

- CHAP. 6. Silk.  
 CHAP. 7. Cattle.  
 CHAP. 8. Fens.



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CHAP. 4. Brandy.

CHAP. 5. An act for taking away the benefit of clergy from such as steal cloth from the reck, and from such as shall steal or embezzle his majesty's ammunition and stores.

CHAP. 5. It does not appear that this statute ever extended to the province.

CHAP. 6. An act for advancing the sale of fee-farm rents and other rents.

CHAP. 8. An act for ascertaining the measures of corn and salt.

CHAP. 11. London.

CHAP. 12. Highways.

CHAP. 13. Cattle.—Corn.



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CHAP. 1. An act to prevent malicious maiming and wounding.

CHAP. 1. The occasion of making this statute, usually called the Coventry act, is recited in the preamble, and is stated in 4 Bl. Com. 207. There is no record of any prosecution under this statute, and it may safely be pronounced that it never did extend to the province; and it may be observed that those offences which were made felonies by act of parliament were generally of a local nature, and were seldom adopted in the province. The act of 1642, ordaining punishment for less capital offences, enumerated among others, that of cutting or plucking out another's eyes or tongue, the punishment of which must be inferred from the several kinds prescribed therein. It is to be observed also, that in the session of 1793, when it may be presumed that the legislature took a full view of the subject in passing the act respecting the punishment of criminals, they adopted the literal expressions used in the Coventry act as to the description of the crime, except