

an Examination before a Committee of Privy Council for Treason, did with a Pen-knife stab Robert Harley, Esq; then Chancellor of the Exchequer, and a Privy Counsellor, and being committed for the said Crime died in *Newgate*; and there being no sufficient Punishment by the Laws now in being for assaulting, or wounding a Privy Counsellor, it was therefore enacted, That if any Person unlawfully attempted to kill, or should unlawfully assault, and strike, or wound a Privy Counsellor, when in the Execution of this Office, the Offender being convicted thereof, should be a Felon, and should suffer Death, as in Cases of Felony, without benefit of Clergy.

(9) Counterfeiting the Great or Privy Seal is Treason; but it must be an actual Counterfeiting it, for compassing to do so is not Treason; neither is it Treason for the Chancellor to fix the Great Seal to any thing without a Warrant: So fixing a new Great Seal to another Patent, is a great Misprision, but no Treason; because 'tis not a Counterfeiting within this Statute; neither is the counterfeiting the Privy Signet or Sign manual Treason within this Act; but 'tis made so by the Statute 1 Mar. cap. 6.

One *Leak*, glued two Parchments so close together, that it could not be perceived, and then he put a Label thro' both, and upon the uppermost he wrote a Patent, and got the Great Seal fixed to the Label, then he took off the written Parchment, and left the Label hanging to the Blank, this was adjudged a great Misprision.

One *Robinson* counterfeited the Privy Seal, and a Patent, but he omitted some words in the Style of the King, and added other words on purpose, that there might be a difference between the real Patent which was truly sealed, and the Privy Seal, which was counterfeited; and by the help of this