

any common Informer, or other Person whatsoever, in any of his Majesty's Courts at *Westminster*, for, or concerning any the Offences, Penalties or Forfeitures aforesaid, shall be void and of none Effect; any Law, Custom or Usage to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

II. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That in all Informations to be exhibited, and in all Bills, Counts, Plaints and Declarations, in any Action or Suit to be commenced against any Person or Persons, either by, or on the *Behalf of the King, or any other, for, or concerning any **437** Offence committed, or to be committed against any Penal Statute, the Offence shall be laid and alledged to have been committed in the said County where such Offence was in Truth committed, and not elsewhere: (2) And if the Defendant to any such Information, Action or Suit, pleadeth that he oweth nothing, or that he is not guilty; and the Plaintiff or Informer in such Information, Action or Suit, upon Evidence to the Jury that shall try such Issue, shall not both prove the Offence laid in the said Information, Action or Suit, and that the same Offence was committed in that County, then the Defendant and Defendants shall be found not guilty.

III. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That no Officer or Minister in any Court of Record, shall receive, file or enter of Record any Information, Bill or Plaint, Count or Declaration, grounded upon the said Penal Statutes, or any of them, which before by this Act are appointed to be heard and determined in their proper Counties, until the Informer or Relator hath first taken a Corporal Oath before some of the Judges of that Court, that the Offence or Offences laid in such Information, Action, Suit or Plaint, was, or were not committed in any other County than where by the said Information, Bill, Plaint, Count or Declaration, the same is, or are supposed to have been committed, and that he believeth in his Conscience, the Offence was committed within a Year before the Information or Suit, within the same County where the said Information or Suit was commenced, the same Oath to be there entred of Record.

IV. And be it also enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Information, Suit or Action shall be brought or exhibited against any Person or Persons, for any Offence committed or to be committed against the Form of any Penal Law, either by, or