

STATUTES

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CAP. V.

An Act to redress Disorders in common Informers.

For redressing of divers Disorders in common Informers, and for better Execution of penal Laws, (2) Be it enacted, That every Informer upon any penal Statute shall exhibit his Suit in proper Person, and pursue the same only by himself, or by his Attorney in Court; (3) and that none shall be admitted or received to pursue against any Person or Persons upon any penal Statute, but by way of Information, or Original Action, and not otherwise; (4) nor shall have ne use any Deputy or Deputies at all; (5) and that upon every such Information which shall be exhibited, a special Note be made of the very Day, Month and Year of the Exhibiting thereof into any Office, or to any Officer, which lawfully may receive the same, without any manner of *Antedate* thereof to be made, and that the same Information be accounted and taken to be of Record from that Time forward, and not before. (6) And be it likewise enacted *for the Consideration aforesaid, That no Process be sued 407 out upon such Information, until the Information be exhibited in Form aforesaid; (7) and that upon every such Process shall be indorsed as well the Party's Name that pursueth the same Process, as also the Statute upon which the Information in that Behalf made, is grounded: (8) And that every Clerk making out Process contrary to the Tenor and Provision of this Act, shall forfeit and lose forty Shillings for every such Offence, the one Half to be to the Queen's Majesty, her Heirs and Successors, and the other Half to the Party against whom any such defec-