

STATUTES

Made at WESTMINSTER, *Anno Regni GULIELMI & MARIÆ sexto & septimo* and A. D. 1694.

IV.

An Act for exempting Apothecaries from serving the Offices of Constable, Scavenger, and other Parish and Ward Offices, and from serving upon Juries.

Whereas the Art of the Apothecary is of great and general use and benefit, by reason of their constant and necessary Assistance to his Majesty's Subjects, which should oblige them solely to attend the Duty of their Professions; yet by reason that they are compelled to serve several Parish, Ward, and Leet Offices, in the Places where they live, and are frequently summoned to serve on Juries and Inquests, which take up great part of their time, they cannot perform the Trusts reposed in them as they ought, nor attend the Sick with such Diligence as is required: And whereas King *James* the First, by his Letters Patents under the Great Seal of *England*, did incorporate the Apothecaries exercising that Art within *London* and Seven Miles compass, by the Name of *The Master, Wardens, and Society of the Art and Mystery of Apothecaries of the City of London*.

II. Be it therefore enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That all and every Person and Persons, using and exercising, or that hereafter shall use and exercise, the Art of an Apothecary within the said City of *London*, and Seven Miles thereof, being Free of the said Society, and who already have been, or hereafter shall be duly examined of his Skill in the said Mystery, and shall be approved of for the same, and every of them, for so long as he or they shall use and exercise the said Art, and no longer, shall and may at all times hereafter be freed and