

Attachments for Pleas of Forest, as well for green Hue as Hunting ; and shall present the same to the Verderors of the Provinces : And when they be inrolled and inclosed under the Seals of the Verderors, they shall be presented to our Chief Justices of our Forest, when they shall come thither to hold Plea of Forest, and before them they shall be determined.

N O T E S.

Castelain was a certain Officer, who had a Command over all, or some part of a Forest, and before the making this Charter, he and the Constable and Bailiff would attach those who committed any Trespass in the Forest, either in the Vert or in Hunting ; but it was prohibited for the time to come, and that none should make such Attachments, but a Forester in Fee who was a known and constant Officer of the Forest, and responsible to the Party grieved, if he should misbehave himself : And his Business is to attach Offenders either by their Goods, or in some cases by their Persons ; but if the Party enter into a Recognisance to appear at the next Forest-Court, taken before the Verderors, because they are Judges of Record, and they are to receive the Attachments from the Foresters, and to inroll them in their Rolls, which they are to certify to the chief Justices of the Forest at their next general Sessions or Eyre.

Upon the whole matter, it will appear upon a Recapitulation of this Charter, that the People of *England* recovered by it as many and as great Privileges and Liberties, as they did by *Magna Charta*.

For before this time the Kings of *England* claimed a Prerogative to make Forests of the Lands of any of his Subjects ; so that no Man could say his Estate in those Lands was his own ; and when they were converted into Forests, those who hunted there were punished with the greatest Severity, even to the Loss of Limbs and Life, and sometimes by imprisonment, and at other times by abjuring the Realm for ever, and the mildest Punishment was a grievous Fine.

'Tis true, tho' these Lands were made Forest, the Inheritance continued still in the Proprietors, but that signified very little ; for they being subject to the Laws of the Forest, the Owners could make no Profit of them ; for they could not sell any Timber, even for the necessary Repairs of their

Houses,