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**The Land of Liberty**

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It is an ancient and fundamental principle of our liberty that a Briton can dispose of his justly-acquired property in whatsoever way he so desires. Indeed it is a principle far older than Britain itself, since it was an acknowledged right of free born Englishmen ever since the end of feudalism in the 14th century. So long as other Britons are not practically and measurably worse off, a Briton should be allowed to do anything he likes on, and with, that which is lawfully his. To upset that principle is to strike at the very heart of our constitution, our law, our customs, our history and our way of life.

To be allowed to hunt foxes across privately-owned land is thus a basic right that should not be curtailed by those who are in no way practically or measurably worse off because it takes place.

Hunting is undertaken because the property-owner wishes to cull his land of a pest in a manner that is traditional, enjoyable and exciting. Its so-called 'cruelty' is as



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