

authority of the same, That no person or persons whatsoever shall after the twentieth day of *December* one thousand six hundred sixty-two wilfully melt, or cause to be melted, any of the current silver money of this realm; (4) upon pain not only of forfeiture of the same, but also of the double value of any such coin so melted; the one half to his Majesty, his heirs and successors, the other half to the informers, who shall sue for the same upon action of debt, bill, plaint or information, in any of his Majesty's courts at *Westminster*; in which no essoin, wager of law or protection, shall be allowed: (5) and moreover, That the said person or persons offending contrary to the tenor of this act (if he or they be a freeman or freemen, or privileged person or persons, of any city or corporations within this kingdom of *England*) shall upon legal conviction for the same be forthwith disfranchised and made incapable of exercising the trade of a goldsmith, or any other mystery, by virtue of the privileges of the city or corporation of which he or they are members: (6) and if the said person or persons offending, and convict as aforesaid, shall not be a freeman or freemen, or privileged person or persons, of any city or corporation as aforesaid, then he or they shall suffer imprisonment without bail or mainprize for the space of six months next ensuing his or their conviction as aforesaid.

None shall melt current silver money.

The penalty.

## CAP. XXXII.

An act for the better regulating of the manufacture of broad woollen cloth within the west-riding of the county of York. EXP.

A corporation of clothiers in the west-riding of Yorkshire. The oath to be taken by the master, wardens and assistants. Who shall be of the said corporation for ever, and how called. Times and places of their meeting. Power to appoint a common seal, and to make orders and by-laws. Penalty for not conforming to by-laws. Power to appoint searchers of cloth. The new drapery most in use. The oath to be taken by searchers. Penalty upon searchers. The authority and power of the searchers. None may make broad cloth, but such as have served as apprentices to clothiers for seven years, or have been exercised in the trade for that time. The penalty. Householders and housewives may not make cloth to sell, not being free of the said trade. The penalty. Power to appoint a clerk, register, treasurer, and other officers. How the fines and forfeitures shall be levied. Counterfeiting the seal of the corporation. The penalty. All clauses in any other statute contrary to this act concerning clothing, repealed. Persons sued for executing this act, may plead the general issue. The rights and duties of aulnage saved. Proviso that rates of wages of workmen may not be set by colour of this act. Continuance of this act to the next parliament. 21 Jac: 1. c. 18.

## CAP. XXXIII.

An act for preventing abuses in printing seditious, treasonable, and unlicensed books and pamphlets, and for regulating of printing and printing-presses.

WHEREAS the well-government and regulating of printers and printing-presses is matter of publick care, and of great concernment, especially considering, that by the general licentiousness of the late times, many evil disposed persons have been encouraged to print and sell heretical, schismatical, blasphemous, seditious and treasonable

Regulating of printing of great concernment.

able books, pamphlets and papers, and still do continue such their unlawful and exorbitant practice, to the high dishonour of Almighty God, the indangering the peace of these kingdoms, and raising a disaffection to his most most excellent Majesty and his government: (2) for prevention whereof, no surer means can be advised, than by reducing and limiting the number of printing-presses, and by ordering and settling the said art or mystery of printing by act of parliament, in manner as herein after is expressed:

Pamphlets or books prohibited to be printed, published or sold.

II. The King's most excellent majesty, by and with the consent and advice of the lords spiritual and temporal, and commons in this present parliament assembled, doth therefore ordain and enact, and be it ordained and enacted by the authority aforesaid, That no person or persons whatsoever shall presume to print, or cause to be printed, either within this realm of *England*, or any other his Majesties dominions, or in the parts beyond the seas, any heretical, seditious, schismatical or offensive books or pamphlets, wherein any doctrine or opinion shall be asserted or maintained, which is contrary to the christian faith, or the doctrine or discipline of the church of *England*, or which shall or may tend, or to be to the scandal of religion, or the church, or the government or governors of the church, state or common-wealth, or of any corporation or particular person or persons whatsoever, (2) nor shall import, publish, sell or disperse any such book or books, or pamphlets, nor shall cause or procure any such to be published or put to sale, or to be bound, stitched or sewed together.

