

## Another Statute of King Edward the Third.

*Anno 2 Edw. 3. Cap. 2.*

In what Cases only Pardon of Felony shall be granted, &c,

**I** Tem, Whereas Offenders have been greatly encouraged because the Charters of Pardon have been so easily granted in times past, of Manslaughters, Robberies, Felonies, and other Trespasses against the Peace. (2.) It is ordained and enacted, that such Charters shall not be granted, but only where the King may do it by his Oath, that is to say, where a Man slays another in his own Defence, or by Misfortune. (3.) And also they have been encouraged, because that the Justices of the Gaol-Delivery and of Oyer and Terminer, have been procured by great Men, against the Form of the Statute made in the 27th Year of the Reign of King Ed. Grandfather to our Lord the King, wherein is contained, that Justices assigned to take Assizes, if they be Lay-men, shall make deliverance; and if the one be a Clerk, and the other a Lay-man, that the Lay-Judge, with another of the Country associate to him, shall deliver the Gaols. (4.) Wherefore it is Enacted, That Justices shall not be made against the Form of the said Statute. (5.) And that the Assizes, Attaints, and Certifications, be taken before the Justices commonly assigned, which shou'd be good Men and lawful, having Knowledge of the Law, and none other, after the Form of another Statute made in the time of the said King Edward the First. (6.) And that the Oyers and Terminers shall be granted, but before the Justices of the one Bench or the other, or the Justices Errants; and that great Hurt, or horrible Trespasses, and of the King's special Grace, after the Form of the Statute thereof ordained in the time of the said Grandfather, and none otherwise.

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