier 12 Eliz. fo. 287. in print. Lib. 7. fo. 22, 23, &c. Calvyn's case. Lib. 9. fo. 114. Seignior Zancher's case. See before in the Chapter of the High Court of Parliament.

Historiz.

Polidor. Virgil. Hollingh. 1 part. fol. 116, 117. 2 part. 286. Stowe 303. Matth. Westminster. 428, 425, 443, 444, 445. VValsingham 17, 28, 32, 129, &c.

Thus have you all which we have observed in our reading concerning this matter, and which the benevolent Reader may peruse at his pleasure; to whose censure we wholly refer the same. Multi multa, nemo omnia novit.

You have observed, that those of Scotland do agree with us in language, and as hath been said, differ in lawes. On the other side, the Subjects of Ireland differ from us in Language, and agree with us in Lawes, and therefore of them we shall speak somewhat the more at large.

Bede in History of England lib. 1. cap. 1.  
\* Redshanks.

Amongst variety of Authors from whence this noble Nation of the Scots originally came, we follow Venerable Bede in his History of England, lib. 1. cap. 1. and also from whence the \* Picts originally came. And there you shall read, that the Picts arriving in Britania planted themselves in the north parts thereof, for the Britains had taken up the South part before. And whereas the Picts having no wives did require the Scots to marry their daughters, the Scots agreed to grant them their boone, under condition, that as often as the matter was in doubt, they should choose their King rather of the next of the house of the woman than of the man.

Cap. 13.

And that Palladius in the eighth yeare of Honorius the Emperour, Anno Domini 411. was sent by Celestinus Bishop of Rome to the Scots that had received the faith of Christ, to be their first Bishop.

\* Et lib. 2. cap. 4.

\* That the Scots do nothing differre from the Britains in their conversation.

Beda in his History of England, lib. 1. cap. 11.  
Vid. sup. p. 157.

Both these famous Kingdomes have found by wooll experience, that unwise and uncertaine making of leagues, greatly indamageth the Commonwealt, and the fatall danger of such leagues to the Princes themselves.

## CAP. LXXVI.

## Of the Kingdome of Ireland.

**VV**E shall not need to undertake another work to write of the Courts of Justice there, for that they have the same which we have in England, and the same Law, saving where some that have written of them have in some maine points mistaken the matter; we will convince the same by direct matter of Record, and we intend to adde some things which are necessary to be known, which no man that hath written of that Country hath vouched, or if they have remembred the same, it is with so light a touch, as much is omitted out of the Record, or case resolved it selfe, worthy to be known, which we intend to supply for the honour of the King, and benefit of his subjects there. And the rather, for that I have been informed by many of them that have had iudiciall places there, and partly of mine owne knowledge, that there is no Nation in the Christian world that are greater lovers of Justice (whereof we shall principally treat) then they are, which vertue must of necessity be accompanied with many others; and besides they are descended of the ancient Brittaines, and therefore the more endeared unto us.

First, concerning the Parliaments of Ireland, being the highest Court there, where some have supposed that the same beganne in 17 E. 3. we shall make it appear by matter of Record, that when not only King Iohn, as all men agree, but H. 2. also, the father of King Iohn, as \* before it hath appeared, and in the next page shall be touched, did ordaine and command at the instance of the Irish, that such lawes as he had in England should be of force and obserbed in Ireland: hereby Ireland being of it selfe a distinct Domintion, and no part of the Kingdome of England (as it directly appeareth by many Authorities in Calvins case) was to have Parliaments holden there as England; and thereupon in the reigne of King Iohn himselfe a Parliament was holden there, as by this Record ensuing appeareth.

*Rex Comitibus, Baronibus, Militibus, & liberis hominibus, & omnibus aliis de terra Hibernia, Salutem. Quia manifeste esse dignoscitur contra Coronam, & dignitatem nostram, & consuetudines, & leges regni nostri Angliae, quas bone memorie Dominus Johannes Rex, pater noster, de a communi b omnium de Hibernia consensu teneri statuit in terra illa, quod placita non teneantur in Curia Christianitatis de Advocationibus Ecclesiarum & Capellarum, vel de laico feodo, vel de catallis que non sunt de testamento vel matrimonio. Vobis mandamus, prohibentes quatenus huiusmodi placita in Curia Christianitatis nullatenus sequi presumatis in manifestum dignitatis & Coronae nostrae prejudicium, scituri pro certo, quod si feceritis, dedimus in mandato Justiciario nostro Hiberniae, Statuta Curiae nostrae in Anglia contra transgressiones huius mandati nostri cum iustitia procedat, & quod nostrum est exequatur. In cuius, &c. Teste Rege apud Winchcomb 28. die Octobris, Anno Regni nostri decimo octavo. Et mandatum est Justiciario Hiberniae per literas clausas, quod praedictae literas patentes publice legi & teneri faciat.* But as true it is that the father of King Iohn, viz. H. 2. when he had conquered Ireland, sent that Treatise, intituled, Modus tenendi Parliamentum, in a faire Parchment Roll, for their better holding of Parliaments there, which you may reade more at large before Cap. The High Court of Parliament, p. 12,

1 Jacobi cap 1, &  
11 Jac. & c. cap. 1.  
& 6. in Ireland.  
Vid. the 1. part of  
the Institutes,  
Sect. 212.

Parliaments in  
Ireland of ancient  
time.

\* Pag. 12.

Rot Ann. 18 H. 3  
m. 17. nu. 21.  
See the first part  
of the Institutes  
Sect. 212.

a Nota, Rex de  
communi omnium  
consensu (ac communi  
consilio teneri statute) is by  
Act of Parliamen-  
ment.

b Nota [omnium]  
that all received  
the Lawes, &c.  
Many things in  
these Letters Pa-  
tentes are worthy  
of observation.

Rex Henricus 3. Anno regni sui 12. mandavit Justiciario suo Hibernie, ut convocatis Archiepiscopis, Episcopis, Baronibus & Militibus ibidem coram eis legi faciat Cartam Regis Johannis, quam legi fecit, & jurari à Magnatibus Hibernie de legibus & consuetudinibus Angliæ observandis, & quod leges illas teneant & observent.

Rot. pat. 30. H. 3.

\* Nota.

Quia pro communi utilitate terra Hibernie, & pro unitate terrarum, provisum est, quod omnes leges & consuetudines quæ in regno Angliæ tenentur in Hibernia teneantur, & eadem terra eisdem legibus subjaceat, ac per easdem regatur, sicut Johannes Rex cum illic esset \* statuit, & firmiter mandavit. Ideo volumus quod omnia Brevia de Communi Jure quæ currunt in Angliæ similiter currant in Hibernia sub novo Sigillo Regis. Teste, &c. Apud Woodstock.

Coram Rege  
Mich. 33 E. 1.  
Rot. 124. Hi-  
bernia.

Major Dublin, qui querebatur vers. Theſaurariū Scaccarii Dublin, & vers. Barones Scaccarii de gravaminibus per ipsos illatis, remittitur Parlamento, & inde huc: cui per Curiam dictum est, quod gravamina sua proponat, qui dicit quod non adhuc est consultus, super quo dies datus est. Ad quem diem nullas proposuit querelas, Ideo committitur Turri London, & finem fecit Domino Regi.

Sometimes the King of England called his Pobles of Ireland to come to his Parliament of England, &c. And by speciall words the Parliament of England may binde the subjects of Ireland, as taking one example for many.

Rot. Parl. 8 E. 2.  
m 31.

10. Octobris Rex affectans pacificum statum terra Hibernie, mandavit Ricardo de Burgo Com' Ulton' & aliis Nobilibus terra predictæ, quod sint ad Parliamentum suum quod summoneri fecit apud Westm' in Octabis Sancti Hilarii prox' ad tractand' ibid' cum Proceribus, &c. regni sui super statu terra predictæ.

An excellent president to be followed, whensoever any Act of Parliament shall be made in England, concerning the State of Ireland, &c.

Rot. Parl. 35 E. 3  
irrot. sic.

Anno 35 E. 3. De Consilio summonit' pro ter' habentibus in Hibernia,

Maria Comitissa Norff.  
Aelianora Comitissa Ormond.  
Jana la Despenser,  
Philippa Com. de la Marche,  
Johanna Fitzwater,  
Agnes Comitissa Penbroke,  
Margareta de Roos,  
Matildis Comitissa Oxonia,  
Catherina Comitissa Athol.

} ad mittendum fide dignos ad colloquium.

a Rot. Parl. anno  
10 E. 2.

Ror. clauf. 10 E. 2.  
m. 38. & Rot.

clauf. 12 E. 2. m. 3.

Annales Hiber-  
niæ Anno Dom.

