

THE STATUTE

DE DISTRICTIONE SCACCARII.

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What Distress shall be taken for the King's Debts, and how it shall be used.

Forasmuch as the Commonalty of the Realm hath sustained great Damage by wrongful taking of Distresses, which have been made by Sheriffs, and by other the King's Bailiffs, for the King's Debt, or * for any other cause: It is therefore provided and ordained, that when a Sheriff or any other Man doth take the Beasts of other, they to whom the Beasts do belong may give them their Feeding without Disturbance (so long as they be impounded) without giving any thing for their Keeping. (2) And that the Beasts, nor no other Distress taken for the King's Debt, nor for any other cause, be given ne sold within xv Days after the taking. And if any bring the Tally of a Payment made in the Exchequer, the Distress shall cease. (3) And if he bring the Tally of any Sheriff or Bailiff, of Payment made to them of the thing demanded, and (4)

Purceo qe la communalte du roialme ad eu graunt damage per torcenouses prisez, quount este faites per viscountes, & per autres baillifs le roi, per acheson de la dette le roi, ou per autre acheson; purven est qe ceux as queux les avers **38** sont les puissent pestre de lour saunz destourber, quant eux serount emparkez, saunz rien doner pur la garde: Et qe les avers, ne nul autre destresse pris pur la dette le roi, ou pur autre encheson, ne soient venduz *ne donez*, deins les xv. jours *de la prise*. Et si null porte taille come de paie faite a leschequer, cesse la destresse. Et sil (*si null*) porte taille de nul viscounte ou baillif de paie faite a lui de la chose demande, & voille trover plegges destre al eschequer al prochein acompt, affaire qe droit serra, adonques cesse la destresse, & qe le viscount, ou les baillifs, face attacher luy, que les deust avoir acquite, sil soit sur