

wife her *Dower*, (i. e.) that portion of Lands or Tenements, which were settled on her by her Husband: And she had a special Privilege to stay in the chief House for forty days, which is call'd a *Quarentine*, unless such House was a Castle: And the Reason of this Exception was, because there were several Castles then in *England*, which were built for the Defence of the Kingdom, of which the Widow could not be endowed, neither could she continue in them after the Death of her Husband, as not being a proper Person to engage in any warlike Enterprize, and therefore the next Heir male was to have the Castle; and the Widow another House, and *Estovers*, that is Fuel to burn there, till her Dower was assigned to her by the Heir.

C H A P. VIII.

How Sureties shall be charged to the King.

WE, or our Bailiffs, shall not seize any Land or Rents for any Debt, as long as the personal Goods and Chattels of the Debtor do suffice to pay the Debt, and the Debtor himself be ready to satisfy therefore. (2.) Neither shall the Pledges of the Debtor be distrained, as long as the principal Debtor is sufficient for the Payment of the Debt. (3.) And if the principal Debtor fail in the payment of the Debt, having nothing wherewith to pay, or will not pay where he is able, the Pledges shall answer for the Debt. (4.) And if they will, they shall have the Lands and Rents of the Debtor until they be satisfied of that which they before paid for him, except that the Debtor can shew himself to be acquitted against the said Sureties.