

the Forest, of which *Expeditating Dogs* was one, (*i. e.*) every Man who dwelt in the Forest, was to cut off three Claws of the Fore-foot of his Dog next to the Skin, that he might be disabled to hunt the Deer; and not the Ball of the Fore-foot as formerly; and if this was not done, then upon an Inquisition taken by the *Regarders*, and certified by them who it was that owned the Dog, and presented upon Oath to the *Verderors*; the Court in such Case issued Process against him, to levy three Shillings for his neglect in not cutting off his Dog's Claws.

Now all the new Forests which were made by H. 2. R. 1. or King *John*, being by this Charter to be disforested, therefore it was necessary to exempt the Proprietors of those Lands, which were once part of the Forest, from this Forfeiture, which was done by these Words, (*viz.*) *From henceforth no Dogs shall be expeditated, but in the Places where it hath been accustomed, from the time of the first Coronation of the said King H. our Grandfather, (i. e.) in the ancient Forests, and which remain so still, after the Lands of the new Forests were disforested and restored to the right Owners.*

CHAP. VII.

NO Forester or Beadle from henceforth shall make *Scotale*, or gather *Garb* or Oats, or any Corn, or Lamb or Pigs, nor shall make any gathering, but upon the Sight, and upon the Oath of the twelve *Regarders*, when they shall make *Regard*: So many Foresters shall be assigned to the keeping the Forests, as reasonably shall seem sufficient for keeping the same.

NOTES.

Before the making this Charter it was a general Complaint, that the Officers of the Forest did very much oppress the People who dwelt there, or who had any Lands adjoining; and this was by Extortion, and by a multitude of unnecessary Officers, by whom the same were exacted.

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