about neþer on þe sydes, but þat alle stonde afore, And whan þis redy þe maister of þe game or the sergeaunt shuld bidde þe beerners bryng forþ her houndes and stonde stille afore hem a smal cotes cast from þennes, as þe abay is ordeyned, And whan þei be þer þe maister of þe game or þe sergeaunt shuld crie skilfully loude Dedow and þan halow euery wight, and euery hunter blowe þe deeþ, And whan þe houndes ben comyn and abaien þe heede þe beernours shuld pulle of þe couplys as fast as þei moven, And whan þe lord þenkeþ þat þe abay haþ lasted longe ynowe þe maister of þe game shuld pulle away þe hede and anoon oþer shuld be redy behynde and pulle away þe skynn and lat þe houndes come to þe reward and þan shuld þe lord and þe maister of þe game and alle þe hunters stonde a rome al about þe reward, and blow þe deeþ, As oft as eny of hem bygynneth euery mane bere hym felaushipe, to þe houndes ben wel rewardid and þat þei haue not left. And right þus shal be do whan þe houndes shul byn enquyrreide of þe hoole deer and whan þer nys nouȝt ylaft þan shuld þe lorde if hym list and ellis þe maister of þe game or in his absence who so is grettest next hym shuld strake in þis wise þat is to say blow iiii moot and stintte not half an Aue Maria while, and blowe oþer iiii mootis a litil lenger þan þe first iiii moot. And þus shuld no wight strake but whan, is slayn wiþ strength and whan oon of þe forsaide haþ þus blowen þan þe gromys couple vp þe houndes and draw homward faire and soft. And alle þe remenaunte of the hunters shuld strake in þis wise trut trut trororow trororow and iiii moot with al of on length not to longe not to short, and oþer wise shuld not the hert hunter strake fro þen forþ til þei go to bedde, And þus shuld þe beerners on foot and þe gromes lede home þe houndes and sende afore þat þe kenel be clene and þe trought filled with clene water and þan þe couch renewid with fressh strawe, And þe maister of þe game and þe sergeaunt and þe yemen at hors shuld commen home and blowe þe meene[2] att þe halle door or at celer dore as y shal þon deuyse. First þe maister or who so is grettest next hym shalle begynne and blowe iii mote[3] allone and at þe first[4] moot þe remanaunte of þe forsaid shuld blowe with hym and be ware þat noon blow lenger þat oþer, and after þe þre moot euen forþ wiþ þei shuld blowe to recopes[5] as þus, Trut Trut trorororot, and þat þei be

nor on the sides, but that all stand in front. And when it is ready the Master of the Game or the sergeant should bid the berners bring forth their hounds and stand still in front of them a small quoit's cast from thence, as the bay is ordained. And when they be there the Master of the Game or sergeant should cry skilfully loud: "*Devour*" and then holloa every wight, and every hunter blow the death. And when the hounds be come and bay the head, the Berners should pull off the couples as fast as they can. And when the Lord thinketh the bay hath lasted long enough, the Master of the Game should pull away the head and anon others should be ready to pull away the skin and let the hounds come to the reward, and then should the Lord and Master of the Game, and all the hunters stand around all about the reward, and blow the death. As oft as any of them begin every man bear him fellowship till the hounds be well rewarded, and that they have nought left. And right thus should be done when the hounds should be enquyrreied of the whole deer. And when there is nought left then should the Lord, if he wishes, or else the Master of the Game or in his absence whoso is greatest next him, stroke (blow) in this wise, that is to say blow four motes and stynt (stop) not (for the time of) half an Ave Maria and then blow other four motes a little longer than the first four motes. And thus should no wight stroke, but when[1] the hart is slain with strength, and when one of the aforesaid hath thus blown then should the grooms couple up the hounds and draw homewards fair and soft. And all the rest of the hunters should stroke in this wise: "*Trut, trut, tro-ro-row, tro-ro-row,*" and four motes all of one length not too long and not too short. And otherwise should no hart hunter stroke from thenceforth till they go to bed. And thus should the Berners on foot and the grooms lead home the hounds and send in front that the kennel be clean and the trough filled with clean water, and their couch renewed with fresh straw. And the Master of the Game and the sergeant and the yeoman at horse should come home and blow the menee[2] at the hall door or at the cellar door as I shall devise. First the master, or whoso is greatest next him, shall begin and blow three motes[3] alone, and at the first mote the remnant of the aforesaid should blow with him, and beware that none blow longer than another, and after the three motes even forthwith they should blow the recoupling[5] as thus: "*Trut, trut, trororo rout,*" and that they be advised

[1] Omitted "the hart."
[2] See Appendix: Menee.
[3] Shirley MS. has four.
[4] Should read: "at the last moot." See Shirley MS.
[5] Recouple the hounds.