1309. 2 E. 2. Par-  
liam. tent. apud

Kilkennie per  
Com. Ulron. &

Johannem Wa-  
gan. Justic. Hiber-  
niæ & Magna-  
tes, &c.

b Rot. Parl. 17 E. 2

1. part. pat. anno  
predict. m. 3.

c Int. Ordinatio-  
nes pro statu Hi-  
berniæ anno

17 E. 3. in Turri,  
&c.

De Parliamentis singulis annis in Hibernia tenendis, & de legibus & consuetudinibus ibidem emendandis.

Hereby it appeareth that there were Parliaments holden in Ireland befoze this time, and order taken at this Parliament that they should be holden every yeare, and the like Acts were made in England in 4 E. 3. & 36 E. 3. for Parliaments to be holden in England.

b In Octabis Sancti Martini apud Nottingham Rex de consensu communis Consilii sui fecit certas ordinationes pro reformatione status sui Hibernie, & ministrorum Regis ibidem.

c Volumus & precipimus quod nostra & terra nostra negotia, presertim majora & ardua, per peritos Consiliarios, ac Prelatos, & magnates, & quosdam de discretioribus hominibus in Parliamentis tractentur, discutiantur & terminentur.

This

This Ordinance doth regulate the Parliaments in Ireland according to the institution and end of the Parliaments in England, as in the Writ of Parliament, which is to confer and treat De arduis & urgentibus negotiis nos (i. Regem) & statum & detentionem regni & Ecclesie Anglicane concernentibus; the effect whereof is contained in the Ordinance of 17 E. 3. but that Ordinance doth not erect any Parliament there, as some have (without any colour) supposed.

See 20 H. 6. fol. 8. which began Mic. 18 H. 6. Ror. 46. coram Rege, & 2 R. 3. fo. 12. See before in the Chapter of the High Court of Parliament.

And seeing good and profitable Acts of Parliament made in the Realme of England since the reign of King John extended not into Ireland, unlesse it were specially named or by generall words included, \* as within any of the Kings Dominions; a right profitable Act was made at a Parliament holden in Ireland in Anno 10 H. 7. before Sir Edward Poynings then Deputy of Prorex in Ireland, and thereupon called Poynings law.

Vid. Lib. Album in Scaccario. Diverse Acts here made concerning Ireland, and transmitted thither to be enrolled in the Chancery there. \* 25 H. 8. cap. 12. F. N. B. 178. a. 12 R. 3. 12. Anno 10 H. 7. Poynings law. \* Nota.

Whereby it is enacted, That \* all statutes late made within the Realm of England concerning or belonging to the common or Publick weale of the same, from henceforth be deemed good and effectuell in the Law, and over that be accepted, used, and executed within this land of Ireland, in all points at all times requisite according to the tenor and effect of the same. And over that by the authority aforesaid, that they and every of them be authorisid, proved, and confirmed, in this same Realm of Ireland. And if any statute or statutes have been made within the said Land heretofore to the contrary, that they and every of them by the authority aforesaid be adnulled, revoked, and made void, and of none effect in the law.

And Hil. 10 Jacobi Regis, it was resolved by the two Chief Justices and Chief Baron, that this word *late* in the beginning of this Act had the sense of [before] so that this Act extended to Magna Carta, and to all Acts of Parliament made in England before this Act of 10 H. 7. But it is to be obserbed that such Acts of Parliament as have been made in England since 10 H. 7. wherein Ireland is not particularly named or generally included, extend not thereunto, soz that albeit it be governed by the same law, yet is it a distinct Realm or Kingdom, and (as hath been said) hath Parliaments there.

Vide Bracton lib. 5. fo. 395. b. Temps E. 1. Voucher 239. 14 H. 3. stat de Homage, 13 E. 2. Bastardy 25. 7 E. 3. 9. 8 Ass. 17. Britton fo. 1. a. 45 E. 3. 19. Tr. 29 E. 1. coram Rege. 10 E. 3. 41. 42. 11 H. 4. 7. 8 R. 2. Proces 224. 3 H. 7. 10. 7 E. 4. 27. Pl. Com. 368. 13 Eliz. Dier 303. 20 Eliz. Dier 360. Lib. 7. Calvins case. 1 part of the Institucions Sect. 95.

Books concerning Ireland.

*How and in what manner a Parliament is to be holden in Ireland, and how Bills ought to passe in the same.*

Parliaments in Ireland holden at this day.

The Lords of the Councell directed their Letters to the two Chief Justices and Chief Baron in these words.

Hil. 10 Jacobi Regis.

After our hearty commendations to your Lordships. Whereas his Majesty for divers weighty considerations hath resolved to hold a Parliament in the Realm of Ireland, and that by an Act made in the tenth year of H. 7. called *Poynings Act*, it is provided that all such Bills as shall be offered to the Parliament there shall be first transmitted hither under the Great Seal of that Kingdom; and having received allowance and approbation here, shall be put under the Great Seal of this Kingdom, and so returned thither to be preferred to the Parliament: forasmuch as there are accordingly transmitted hither from thence di-

*Poyning's Act*

vers Bills as well publick as private, some of which Bills were first agreed on here, some others were framed and conceived there, and comming now hither may happily receive amendment or alteration: we have thought meet for avoidance of any question or inconvenience that may arise of the manner and form of proceeding in amending or altering of these Bills, hereby to pray and require you, calling to you his Majesties Attorney and Sollicitor to look into *Poynings Act*, and to consider of some such course as shall be fit to be held concerning the same, &c.

Dated *Vltimo Ianuarii* 1612.

Whereupon in this Term the said Chief Justices and Chief Baron, and the Attorney & Sollicitor were assembled two severall dayes at Serjeants Inne, and had consideration not only of the said Act of 10 H. 7. cap. 4. but of the Act of 3 & 4 Ph. & Mar. cap. 4. Intituled, An Act declaring how Poynings Act shall be expounded and taken.

3 & 4 Ph. & Mar.  
cap. 4.

For by the said Act of 10 H. 7. it is provided that no Parliament be hereafter holden in the said Land of Ireland, but at such season as the Kings Lieutenant and Councill there first do certifie the King under the Great Seal of that Land, the causes and considerations, and all such Acts as them seemeth should passe in the same Parliament, and such causes, considerations, and Acts affirmed by the King and his Councill to be good and expedient for that Land, and his license thereupon, as well in affirmation of the said causes and Acts, as to summon the said Parliament under his Great Seal of England had and obtained. That done, a Parliament to be had and holden after the forme and effect afore rehearsed. And if any Parliament be holden in that Land contrary to the form and provision aforesaid, it be deemed void, and of none effect in Law.

*Sur quel Act divers doubts & ambiguities fuer' conceive & ascuns de eux fuer' de greinder difficulty que auters.*

1. Et primerment un doubt fuit conceive le quel le dit Act de 10 H. 7. extend al successors le Roy H. 7. intant que l' Act parle solement del Roy generalment & ne' de ses successors. 2 si le roigne Marie fuit deins cest parol Roy. Et coment que ceux ne fuer' matters dascun ambiguity, car cest parol Roy que import son politique capacity ne unques mort, & esteant parle indefinite extend in ley a tous ses successors, uncore ceo est isint expound per le dit Act de 3 & 4 Ph. & Mar. Et que le dit Act de 10 H. 7. extendra to the King and Queens Ma'esty, her Heirs and Successors.

2. On le Act de Poyningt dit (the Kings Lieutenant and Councill there) scruple fuit conceyve, si le Roy appoint un per nosme de le Deputie, ou Lord Justice, ou sil constitute 2 Lords Justices, chief Governours or Governour, & le Councill, &c. Et quant a ceux est explaine per le Act de 3 & 4 Ph. & Mar. que le dit Act de Poynings extend a tout ceux.

3. Le greinder & plus difficult doubt fuit sur ceux parols in laet de Poynings. And such causes, considerations, and Acts affirmed by the King and his Councill to be good and expedient for that Land, &c. Le quel le Roy poet fair ascun change ou alteration des causes, considerations ou Acts que serr' transmitt' icye del Lientenant & Councill d' Ireland, car ceo nest pas affirmation mes correction & alteration de eux. Et pur ceo fuit necessary destre explaine, que Laet de 3 & 4 Ph. & Mar. fait in ceux parols. Ei-

ther



her for the passing of the said Acts, &c. in such forme and tenor as they should be sent into England, or else for the change and alteration of them, or any part of the same.

4. *Auter question fuit sur les parols del primer Act. sc.* That done a Parliament to be had and holden, &c. *si a mesme le Parliament auters Acts que fuer' affirme ou alter icy poent estre enactes per authority del Parliament la. Le quel est explique per le dit darrein Act in ceux parols,* for passing and agreeing upon such Acts, and no others, as shall be so returned under the Great Seal of England.

