ne pe wyde Cat neiper. Napeless oper while as men seche a Couerte for be fox and may non fynde be houndes hap to fynde hym and pan pe huntere reioycep his is vermyn that bei renne to, Of conynges speke I not for no man hunteth for hem but zit it be bisshhunters1 and bei hunte hem with ferettis and wib long smale haies what Racches pat rennen to a Cony in ony tyme hym ouzt to be astried saying to him lowde ware Riot ware for non oper wilde best in Engelond is callid ryott sauf be Conynge alonly.2

tryns and of polcattes for no good hunter good to no good hunter goes to the wood with his hounds woode wip his houndes in entente to hunte for hem intending to hunt for them nor for the wild cat either. Nevertheless when men seek in covert for the fox and can find none, and the hounds happen to find them and then the hunter rejoiceth his houndes for pe exploit of his houndes and also for it hounds for the exploit of his hounds, and also because it is vermin that they run to. Of conies I do not speak, for no man hunts them unless it be fur hunters,1 and they hunt them with ferrets and with long small hayes. Those raches that run to a coney at any time ought to be rated saying to them loud, "Ware riot, ware," for no other wild beast in England is called riot save the coney only.2

¹ Fur hunters, Bissh, bise, bys, a fur frequently mentioned in early records. See Appendix: Bisshunters.

² See Appendix: Riot.