

## C H A P. III.

**A**LL Woods which have been made Forests by King *Richard* our Uncle, unto our first Coronation, shall be forthwith disforested, unless it be our Demefne Woods.

## N O T E S.

Though the Lands and Woods of several People were converted and made parts of Forests without their Consent, yet the Freehold remained in them still; but the Lands were subject to the Laws of the Forest: So that a Man could not fell Timber growing on his own Lands, when once they were taken into a Forest, without View of the Forester, and a License from the Chief Justice in Eyre; for in such cases, the King had a Prerogative over the Woods of every Man within the Forest, in order to preserve the Game, which cannot be done without Woods and Coverts to defend them; and therefore they may not be felled, without the Leave of the Chief Justice in Eyre.

But by this Grant or Charter, all the Woods which were taken into Forest, from the beginning of the Reign of King *Richard* I. to the time of the Coronation of this King, were restored to the Owners.

## C H A P. IV.

**A**LL Archbishops, Bishops, Abbots, Priors, Earls, Barons, Knights and other our Freeholders, which have their Woods in Forests, shall have their Woods as they had them at the time of the first Coronation of King *Henry* our Grandfather; so that they shall be quit for ever, of all Purprestures, Wastes and Assarts made in those Woods after that time, until the beginning of the second Year of our Coronation; and those that do  
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