Entry of printed books with the register of the company of stationers, London.

III. And be it further ordained and enacted by the authority aforesaid, That no private person or persons whatsoever shall at any time hereafter print, or cause to be printed any book or pamphlet whatsoever, unless the same book and pamphlet, together with all and every the titles, epistles, prefaces, proems, preambles, introductions, tables, dedications, and other matters and things thereto annexed, be first entered in the book of the register of the company of stationers of *London*, (2) except acts of parliament, proclamations, and such other books and papers as shall be appointed to be printed by virtue of any warrant under the King's majesties sign manual, or under the hand of one or both of his majesties principal secretaries of state; (3) and unless the same book and pamphlet, and also all and every the said titles, epistles, prefaces, proems, preambles, introductions, tables, dedications, and other matters and things whatsoever thereunto annexed, or therewith to be imprinted, shall be first lawfully licensed and authorized to be printed by such person and persons only as shall be constituted and appointed to license the same, according to the direction and true meaning of this present act herein after expressed, and by no other; (that is to say) (4) That all books concerning the common laws of this realm, shall be printed by the special allowance of the lord chancellor, or lord keeper of the great seal of *England* for the time being, the lords chief justices, and the lord chief baron for the time being, or one or more of them, by their,

Who may licence books concerning the common-laws to be printed.

their, or one of their appointments; (5) and that all books of history, concerning the state of this realm, or other books concerning any affairs of state, shall be licensed by the principal secretaries of state for the time being, or one of them, or by their, or one of their appointments; (6) and that all books to be imprinted concerning heraldry, titles of honour, and arms, or otherwise concerning the office of earl marshal, shall be licensed by the earl marshal for the time being, or by his appointment, or in case there shall not then be an earl marshal, shall be licensed by the three kings of arms, *Garter*, *Clarencieux* and *Norroy*, or any two of them, whereof *Garter* principal king of arms to be one; (7) and that all other books to be imprinted or reprinted, whether of divinity, physick, philosophy, or whatsoever other science or art, shall be first licensed and allowed by the lord archbishop of *Canterbury*, and lord bishop of *London* for the time being, or one of them, or by their or one of their appointments, or by either of the chancellors, or vice-chancellors of either of the universities of this realm for the time being; (8) provided always, that the said chancellors, or vice-chancellors of either of the said universities shall only licence such books as are to be imprinted or reprinted within the limits of the said universities respectively, but not in *London* or elsewhere, not meddling either with books of common laws, or matters of state or government, nor any book or books, the right of printing whereof doth solely and properly belong to any particular person or persons, without his or their consent first obtained in that behalf.

Books of history, and affairs of state.

Concerning heraldry.

Divinity, Physick, Philosophy, or other science.

Books belonging to particular persons.

IV. And be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, That every person and persons who by virtue of this present act are, or shall be appointed, or authorized to license the imprinting of books, or reprinting thereof with any additions or amendments as aforesaid, shall have one written copy of the same book or books which shall be so licensed to be imprinted or reprinted with the titles, epistles, prefaces, tables, dedications, and all other things whatsoever thereunto annexed; which said copy shall be delivered by such licenser or licensers to the printer or owner for the imprinting thereof, and shall be solely and intirely returned by such printer or owner after the imprinting thereof, unto such licenser or licensers to be kept in the publick registries of the said lord archbishop, or lord bishop of *London* respectively, or in the office of the chancellor or vice-chancellor of either the said universities, or with the said lord chancellor or lord keeper of the great seal for the time being, or lord chief justices, or chief baron, or one of them, or the said principal secretaries of state, or with the earl marshal, or the said kings of arms, or one of them, of all such books as shall be licensed by them respectively; (2) and if such book so to be licensed shall be an English book, or of the English tongue, there shall be two written copies thereof delivered to the licenser or licensers (if he or they shall so require) one copy whereof so licensed shall be delivered back to the said printer or owner, and the other copy shall be reserved and kept as is aforesaid, to the end such licenser or licensers may be secured,

Every licenser shall have a written copy of the book licensed.

