

But the Truth is, he did not perform that so as he ought to have done; and his Successors, *William Rufus*, King *Stephen*, *Henry the First*, and *Richard* likewise, made frequent Incroachments upon the Liberties of their People, but especially King *John* made Use of so many illegal Devices to drain them of Money, that, wearied with intollerable Oppressions, they resolved to oblige the King to grant them their Liberties, and to promise the same should be observ'd, which King *John* did in *Running-mead* between *Stains* and *Windsor*, by two Charters, one called *Charta Libertatum*, The Charter of Liberties (the Form of which you may read in *Math. Paris*, Fol. 246. and is in effect, the same with this here recited) the other the Charter of the Forest, Copies of which he sent into every County, and commanded the Sheriffs, &c. to see them fulfilled.

But by ill Counsel he quickly after began to violate them as much as ever, whereupon Disturbances and great Miseries arose, both to himself and the Realm.

The Son and Successor of this King *John* was *Henry the Third*, who in the 9th Year of his Reign, renewed and confirmed the said Charters, but within two Years after cancelled them, by the pernicious Advice of his Favorites, and particularly *Hubert de Burgh*, whom he had made Lord Chief Justice; one that in former times had been a great Lover of his Country, and a well-deserving Patriot, as well as learned in the Laws; but now, to make this a Step to his Ambition (which ever rideth without Reins) perswaded and humoured the King, that he might avoid the Charters of his Father King *John*, by *Dureffe*, and his own great Charter, and *Charta de Foresta* also, for that he was within Age when he granted the same; whereupon the King, in the eleventh Year of his
Reign,