

French Tongue, which is much unknown in the said Realm, so that the People which do implead, or be impleaded, in the King's Court, and in the Courts of other, have no Knowledge nor Understanding of that which is said for them or *against them by their Serjeants and other Pleaders; (2) and that reasonably the said Laws and Customs the rather shall be perceived and known, and better understood in the Tongue used in the said Realm, and by so much every man of the said Realm may the better govern himself without offending of the Law, and the better keep, save, and defend his Heritage and Possessions: (3) And in divers Regions and Countries, where the King, the Nobles, and other of the said Realm have been, good Governance and full Right is done to every Person, because that their Laws and Customs be learned and used in the Tongue of the Country: (4) The King, desiring the good Governance and Tranquillity of his People, and to put out and eschew the Harms and Mischiefs which do or may happen in this behalf by the occasions aforesaid, hath ordained and established by the Assent aforesaid, that all Pleas which shall be pleaded in any

& jugez en la lange Franceis qest trop desconue en dit realme issint qe les gentz qe pledent ou sont empledez en les courtz le roi & les courtz dautres nont entendement ne conissance de ce qest dit pur eulx ne contre eulx par lour sergeantz & autres ple- 177 dours & qe resonablement les dites leyes & custumes serront le plus tost apris & conuz & mieultz entenduz en la lange usee en dit realme & par tant chescun du dit realme se purroit mieultz gouverner sanz faire offense a la leye & le mieultz garder sauver & defendre ses heritages & possessions & en diverses regions & paiis ou le roi les nobles & autres du dit realme ont este est bon gouvernement & plein droit fait a chescun par cause qe lour leyes & custumes sont apris & usez en la lange du paiis le soi desirrant de bon gouvernement & tranquillite de son poeple & de ouster & eschure les maulx & meschiefs qe sont advenuz & purront advenir en ceste partie ad par les causes susdites ordeigne & establi del assent avantdit qe toutes plees qe serront a pleder