How and where the said copy shall be kept.

English books how to be licensed.

That

Anno decimo tertio & quarto CAROLI II. c.33. [1662.

That the copy so licensed shall not be altered without his or their privity, (3) and upon the said copy licensed to be imprinted, he or they who shall so license the same, shall testify under his or their hand or hands, That there is not any thing in the same contained that is contrary to the christian faith, or the doctrine or discipline of the church of *England*, or against the state and government of this realm, or contrary to good life, or good manners, or otherwise as the nature and subject of the work shall require; (4) which license or approbation shall be printed in the beginning of the same book, with the name or names of him or them that shall authorize or licence the same, for a testimony of the allowance thereof.

All books from beyond sea shall be brought to the port of London only.

and not to be opened or uttered until viewed by the archbishop of Canterbury, bishop of London, or some other by one of them appointed. heretical, seditious, or dangerous books imported, how to be proceeded upon.

V. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That every merchant of books, and person or persons whatsoever, who doth, or hereafter shall import or bring any book or books into this realm from any parts beyond the seas, shall import the same in the port of *London* only, and not elsewhere, without the special license of the archbishop of *Canterbury*, and bishop of *London* for the time being, or one of them, who are hereby authorized to grant licenses for that purpose, and shall before such time as the same book or books, or any of them be delivered forth, or out of his or their hand or hands, or exposed to sale, give and present a true note or catalogue in writing of all and every such book or books, unto the lord archbishop of *Canterbury* and lord bishop of *London* for the time being, or to one of them, (2) and no merchant or other person or persons whatsoever which shall import or bring any book or books into the port of *London* aforesaid, from any parts beyond the seas, shall presume to open any dry-fats, bales, packs, maunds, or other fardles of books, or wherein books are, nor shall any searcher, waiter, or other officer, belonging to the custom-house, upon pain of losing his or their place or places, suffer the same to pass, or to be delivered out of his or their hands or custody, before such time as the lord archbishop of *Canterbury* and the lord bishop of *London* for the time being, or one of them, shall have appointed some scholar or learned man, with one or more of the said company of stationers, and such others as they shall call to their assistance, to be present at the opening thereof, and to view the same: (3) and if there shall happen to be found any heretical, seditious, scandalous, schismatical, or other dangerous or offensive book or books, or any part of such book or books printed in English, they shall forthwith be brought to the said lord archbishop of *Canterbury*, and lord bishop of *London* for the time being, or to one of them, or to some publick place to be assigned and chosen by the said lord archbishop, and lord bishop for the time being, to the end the person and persons which importeth, or causeth the said offensive books to be imported, may be proceeded against as an offender against this present act: and also that such further course may be taken concerning the same offensive book or books, as by the said lord archbishop and bishop for the time being, shall be thought fitting for the suppressing thereof.

