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"The $b\bar{y}(r)$ or dwelling of Wealh, or the Briton, or the slave, serf." The original meaning of O.E. wealh is "foreigner, Briton, Welshman"; after the subjection of the Britons, the word assumed the sense of "slave, serf." It also occurs as a pers. n. In which of these three senses the word is used in the above pl. n. it is impossible to say.