

the Heir or Heirs of an Earl, for a whole Earldom, by one hundred Pound : the Heir or Heirs of a Baron, for a whole Barony, by one hundred Marks : the Heir or Heirs of a Knight, for one whole Knight's Fee, one hundred Shillings at the most. And he that hath less, shall give less, according to the old Custom of Fees.

NOTES.

Knight's Service was a Tenure introduced here by *William* call'd the Conqueror, who granted several Lands to his Subjects, to be held of him to do him Service in his Wars. 'Tis now taken away by the Statute, 12 Car. 2. cap. 24. by which all such Tenures are turned into *Free Seage*.

When the Possessors of such Lands died, it was call'd *Hereditas caduca*. (i. e.) it was fallen to the King, or to other chief Lord, to whom the Heir was to pay a Sum of Money, and then he was said *relevare Hereditatem caducam*, out of his Hands ; and the Money thus paid was call'd a Relief.

The old Relief was always paid in Utensils of War, as Horses, Helmets, Shields, &c. but such Tributes could not be exacted of the *English* immediately after the Conquest, for they were depriv'd of all manner of Arms by the *Normans*, and paid Money instead thereof ; but by *Magna Charta*, the old Relief is restored.

C H A P. III.

*The Wardship of an Heir within Age :
The Heir a Knight.*

BUT if the Heir of any such be within Age, his Lord not have the Ward of him, nor of his Land, before that he hath taken of him Homage.
(2) And after that such an Heir hath been in Ward (when he is come to full Age) that is to say, to the Age