

Star-Chamber. (2.) And to the said Courts holden before the President and Council in the Marches of Wales. (3.) And before the President and Council in the Northern parts. (4.) And also to the Court commonly called the Court of the Dutchy of Lancaster, holden before the Chancellor and Council of that Court. (5.) And also in the Court of Exchequer, of the County-Palatine of Chester, held before the Chamberlain, and Council of that Court. (6) And to all Courts of like Jurisdiction to be hereafter erected, ordained, constituted, or appointed as aforesaid; and to the Warrants and Directions of the Council-board, and to the Commitments, Restraints, and Imprisonments of any Person or Persons made, commanded or awarded by the King's Majesty, His Heirs or Successors in their own Person, or by the Lords and others of the Privy Council, and every one of them.

And lastly, Provided and be it enacted, That no Person or Persons shall be sued, impleaded, molested or troubled, for any Offence against this present Act, unless the Party supposed to have so offended, shall be sued or impleaded for the same, within two Years, at the most, after such Time, wherein the said Offence shall be committed.

*The Comment.*

THE Court of Star-Chamber (so called, because held in a Chamber at Westminster, the Roof of which is garnish'd with Golden Stars) was not originally erected, but confirmed and established by the Statute of 3 H. 7. cap. 1. For there had before been some such Jurisdiction, as Coke observes 4 Inst. Fol. 62. yet there is reason to believe, that it grew up rather by Connivance and Usurpation than any due Course of Law. The Crimes it pretended to punish, were the exorbitant Offences of