

The form of a Testimonial for the conveying of a Rogue that hath been punished according to the Statute of 39 El. c. 4.

Cambr.

**J**ohn a-Stile, a sturdy vagrant Begger, (of low personage, red-haired, having the nail of his right thumb cloven) aged about 25 years, was the sixth day of April, in the tenth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord King Charles of England, &c. openly whipped at W. in the said County (according to the Law) for a wandering Rogue, and is assigned to pass forthwith from Parish to Parish by the Officers thereof, the next straight way to P. in the County of W. where (as he confesseth) he was born, (or dwelled last by one whole year, &c. if the case be such) and he is limited to be at P. aforesaid within ten days now next ensuing, at his peril. Given at West-Wrattings, under the hand and seal of M. D. Esquire, one of his Majesties Justices of Peace in the said County of Cambridge.

Note, by the words of the Statute 39 El. 4. such Testimonial must be under the hand and seal of the Justice of Peace, Constable, Headborough and of the Minister of the Parish, or any one of them; and yet it is taken that the Justice of Peace alone under his hand and seal may make such Testimonial. Lamb. 206,

Note also, that it is needful both in this and in all other Testimonials, Certificates, Safe-conducts, and Pass-Ports whatsoever, to note and specify expressly some assured marks of the party, as his Stature, colour of Hair, Complexion, (if it may be) some apparent scar, or other note, by which he may be infallibly distinguished and known from others; lest (as is often found) both himself take the benefit thereof, and he also communicate the use of the same to others, in abuse of him that made it, and of the Law in that behalf provided.

A Testimonial for such as have suffered Shipwreck.

Norff.

A. B. of C. in the County of Norff. Esquire, one of the Kings Majesties Justices, &c. to all, &c. Forasmuch as the Bearer hereof I. S. aged about, &c. having lately been at Sea, in a Ship called, &c. hath suffered Shipwreck, and got to land at T. in the said County of Norff. upon the 20 day of July last past, as I am credibly informed, as well by the report of the said I. S. as also by the testimony of divers the Inhabitants of T. aforesaid) and for that the said I. S. hath not wherewith to relieve himself in his travel homeward to D. in the County of H. where he saith he was born, (or hath a dwelling, &c.) These are therefore to pray you, and every of you, to whom these presents shall come, not to molest or trouble the said I. S. in his travel to D. aforesaid, where he is limited to be within 20 days next after the date hereof; but to desire you rather to relieve him in his necessity, as to you shall seem meet: and withal, you the Constables of every Town where he shall come, to help him with lodging in convenient time, so that he travelleth the direct way to D. aforesaid, not doing any thing contrary to the Laws and Statutes of this Realm. In witness whereof, &c.

Mariner  
or Souldier.

The like (with very little alteration) may be for a poor Mariner, or a poor Souldier, coming from the Seas, or from beyond the Sea. Vide antea tit. Rogues.

But these two last Testimonials must be made by some Justice of Peace dwelling near where such persons do land.

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