

CAP. VIII.

The Sheriffs, and all other the King's Officers, shall suppress Rioters, and imprison them, and all other offending against the Peace.

Item, Whereas at the Parliament holden at *Westminster* the Fifth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord the King that now is; forasmuch as Villaines and other Offenders of late have risen by Assemblies and outrageous Number in divers Parties of the Realm, against the King's Dignity and his Crown, and the Laws of his Land; it was straintly defended by the King to all Manner of People, That none from henceforth should make, or begin again such Riot or Rumour, nor other like; and if any Man did, and that duly proved, he should be taken as a Trayter to the King and his Realm. Nevertheless a grievous Complaint was made to our Sovereign Lord the King in this present Parliament, *that diverse People, not having Consideration to the said Defence, as well in the Counties of *Chester*, *Lancaster*, and elsewhere in *England*, have made such Assemblies in outrageous Manner to accomplish their Malice against the King's Peace, his Crown, his Dignity and the Laws of his Land: Wherefore our Sovereign Lord the King in this

Item coment qa parlement tenuz a Westm' lan du regne nostre seignour le roi qore est quint pur ceo qe villeins & autres meffesours tard devaunt leverent par assemblees & outrageouse nombre en diverses parties de roialme encontre la dignitee nostre seignour le roi & sa corone & les leies de sa terre defendu fuist par nostre seignour le roi estroitement a touz maners des gentz qe nul delors ferroit ou recomenceroit tielx riot ou rumour nautres semblables & si nully le ferroit & ceo prove duement serroit fait de luy come de traitour au roi & son roialme nientmeins grevouse pleint fuist fait a nostre dit seignour le roi en cest present parlement qe diverses gentz nient eiantz consideration a dit defense sibien en les countees de Cestre **202** Lancastre & aillours en Engleterre ont faitz tielx assemblees en outrageouse nombre pur accomplir lour malice encontre la pees nostre seignour le roi sa corone & sa dignite & les leies de sa terre par quoi nostre seignour le roi en cest pre-