

Law the King might enter on the Lands of his Subjects where *Mines of Gold or Silver* were found, so he claimed a Privilege to keep wild Beasts and Game to himself in any place which he should appoint for that purpose.

Canutus the Dane, who was King here Anno 1018, prohibited all People to enter his Forests, *ubique eas habere voluero*, (i. e.) where ever he pleased to make such Forests: And in After-Ages, when any King intended to do the like, a Commission issued out of the Court of *Chancery* under the Great Seal, directed to certain Persons, declaring his Will and Pleasure to make a Forest in such a place, commanding them to view the Ground, and to bound so much thereof, which they should think convenient to make a Forest for his Delight and Recreation; and by Verrue of this Commission, those Persons entered on the Lands of any Man whatsoever, and set out Marks and Boundaries, in order to make a Forest, without any Satisfaction to the Owner: And when they had made their Perambulation, and viewed the Ground, and bounded it, and after they had returned their Commission into the *Chancery*, then the King was entituled to those Lands, now converted into a Forest, and that by matter of Record. Now this being a great Oppression, therefore by the first Paragraph of the Charter of the Forest 'tis thus declared.

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ALL Forests which King *Henry* our Grandfather afforested and made, shall be viewed by good and lawful Men; and if he hath made a Forest