

acquitted or attainted : And the Statute doth not say when the Appeal shall be brought, either precedent, or concurrent with the Indictment ; but generally that he may bring an Appeal, so that it be brought within a Year and a Day, &c. and so that Clergy is not had.

Now as to having the Clergy, it hath been adjudged : That praying to have it is having it within the intention and meaning of this Statute, for by praying it, the Prisoner has done all he can; but he cannot pray it, if the Court will not proceed to Judgment, and ask him what he hath to say, why Judgment should not be given ; therefore their Default or Delay shall not prejudice him.

Upon the whole matter ; a Man is indicted for a Murder, and convicted of Manslaughter, such Conviction with Clergy had, is a good Plea in Bar to an Appeal, either precedent, concurrent or subsequent to the Indictment ; and so it is, if the Clergy was not had by the Default of the Court in not asking the Prisoner what he had to say, why Judgment should not be given against him?

*Note,* The ancient Law was, when a Man had Judgment to be hanged in an Appeal ; that the Wife and all the Kindred of the Party slain, should draw him to Execution, and this Judge *Gascoigne* said was done in his days.

Thus much for Appeals, the Practice whereof has been almost lost or forgot, till not long since it was revived by a Woman in *Southwark*, who brought an Appeal for the Death of her murdered Husband, against one who had got a Pardon ; but she got Judgment against him, the Appeal being tried before Baron *Weston*, and the Person was executed, notwithstanding the Pardon ; since which time Appeals have been frequently brought, and almost as often compounded ; for they are seldom effectually prosecuted.