dwellinge ther tyme that they had theire abode in theire Countries. And Anno H. 4: seconde they did also entrease & intrease ther paine and laide it upon ther giftes of any liveries yf ther were a Kt or under that estate and alle upon the takers 7: H: 4: ca: 14: All the longte the penalties of 40li for twoe monthe was inflicted upon ther giftes and the like upon the takers except ther were eyther Sowtholdeman officer or Comissio at the lawe 7: E: 4: ca: 2: And beinge it was at the longte greaved that the officers of the Kinge owne Castles Mannors landes Forrestes Chaces and Parkes were retayned unlawfullie by other men, and did also retaine into theire owne services unlawfullie the Kinges Mannors and Demaynes those offices were also drawne into Judgem and punished by the losse of theire offices and fees 3: H: 7: ca: 12: Newe fawe of liveries Signes or badges given by the Superior to eyes Inferiors

Also tenemige the other tenedencie of comon people, ther paine was also prohibited under the paine of alle laid upon twoe one that could tonyregate themselves by the use of same comon liverie. Those fraternities and misteries that were ordayned to a good intent of Edward Vnwonged only excepted: 7: H: 4: ca: 14:

Retainiments without Liveries

And nowe it might seme that sufficient lawe had bine provided agt all kinde of Retaynm^ts but yet it was found true that one saide Hee that will devise lawe agt offendes gate the heade of Hydra to fight w^th all, seinge that one evill is not sooner out of, but another starte upe and take the place And even see fell it out in this matter of

Retaynm^ts for wch the lawe had laide sharpe torture upon the giftes of liveries signes badges or other notorious tockens of unlawfull tomyslothe Then was it devised that non should streatlie binde themselves together for maintenance of quarrells by oathe promisse or writinge wherein of them gave a greate deale more ernest then of all other Retaynm^ts besides ffor that in those other Retaynm^ts men served at libertie and might change when they would but by this meanes they were soe fast tyed that w^tout breache of oathe or promisse (the mighty wherein all men make some conscience) they could not be set free and delivered And therefore suche Retaynes and ther that is retayned are to loose & forfeit for Edwie monethes that suche theire Retaynm^ts should continue: 8: E: 4: ca: 4:

Those be the paines that lawe hathe provided and those be the evills that former times have espied touchinge the matter of Retaynem^t

Against retayninge of wealthie yomanrie

Yet yet there is in tyme a further mischiefe begotten, the w^ch is those lawes had forborne they worlde have wrought a greate deale against it ffor seinge that in former ages the paym^t of subsidies the service at musters and other comon charges of this our tyme were not soe all the carne of Retaynm^ts was not then soe terrible sene and dissolved as nowe it is. There is noteinge more shall at this day then to reframe the wealthiest yomanrie, and either by forbearinge them wholie, or charginge them lightlie to make recompence of theire service by robbinge the kinge of rente or by defraudinge him and the Realme of that either w^ch might bringe as they were equallie burdened as theire Neighbors and not favored by men that manage those service