5. *Grand doubt fuit conceiue sur les ditz parols* (that done a Parliament to be holden) *le quel le Lieutenant & Councell d'Ireland apres le Parliament commence la, & pendente Parlamento poient sur debate & conference la, transmitt ascun auters considerations, causes, tenors, provisions, & ordinaances come semblent a eux bone destre enact' a mesme le Parliament deins le Realme d'Ireland, le quel est explaine per le dit Act de 3 & 4 Ph. & Mar. in expresse parols; que ils poient, &c.*

*Nota Lecteur lorder del proceading & sommons del Parliament in Ireland. Primerment le Lieutenant & Councell la doient certefier de south le Grand Seale d'Ireland le causes & considerations de toutz tielz Acts come semble a eux bone a passer en Parliament, isint que le original covient a commencer la. 2 Ils covient destre affirme ou alter & change & retourne de south le Grand Seale D'Anglitterre. 3 Licence desouth le Grand Seale a samoner & tener un Parliament. 4 A transmittir Billes pendente Parlamento come apiert devant. Et fuit auxi resolve una voce. 1. Que les causes, considerations, & Billes transmittre icy desouth le Grand Seale d'Ireland doivent destre custodie & preserve icy in le Chancery d'Anglitterre, & ne remaunde. 2. Silz soient affirme, ilz doivent destre transcript desouth le Grand Seale & retourne in Ireland, & tout ceo que passe le Grand Seale doiet destre inrolle icy in le Chancerye. 3. Si les Acts transmitt icy soient in ascun part alter ou change icy, laets isint alter & change doivent come en un continent destre retourne desouth le Grand Seale D'Anglitterre a ceux in Ireland, tout quel doit destre inrolle icy in le Chancerye D'Anglitterre. Mes le transcript desouth le Seale d'Ireland que le remaine in le Chancerye icy, ne serra amend, mes l'amendment serra desouth le Grand Seale D'Anglitterre come est avandit. 4. Les amendments ou alterations icy serr' come est avandit retourne in Ireland sans ascun signification ou certificat dallowance de ceux per ceux de Ireland, car sicome les Acts movent originalment de Ireland, isints les amendments ou alterations movent icy in Anglitterre. 5 Touts les Bils que sont transmitt icy de Ireland sont ove le petition del Deputye & Councell le Roy tous ensemble desouth un Grand Seal d'Ireland. 6. Touts les Bills que sont affirme ou alter icy soient retourne ensemble desouth un Grand Seale D'Anglitterre.*

And thus much concerning the Parliaments of Ireland.

The case of the Earl of Shrewsbury upon the statute of 28 H. 8. of Absentees.

28 Martii  
Anno domini  
1612.

*Per force de certain Letters Patents de 28 Martii 1612. del seigniours del Privy Councell direct al Sir Humfrye Winche, Sir James Lea, Sir Anthony Sentleger, & James Fullerton, ilz certifient aux seigniors le claim de Guilbert Countee de Salop aux dignities del Countee de Waterford & Barony de Dongarvan in Ireland come ensuist. Le Roy H. 6. per ses Letters Patents Anno 24 de son reign granta a son treschier cousin John Countee de Shrewsbury in consideration de ses approved & foyall services in le City & County de Waterford in Ireland, pro eo quoque quod per eundem consanguineum nostrum prædicta terra nostra Hibernia in partibus illis contra hujusmodi inimicorum & rebellium nostrorum insultus potentius defenderetur, ipsum in Comitem Waterford una cum stilo & titulo ac nomine & honore eidem debitus ordinamus, præficimus & creamus Habendum, al dit Countee, & a les heires males de son corps. Et oustre per mesme les Letters Patents granta les Castles, seigniories, honors, terres & barony de Dungarvan al dit John Countee & a les heires males de son corps, les premisses destre tenus del Roy & ses heires per homage & fealty, & le service destre seneschal a son Majesty in le Realm d'Ireland. Puis al Parliament (communement appelle des Absentees) tenu al Dublyn in Ireland, 1 Maii, An. 28 H. 8. fuit enact (per reason del long absence del George Countee de Salop hors de mesme le Realm) que le Roy, ses heirs & assignes avera & enjoyera in droit de son Corone d'Anglitterre tous honors, manors, Castles, seigniories, franchises, hundreds, liberties, County Palatines, Jurisdictions, annuities, fees des Chivaler, terres, tenements, &c. et tous & singular possessions, hereditaments, & tous auters profits, cibien Spirituall come Temporal, quecunque queux le dit George Countee de Shrewsbury, & Waterford, ou ascun auter person ou persons a son use avoient, &c. Le Roy H. 8. per ses Letters Patents, Anno 29 de son reign recitant le dit statute de Absentees, Nos præmissa considerantes et nolentes statum, honorem, & dignitatem prædicti Comitis diminuerè, sed amplius augere, ex certa scientia, & mero motu, &c. Granta al dit Countee & ses heirs l'Abby de Rufford ove les terres a ceo perteynant in le County de Nottingham, & le seigniorie de Rotheram in le County de York, les Abbeyes de Chesterfield Shirebroke & Glossopdale in le County de Derby ove divers auters terres & tenements de grand value destre tenus in Capite, & les questions fuer'.*

1. *Le quel per le longe absence del Countee de Salop hors de Ireland per que les Roys & subjects wanted leur defence & assistance la, enconter le expresse consideration del creation, le tittle del honor est perdue ou forfeit, le dit Countee esteant Pier del ambideux Realms, & residing icy.*

2. *Le quel per le dit statute des Absentees, Anno 28 H. 8. le tittle del dignity del Countee de Waterford soit prise del dit Countee de Shrewsbury cibien come les manors, terres, tenements & auters hereditaments in mesme Lact specific.*

*Et puis per auters Letters des seigniours del Councell, 27 Septemb. 1612. les deux Chief Justices & Chief Baron fuere require a consider del dit case (que fuit enclose deins leur Letters) & a certifie leur opinions de ceo.*

*Quel case fuit, argue per Councell erudite del dit County devant les dit Chief Justices & Chief Baron, sur que ilz presteront advisement (apres que ilz*

*ilz ont divers foitz lye le Preamble & tout le dit Act de 28 H. 8.) jesque a Term de St. Mich. Anno decimo Jacobi Regis, & donques fuit unement resolve per eux come ensuist.*

*Quant al primer fuit resolve, que intant que nappiert que ascun defence fuit requisite, & que le consideration executory nest trove per office destre infreint, ne judgement done in Scire Fac', a cest cause que le dit Countee de Salop, ceo nient obstant, remain Countee de Waterford.*

*Quant al 2 fuit resolve, que le dit Act de 28 H. 8. des Absentees nad tolle solement les possessions, que fuer' done a luy al temps de son creation, mes auxi le dignity mesme, Car coment que un poet aver dignity sauns ascuns possessions, uncore ceo serroit pleine de inconvenience, & acest cause le dit Act de 28 H. 8. (come tous auters Acts doient estre) serra expound douster tout inconvenience, & pur ceo per les generall parols del Act, (sc. des honors & hereditaments) le dignity mesme ove les terres dones ur maintenance de ceo sont done al Roy, & le dignity extinct in le Corone.*

*Et est digne de observation le cause de degradation de George Nevill Duke de Bedford, que fuit fait per force dun Act de Parliament, 16 Januarii, Anno 17 E. 4. quel Act reciting the erection and making the said George Duke, expresse le cause de son degradation in ceux parols.*

Rot. Parl. 16<sup>nt</sup>.  
apud Westm'  
16 Jan. Anno  
Regis E. 4. 17.  
Degradatio Geo.  
Ducis Bedford.

