

39 El. 17.
P. Mar. 9.

The Justice of Peace in, or near the place where any poor, idle, and wandering Soldier or Mariner (coming from the Seas, or from beyond the Seas) doth land, ought upon request to give him a Testimonial, under his hand, licensing him thereby to pass the next and direct way to the place whither he is to repair, expressing therein the time and place of such his landing, with the place of his dwelling, or birth, to which he is to pass, and to limit him a convenient time for his passage thither: And such person pursuing such Licence, may ask and receive necessary relief, without the danger of Law, 21 Jac. cap. 28.

Soldiers,
&c. from
Sea.

“And if the person fall sick in the way, he shall not incur the penalty; and if when he comes to the place mentioned in the Testimonial, he cannot get work, he may complain to two Justices of Peace, and they shall take order to set him to work: And for want of work, the Justices may tax the Hundred for his relief, until sufficient work may be had. 39 El. 17.

But now *Quære* of these persons, and see *infra*.

39 El. 4.
P. Vag. 3.

Also one Justice of Peace, (or the Constable, with the Minister, and one other of the Parish) after the Whipping of a Rogue according to the Statute, may make the said Rogue a Testimonial under their Hand and Seal, for the conveying of such Rogue according to the Statute of 39 El. 4.

§. 40.
Rogues
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And yet such Rogues may not beg in their travel, neither may the Constable of the Parish through which they pass, or any other person, give them any relief (as it seemeth) for that were contrary to the Statute 1 Jac. cap. 7. and a forfeiture of 10 s. But now for that after so many years (since the making of these Statutes) they will not be reformed of their Roguish life, they are rather to be dealt withal as Incorrigible Rogues, *sc.* to be carried by the Constable before the next Justice of Peace, and then by Warrant from two Justices to be sent to the House of Correction, or to the Gaol, there to remain until the next Quarter Sessions, &c. See Statute 1 Jac. 7. And the Directions of Sir Francis Harvey at Summer Assizes 1630, *Hic. postea*.

41 El. 3.
P. cap. 20.

And as for the Soldier or Mariner (specially such as are sick, hurt, or maimed) they now are usually, or may be relieved with Money by the Treasurers of every County where they come, *viz.* with such convenient sums as may carry them to the next County; and this is by a latter Law, and therefore now it may seem unfit; That either the Constable should relieve them, or suffer them to beg or ask relief in their Towns, for so the Country shall be double charged towards their relief, *sc.* in paying to the Treasurer towards their relief, and again in giving them at home at their doors, 21 Jac. cap. 28.

§. 11.
Soldiers.

39 El. 4.

So that I do not find, that any one or more Justices of Peace may or can, in any case License any Man to beg, or ask relief at all; but only may make a Testimonial or Licence in the two first former cases, *sc.* to such as suffer Ship-wreck, and Soldiers or Mariners coming from the Seas, to pass from place to place; and in those two cases only the Law tolerateth them to ask and receive necessary relief, as aforesaid. For I observed before, That poor diseased persons travelling to the Baths (though Licensed by two Justices of Peace) yet they might not beg, and besides must be provided of maintenance for their travel. See more in this title before.

§. 12.
Licence to
beg.

Likewise Poor Prisoners delivered out of Gaols, may in no wise beg, 39 El. c. 4.

I observe further, That (by that Statute 39 El. c. 3. though it be now expired) no person whatsoever, might go wandering abroad and beg, in