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THE STATUTE

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CAP. XV.

Which Prisoners be mainpernable, and which not. The Penalty for unlawful Bailment.

And forasmuch as Sheriffs, and other, which have taken and kept in Prison Persons detected of Felony, and incontinent have let out by Replevin such as were not replevisable, and have kept in Prison such as were replevisable, because they would gain of the one Party, and grieve the other; (2) and forasmuch as before this time it was not determined which Persons were replevisable, and which not, but only those that were taken for the Death of Man, or by Commandment of the King, or of his Justices, or *for the Forest*: (3) It is provided, and by the King commanded, that such Prisoners as before were outlawed, and they which have abjured the Realm, Provors, and such as be taken with the Manner, and those which have broken the King's Prison, Thiefs

Et pur ceo que viscounts, & auters, queux ount prises & retenus en prison gents rettes de felonie [&] meint foits ount lesse per replevin les gents queux ne sont my replevisables, & ont detenus en prison ceux queux sont replevisables, per encheson de gaign' des uns & de grever les auters; & pur ceo que avant ces heures ne fuit my determine [certainment] queux gentes fuisent replevisables, & queux non, forspris ceux queux fuisent prises pur mort de home, ou per commandement le roy, ou de les justices, ou pur la forest: Purview est, & per le roy commande, que les prisoners queux sont avant utlages, & ceux queux eyent forjure la terre, provours & ceux queux sont prises ove mainer, & ceux queux sont debruse la prison le roy, larons apert-