

Walks and Bailiwick, there ought to be one Forester at the least in every Walk.

C H A P. VIII.

NO Swainmote from henceforth shall be kept within this Realm but thrice in the Year; First, the 15th Day afore St. *Michael*, when our Giftakers of our Woods come together to take Agistment in our Demefne Woods, and about the Feast of St. *Martin* in Winter, when that our Giftakers shall receive our Pannage; and to these two Swainmotes shall come our Foresters, Verderors, Giftakers, and none other, by Distress. The third Swainmote shall be kept at the beginning of fifteen days before the Feast of St *John* the Baptist, when that our Giftakers do meet to sawn our Deer; and at this Swainmote shall meet our Foresters and Verderors, and none other, by Distress. Moreover every forty Days throughout the Year, our Foresters and Verderors shall meet to see the Attachments of the Forest, as well for green Hue as for Hunting, by the Presentment of the Foresters, and afore them attached; and the said Swainmotes shall not be kept, but within the Counties in which they have been used to be kept.

N O T E S.

Swainmote, or Swanimote, is a Court as incident to a Forest, as a Court of Piepowder's to a Fair; and it is so called, because the Swains (*i. e.*) the Freeholders of Lands in the Forest, met at this Court, to which they all owed Suit and Service.

Before the making this Charter, there was no certain time limited for holding this Court; and therefore the chief Wardens and Foresters kept such Courts as often as they pleased, and compelled those who dwelt within the Forest to attend,

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