VI. And

VI. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That no person or persons shall within this kingdom, or elsewhere, imprint or cause to be imprinted, nor shall import or bring in, or cause to be imported or brought into this kingdom from or out of any other his Majesties dominions, nor from any other parts beyond the seas, any copy or copies, book or books, or part of any book or books, or forms of blank bills or indentures for any his Majesties islands, printed beyond the seas, or elsewhere, which any person or persons by force or virtue of any letters patents granted or assigned, or which shall hereafter be granted or assigned to him or them, or (where the same are not granted by any letters patents) by force or virtue of any entry or entries thereof duly made or to be made in the register-book of the said company of stationers, or in the register-book of either of the universities respectively, have or shall have the right, privilege, authority or allowance, solely to print, without the consent of the owner or owners of such book or books, copy or copies, form or forms of such blank bills, nor shall bind, stitch, or put to sale any such book or books, or part of any book or books, form or forms, without the like consent, (2) upon pain of loss and forfeiture of the same, and of being proceeded against as an offender against this present act, and upon the further penalty and forfeiture of six shillings eight pence for every such book or books, or part of such book or books, copy or copies, or form or forms of any such blank bills or indentures so imprinted or imported, bound, stitched, or put to sale: (3) The moiety of which said forfeiture and forfeitures shall be to the use of our sovereign lord the King, his heirs and successors, and the other moiety to the use of the owner or owners, proprietors of such copy or copies, book or books, or form of such blank bills or indentures, if he or they shall sue for the same within six months next after such imprinting, importing, binding, stitching, or putting to sale; and in default of such suit by the owner or owners, proprietor or proprietors, commenced within the said six months, Then the same moiety shall be to the use and behoof of such other person and persons as within the space of one year next after the said offence committed, shall sue for the same, (5) to be recovered by action of debt, bill, plaint or information, in any of his majesties courts of record held at *Westminster*, called the King's bench, common pleas, or exchequer, wherein no essoin, wager of law, or protection shall be allowed to the defendant or defendants.

Copies of books, forms of blank bills or indentures, whereof any have letters patents for sole printing.

The penalty.

VII. And be it further enacted and declared, That every person and persons that shall hereafter print, or cause to be printed any book, ballad, chart, pourtraicture, or any other thing or things whatsoever, shall thereunto, or thereon, print and set his or their own name or names, and also shall declare the name of the author thereof, if he be thereunto required by the licenser under whose approbation the licensing of the said book, ballad, chart, or pourtraicture shall be authorized, and by and for whom any such book or other thing is or shall be printed, (2) upon pain of forfeiture of all such books, ballads, charts, pourtraictures,

Printers of books, &c. shall put to their names.

Penalty.

tures, and other thing or things printed contrary to the tenor hereof; and the presses, letters, and other instruments for printing, wherewith such book, ballad, pourtracture, or other thing or things shall be so imprinted, or set or prepared for the printing thereof, to be defaced and made unserviceable; (3) and that no person or persons shall hereafter print, or cause to be imprinted, nor shall forge, put or counterfeit in or upon any book or pamphlet, the name, title, mark or vinnnet of any other person or persons which hath or shall have lawful priviledge, authority, or allowance of sole printing the same, without the free consent of the person and persons so priviledged first had and obtained, upon pain that every person and persons so offending, shall forfeit and lose all such books and pamphlets upon which such counterfeit name or mark shall be imprinted, and shall further be proceeded against as an offender against this present act.

Who only may buy, barter and sell books in London, and market-towns.

VIII. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That no haberdasher of small-wares, iron-monger, chandler, shop-keeper, or other person or persons whatsoever, not being licenced in that behalf by the lord bishop of the diocess wherein such book or books shall be, nor having been seven years apprentice to the trade of book-seller, printer or book-binder, nor being a freeman of the city of *London* by a patrimonial right as son of a book-seller, printer or book-binder, nor being a member of the said company of stationers, shall within the city or suburbs of *London*, or any other market town, or elsewhere, receive, take or buy, to barter, sell again, change, or do away any bibles, testaments, psalm-books, common prayer-books, primers, abcees, licensed almanacks, grammar, school-books, or other book or books whatsoever, upon pain of forfeiture of the same.

Printing an art and manufacture.

IX. And for that printing is, and for many years hath been an art and manufacture of this kingdom, Therefore for the better encouraging thereof, and the prevention of divers libels, pamphlets, and seditious books printed beyond the seas in English, and thence transported into this realm, (2) be it further enacted and ordained by the authority aforesaid, That no merchant, bookseller, or other person or persons whatsoever, shall imprint, or cause to be imprinted beyond the seas, nor shall import or bring, nor knowingly assist, or consent to the importation or bringing from beyond the seas into this realm, any English book or books, or part of any book which is or shall be, or the greater part thereof is or shall be English, or of the English tongue, whether the same book, books, or part of such book have been here formerly printed or not, upon pain of forfeiture of all such English books so imprinted or imported contrary to the tenor hereof: (3) and that no alien or foreigner whatsoever shall hereafter bring in, or be suffered to vend here within this realm, any book or books printed beyond the seas in any language whatsoever, either by himself, or his factor or factors, except such only as be free printers or stationers of *London*, or such as have been brought up in that profession, without the

