

Blood, by Man also shall his Blood be shed, because Man was created after the Image of God ; neither can it be expiated otherwise than by his Blood, who spilt the Blood of another.] And the words of every Pardon, is after the Recital of the Offence, *Nos pietate moti*, we being moved with Piety, &c. But it can be no Piety, to violate an expresse Law of God, by letting Murder scape unpunished. Thus Coke, whereby we see what Opinion he had of such Pardons.

But notwithstanding this Opinion of my Lord Coke, Murders are pardoned by expresse Name ; nay, the Pardon is not good, if the word *Murdrum* is left out.

And as to the expresse Law of God, *He that sheddeth Man's blood, by Man shall his blood be shed*, a very learned *Casuis*t hath lately shewed, that 'tis not binding to a Christian Prince ; an Abstract of his Argument, is as followeth.

This is the second Law given to *Noah* after the Flood ; the first was a Prohibition to eat blood, which was confirmed many Ages afterwards by *Moses*, and never abrogated ; and yet several Christian Nations do not take this Law to be binding, and particularly this Nation ; for nothing is more common than to eat Blood.

Now if this first Law is not binding to Christians, why must the second ? especially since 'tis not a *moral*, but a *positive Law* ; and such Laws are always capable of a Dispensation.

As for Instance, it was a *positive Law*, that the *Sabbath* should be sanctified, and it was a capital Crime to do any Work on that Day ; but 'tis certain that in some cases, that Law was not binding ; for if a City was set on Fire on that Day, Men might leave the Church and Divine Service, and labour to quench it.