

rest of any other Wood, more than of his own *Demesne*, whereby the Owner of the Wood hath Hurt, we Will, that forthwith it be disforested: And if he hath made Forest of no Man's Wood but his own, then we Will that it remain Forest still, saving the Common of Herbage, and of other things in the same Forest to them, which before were accustomed to have the same.

N O T E S.

All the *Norman* Kings, not only inclosed Forests in the manner as before mentioned, but punished those who hunted, and killed any of the Game with the greatest Severity.

*John Brampton*, who was Abbot of *Joreval* in *Yorkshire*, in the Reign of *Ed. 2.* procured an antient *Chronicle*, which he gave to that Abbey, beginning with the coming in of *St. Augustin*, Anno 588. and ending with the Death of *H. 1st.* in which he tells us that *William*, called the Conqueror, caused the Eyes of the Man to be pulled out, who took either a Buck or Doe in his Forests.

*Henry Knighton*, one of the Canons of *Leicester*, who lived some time after *Brampton*, and made a History of *England*, beginning at the Conquest, and ending about the latter end of the Reign of *Ric. 2.* tells us, that *William Rufus* would hang a Man for taking a Doe out of any of his Forests, and that he made one pay 20*s.* for killing a Hare, and another 10*s.* for killing a Cony in his Forest.

*Eadmerus* a Monk of *Canterbury*, who lived in the Twelfth Century, long before either of the before mentioned Historians, and who wrote the Lives of the two *Williams* and *Henry* the first (being a Work of unquestionable Authority) tells us in *Lib. 2. fol. 48.* that the same *Rufus* caused fifty rich Men to be apprehended, and accused them for killing and taking his Bucks in his Forest; which they denying, they were ordered to clear themselves by *Fire Ordeal*: And *H. 1.* made no Difference between one who killed a Man and a Buck; and punished those who destroyed the Game (tho' not in his Forests) either by Forfeiture of their Goods, or Loss of their Limbs, but *H. 2.* made it Imprisonment for a time.

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