*And soz so much as it is openly known, that the said George hath not, nor by inheritance may have any livelihood to support the said name, estate, and dignity, or any name of Estate, as oftentimes it is seen, that when any Lord is called to high estate, and have not livelihood convenient to support the same dignity; it induceth great poverty and indigence, and causeth oftentimes great Extortion, Embazery, and Maintenance to be had, to the great trouble of all such Countrees where such Estate shall happen to be inhabited. Wherefoze the King by the advice of his Lords Spirituall and Temporall, and the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, ordaineth, establisheth and enacteth, that from henceforth the same erection and making of the same Duke, and all the names of dignity to the said George or to John Nevil his father be from henceforth void and of none effect, &c.*

*In quel Act 3 choses fuer' observe, 1. Que coment le dit Duke navoict ascun possessions a supporter son dignity, uncore son dignity ne poet estre tolle de luy sans Act de Parliament. 2. Les inconveniences appiert ou grand estate ou dignity nest pas accompany ove livelihood. 3. Ceo est bone cause a toller le dignity per Parliament, Et pur ceo le dit Act de 28 H. 8. serra expound selonque le generabry del letter a toller tiel inconvenience; Et coment que le dit Countee de Salop soit non solement de grand honor & vertue; mes auxi des grand possessions in Engleterre, uncore ne fuit lention del Act a continuer luy Countee in Ireland quant ses possessions in Ireland fuer' tolle de luy, mes que le Roy a son pleasure puit conferre cibien le dignity, come les possessions a ascun auter pur le defence de mesme le Realm. Et les dits Letters Patents de Anno 29 H. 8. nad parols a restorer le dignity que Laet de Parliament ad tolle, auxi ne fuit lentent del Roy diminuere statum, honorem & dignitatem ipsius Comitum, sed augere, ceux sont destre entendes des possessions pur maintenance de son dignity, car tant appiert per cest parol [augere] car il increase per mesme les Letters Patents ove exceeding grand bounty le revenues del dit Countee de Salop en Angleterre, quel le roy pense fuit un increase de son state, honor & dignity, issint son dignity in Angleterre fuit increase ove large possessions in Angleterre in lieu de tout ceo que fuit tolle de luy per Laet de 28 H. 8. Et ou fuit object que les generall parols [des honors*

uors & hereditaments sont explain & qualifie per les dits parols relative subsequent (queux le dit George Countee de Salop ou ascun auter a son oeps,) & pur ceo ne serra entende dascun honor ou hereditament mes dont auters poient estoier seisie al use, & ceo nul poet del dit dignity, & pur ceo le dit Act extendera a ceo. Mes ceo est destre prise reddendo singula singulis, & les parols queux ledit George Countee avoit sont sufficient a passer le dignity, & ove ceo accord le opinion de tous les Juslices Dengleterre in Nevils case, sur autiels parols in le statnte 26 H. 8. in le 7 part de mes Reports, fo. 33. & 31.

Rot. Par. 3 R. 2.  
nu. 42.

There is an Act made in 3 R. 2. worthy here of remembrance, which never was yet printed. It is enacted, that all manner of persons whatsoever, who have any lands or tenements, offices or other living Ecclesiasticall or Temporal all within Ireland, shall reside or dwell upon the same. And that all such as have there any Castles or other Forts, shall fortifie the same and furnishe it with men able for defence, and thereupon also dwell. And if they at any time depart, then during their absence to appoint some able to supply his room, or otherwise the Governour to dispose the half of their living to such defence. See the Act at large, necessary to be put in execution in these days.

Rot. Par. 21 E. 1.  
Rot. 3. Hibernia

Dominus Rex vult & præcipit quod de cætero singulis annis semel in anno compotus Hiberniæ, &c. per Theaur' Hiberniæ reddatur ad Scaccarium Angliæ, & ibidem audiatur per Theaur' & Barones suos. A necessary law, and much for the benefit of the King to be observed.

Trin. 13 E. 1. Co-  
ram rege Rot. 38.  
in breve de erro-  
re Hibernia.  
Apud Westm'.  
22 E. 1. Rot. 5.  
in breve de errore  
Int' William de  
Vesey & P. filium  
Thomæ, & Rot.  
Parl. 23 E. 1.

A long Record touching the custody of the body and lands of heirs within age, wherein these words are contained. Et cum una & eadem lex esse debeat tam in regno Angliæ quam Hiberniæ. Like writs of Error of judgments given in the Kings Bench in Ireland, Mich. 32 E. 1, Coram rege. Theobald Verdons case, Breve de errore super b're de errore Rot. 76. Pasch. 30 E. 1, Coram Rege Rot. 50. in breve de errore. &c. William de la Rivers case, Et Tr. 33 E. 1. Rot. 56. Concordatum est per omnes de Concilio regis, Episcopis & aliis in Hibernia unanimiter, quod consuetudo usitata in Hibernia de bonis testatorum talis est, quod ubi, &c.

5 E. 2. error 89.  
15 E. 3. ibid. 72.  
34 Ass. p. 7. Reg.  
F. N. B. fo. 24. c.  
11 H. 8. Kelw.  
202. 15 E. 3. Re-  
cord 38.  
a Pasch. 28 E. 1.  
Coram rege Rot.  
98. Hibernia.  
b Tr. 33 E. 1. Co-  
ram rege Rot.  
124 Hibernia.  
c Tr. 18 E. 3. Co-  
ram Rege Rot.  
148. Hibernia.  
Sir Elias Ash-  
burnhams case.  
d Pasch. 24 E. 3.  
Rot. 25. Coram  
Rege. Cornubia.  
e Brañ. li. 5. f. 195.  
7 E. 3. 9. 12 E. 3.  
41. 42.

<sup>b</sup> Prilage vinorum in Hibernia, and the manner of the taking of the same. At a Synod holden in Ireland by St. Patrick their Apostle, it was unanimously agreed that Irish Priests should have wives.

<sup>c</sup> Tres Petitiones porrectæ Regi contra Eliam de Ashburnham militem Jusficiar' domini regis in Hibernia de diversis malefactis, &c. per ipsum perpetratis, qui dicit quod non debet tractari, nisi in Hibernia, & ibidem terminari: et quod oportet ipsum dominum regem informari per indictamentum 12 Fur' vel per Appellum formatum & Attachiament' ad sectam partis secundum legem & consuetudinem regni regis Angliæ hactenus usitat'. Curia vult inde advisari, & interim manucapitur. Postea dominus rex mandavit breve quod caperent manucapt' ad respondendum in Hibernia.

<sup>d</sup> Admittitur Episcopus Exon' pro fine 200 Marc' pro contemptu in non admittendo presentatum regis ad Ecclesiam de Southwell, pro quo contemptu omnia Temporalia seisata fuerunt in manus regis, & tunc temporis ante finem fact' vacavit Archidiaconat' Cornubie ratione quod incumbens electus fuit in Archiepiscopum Dublin in Hibernia (temporalibus Episcopi Exon' ad tunc in manibus regis existen') per quod dominus rex recuperavit vers. Episcopum dict' Archidiaconat'.

In this Record two conclusions are to be observed. 1. Though Ireland (as hath been said) be a distinct Kingdome of it self, yet it is governed by one and the same law that England is. 2. That when the Archdeacon was by the King preferred to a Bishoprick, he had the presentation to the Archdeaconry in respect

respect of the Temporalities of the Bishop of Exeter Patron of the Archdeaconry, and not by any prerogative. And so it is, if an Incumbent in Ireland be made a Bishop in England.

If a Bishop of England be made a Cardinal, the Bishoprick becomes void, and the King shall name the successor, because the Bishopricke is of his Patronage.

See 45 E. 3. 9. upon the repeale of a Rattification of the Incumbent, a Proceedendo out of the Chancery here to the Justices in Ireland to proceed in the Quare Impedit brought by the King.

I finde an ancient Record touching Ireland necessary to be explaiued, in these words.

*Rex Thesaurario Hibernie, Salutem. Cum Edwardus primogenitus noster terram Hibernie habeat & teneat de dono nostro cum omnibus pertinentiis suis adeo liberè & quietè sicut eam in manu nostra teneremus, per quod charissima filia nostra Alianora consors dicti filii nostri Aurum suum tam de finibus quam sponte oblatis in terra Hibernie habere debet, sicut charissima consors nostra Alianora Regina Anglie Aurum suum habet de eisdem in regno nostro Anglie: Vobis mandamus, &c. quatenus prefata consorti filii nostri predicti Aurum predictum de finibus & sponte oblatis, & etiam de quibuscunque aliis finibus predictis habere facias in forma predicta. Et hoc &c. In cuius &c. Teste Rege 29. die Februarii, Anno 52. H. 3.*

By this Record first it appeareth, that, as the law was taken at that day, by gift of King H. 3. his eldest sonne Prince Edward was Lord of the Dominion and Lordship of Ireland. Secondly, that albeit the wife of Prince Edward was not Queene in name, but had the effect of it, therefore she should have a duty called Aurum Regina, as well as the Queene of England, being but Lady in Ireland. For albeit the Kings of Ireland were (until the Statute of 33 H. 8.) styled by the name of Lord of Ireland, yet was he supremus, and absolute Dominus, and had royall dominion and authoritty, and that his Consort was in rei veritate Regina, or else she could not have had Aurum Regina.

Albeit this Royal Dominion and Land of Ireland was of ancient time permitted to be granted de facto to the Kings sonnes before mentioned, yet by the Law the King by his Letters Patents could not grant so Royall a member of his Imperiall Title to any, no more then he could do of the Kingdome of England. And that doth well appeare by this, that when King R. 2. by his Letters Patents created Robert de Vere Earle of Hereford, and Marquesse of Dublin to be Duke of Ireland, he granted to him for life \* totam terram & Dominium Hibernie, & Insulas eidem terræ adjacentes, ac omnia Castra, Comitatus, Burgos, Villas, \* Portus Maris, &c. una cum homagiis, \* obedientiis, vassalis, serviciis, & recognitionibus Prælatorum, Comitum, Baronum, &c. \* advocationibus & patronatibus Ecclesiarum Metropolitanarum & Cathedralium Abbatiarum, &c. \* constituere Cancellar', Thesaurar', Iusticiar', &c. cum regaliis, regalitatibus, libertatibus, &c. & omnibus aliis \* quæ ad regaliam nostram pertinent, \* cum mero & mixto Imperio, adeo plenè, integrè, & perfectè, sicut nos ea tenuimus & habuimus, tenuerunt & habuerunt progenitorum nostrorum aliqui ullis unquam temporibus retroactis. Tenendum per \* Homagium ligeum tantum.

