

Beggars, and other idle and disorderly persons, as shall be found and apprehended in the general privy search made by the Justices Warrant, &c. shall be brought before the said Justices at their said Meeting, and shall be there punished; or by the said Justices Warrant shall be sent to the House of Correction, there to be set on work, kept, and corrected, &c.

But here, first to describe you these manner of persons (*sc.* Rogues and Vagabonds) that you may the better know them.

A Vagabond (as one saith) is he which hath neither certain House, nor stedfast habitation, but liveth idly and loitering. A Man (as another describeth him) *sine re, sine spe, sine fide, sine sede*; or he may be called *Vagabundus, quia errat, per mundum*.

A Rogue may be so called, *Quia ostiatim rogat. Minsh.*

Or it signifieth an idle Beggar that wandereth from place to place, without a lawful Passport.

A Beggar, *Mendicus quasi manu dicens* (speaking with the hand) *Mos enim erat apud antiquos Egenum silentio manum extendere*.

And yet Vagabond in its proper sense is one that wandereth about; and a Rogue and a Vagabond seem to be all one; for the Latin words *vagus* and *vagabundus* signifie the one and the other. So as whosoever wandereth about idly and loitering is a Rogue or Vagabond, although he beggeth not, *quod nota*.

And although a Man have a certain habitation, yet if he go about from place to place selling small Wares, he is punishable by 39 El. and that although he be not taken wandering; for it is the wandering it self, and not the being apprehended wandering, that brings him within the punishment of that Statute. *King v. Hollingworth. T. 18 Jisc. B. R. Rolls Rep. part 2. p. 172.*

And more particularly, all these persons hereunder mentioned, being above the age of seven years, and offending as hereunder is mentioned, shall by our Laws be adjudged Rogues, or at least shall be punishable as Rogues. 39 El. 4. P. Vag. 2.

1. All persons above the age of seven years going about begging, upon any pretence or colour whatsoever; yea, although they be licensed by any Subject, except it be in the Cases hereafter mentioned.

2. All idle persons going about the Country, either using any subtil Craft or unlawful Games, or being Fortune-tellers or Juglers, or using any other like crafty Science.

3. All Proctors, Patent-gatherers, or Collectors for Gaols, Prisons or Hospitals, wandering abroad.

4. All Fencers, Bearwards, Common-players \* of Enterludes, and Minstrels wandering abroad. 1 Jac. 7. 21 Jac. c. 28.

5. All Pedlers, Petty Chapmen, Tinkers and \* Glass-men, wandering abroad, 1 Jac. 7. 21 Jac. c. 28. especially if they be unknown; or have not a sufficient Testimonial.

6. All wandering persons, and common Labourers, being able in body using loitering, and refusing to work for reasonable wages; not having living otherwise than by labour to maintain themselves, are Rogues. And yet such persons as be of any Parish, and have able bodies to work, and be no wanderers abroad out of the Parish, though they refuse to work at such wages as is taxed, or commonly given in those parts, are not to be sent to their place of birth or last dwelling, &c. but to the House of Correction. Resol. 10.  
See *tit. Poor*.

7. Poor persons appointed to ask relief in the Parish where they dwell; by the Overseers thereof, if they shall beg in any other sort than is Resol. 10.  
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