

If two Justices of Peace, and the Sheriff, shall go to see a Riot, yet any other two Justices of the County may make the Inquiry, and then they all together, or the first two; or the last two (with the Sheriff or Under-Sheriff) may make Certificate thereof within the month after that Inquisition taken.

Where there be several Certificates made, or that the Certificate and the Inquiry do disagree, then that shall be preferred which is best for the King. Lam. 316  
Crod. 63

If there shall be twenty Parties to a Riot, and the Jury shall find but ten of them guilty, yet the Justices may certifie that twenty committed that Riot, and this Certificate shall stand good.

Also it seemeth, if any thing material happen to be omitted, or left out of the Inquisition, yet it may be supplied by this Certificate, and it shall stand good.

If after the Inquiry, and before the Certificate made, the Sheriff shall die, or one of the Justices be put out of the Commission, no Certificate can then be made, by the opinion of Mr. Marrow. Lam. 316

For the Form of such Certificate: See *hic postea*.

§. 29.  
Commission

Upon the default of the two next Justices, Sheriff, or Under-Sheriff for not executing the said Statute of 13 H. 4. 7. the party grieved may have Commission out of the Chancery, to inquire as well of the Riot, as of the default of the said Justices of Peace, and Sheriff, or Under-Sheriff. 2 H. 5. 1  
P. 6.

Also the Lord Chancellor of England, as soon as he shall have notice of such a Riot, shall send the Kings Writ to the Justices and Sheriff, commanding them to execute the said Statute of 13 H. 4. 2 H. 5. 1  
P. 9.

And although that such Writ come not to the said Justices, Sheriff, or Under-Sheriff, yet they shall not be excused of the penalty of 100 l. aforesaid, if they make not execution of the said Statute. *ibid.*

§. 30.  
Capias.

Also, if any Assemblies of People in great number, in manner of Insurrection, or other Rebellious Riots, shall be done and committed, and that such offenders shall withdraw themselves, to the intent to avoid the Execution of the Law, then upon Certificate by two Justices of Peace, and the Sheriff of that County, by Letters under their Seals to the Lord Chancellor of England, of the same Riot, and that the common voice and fame thereof runneth in the said County, the Lord Chancellor may make a *Capias* to the said Sheriff; for the apprehending of such offenders; and after, if need be, a Writ of Proclamation, That the said offenders yield themselves in the Kings Bench, at a certain day, upon pain to be convicted thereof. 2 H. 5. 1  
8 H. 6. 14.  
Rast 374

§. 31.  
Benefits of  
the Laws.

Note, That for Riots in Cities or Corporations which are armed with power of Government within themselves, the Franchises may be seized, or the Corporation fined, as it hapned in the case of the Riot where Dr. Lamb was slain; the City of London upon an information in the Kings Bench, was fined 1000 marks. *Pasch. 8 Car.*

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##### *Rogues and Vagabonds.*

**T**He benefit of this Law, and of the former Law, made for the setting to work, and relief of the Poor, are both of them worthy of the care of the Justices of Peace, and of their best indeavours, for the due execution thereof; for by them

1. Idleness is very much repressed: Idleness, which of it self is the root of all evil.

2. Infinite