The said Letters patents were authorized by Parliament, Assensu Prælatorum, Ducum, & aliorum Procerum, & Communitatis nostræ Angliæ in Parlamento, &c. albeit it was contra legem & consuetudinem Parliamenti, as before it appeareth, pa. 13, 14. to assent to any thing to the disherison of the King and his Crown. Sed novus iste insolitus & umbratilis honor cito evanuit.

Rot. Par. 13 R. 2. nu. 21. the King by authoritty of Parliament gave the title of Duke of Aquitaine to his Uncle John of Gaunt, Duke of Lancaster, and it was

a This is apparent by many authorities. Trin. 32 E. 1. coram Rege, Rot. 75. John de Bonhams case. 17 E. 3. fo. 40. 21 E. 3. 40. 41 E. 3. 5. 46 E. 3. 32. 6 Eliz. Dier 228. b pl. 48 resolve. b Rot. par. 18 H. 6. p. 2. m. 24. A Bishop made a Cardinal. c 45 E. 3. fol. 9. d Rot. par. Anno 52 H. 3. m. 26. Aurum Regina.

The like grant was made of the Land of Ireland by H. 2. to his son John.

e 33 H. 8. cap. 1. And so it appeareth by this Act that the King and his progenitors had before this Act Kingly jurisdiction and Royall authority. f See before pag. 13, 14. the grant of King John to the Pope declared to be void by the Parliament in 40 E. 3. These thus (\*) marked cannot be granted by Letters Patents.

\* Per Hom. ligeum for tenant for life could not do other homage. g Rot. par. 9 R. 2. m. 2. & Rot. par. 9 R. 2. nu. 9. & 10 m. 3.

by consent of Parliament, and could not be granted by Letters Patents, because it was one of the titles and Stiles of his Royall Crowne. And this also did first begin and end in him.

Aurum Regina.

But now it is necessary to be knowne what this duty of Aurum Regina is. Wherein three things are to be considered. First, what authoritie and warrant in Law there is for this duty. Secondly, what it is. Thirdly, what is due thereby. First, in Lib. Rub. in Scaccario fo. 46. de Auro Regina. where it is said, that it is to be taken de hiis qui sponte se obligant Regi. &c. This present Record of 52 H. 3. Vet. Mag. Carta 2. part. fo. 65. Vid. 10 H. 3. Stat. de Roteland to the same effect.

Hil. 4. E. 1. in  
Scac. ex parte  
Rem. Reg. Hil. 12  
E. 3. ibid. Rot. 3.

A Record in the Exchequer Termino Hil. Anno 4 E. 1. Another there, Hil. 12 E. 3. Rot. 3. ex parte Rem. Regis, and divers other Records in the reignes of R. 2. H. 4. &c. untill the reign of H. 7.

In Acts of Parliament, viz. 15 E. 3. cap. 6. 31 E. 3. cap. 13.

Rot. claus. 12. E. 3  
part. 1. m. 21.

2. In divers of these Records it appeareth that the Queen should have de sponte oblatis\* pro centum marcis argenti unā marcā auri solvend' per ipsum qui sponte se obligat. And Pasch. 4. Jacobi Regis the King did require the two Chiefe Justices and Chiefe Baron to certifie him what belonged to the Queene for this duty at this day. And after many conferences, and hearing of Counsell learned on both sides, and view of Records, at last it was resolved by them all, and so did Popham Chiefe Justice report to the King, that the duty belonged to the Queene with these foure limitations. 1. It must be sponte, from the subject, and at his pleasure whether he will give it or no, and no right in the Crowne. And therefore fines for offences, for alienations, or the like, are no part of this duty. 2. It must be freely, without any consideration of any grant, sale, or lease of any thing wherein the King hath any revenue, estate, or interest. And therefore Sales, Leases, Grants of Lands, Tenements, Wardships, or the like, are out of the same, for there is quid pro quo. 3. It must be sponte super aliqua consideratione, &c. For example, if the subject sponte offer to the King for a licence in Poymaine, or to create a Tenure of himselfe, or to have a Faire, Market, or to make a Marke, or the like, where the King diminisheth no part of his revenue, State, or interest, there Aurum Regina is due to the Queene. 4. Of Subsidies, Fifteenes, or any other gratuity of the meere grace or benevolence of the subject, there is nothing due to the Queene, and so it was resolved, Hil. 4 E. 1. &c. ubi supra. And so much upon this occasion de Auro Regina.

Rot. Parl. 7 R. 2.  
nū. 61.

\* A Tainit was successoz apparent under the chiefe Lord or Captaine of every severall Country, and was eligible by the Country.

<sup>b</sup> Brehon. The Irish called their Judges Brehons, and thereupon the Irish Law is called the Brehon Law.

<sup>c</sup> At a Parliament holden in Ireland by Howel Duke of Clarence, Lieutenant there, Anno 4<sup>o</sup> E. 3. at Kilkenny, and therefore called the Statute of Kilkenny, the Brehon Law is no Law, but a lewd custome crept in of latter times, and never was the Law of the ancient Britaines from whom they are descended.

<sup>d</sup> Cuttings. Under that name they comprehend Tallages and Impositions.

<sup>e</sup> Cosheries are prehendingations, when the chiefe Lord and his retinue, &c. came to his Tenants house, and fed upon their provisions till all were spent.

Termondlands are the Glebe of the Church.

Erick signifieth a fine for an offence.

Galloglasses, Equites Triarii qui securibus utuntur acutissimis.

Kernes sunt pedites qui jaculis utuntur.

The Prorex there in former times hath bene called Custos, Warden, Lieutenant, Chiefe Justice, Deputy of Ireland.

These expositions we have added for the better instruction of him who will reade the Irish Lawes.

*Certaine Irish words necessary to be explained.*

<sup>a</sup> Thane apud Britannos pro viro nobili, aut Regis ministro:

<sup>b</sup> Brehons Bellagines.

<sup>c</sup> Parliament 4<sup>o</sup> E. 3. at Kilkenny.

<sup>d</sup> Cuttings.

<sup>e</sup> Cosheries.

Termondland.

Erick.

Galloglasses.  
Kernes.

*Rex, &c. Johanni Marefcallo dedimus & concessimus pro Homagio & ser-  
vicio suo Marefcaliam nostram totius Hibernie cum omnibus pertinentiis,  
&c. Habendum sibi & heredibus suis de nobis & heredibus nostris.*

Rot. par. 9. Johan-  
nis Regis Johan-  
ni Marefcallo, of  
whom the Lord  
Morty is descen-  
ded.  
Registr. 294.

See the Register, that if an Archbishoprick or Bishoprick in Ireland be void, that the Chapter shall sue to the King in England to goe to election, and after election made they ought upon certificate thereof made to the King to obtaine his Royall Assent to this election, and thereupon a Writ shall be directed out of the Chancery here, to the Chiefe Justice of Ireland, or his Lieutenant rehearsing all this matter, and commanding him to take fealty of the Bishop, and to restore him to his Temporalities. But now the course is in Ireland to make such Writts there in the name of the King. What the King names the Archbishops and Bishops there, as he doth in England; and then the Chapter choose him whom the King names to them, and thereupon the Writts are made of course.

F.N.B. 169. 170.

And the reason of this change is worthy to be knowne: for the Charter of King John for election of Bishops, &c. extended only to the Bishops, &c. of England. But after that the whole Dominion of Ireland (as well concerning the Church as the Commonwealth) was established to be governed by one Law with the Kingdome of England, as is abovesaid, then the course in the Register was changed, and the same course taken there, as it is in England.

a Carta Johannis  
Regis 15. Jan.  
apud novum  
London Ann. 18.  
Bishops before  
were dorative by  
the King.  
10 E. 3. 1. b. per  
Perning.  
17 E. 3. 40. per  
Stone &c.  
b Auferat oblivio,  
si potest; si non,  
utrunque silen-  
tium tegat.

And whereas heretofore some, not without scandall, have divided this Kingdome into the English Pale, and the wilde Irish, let oblivion bury it, or silence cover it, for now all are reduced to obedience and civill behaviour. So as a man may justly say of them as of the old Brittaines, Sunt in bello fortes, & in pace fideles. And for that some have given out that the Crowne of England had this Country of Ireland of the donation of the Pope, we will ingenuously manifest the truth therein by the Records and Writtings themselves at large.

