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of the Forester if he be present; or else he shall cause one to blow a Horn for him, that he seem not to steal our Deer: And likewise they shall do in returning home from us.

CHAP. XII.

Lands, or in his Water which he hath within our Forest, Mills, Springs, Pools, Marl-pits, Dykes, or arable Ground, without enclosing the arable Land, so that it be not to the Annoyance of his Neighbours.

CHAP. XIII.

EVery Freeman shall have within his own Woods, Airies of Hawks, Sparrow-Hawks, Falcons, Eagles and Herons, and shall have also the Honey that is found in his Woods.

NOTES.

Every Freeman from henceforth, &c. which Words import, that before that time he could not erect any Mill, &c. in his own Grounds within the Forest and without Leave; for if he did, it was a Purpresture, and the Offender was to be committed without Bail, till he paid a Fine to the King.

And as for Hawks and Falcons, &c. the King claimed them by Virtue of his Prerogative, though they were bred

in another Man's Woods.