

ten, and at the Will and Pleasure of the chief Officers of the Forest.

To this Court the Foresters brought their Attachments, (*i. e.*) what Offenders they had attached, either by their Goods or Chattles, or by their Bodies, for committing any Hurt or Injury in the green Hue, otherwise called Vert, (*i. e.*) every Tree growing in the Forest and bearing green Leaves, which may cover or feed the Deer; and for this reason it is called the Court of Attachments.

This was only a Court of Enquest, and the Verderors, who were Judges thereof, could not intermeddle with any thing but what was injurious to the Vert or Venison, and the Foresters were to bring in their Attachments, as well of the one, as the other, which the Verderors were to receive and inroll.

C H A P. IX.

EVERY Freeman may take Agistments in his own Woods within our Forests at his Pleasure, and shall take his Pannage: And also we do grant, that every Freeman may drive his Swine freely, and without Impediment, through our Demefne Woods, for to agist them in their own Woods, or else where they will; and if their Swine tarry one Night, and lie within our Forest, there shall be no occasion taken thereof, whereby he may leese any of his own.

NOTES.

He who had Woods or Lands within the Forest, either in own Right or the Right of his Wife, might by himself or Servants, or Tenants agist the same, which he could not do before the making this Charter; and afterwards he could not agist Goats or Sheep there, though they were his own, without a special License for that Purpose; because Goats tainted all the Herbage where they fed; so that the Beasts of the Forest would not depasture there; and Sheep eat it so near the Earth, that they left little or nothing for the Deer in those Places where they depastured.