

thing we have set our Seal to this present Charter, together with the Seals of the Archbishops, Bishops, which voluntarily have sworn, that as much as in them is, they shall observe the Tenour of this present Charter in all Clauses and Articles, and shall extend their faithful Aid to the keeping thereof, &c.

*The Comment.*

THE word Tallage is derived from the *French* word *Tailler*, to share or cut out a Part, and is metaphorically used for any Charge, when the King, or any other, does cut out, or take away, any Part, or Share, out of a Man's Estate, and being a general Word, it includes all Subsidies, Taxes, Tenths, Aids, Impositions, or other Charges whatsoever,

The word *Maletot* signifies an Evil (that is an unjust) Toll, Custom, Imposition or Sum of Money.

The occasion of making this Statute was this; King *Edward* being injured by the *French* King, resolves to make War against him, and in order thereunto requires of *Humphry le Bobun*, Earl of *Hereford* and *Essex*, and Constable of *England*, and of *Roger Bigot*, Earl of *Norfolk* and *Suffolk*, and Marshal of *England*, and of all the Earls, Knights, Esquires, and Freeholders of 20 *l.* Land, who held of him *in Capite*, to contribute towards such his Expedition, that is, to go in Person, or find sufficient Men in their places in his Army; which the Constable and Marshal, and many of the Knights and Esquires, and especially this *John Ferrers* taking part with them, and all the Freemen, stoutly denied, unless it were ordained and determined by common Consent in Parliament, accord-