No English books may be imprinted or imported from beyond sea.

the special licence of the archbishop of *Canterbury*, and bishop of *London* for the time being, or one of them, who are hereby authorized to grant licenses for that purpose, upon like pain of forfeiture of all such books as shall be so imprinted or vended contrary to the purport and true intent hereof. The penalty.

X. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That no person or persons within the city of *London*, or the liberty thereof, or elsewhere, shall erect or cause to be erected any press or printing-house, nor shall knowingly demise or let, or willingly suffer to be held or used any house, vault, cellar, or other room whatsoever, to or by any person or persons for a printing-house, or place to print in, unless he or they who erect such press, or shall so knowingly demise or let such house, cellar, vault or room, or willingly suffer the same to be used, shall first give notice to the master or wardens of the said company of stationers for the time being, of the erecting of such press, or of such demise or suffering to work or print in such house, vault, cellar or room, (2) and that no joyner, carpenter, or other person shall make any printing-press, no smith shall forge any iron-work for a printing-press, no founder shall cast any letters which may be used for printing for any person or persons whatsoever; neither shall any person or persons bring or cause to be brought in from any parts beyond the seas, any letters founded or cast, nor shall buy any such letters for printing, printing-presses, or other materials belonging unto printing, unless he or they respectively shall first acquaint the said master and wardens of the said company of stationers for the time being, or some or one of them, for whom the same presses, iron-work or letters are to be made, forged, cast, brought or imported, (3) upon pain that every person who shall erect any such printing-press, or shall demise or let any house or room, or suffer the same to be held or used, and every person who shall make any printing-press, or any iron-work for a printing-press, or shall make, import, or buy any letters for printing, without giving notice as aforesaid, shall forfeit for every such offence the sum of five pounds, the one moiety whereof shall be to the use of our sovereign lord the King, his heirs and successors, and the other moiety to the use of such person or persons as shall sue for the same. Presses and printing in and about London, not to be set up, but upon notice to the company of stationers.

XI. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That for the time to come no man shall be admitted to be a master printer, until they who are now actually master printers, shall be by death or otherwise, reduced to the number of twenty, and from thenceforth the number of twenty master printers shall be continued, and no more, besides the Kings printers and the printers allowed for the universities, to have the use and exercise of printing of books at one time, and but four master founders of letters for printing; (2) the which said master printers, and four master founders of letters for printing, shall be nominated, appointed and allowed by the lord archbishop of *Canterbury*, and lord bishop of *London* for the time being; and in case of death of any one of the said four master founders of letters, or of the said Who and how many shall be master printers.

Master found-  
ers of letters  
for printing.

said master printers, or of forfeiture, or avoidance of any of their places and priviledges to print by virtue of this act, for any offence contrary to the same, or otherwise, That then the lord archbishop of *Canterbury*, and lord bishop of *London* for the time being, or one of them, shall nominate and appoint such other fit person or persons to succeed and supply the place of such master printer, or founder of letters as shall be void by death, forfeiture or otherwise, as aforesaid; (3) and every person and persons which shall hereafter be allowed or permitted to have the use of a printing-press or printing-house, upon or before such his allowance obtained, shall become bound with sureties to his Majesty in the court of King's bench, or before some one or more of the justices of assize, or the justices of the peace at their severall quarter sessions, in the sum of three hundred pounds, not to print, or suffer to be printed in his house or press any book or books whatsoever, but such as shall from time to time be lawfully licensed.

Who only may  
keep above  
two printing  
presses.

