

less Charge to the subject, be commenced, sued, informed against, prosecuted and tried in the Counties where such Offences shall be committed: (2) And whereas the poor Commons of this Realm are grievously charged, troubled, vexed, molested and disturbed by divers troublesome Persons, commonly called Relators, Informers and Promoters, by prosecuting and inforcing them to appear in his Majesty's Courts at *Westminster*, and to answer Offences supposed by them to be **436** *committed against the said Penal Laws and Statutes, or else to compound with them for the same: (3) For Remedy whereof, Be it enacted by the Authority of this present Parliament, That all Offences hereafter to be committed against any Penal Statute, for which any common Informer or Promoter may lawfully ground any popular Action, Bill, Complaint, Suit or Information before Justices of Assise, Justices of *Nisi prius* or Gaol-delivery, Justices of *Oyer* and *Terminer*, or Justices of Peace in their General or Quarter-Sessions, shall after the End of the present Session of Parliament, be commenced, sued, prosecuted, tried, recovered and determined by Way of Action, Complaint, Bill, Information or Indictment before the Justices of Assise, Justices of *Nisi prius*, Justices of *Oyer* and *Terminer*, and Justices of Gaol-delivery, or before the Justices of Peace of every County, City, Borough or Town Corporate, and Liberty, having Power to inquire of, hear and determine the same within this Realm of *England*, or Dominion of *Wales*, wherein such Offences shall be committed in any of the Courts, Places of Judicature, or Liberties aforesaid, respectively, only at the Choice of the Parties which shall or will commence Suit, or prosecute for the same, and not elsewhere, save only in the said Counties, or Places usual for those Counties, or any of them: (4) And that the like Process in every popular Action, Bill, Complaint, Information or Suit to be commenced, or sued, or prosecuted after the End of this present Session of Parliament, by Force of, or according to the Purport of this Act, be had and awarded, to all Intents and Purposes, as in an Action of Trespass, *Vi & Armis*, at the Common Law; (5) and that all, and all Manner of Informations, Actions, Bills, Complaints and Suits whatsoever hereafter to be commenced, sued, prosecuted or awarded, either by the Attorney General of his Majesty, his Heirs or Successors, for the Time being, or by any Officer or Officers whatsoever for the Time being, or by