

1. 'To Officers of Record, who in respect of their Offices have used to exhibit Informations.

2. 'Nor to Informations upon the Statutes of Maintenance, Champerty, buying of Titles, or Embracery, as to the parties grieved.

3. 'Nor to persons to whom any Penalty or Forfeiture is given certainly, and not generally to him that will sue.

'Justices of peace in their Sessions have Authority to hear and determine Offences against that Act. This Act was made temporary, but is made perpetual by 27 El. 10.

§. 3.  
who may  
inform.  
County.

'No person shall be admitted to be an Informer, that by any of the 31 El. 5. Queens Courts is disabled for any misdemeanor.

'In every Informers Declaration the County shall be alledged where the Offence was done; and the Defendant may traverse the County, except in Champerty, buying of Titles, or Extortion, and Offences against 1 El. 11. & 1 El. 20. for Tunnage and Poundage, or for Usury, or for Regrating, Forestalling or Ingrossing, where the penalty exceeds 20 l.

Time.

'Any Suit for any Offence whereof the Forfeiture is given to the King alone, shall be brought within two years after the Offence, and not after. And where the Forfeiture is given to the King and any other, within one year after the Offence. Except upon the Statute of Tallage by the party that will sue, or in his default within two years after that by the Queen. And any Suit brought otherwise is void.

'All Suits for using any unlawful Game, or not using any lawful Game, or not having Bows or Arrows, or using a Trade not having been an Apprentice, shall be heard and determined in the Sessions or Assizes of the County, &c. and not out of it.

§. 4.  
Covin,

'If any person sue with good Faith any Action Popular, and the Defendant plead a Recovery in an Action Popular in bar, or that before that time he had barred the Plaintiff in such Action, the Plaintiff may aver such Recovery or Bar was by Covin; and upon such Covin found the Plaintiff shall have Judgment, and the Defendant so attainted or condemned of Covin shall have Imprisonment for 2 years by Process of Capias or Outlawry, as well at the Kings Suit as any other; and the Release of the party shall not avail the Defendant. 4 H. 7. 20.

§. 5.  
County.

'All Offences to be committed against any penal Statute, for which any Informer or Promoter may ground any Suit, &c. before Justices of Assize, Nisi Prius, Gaol-delivery, Oyer & Terminer of the Peace in their General Sessions, shall be commenced, sued, prosecuted, tried, recovered and determined, by Action, Bill, Plaint, Information, or Indictment, before the Justices of Assize, &c. or before the Justices of peace of the County, City, Borough or Town Corporate and Liberty in any the Courts, Judicatures or Liberties, at the choice of the prosecutor, and not elsewhere. 21 Jac. 4.

Process.

'Like Process in every Popular Action, Bill, Plaint, Information, or Suit to be prosecuted according to the purport of this Act, be had and awarded as in Actions of Trespas or Quare & Terris at the Common Law. 21 Jac. 4.

'Excepted, &c. all Offences for Recusancy against those that shall not frequent the Church for Champerty, Maintenance, or buying of Titles, or for transporting of Gold or Silver, Ordnance, Powder, Shot, Munition, Wool, Woolfel or Leather, or for Funnage, Poundage, Impost, Prifage, Subsidy, &c. 21 Jac. 4.

'No