XII. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That none of the said master printers to be allowed from time to time as aforesaid, shall keep above two printing-presses at once, unless he hath been master or upper warden of the company, who are hereby allowed to keep three presses and no more, unless for some great and special occasion for the publick he or they have for a time leave of the said lord archbishop of *Canterbury*, or lord bishop of *London* for the time being, to have or use one or more above the aforesaid number, as their lordships, or either of them shall think fit.

What number  
of apprentices  
they may re-  
tain.

XIII. And be it also enacted by the authority aforesaid, That no printer or printers, (except the Kings printers) nor founder or founders of letters for printing, shall take or retain any more or greater number of apprentices, than is herein after limited and appointed, (that is to say) every master printer, and master founder of letters for printing, that is or hath been master or upper warden of his company, may have three apprentices at one time and no more; (2) and every master printer, and master founder of letters for printing, that is of the livery of his company, may have two apprentices at one time and no more; (3) and every master printer, and master founder of letters for printing, of the yeomanry of his company, may have one apprentice at one time and no more, neither by copartnership, binding at the scriveners, nor any other way whatsoever; neither shall it be lawful for any master printer or master founder of letters, when any apprentice or apprentices shall run or be put away, to take another apprentice or other apprentices in his or their place or places, unless the name or names of him or them so gone away be rased out of the hall-book, and never admitted again.

Journeymen  
printers, and  
founders of  
letters to be  
employed.

XIV. And because a great part of the secret printing in corners hath been caused for want of orderly employment for journeymen printers, the said severall master printers, and master founders of letters for printing so to be allowed as aforesaid,

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are hereby required to take special care, That all journeymen printers, and journeymen founders of letters for printing, who are lawfully free of the said respective mysteries, be set on work, and imployed in their respective trades; (2) and if any such journeyman printer, and journeyman founder of letters, being of honest and good behaviour, and able in his trade, do want imployment, he shall repair to any of the said master printers, or master founders of letters respectively for the time being, who thereupon shall receive him or them into work, if such master printer, or master founder of letters have not a journeyman already, although such master printer or master founder of letters respectively, with his apprentice or apprentices be able without the help of the said journeyman to discharge his own work; (3) upon pain that every master printer, and master founder of letters respectively, refusing to receive such journeyman repairing to him as aforesaid, shall forfeit five pounds, to be recovered by bill, plaint, or information in any court of record, wherein no effoin, wager at law, priviledge or protection shall be admitted; the one moiety of which forfeiture shall go to the King's majesty, his heirs and successors; and the other moiety to the informer who shall sue for the same within six months next after the said offence committed; (4) and if any journeyman, or journeymen printers, or founders of letters for printing, shall refuse imployment, being offered to him or them by any master printer, or master founder of letters respectively, or neglect it when he or they have undertaken it, he or they refusing or neglecting, shall suffer three months imprisonment at the least, without bail or mainprize, upon conviction of such his said refusal or neglect by two witnesses, before any one or more justice or justices of the peace, who are hereby impowered to hear and examine the said offence, and to commit the said offender and offenders to the common gaol of the county where he or they shall be apprehended: (5) and no master printer, or master founder of letters for printing, shall from henceforth imploy either to work at the case or press, or otherwise about his printing, any person or persons than such only as are *Englishmen* and freemen, or the sons of freemen, or apprentices to the said trades or mysteries of printing, or founding of letters for printing respectively.

XV. And for the better discovering of printing in corners without licence, be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That one or more of the messengers of his Majesties chamber, by warrant under his Majesties sign manual, or under the hand of one or more of his Majesties principal secretaries of state, or the master and wardens of the said company of stationers, or any one of them, shall have power and authority with a constable, to take unto them such assistance as they shall think needful, and at what time they shall think fit, to search all houses and shops where they shall know, or upon some probable reason suspect any books or papers to be printed, bound or stitched, especially printing-houses, book-sellers shops and warehouses, and

Who may search houses and shops for suspected books and papers.

