and kytte labelles2 on eiber side of be skyn which shuld honge fulle vpon be hede, for bis longeb to an herte slayne wif strengthe and ellis nouzt, And pan shuld pe hunter slene doun pe skynne as fer as he may and pan wip a sharp trenchour kitte as pik as he can pe flesshe doun to pe nek bone, and pis doon every man stonde abrode and blowe pe deth and make a short dbay for to reward be houndes. And every man have a smale rodde in his honde to holde pe houndes pat pei shuld pe better abay, and enery blowe pe deep pat blowe may, And as oft as eny hunter bigynnes to blowe euery man shuld blowe for be deb to make be bettir noyse and make be houndes be better to knowe be hornys and be abay, and whan bei han abaied a while lett pe houndes come to and ete pe flesshe to be hard bon from a forun be shulders rist to be hede, for pat is herreward of ryght, and pan take hem faire of and couple hem up agein. And pan bryng to pe lymers3 and serue eche bi hem self. And pan shuld pe lord of hym lift or ellis pe maister of pe game or if he be absent who so is grettest of be hunters blowe be pryce' at couplyng up, and pat shuld be blowe only of on of be forsaid and nomo. Nabelees it is to wete pat if pe lord be not come some inow to be bay, pe while pe dere is alyue, pei ouzt to holde pe abay as longe as bei may wipout rebewkyng of be houndes to abide be lord, and if be lord abide to longe, anoon as be deer is spaied and laid on be toon syde or bei do ought ellis, be maister of be game or whiche of horsmen pt ben per at pe deep shuld word upon hors and every man drawe his way blowyng be deep til oon of hem haue mett wip hym, or herd of hym, or brouzt hym pider. And if pei mow not mete with hym and pt pei han worde that he is goon home bei ought to come azein and do, who so is grettest maister, as be pei do to pe maister of pe game in pe lordes absence. But also if he lord were here alle hing shuld he doo of the abay and rewardyng as bifore is sayde, and pan he shuld charge whan hym self list to vndo be deer, if be houndes shuld not be enquyrid peron; for if pei shuld, pere nedeb nomore but pe caboche5 his hede, al pe oueryawes

shuld neuer be iblowe at he hert huntyng to he for it should never be blown at hart hunting till deer be on pt on side. And pan shuld pe hundes the deer be on its side. And then should the hounds ben coupled vp and fast as a man may, oon of be be coupled up and as fast as a man can. One of beerners shuld encore hym, bt is to say turne his the Berners should encorne him, that is to say hornes to be erhward and be prote vpward and turn his horns earthwards and the throat upwards, slitte be skynn of be brote alenonlong the neke, and slit the skin of the throat all along the neck, and cut labelles2 on either side of the skin, the which shall hang still upon the head, for this belongeth to an hart slain with strength, and else not. And then should the hunter flay down the skin as far as he can, and then with a sharp trencher cut as thick as he can the flesh down to the neck bone, and this done every man stand abroad and blow the death, and make short bay for to reward the hounds. And every man shall have a small rod in his hand to hold the hounds that they should the better bay and every man blow the death that can blow. And as oft as any hunter beginneth to blow every man shall blow for the death to make the better noise, and make the hounds better know the horns and the bay, and when they have bayed a while let the hounds come to eat the flesh, to the hard bone from in front of the shoulders right to the head, for that is their reward of right. And then take them off fair and couple them up again. And then bring to the lymers and serve each by himself, and then should the Lord if he list or else the Master of the Game, or if he be absent whoso is greatest of the hunters, blow the prise4 at coupling up, and that should be blown only of the aforesaid, and by no others. Nevertheless it is to wit that if the Lord be not come soon enough to the bay, while the deer is alive they ought to hold the bay as long as they can, without rebuking the hounds, to await the Lord, and if the Lord remains away too long, when the deer is spayed and laid on one side, before they do ought else, the Master of the Game, or which of the horsemen that be there at the death, should mount their horses and every man draw his way blowing the death till one of them hath met with him, or heard of him, and brought him thither. And if they cannot meet with him, and that they have word that he is gone home, they ought to come again, and do, lord shuld doo if he were pere, and rizt so shuld whoso is greatest master, as the Lord should do, if he were there, and right so should they do to the Master of the Game in the Lord's absence. Also if the Lord be there all things should be done of the bay and rewarding as before is said, and then he should charge whom he list to undo the deer, if the hounds shall not be enquyrid thereon, for if they should, there needeth no more but to caboche5

¹ Encorn. See Appendix: Curée. ² Small flaps. ³ See Appendix: Limer. ⁵ Cut off the head close behind the antlers. Shirley MS.: "Cabache."