

6. Recufants. First, Popish Recufants, (especially such as have been reconciled to the Pope, or drawn to the Popish Religion since the Gunpowder Treason, for these are by His Majesty accounted most dangerous) that these be certified into the Kings Bench, and farther to be dealt withal (by the Justices of peace) according to the severall Statutes in that behalf made.

Also negligent Recufants, which shall not resort every Sunday to Church, that such be punished according to the Statute. For the first and best means to bring Men to God is to bring them to Church.

7. Rogues and Vagabonds are to be duly punished.

8. Houses of Correction to be maintained.

9. Watch to be duly kept.

10. Weights and Measures, the Abuses therein to be reformed.

Farther, the Justices of Peace are to be careful that they suffer not the King to be disadvantaged, where it lieth lawfully in their power to prevent it. *Vide Lamb 521.*

Also that they remember, how that they exercise not the Judgments of Men only, but of God himself, (whose power they do participate, and who is always present with them) and therefore must take heed that in all their Actions they set God continually before their Eyes.

But forasmuch as most of the business of the Justices of peace (out of Sessions) consisteth in the Execution of divers Statutes committed to their charge, which Statutes cannot be sufficiently abridged, but that they will come short of the substance and body thereof; therefore it shall be safest for the Justice of peace not to rely over much upon these short Collections thereof, but to have an eye to the Abridgment of Statutes, or rather to the Book of Statutes at large, and thereby to take their farther and better Directions for their whole Proceedings: For (as Sir Ed. Coke observeth) Abridgments are of good and necessary use to serve as Tables, but not to ground any Opinion, much less to proceed judicially upon them. *Ideo* (saith he) *tutius est petere fontes quam sectari rivulos,* *Coke 10. 117. b.*

7 Jac. 5.
21 Jac. 12.
3 Car. 1.

And lastly, for the better encouragement of Justices of peace, Constables, and other Officers, (and of all others which in their aid, or assistance, or by their commandment, shall do any thing touching his or their Office) who (by causeless Suits commenced by contentious Persons against them for executing their Offices) have lately been discouraged from doing their Offices (with that courage, care and diligence which is required at their hands) now for their ease in pleading, they are by the Statute 7 & 21 *Jacobi* allowed to plead the general issue of Not guilty, and give the special matter in Evidence, and for their wrongful vexation double Costs. And for all Actions, &c. to be brought against any Justice of peace or other Officer, (or other Person which in their aid, &c. shall do any thing concerning their Office) the said Action, &c. shall be laid within the County where the Fact shall be done, and not elsewhere, &c. 21 *Jac. Reg. cap. 12.*

Et nota, quicquid Justic. fecerit de Recordo ignoranter, & pro defectu scientia, non erit pro eo puniatur: Nec pro re per ipsum facta judicialiter, 2 R. 3. fol. 10. Mes les Justices d' Assise poient oyer & punier les defaults de Justices de Peace, se' leur contempts, omissions, negligences, favours, affectations, corruptions, & autres defaults quacunque.