book-binders houses and shops, and to view there what is im-  
printing, binding or stitching, and to examine whether the same  
be licensed, and to demand a sight of the said license; (2) and  
if the said book so imprinting, binding or stitching, shall not  
be licensed, than to seize upon so much thereof, as shall be  
found imprinted, together with the several offenders, and to  
bring them before one or more justices of the peace, who are  
hereby authorized and required to commit such offenders to  
prison, there to remain until they shall be tried and acquitted,  
or convicted and punished for the said offences: (3) and in case  
the said searchers shall upon their said search, find any book or  
books, or part of books unlicensed, which they shall suspect to  
contain matters therein contrary to the doctrine or discipline of  
the church of *England*, or against the state and government,  
then upon such suspicion to seize upon such book or books, or  
part of book or books, and to bring the same unto the said lord  
archbishop of *Canterbury*, and lord bishop of *London* for the time  
being, or one of them, or to the secretaries of state, or one of  
them respectively, who shall take such further course for the sup-  
pressing thereof, as to them or any of them shall seem fit.

Offenders a-  
gainst this act,  
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nished.

XVI. And be it ordained and enacted by the authority afore-  
said, That all and every printer and printers of books, founder  
and founders of letters for printing, and all and every other  
person or persons working in or for the said trades, who from  
and after the tenth day of *June*, in the year one thousand six  
hundred sixty and two, shall offend against this present act, or  
any article, clause or thing herein contained, and shall be there-  
of convicted by verdict, confession, or otherwise, shall for the  
first offence be disabled from exercising his respective trade for  
the space of three years, (2) and for the second offence shall for  
ever thenceafter be disabled to use or exercise the art or mystery  
of printing, or of founding letters for printing, and shall also  
have and receive such further punishment by fine, imprisonment,  
or other corporal punishment, not extending to life or limb, as  
by the justices of the court of King's bench, or justices of *oyer*  
and *terminer*, or justices of assize in their several circuits, or ju-  
stices of the peace in their several quarter sessions shall be thought  
fit to be inflicted; (3) the which said justices of the peace in  
their several quarter sessions shall have full power and authority  
to hear and determine all and every offence and offences that  
shall be committed against this act, or against any branch there-  
of, upon indictment or information by any person or persons to  
be taken before them in their sessions of peace respectively, and  
shall yearly certifie into the court of exchequer, as in other like  
cases they are bound to do, the fines by them imposed for any  
of the offences aforesaid, and shall and may also by virtue here-  
of award process and execution for the taking or punishing such  
offenders as in any other case they lawfully may do by any the  
laws and statutes of this realm.

Printed copies  
to be sent to

XVII. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,  
That every printer shall reserve three printed copies of the best  
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and largest paper of every book new printed, or reprinted by him with additions, and shall before any publick vending of the said book bring them to the master of the company of stationers, and deliver them to him, one whereof shall be delivered to the keeper of his Majesties library, and the other two to be sent to the vice-chancellors of the two universities respectively, for the use of the publick libraries of the said universities.

his Majesties library and the two universities.

XVIII. Provided always, That nothing in this act contained, shall be construed to extend to the prejudice or infringing of any of the just rights and priviledges of either of the two universities of this realm, touching and concerning the licensing or printing of books in either of the said universities.

Proviso for the priviledges of the two universities.

XIX. Provided always, That no search shall at any time be made in the house or houses of any the peers of this realm, or of any other person or persons not being free of, or using any of the trades in this act before mentioned, but by special warrant from the King's majesty, under his sign manual, or under the hand of one or both of his Majesties principal secretaries of state, or for any other books than such as are in printing, or shall be printed after the tenth of *June*, 1662; any thing in this act to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding.

Peers houses.

XX. Provided also, That neither this act, nor any thing therein contained, shall extend to prohibit any bookseller who hath served seven years, and is free of the company of stationers *London*, from importing or bringing into this realm any books ready bound not formerly prohibited, which have been printed ten years before the importation; any thing in this or any other act to the contrary notwithstanding.

