

The third is, Levying War against the King.

The fourth is, adhering to the King's Enemies, within the Realm or without, declaring the same by some Overt-Act.

The fifth is, Counterfeiting the Great, the Privy Seal, or the King's Coin.

The sixth and last, by bringing into this Realm Counterfeit Money, to the likeness of the King's Coin.

Now as to the particular Exposition of the several parts of this Statute:

1. *When a Man doth compass, &c.* In the Original it is *Quant Home*, which extends to both Sexes; but one that is *Non Compos Mentis*, or an Infant within the Age of Discretion, is not included; but all Aliens within the Realm of *England*, being thereby under the King's Protection, and owing a local Allegiance, if they commit Treason, may be punish'd by this Act; but otherwise it is of an Enemy.

2. *To compass and imagine*, is to contrive, design or intend the Death of the King; but this must be declared by some Overt-Act. But declaring by an open Act a Design to depose or imprison the King, is an Overt-Act to manifest the compassing his Death. For they that will depose their King, will not stick to murder him, rather than fail of their End, and (as King *Charles the First* excellently observed, and lamentably experienced) *There are commonly but few steps between the Prisons and the Graves of Princes.*

3. By the word *King* is intended, 1. A King before his Coronation, as soon as ever the Crown descends upon him; for the Coronation is but a Ceremony. 2. A King *de Facto*, and not *de Jure*, is a King within this Act; and a Treason against him is punishable, though the right Heir get the Crown.