*Altitonantis Dei largiflua clementia, qui est Rex Regum, & Dominus do-  
minantium, ego Edgarus Anglorum Basileus, omniumque rerum Insularum  
Oceani qua Britanniam circumjacent, cunctarumque Nationum que infra  
eam includuntur Imperator & Dominus, gratias ago ipsi Deo Omnipotenti  
Regi meo, qui meum imperium sic ampliavit & exaltavit super regnum pa-  
trum meorum. Qui licet Monarchiam totius Angli.e adepti sunt a tempore  
Athelstani, qui primus Regum Anglorum omnes Nationes que Britanniam  
incolunt sibi armis subegit, nullus tamen eorum ultra fines imperium suum di-  
latare aggressus est. Mihi tamen concessit propitia divinitas cum Anglorum  
imperio omnia regna Insularum Oceani cum suis ferocissimis Regibus usque  
Norvegiam maximamque partem Hibernie, cum sua nobilissima Civitate de  
Dublina Anglorum regno subjugare, quos etiam omnes meis imperiis colla sub-  
dere, Dei favente gratia, coegi. Quapropter & ego Christi gloriam & laudem  
in regno meo exaltare, & ejus servitium amplificare devotus disposui. Et per  
meos fideles fautores, Dunstanum, viz. Archiepiscopum Ayelyolanum ac Os-  
waldum Archiepiscopos, quos mihi patres spirituales & consiliatores elegi,  
magna ex parte disposui, &c. Facta sunt hac Anno Domini 964. Indictione  
8. Regni vero Edgari Anglorum Regis 6. in regia urbe qua ab incolis Ocle-  
ayecestrie nominatur in natale Domini festivitate Sanctorum Innocentium  
feria 4. &c. ✠ Ego Edgar Basileus Anglorum, & Imperator Regum  
gentium, cum consensu & Principum & Archiepiscoporum meorum hanc  
meam mansuetiam signo meo corroboravi. ✠ Ego Alfrye Regina consensi  
& signo Crucis confirmavi. Ego Dunstan Archiepiscopus Dorobor' Ecclesi.e  
Christi consensi & subscripsi ✠ Ego Osticel Archiepiscopus Eboracensis Ec-  
clesi.e*

The Charter of  
King Edgar  
made Ann. Dom.  
964. and in the  
6. of his reigne.

King Athelstane  
reduced England  
to a Monarchy.

King Edgar con-  
quered the great-  
est part of Ire-  
land, with the  
most noble City  
of Dublin.

Note the piety of  
this King.

Int. leges Edw:  
Regis & Confes-  
soris fo. 137. b.

La nb.

Arthurus qui  
quondam fuit in-  
clytissimus Rex  
Britannorum, &c  
subjugavit sibi  
st enue (inter  
alia) Hiberniam;  
&c.

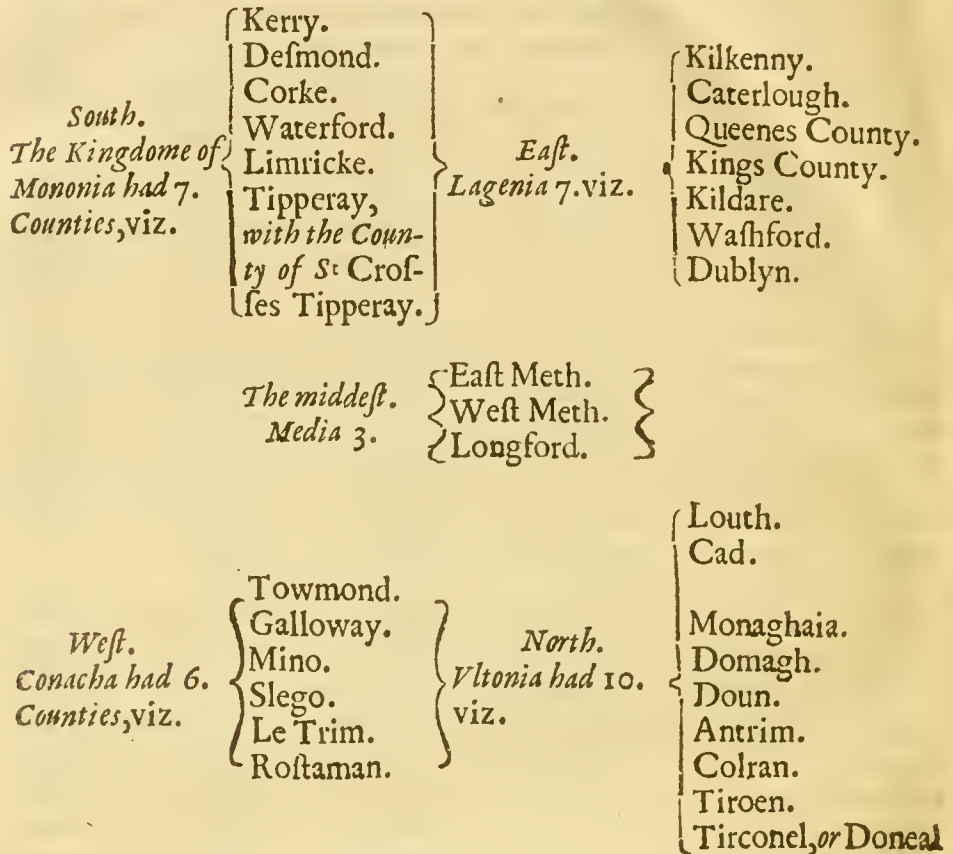
*clesiæ consensu & subscripsi. Ego Alferic Dux. Ego Buthmod Dux. Ego Aridgari Dux* ✠

And what Ecclesiasticall jurisdiction the Archbishop of Canterbury had in Ireland of ancient time before it was subject to the Crowne of England, you may reade in Camdeus Britannia, pag. 735. & 765. as namely in the Consecration and Confirmation of their Bishops, by reason of his Primacy in Ireland.

A Justice in Ireland constituted by Letters Patents under the great Seale of England, cannot be removed from his office but by the King only.

Mich. 5 E. 3. coram Rege Rot. 43. Hibernia.

Of the Pentarchy of Ireland.



Ireland hath 33. Counties, besides Cities, that are Counties of themselves.

King H. 2. at a Parliament holden at Oxford, Anno regni sui 23. created his sonne John King of Ireland. But the succeeding Kings wrote themselves Domini Hibernia, untill the 33. yeare of H. 8. in which yeare he took upon him the name of King of Ireland.

Rot. parl. 3 R. 2. nu. 43. in England. Mines of Gold and Silver. Braet. li. 2. fo. 222 Fleta lib. 4. fo. 119. Pl. Com. in the case of Mines. Coynage at Dublin.

It was enacted by Authority of Parliament, that every man during six years might dig in his owne proper soyle in Ireland Gold or Silver, &c. yielding to the King the ninth part thereof, and that they make Plate or Coyne thereof at the Kings Coynage in Dublin, paying the fees: and that none carry thereout any of the said Gold, Silver or Bullion, but into England, without the Kings licence, on paine to lose the same.

\* Rot. par. 5 H. 6. 1. pars.

\* A grant of all Mines of Gold and Silver within England, &c. to the Duke of Bedford Regent of France, &c. rendering to the Church the tenth part: to the King the fifteenth part: to the owner of the soyle the twentieth part.

To conclude with somewhat which tends to the honour of that Noble Nation. Certaine it is, that whiles the Liberall Sciences in Europe lay in a manner burted in darknesse, then did their lustre shine forth most clearly here in Ireland; thither did our English Saxons repayze, as to a Fayze or Market of good Letters:



Letters: whence of the holy men of those times we often reade in ancient Writers, Amandatus est ad disciplinam in Hiberniam: he was sent into Ireland to study there.

Camden in Hibernia.

He that is desirous to reade more Records concerning this Kingdome of Ireland, he may reade these Coram Rege in the Kings Bench. Trin. 13 E. 1. Rot. 36. 38. Hibernia. Mich. 17 E. 1. rot. 31. 38. Hibernia. Hil. 19 E. 1. rot. 68. Hibernia. Pasch. 19 E. 1. rot. 69. Hibernia. Trin. 20 E. 1. Rot. 40. Pasch. 34 E. 1. Rot. 104. Mich. 5 E. 3. Rot. 40. & 46. Mich. 6. E. 3. Rot. 55. Hibernia.

¶ Of the precedency of the great Officers, Nobility, and others of this Realme.

For the precedency of the King himself and of other Kings, and supreme Princes, I take not upon me to write, but referre you to learned Camden, *Lib. Anmal. Anno Domini 1600.* 42. Eliz. pag.

At the Common law, the King by his Prerogative royall might give such honour, reputation, and placing to his Counsellors and other his Subjects, as should be seeming to his wisdom, which Prerogative was so declared by Act of Parliament.

