

ing to Law. And, it seems, the Contest grew so hot, that a strange Dialogue passed between them, *viz.* That when the Earl Marshal told the King, *That if his Majesty pleased to go in Person, he would then go with him, and march before him, in the Vanguard, as by Right of Inheritance he ought to do; but otherwise he would not stir;* the King told him plainly, he should go with any other, though he went not in Person. *I am not so bound, (saith the Earl) neither will I take that Journey without you.* The King swore, *By God, Sir Earl, you shall either go or hang. And I swear by the same Oath (saith the Earl) I will neither go nor hang.* And so the King was forc'd to dispatch his Expedition without them. And yet (saith my Lord Coke) although the King had conceived a deep Displeasure against the Constable, Marshal, and others of the Nobility, Gentry and Commons of the Realm, for denying that which he so much desired, yet, for that they stood in Defence of their Laws, Liberties, and Free Customs, the said King *Edward the First*, who, (as *Sir William Herle* Chief Justice of the Common Pleas, who lived in his time, and served him, said in the time of King *Edward the Third*, was the wisest King that ever was) did, after his Return from beyond the Seas, not only consent to this Statute, whereby all such Tallages and Impositions are forbidden for the future, but also passes a Pardon to all the Nobles, &c. of all Rancour, Ill-will and Transgressions, if any they have committed; which last words were added, lest by Acceptance of a Pardon of Transgressions they should implicitly confess that they had transgressed; so careful were the Lords and Commons in former times to preserve the ancient Laws, Liberties, and free Customs of their Country.