Proviso for booksellers and stationers *London*.

XXI. Provided also, and be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That neither this act, nor any thing therein contained, shall be construed to prohibit any person or persons to sell books or papers, who have sold books and papers within *Westminster-Hall*, the palace of *Westminster*, or in any shop or shops within twenty yards of the great gate of *Westminster-Hall* aforesaid, before the twentieth day of *November*, one thousand six hundred sixty and one; but they and every of them may sell books and papers as they have or did before the said twentieth day of *November*, one thousand six hundred sixty and one, within the said hall, palace, and twenty yards aforesaid, but not elsewhere; any thing in this act to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

Persons selling books in *Westminster-Hall*.

XXII. Provided also, That neither this act, nor any thing therein contained, shall extend to prejudice the just rights and priviledges granted by his Majesty, or any of his royal predecessors, to any person or persons, under his Majesties great seal, or otherwise, but that such person or persons may exercise and use such rights and priviledges as aforesaid, according to their respective grants; any thing in this act to the contrary notwithstanding.

Proviso for the rights and priviledges of printing granted to any persons by the King.

XXIII. Provided also, That neither this act, nor any thing therein contained, shall extend to prohibit *John Streater* stationer, from

Proviso for *John Streater* stationer.

from printing books and papers, but that he may still follow the art and mystery of printing, as if this act had never been made; any thing therein to the contrary notwithstanding.

Proviso for  
the city of  
York.

XXIV. Provided also, That neither this act, nor any thing therein contained, shall extend to restrain the keeping and using of a printing-press in the city of *York*, so as all books of divinity there printed, be first licensed by the archbishop of *York* for the time being, or such person or persons whom he shall appoint, and all other books whatsoever there printed, be first licensed by such persons respectively to whom the licensing thereof doth or shall appertain by the rules herein before mentioned, and so as no bibles be there printed, nor any other book, whereof the original copy is or shall be belonging to the company of stationers in *London*, or any member thereof; and so as the archbishop or lord mayor of *York* for the time being, do execute within the said city (which they are hereby impowered to do) all the powers and rules in this act concerning searchers for unlicensed books, and impose and levy the said penalties in the like cases; any thing in this act to the contrary notwithstanding.

The continu-  
ance of this  
act.

XXV. Provided, That this act shall continue and be in force for two years, to commence from the tenth of *June*, one thousand six hundred sixty and two, and no longer. *Continued 16 Car. 2. cap. 8. and further continued for seven years from June 1685. by 1 Jac. 2. c. 17.*

*Anno decimo quinto CAROLI secundi Regis.*

**A**T the parliament begun at Westminster the eighth day of *May* one thousand six hundred sixty-one and in the thirteenth year of the reign of our sovereign lord Charles the Second, &c. defender of the faith, &c. and by divers prorogations and adjournments continued to the twenty-seventh day of *July* in the fifteenth year of his said Majesty's reign, and thence prorogued to the sixteenth day of *March* next following.

CAP. I.

An act for repairing the highways within the counties of Hertford, Cambridge and Huntington.

This act con-  
tinued as to  
Hertfordshire,  
from Novem-  
ber 1722. for  
fifteen years,  
by 6 Geo. 1.  
c. 20. s. 1.

The highway from London to York, and Scotland, Hertford, Cambridge, Huntington. Who may appoint surveyors of the highways yearly for Hertfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Huntingdonshire. The power of the justices of the peace in their several counties. The power of the surveyors in the said several counties, to appoint receivers and collectors of toll, and other needful officers. Charging of carts and carriages. Allowance of wages to labourers and owners. The penalty for refusing. How far and often carts and carriages may be charged. Who may determine differences about carriages and labourers wages. How gravel, chalk, stones, &c. may be taken. Who may appoint the taking of toll or custom of all carriages and passengers. Places for taking of toll in Hertfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Huntingdonshire. Power to distrain for toll refused to be paid. The toll received to be accounted for and paid to the surveyors. To whom