Præcedere est præcundo incedere. Qui præcellit, præcedere debet.

By this Prerogative, Henrico Beauchamp concessit Rex Henricus Sextus, ut primus & præcipuus esset Angliæ Comes, & hoc titulo uteretur; Henricus Præcomes totius Angliæ & Comes Warwici, Vestæ Insulæ regulum dixit; posteaque Ducem Warwici creavit, & concessit, ut haberet sedem in Parliamentis, & alibi proximam Duci Norf. & ante Ducem Buckinghamiæ.

Most ancient is most honorable Aristot. 1 Metaph. cap. 3. 31 H. 8. cap. 10. in the Preamble. 2 Rot. Pat. 23 H. 6. Vid. Rot. Pat. 28 H. 6. 2 parte m. 23. Precedency granted to R. Earl of Warw.

The same King created Edmond of Hadham to be Earl of Richmond, and granted him precedency before all other Earls. He also created Jasper of Hatfield Earl of Pembroke, and gave him precedency before all other Earls next to his brother the said Edmond Earl of Richmond. But hercof these examples shall suffice.

King H. 8. though standing as much upon his Prerogative as any of his Progenitors, yet finding how vexatious it was to himself, and how distastfull to his ancient Nobility to have new raised degrees to have precedency of them, and finding that this kind of controvery for precedency was of that nature, that it had many partakers, spent long time, and hindered the arduous, urgent and weighty affairs of the Parliament, was content to bind and limit his Prerogative by Act of Parliament concerning the precedency of his great Officers, and of his Nobility. And first for the Lords Spirituall (who sit in Parliament on the the Kings right hand) amongst themselves.

31 H. 8. cap. 10.

1. The Archbishop of Canterbury. 2. The Archbishop of York on the same form. 3. The Bishop of London. 4. The Bishop of Duresme. 5. The Bishop of Winchester, and then all the other Bishops of both Provinces shall sit and be placed after their Ancienties, as before this Act was accustomed. But having regard to the Lords and noble Peers of the Realm; both the Archbishops have place above all the great Officers and Nobility in Parliament, Councill and Commissions, saving in the Star-chamber, the Lord Chancelor or Lord Keeper hath the precedency of them. But the other Bishops have place above all the Barons of the Realm, because they hold their Bishopricks of the King per Baroniam, but they give place to Viscounts, Earls, Marqueses and Dukes.

*Nota*, the Lord Steward of England is not here mentioned, because it was intended that when the use of him should be necessary, he should not endure longer than *hic vice*.  
 \* i. the Kings Grandchilde.  
 Note the degrees within that Act.

Concerning the great Officers of the Realm. 1. The Lord Chancellor, or Lord Keeper of the Great Seal. 2. The Lord Treasurer. 3. The Lord President of the Kings Council. 4. The Lord Privy Seal, being of the degree of Barons of Parliament, or above, shall sit and be placed in Parliament on the higher part of the form above all Dukes, except only such as shall happen to be the Kings Son, the Kings Brother, the Kings Nephew, or the Kings Brothers or Sisters Sons. See an Act made in 28 H. 8. cap. 18. making it treason for marrying, &c. with any of the blood royall within certain degrees: but it is repealed. 5. The Great Chamberlain of England. 6. The Constable. 7. The Marshall. 8. The Lord Admirall. 9. The Lord Steward of the Kings house. 10. The Kings Chamberlain shall sit and be placed after the Lord Privy Seal in manner and form following, viz. every of them shall sit and be placed above all other Parsonages being of the same state and degree: as if he be a Baron, above all Barons: if a Viscount, above all Viscounts: if an Earl, above all Earls, &c. 11. The Kings principall Secretary being a Baron of the Parliament shall sit above all Barons not having any of the offices aforesaid. But if he be a Viscount, an Earl, or any other higher degree, he shall not take the place of any Viscount, Earl, or higher degree, as it was resolved in the case of Robert Cecil, Earl of Salisbury. And if the Secretary be a Bishop, he shall take the place of all other Bishops not having any of the offices aforesaid, but not above the Archbishops.

The generall clause.

All other Dukes not before mentioned, Marqueses, Earls, Viscounts and Barons, not having any of the offices aforesaid, shall sit and be placed after their Ancientie, as hath been accustomed.

¶ All other Dukes, &c. If the King should create a Duke to the estate of Archduke, yet by force of these words he shall not take place of any Duke that was his Ancient, *Et sic de similibus*: otherwise this statute might be made of no force; and an Archduke is some other Duke.

If any person being Lord Chancellor, Lord Keeper, Lord Treasurer, Lord President, Lord Privy Seal, or Chief Secretary, shall be under the degree of a Baron of Parliament, they shall in Parliaments sit in the uppermost part of the Sacks in the middelt of the Parliament Chamber, &c. But in the Star Chamber, and all other Assemblies and conferences of Council, they shall sit and be placed as is above rehearsed; and in no other place. Lastly, the Lord Chancellor, Lord Keeper, Lord Treasurer, Lord President, Lord Privy Seal, being Lords of Parliament: The great Chamberlain, the Constable, the Marshall, the Lord Admirall, the Lord Steward, the Kings Chamberlain, and the Kings Chief Secretary shall sit and be placed in such order and fashion as is above rehearsed, and not in any other place, by Authority of this Parliament. *Vid. Statut. de 10 R. 2. cap. 1.*

\* The words negative were added to avoid all scruple, that the order for precedence set down in this Parliament should not be altered by any *non obstante*.

a Rot. Parl. Anno 3 H. 6. in principio, & nu. 10.  
 b Ro. Parl. 27 H. 6. nu. 18.  
 Vide Rot. Parl. 11 H. 6. m. 9. nu. 32, 33, 34, 35. between the Earl of Arundell and Mowbrey Earl of Norf.  
 Rot. Parl. 3 H. 6. in principio cited in the Earl Marshals case.  
 c Hol. Chron. pa. 620. 10. Hall 143. &c. Anno 20 H. 6.  
 d Rot. Parl. 6 H. 6. nu. 22, 23, 24.

a He that is desirous to understand the true Rules of Precedency of the Nobles of this Realm in the High Court of Parliament, &c. let him reade the great case between John Earl Marshall and Richard Earl of Warwick, in Parliament, and the affirmations, answers, and replications on both parts exceeding long, but full of notable rules, reasons, and presidents concerning Precedency, both in respect of the Blood-Royall, and otherwise: together with the Lines and Pedegrees, Seats, and Places of many Noblemen very delightfull to be read.

b Another between William Earl of Arundell, and Thomas Earl of Devon: wherein you shall reade notable matter concerning the Castle and Honour of Arundell, precedently adjudged by the Lords in Parliament in the reigne of H. 4. between the Earl of Arundell and the Earl of Kent.

c If a Bishop of this Realm be made a Cardinall, he shall not take any place of precedence in Parliament as Cardinall, but take his place in right of his Bishoprick, which he holdeth of the King per Baroniam, in respect whereof he sitteth in Parliament.

d If a Duke or Earl, &c. be made Protector of the Realm in Parliament, he shall

shall have no other place but as a Duke or Earl, &c. Hereby you may perceiue how necessary it was to set down by authority of Parliament in certainty the place & precedency that great Officers should have in Parliament, who sit not there in right of their Offices, but of their Nobility: And the names of dignities of the Nobility are parcell of their names, and so ought to be named in the Kings Writts: but the Offices of Chancelor, Treasurer, and other Offices are not parcell of their names, and therefore in the Kings Writts need not to be so named.

It is also enacted by authority of the said Act of 31 H. 8. that in all trials of Treasons by the Peers of this Realm, the said great Officers of this Land shall sit and be placed according to their Offices, above all other the Peers, as is aforesaid.

We have perused the List of the names of the Lords of Parliament sitting in Parliament both of ancient and later time, wherein we can gather no certainty for precedency.

Thus far for avoiding of contention about precedency in Parliaments, Star-Chamber, and all other Assemblies and Conferences of councill, and upon trials by the Peers of the Realm was necessary.

Now he that desireth to know the places and precedency of the Nobility and Subjects of the Realm, as well men as women, and of their children: we for avoiding of tediousnesse will refer them to a Record of great authority in the reign of H. 7. (for we will not vouch<sup>c</sup> Barth. Cassaneus or any other foreign Author) <sup>d</sup> intituled Series ordinum omnium procerum, magnatum, & nobilium, & aliorum quorumcunque infra hoc regnum tam virorum quam feminarum, posita & distincta per nobilissimum Jaspalum Ducem Bedford & alios nobiles appuncturatione Domini Regis Henrici septimi: (but this Record dealeth not with the places of any of the great Officers) <sup>e</sup> whereunto we will refer you: wherein you shall see what places both the Sons, \* Wives, and Daughters, of Lords of Parliament, as Dukes, Marqueses, Earls, Viscounts, and Barons shall have, and of Banerets, Knights, Esquires, and Gentlemen, and of their Wives and Children shall have.

