

moiety to the King, the other to the Prosecutor, by Action, &c. or Information in any Court of Record.

H. 8. 17. All Coppice and Underwoods that shall be felled at Fourteen years growth or under, from the Twentieth day of April next, after the Felling for four years; it shall be sufficiently Inclosed, and the Springs preserved from Cattle by him that hath the lawful interest and possession, upon pain to forfeit 3 s. 4 d. for every Rod not so inclosed or preserved by the person so bounden to it for every month. This is enlarged to five years, and then none but Calves and yearling Colts till six years.

El. 25. All Coppice above fourteen years growth, and under twenty four, shall in like sort be inclosed or preserved for six years, under the like penalty; and this is enlarged to eight years, as above.

H. 8. 17. No person shall convert into Tillage or Pasture any Coppice or Underwoods, containing two Acres or more, being then Coppice or Underwood, and being two Furlongs distant from the Owners house, or the house to which it appertains, upon pain to forfeit for every Acre 40 s.

Every person having several Woods or Coppice set with great Trees about twenty four years growth, shall at the Felling, leave for every Acre twelve Oaks, if so many Oaks, or else so many Trees of Elm, Ash, Asp, Beech, as make up the number to be left standing, twenty years after the Felling; and for seven years after, preserve and inclose it from destruction by Cattle, upon pain that the Owner forfeit for every Tree lacking of that number 6 s. 8 d. and the Owner commanding those Trees to be felled, to lose for every Tree so felled 6 s. 8 d. and for every Rod inclosed or preserved 3 s. 4 d.

But the Owner may take any of them for Repairs and Necessaries.

H. 8. 17. The Lord, owner of the Soil where Woods grow, and others having Common, shall before Felling, call together the Tenants, and by the consent of more part of them, if they can agree, shall set out a fourth part thereof: And if the Lord and Tenants do not agree, then two Justices to be assigned by the Sessions, at the request of the Lord, being not of his Alliance, Kin, Counsel or Fee, shall call together twelve such Commoners and Inhabitants, and under such Penalties as they think fit; and being met, and the Justices shewing the cause of their meeting, if the Justices, Lord, Commoners and Inhabitants, or the major part of them cannot agree upon a Division of a fourth part, the Justices may set out a fourth part; and the Lord, or owner, may inclose and sell.

H. 8. 17. Standels, Storers and Trees, shall be left upon like Penalties, as before is limited, and the Inclosure maintained, and Springs preserved seven years from the felling; and within that seven years no Beast be put in or suffered to feed there, upon pain to forfeit 4 d. for every Beast. And the Owner forfeit for every Tree otherwise felled 6 s. 8 d.

After such inclosing, the Tenants may use and enjoy their Common in the residue not inclosed; and the Lord shall put no Cattle therein for the seven years, 35 H. 8. 17. And after the seven years it shall be left open, and used as before.

35 H. 8. 17. But by 13 El. 25. the Woods are to remain inclosed, and Springs be preserved two years longer than by 35 H. 8. is directed upon the like Penalties.

1 Jac. 22. No person shall fell or cause, &c. any Oaken Trees, meet to be barked (where Bark is worth two shillings a Cart-load above the charges) except Timber for Houses, Ships or Mills; but between the first day of April, and the last day of June, upon pain of Forfeiture of the Bark, or double the value thereof.