

' before them, &c. who shall imprison the Offender, till he find sufficient
' surety to serve his Master again, 5 Eliz. 4.

§. 15.
Testimonial

No person (retained in Husbandry, or in any the Arts and Sciences mentioned in the Statute of 6 Eliz. cap. 4.) after his Retainer expired, may depart out of one Limit, Town, or Parish, into another, without a Testimonial, under the Seal of the Officer of the Town where he last served, &c. Neither may any person take into his service any Servant so departing; without shewing such Testimonial, upon pain that every person retaining any such Servant, without such Testimonial, shall forfeit Five pounds, being thereof convicted upon Indictment taken in the Sessions of the Peace, &c. And upon pain, that every Servant so departing without such Testimonial, shall be imprisoned until he procure a Testimonial; the which, if he cannot do within the space of Twenty one days, next after the first day of his imprisonment, then he is to be whipped and used as a Vagabond; and so if he be taken with any counterfeit or forged Testimonial. 5 Eliz. cap. 4. P. 7. 8.

§. 16.

' Now for the better rating of Servants Wages, and for the better placing, bestowing, setting, and ordering, not only of Servants, but also of all such idle People (Men and Women) as being fit and able to labor and serve, do nevertheless refuse to labor, or seek to get themselves services, or to get work (rather living idle at home with their Parents) or perhaps cannot get themselves any Services, the Staute made 5 Eliz. cap. 4. hath enabled the High Constable of Hundreds in every Shire, to hold, keep, and continue their Petit or Statute Sessions in all Shires wherein such Sessions have been used to be kept, and after the ancient manner: And as to these Sessions, both Housholders, Servants, and others fit for Service, do or ought to repair; so if one or two of the next Justices of Peace in every Division, would take the pains to be there also to assist the High Constables, it would both add force to their Proceedings, as well for the placing of Servants, and Idlers; as also for the assessing of the Wages: And also for the spying out and preventing of many other the abuses and disorders both in Masters and Servants.

Constables
Sessions.

§. 17.

' Justices of Peace shall meet twice in the year to inquire of the Breaches of the Statute of 5 Eliz. 4. And shall have Five shillings per diem for their Wages. 5 Eliz. 4.

§. 18.

' A moyety of all Forfeitures to the King, the other moyety to the Informer. And the Justices may hear and determine the Offence, as well by Indictment and Information, as Action of Debt or Bill; and may make Process according to Law; and in Michaelmas Term shall certify the Estreats, 5 Eliz. 4. But in Corporate Towns such person shall have the Kings part of all Forfeitures, as the Major, &c. shall appoint. 5 El. 4. Cro. 9. c. 1. p. 290. Hob. p. 183.

C H A P. LIX.

Leather.

§. 1.
Gashing.

' NO person, by himself or other, shall gash or cut the Hide of any Ox, Bull, Steer, or Cow, upon pain to forfeit Twenty pence for every Hide. 1 Jac. 22.

Watering.

' No Butcher shall Water any Hide, but in June, July, or August, nor offer to sale any Hide putrified, or rotten, or forfeit Three shillings four pence for every such Hide.

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