

21 Jac. 4. ' No Officer shall file any Information, Bill or Plaint, Count or Declaration, grounded upon any penal Statute, which by that Act are to be tried in the proper Counties, until the Informer hath made Oath before some Judge of the Court, that the Offences were not committed in other Counties than where the Information, &c. is laid.

31 Jac. 4. ' The Defendant to any Information, &c. to be exhibited on the behalf of the King, or by any other, or on the behalf of the King and any other, may plead the General Issue, and give the special matter in evidence.

' Now touching Informations take these Rules.

Hob. 209. 1. ' One person cannot exhibit two Informations in the same or in several Courts; if he do, the Defendant may plead the first in bar of the second,

Hob. 128. 2. ' If two Informers exhibit Informations against the same person, for the same Offence on the same day, they are both void, and they may be pleaded the one in bar of the other, for as much as there is no right of Priority.

3. ' Informations and Suits on penal Statutes are *stricti juris*, and excepted out of all the Statutes of Jeofails.

4. ' The Statute of 21 Jac. 4. gives not Jurisdiction to Justices of peace where they had none before; but only appoints, that where Informations might have been brought in the Courts at Westminster, and before Justices of peace, they shall now be brought before Justices of peace only, *Farington, Trin. 4 Car. Cro. Greens Case, Mich. Car. 1. Cro.*

5. ' The Statute of 31 El. 5. extends not to an Action or Information by the party grieved; for he may bring it in any County. *Allens Case Mich. 40 El. Cro. 645.*

6. ' If Jurisdiction be given to the Sessions to hear and determine, and doth not say by Information, this shall be by Indictment and not Information, *Jones Rep. p. 133.*

7. ' Where the Suit is directed to be in any Court of Record, or in any the Kings Courts of Record, that is intended the Courts at Westminster, *Jones Rep. 193.*

8. ' Where an Information is *tam pro Dom' Rege quam pro seipso*, if the Informer die, yet the Attorney General may prosecute for the King; and although the use is that the Attorney General only joyn the Issue, yet he cannot hinder the Prosecutor for his part. *3 Inst. cap. Informers.*

*Maioꝛ or Magistrate, where he may act as a Justice of Peace by some particular Statutes. C H A P. CXCII.*

14 Car. 2. ' THE next Magistrate may commit to prison until next Sessions such Customs: as shall abuse an Officer of the Customs,

14 Car. 2. ' Maioꝛ or chief Magistrate of any City or Town Corporate may Preachers: commit any preaching a Sermon or Lecture disabled by the Act so to do.

13 & 14 ' Maioꝛ or chief Officers of Corporations may bind over persons meet- Quakers: ing as Quakers, or refusing an Oath in order to conviction.

13 Car. 2. ' Maioꝛ or chief Officer may convict any of neglect of sending Car- carriage: riages for the Kings use.