If any question be moved in Parliament for privileidge or precedency of any Lord of Parliament, it is to be decided by the Lords of Parliament in the house of the Lords, as all privileidges, and other matter concerning the Lords house of Parliament are, as privileidges and other matters concerning the house of Commons are by the house of Commons to be decided.

The determination of the places and precedencies of others doth belong to the Court of the Constable and Marshall, unlesse any question riseth upon the said Act of Parliament of 31 H. 8. for that being part of the Law of the Realme (as all other Statutes be) is to be decided by Judges of the Common Law.

<sup>s</sup> Nobilis est qui generis sui imagines proferre potest. <sup>h</sup> Flavia gens obscura quidem & sine imaginibus.

Tota licet veteres exornent<sup>i</sup> undique Cera  
Atria, nobilitas sola est atque unica virtus.

Major est nobilitas quam virtus: virtus enim sine nobilitate esse potest, nobilitas autem sine virtute esse non potest.

<sup>k</sup> Arma seu insignia gentilicia ex antiquo habuerunt loco imaginu. So as now the best discussing of antiquity of Gentry is per insignia.

— Armique fixit  
Troia. —

Virgill.

And by the Lawes of England as all the degrees of nobility and honour were derived from the King as the fountaine of honour: \* so all the Lands in Eng-

ing and losing thereof, &c. viz. Sect. 9. fo. 17. a. b. Sect. 1. fo. 9. b. Sect. 95. fo. 69. a. b. Sect. 112. f. 83. b. Sect. 241. fo. 105. a. Sect. 14. 15. fo. 20. 2. Sect. 137. fo. 97. a. Sect. 201. f. 134. a. Sect. 648. fo. 344. 2. &c.

a 7 H. 6. fo. 15. Vid. Rot. Parl. 15 E. 3. nu. 7. b This is put for an example, for it extendeth to all trials by Peere, not only in case of treason, but in case of felony, in case of felony, mispison of treason and felony, and so ever since this Statute hath it beene put in use. c Bait; Cassanaus in Caraloge gloria mundi. d Series ordinum tempore H. 7. e Vid. Canon Eliz pz. 475. f Which we have added the rather, for that the contention about precedency betwene persons of that sex is ever ficy, furious, and sometime fatall. Vid. the Parliam. Rolls vbi supra. f Vid. Rot. Parl. 31 H. 6. nu. 27. See 3 H. 6. nu. 10. betwene Mowbray Earle of Norf. and Beauchamp Earle of Warwick. g Cicero. Plin. l. b. 39. apud majores, &c. optime. h Tranquillus in Vesp. i Juvenal. i. Cereas imagines. k Cotte de Armes, A coat armour, that is, a long coat over armour with his armes embroidered upon it. \* See the 1. part of the Institutes, Sect. 1. &c. and in that first part in divers places many things concerning nobility and their creations, and of the gain-

land were originally derived from the Crowne of England, and are holden of the same mediately or immediately. See before in the Chapter of the high Court of Parliament.

As names make knowne singular persons, so Armes distinguish severall Families.

It is worthy of remembrance, and fit for example, that when Thomas Lord Cromwel by a flattering Herald was offered in the time of King H. 8. to fetch his pedegree from the ancient Lord Cromwel, that he might beare his Coat, he answered that he would weare a Coat of his own, lest another mans Coat might be taken from him: unto whom the King as advanced by him gave this Coat, Quarterly indented per Fesse, Or and Azure, foure Lions counterchanged: where the old Lord Cromwels Coat was Argent, a Chiefe Gules, a Bend Azure. The said Act of 31 H. 8. extendeth not to Archbishops and Bishops, therefore it is necessary to speak somewhat of them also. In ancient time they had great precedency, even before the brother of the King, as it appeareth by the Parliament Roll of 18 E. 1, and many others, which continued untill it was altered by Ordinance in Parliament in the reigne of King H. 6. as it appeareth by a Roll of Parliament of that Kings reigne, entred in the back of the Parliament Roll. The precedency in Parliament, and other places of Counsell at this day (whereunto we ayme) is, the two Archbishops have the precedency of all the Lords Tempozall; and every other Bishop in respect of his Barony have place of all the Barons of the Realm, and under the estate of the Viscount and other superior dignities. The Bishops between themselves have this precedency. First, the Bishop of London, and after him the Bishop of Duresme, and then the Bishop of Winchester, and after him every Bishop as he is in seigniority. But to this day, in all Acts, Ordinances, and Judgements, &c. of Parliament it is said, the Lords Spirituall and Tempozall.

Rot. pat. 9 Jacobi  
8. part. nu. 45.  
Baronets and  
others.

The first creation of Baronets was in Anno 9 Jacobi Regis: what place and precedency these Baronets and divers others shall hold, you may reade Rot. pat. 10 Jacobi Regis part. 10. m. 8. & Rot. pat. Anno 14 Jacobi regis part. 2. m. 24.

To conclude this Chapter with the Code of Theodosius, &c. Ut dignitatum ordo servetur, si quis indebitum sibi locum usurpaverit, nulla se ignoracione defendat, sitque plane sacrilegii reus.

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## The Epilogue.



Hus have we by the great goodnesse of the Almighty brought this painfull Work, consisting of such, and so many varieties and difficulties, concerning the Jurisdiction of such, and so many distinct Courts (above the number of 100.) to a conclusion: and in some few cases, where we have differed from others in opinion, we have shewed the cause and beginning of these errors (as we take them:) for it is a sure Rule, *Quod errores ad sua principia referre, est refellere*, to bring errors to their first, is to see their last. Wherein we have strengthened our opinion with our two great guides, Authority and Reason, and not trusted Abridgements, Polyanthea's, or taken any thing upon trust, but have searched the Fountaines themselves, alway holding this Rule, *Quod satius est petere fontes, quam sectari rivulos*: And our desired end is, that all these high and honourable Tribunals, and other subordinate Courts and venerable Seats of Justice may prosper and flourish in distribution of Justice, which assuredly they shall doe, if they derive all their power and strength from their proper roots.

Whilest we were in hand with these foure Parts of the Institutes, we often having occasion to go into the City, and from thence into the Country, did in some sort envy the state of the honest Plowman, and other Mechanicks; for the one when he was at his work would merrily sing, and the Plowman whistle some selfe-pleasing tune, and yet their work both proceeded and succeeded: But he that takes upon him to write, doth captivate all the faculties and powers both of his minde and body, and must be only intentive to that which he collecteth, without any expression of joy or cheerfulness, whilest he is in his work.

Throughout all this Treatise we have dealt cleerly and plainly concerning some pretended Courts, which either are no Courts warrantable by Law, as we conceive them, or which without warrant have incroached more jurisdiction then they ought. *Qui non liberè veritatem pronuntiat, proditor veritatis est*. Wherein if any of our honourable friends shall take offence, our Apology shall be, *Amicus Plato, amicus Socrates, sed magis amica Veritas*. Having ever in memory that saying of the Kingly Prophet, *Keepe innocency, and take heed to the thing that is right, and that will bring a man peace at the last*.

Psal. 37. 38.

And you honourable and reverend Judges and Justices, that do or shall sit in the high Tribunals and Courts or Seats of Justice, as aforesaid, feare not to do right to all, and to deliver your opinions justly according to the Laws: for feare is nothing but a betraying of the succours that reason should afford. And if you shall sincerely execute justice

Lib. Sap. cap. 17.  
12. Nihil est timor nisi proditio cogitationis auxilium.

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Justice, be assured of three things: First, though some may malign you, yet God will give you his blessing. Secondly, that though thereby you may offend great men and Favourites, yet you shall have the favourable kindnesse of the Almighty, and be his Favourites. And lastly, that in so doing, against all scandalous complaints and pragmaticall devices against you, God will defend you as with a shield: \* *For thou Lord wilt give a blessing unto the righteous, and with thy favourable kindnesse wilt thou defend him, as with a shield.*

\* Psal. 5. 13.

And for that we have broken the Ice, and out of our owne industry and observation framed this high and honourable Building of the Jurisdiction of Courts, without the help or furtherance of any that hath written of this Argument before, I shall heartily desire the wise hearted and expert Builders (Justice being *Architectonica Virtus*) to amend both the method or uniformity, and the structure it selfe, wherein they shall finde either want of windowes, or sufficient lights, or other deficiency in the Architecture whatsoever. And we will conclude with the Aphorisme of that great Lawyer and Sage of the Law (which we have heard him often say) *Blessed be the amending hand.*

Aristotle.

Edm: Plowden.

*Deo gloria & gratia.*

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