

§. 2.  
Failor. If in the defect of the Post-Master, any person riding Post shall fail of a sufficient Horse, the Post-Master General shall forfeit 5 l. A moiety to the King, the other moiety to the Prosecutor in any Court of Record, by Action, &c. or Information. 12 Car. 2. c. 35.

§. 3.  
Ship. If the Packet or Mail carried out of England, shall not be carried in a Ship, Vessel, or Boat, English built, and Navigated by English; the Post-master General shall forfeit 100 l. One moiety to the King, the other moiety to the Prosecutor, in any Court of Record, by Bill, Plaint, or Information. Ibid.

§. 4.  
Oath. No person shall be capable of the Office of Post-Master General, or any Employment relating to that Office; unless he shall take the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy before two Justices of the County, where he is or shall be resident. 12 Car. 2. c. 5. Ibid.

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## Preachers.

§. 1.  
Disturbing. IF any person shall of his own authority, willingly and of purpose, by open act, maliciously disturb any Preacher in the time of his Sermon, or other Divine Service or shall be aiding, procuring, or abetting thereto; or shall rescue any such Offender being apprehended, or shall disturb the arresting of any such Offender; and that any of the said Offenders shall be brought before any Justice of Peace, (within the County where the said offence shall be committed) then every such Justice of Peace (upon due accusation thereupon made) shall forthwith commit every such Offender (so brought before him) to safe custody by his discretion. 1 Mar. 1. c. 3. p. 12. Ibid.

§. 2.  
Two Justices. Examination. Within six days (after accusation had of any the said offences) and after the committing of the said Offender to safe Custody by one Justice of the Peace, one other Justice of the Peace of that Shire, must joyn with the first Justice in the examination of the said Offence; and if they two upon their examination shall find the party accused guilty (and that by two sufficient Witnesses, or by his own confession) then shall they commit him to the Gaol, there to remain without Bail, for three months then next ensuing; and further, to the next Quarter Sessions, &c. But inquire, if all this Statute be not Repealed by 1 Eliz. cap. 2. in general words at the later end thereof, Lamb. 199 yet it seemeth not to be repealed in this matter, scilicet for disturbance of Preachers: For this Statute containeth divers several Matters, and so divers Statutes. Cromp. 14. Ibid.

And yet Sir Nicholas Hide at Bury, Lent Assizes, An. 1629. delivered it (as I am credibly informed) that this Statute was wholly repealed by the Statute made 1 El. cap. 2. 1 Mar. c. 3.

## C H A P. LXXVI.

## Printers and Printing.

§. 1.  
Scandalous Books. NO Person shall Print, or cause to be Printed in England or Beyond Seas, any Book or Pamphlets, wherein any Doctrine or Opinion shall be asserted that is contrary to the Christian Faith, or the Doctrine or Discipline of the Church of England; or which may tend to the Scandal of Religion; or the Church, or the Government, or Governours of Church, State, or Commonwealth, or of any Corporation or Person. Nor shall import, publish, sell, or dispose of such Books, nor procure such to