

persons not having taken the said Oaths in our Courts aforesaid, shall at the Quarter Sessions for that County or place where they shall reside next after their admittance take the said Oaths, and such persons shall immediately after Divine Service and Sermon, upon some Lords day within Three months after their admittance in, or receiving their authority or employment in some parish Church, receive the Sacrament of the Lords Supper, and before he take the said Oaths, shall in such Court deliver a Certificate of his receiving the Sacrament under the hands of the Minister and Church-warden, and shall make proof of the truth thereof by the Oath of Two credible witnesses at the least. And at the time of taking the said Oath, the parties shall make and subscribe this Declaration. I A. B. Do declare, that I do beleive that there is not any Transubstantiation in the Sacrament of the Lords Supper, or in the Elements of Bread and Wine, at or after the Consecration thereof by any person whatsoever. Which Oaths and Declaration being not taken and made, the persons are rendred incapable, and the place void, and if after such neglect or refusal the person concerned shall execute such office, he is made incapable of suing, or being Guardian, Executor or Administrator, and of any gift, and to bear office, and shall forfeit 500 pounds being convicted of exercising the office, not having taken the Oaths. 25. Car 2d.

Nota, quod Juramentum debet habere comites, Veritatem, Judicium, & Justitiam. Jer. 4. 2. Et si ista defuerint, non Juramentum, sed Perjurium erit. Nemo se seducat; qui enim per lapidem falso jurat, perjurus est. Quacunque arte verborum, vel mentis reservatione juret aliquis, Deus ita accipit sicut ille cui juratur intelligit: Et minus malum est per Deum falsum jurare veraciter, quam per Deum verum jurare fallaciter.

Now for that all the Authority and power of these Commissioners or Justices of the Peace ariseth partly out of their Commission, and Partly out of the Statutes; I will first set down the form of the Commission it self, shortly considering the parts thereof.

C H A P. V.

The Form of the Commission of the Peace.

§. 1. CAROLUS, &c. Prædilecto & fideli Thomæ Coventry militi, Damiano Custod. Mag. Sigilli Angliæ, Jacobo Ley, Comiti Thesaurario Angliæ, &c. Salutem.

1. Ad pacem conservandum. Sciatis, quod assignavimus vos, conjunctim & divisim, & quemlibet vestrum Justiciarios nostros, ad Pacem nostram in Comitatu nostro Cantabrigiæ conservandam, ac ad omnia Ordinationes & Statuta pro bono Pacis nostræ, ac pro conservatione ejusdem, & pro quieto regimine & gubernatione populi nostri edita, in omnibus & singulis suis Articulis, in dicto Comitatu nostro (tam infra Libertates quam extra) juxta vim, formam, & effectum eorundem custodiendum, & custodiri faciendum; Et ad omnes contra formam Ordinationum vel Statutorum illorum, aut eorum alicujus, in Com' præd' delinquentes, castigandum & puniendum, prout secundum formam Ordinationum & Statutorum illorum fuerit faciendum; Et ad omnes illos qui alicui, vel aliquibus de populo nostro de corporibus suis, vel de incendio domorum suarum, minas fecerint, ad sufficientem securitatem de Pace vel bono gestu suo erga nos & populum nostrum inveniendam coram vobis, seu aliquo vestrum, venire faciendum; & si hujusmodi securitatem invenire recusaverint, tunc eos in prisonis nostris (quousque hujusmodi securitatem invenerint) salvo custodire faciendum. Assignavimus etiam vos, & quoslibet duos vel plures vestrum, quorum ali.