

can never be the meaning of it in this place, but rather that which is necessary for his Support, according to his Condition or State of Life; so that tho' he might be amerced, yet something must be left for his Support; therefore the Husbandman was to have his *Wainage*, (i.e.) his *Wain*, *Plough* and *Utensils* of Husbandry, that he might till the Land: The Sheriff did usually by his Officers seise the Estates of those who were in Debt, and disposed the same to the payment of their Debts, what remained was for the Advancement of the Wife and Children, and if there were no such, then to the next of Kin, and this is proved by the close Roll 7 H. 3. Rot. 16. (viz.) *Bona intestatorum capi solebant in manus nostras, &c.*

But Mr. Selden, who had seen that Record, gives us another account of it, (viz.) that it was Customary in those days for the Sheriff or other Officer to seise the Goods of the Kings Tenants who died indebted to him, in order, in the first place to discharge that Debt, and that one *Fitz Tun* was indebted to the King, and his Goods seised after his Death, and that the Debt being paid, the King wrote to the Sheriff of *Lincoln* to deliver all the Goods *in manus nostras Capta*, to the Prior of *Lockton*, and other Executors, *ad faciend. Testamentum.*

C H A P. XV.

There shall be but one Measure throughout the Realm.

ONE Measure of Wine shall be through our Realm, and one Measure of Ale, and Measure of Corn, that is to say, the Quarter of *London*. (2.) And one breadth of died Cloath, *Russlets*, and *Haberjects*, that is to say, two Yards within the *Lifts*. (3.) And it shall be of Weights as it is of Measures.

Notes on the Fifteenth C H A P.

These *Haberjects* were Cloaths made of Wool of a mix'd or medley Colour, and commonly worn by the meaner Sort of People.