one penny, the one moyte thereof to be to the Kyng our Soveraigne Lorde and the other half to hym that wole se for the same in forme aforesaid wherein no wager of lawe essoyne or gession shalbe allowed, and that all Justices of peace within the lymitys of theire comission shall have full power and authoritie to enquyre here and defmyne the same in forme before rehearsed.

Provided alwayes that this afe extende not nor be hurtfull at any tyme hereafter to any peon or ponnes that wolle destroy any crowes chouges ravenes and busardes or their egges, or to any other fowle or theire egges not comestible nor used to be eetan.

Chapter XII.

An Acte conchyng the Attynder of Elizabeth Barton & others.

The Lordes and Comens in this present parliament assembled moost [humbly beseyng'] the Kyng of Highnes that for the declaration of his most pure and syncre conscience in the devorke and sepcion lawfully had and don bywene his Majestie and the right excellent Princes the Lady Katheryne, and for due punishement to be had of suche ponnes as maliciously malyngnyng ayenst the same haue trarerfully attempted many notable actes intending therby the disturbancce of the peace and tranquillite of this Realme; and for repression expieple and reformation of the malices and malignities whiche hereafter may be falsely conspire and compassed by suche eell doers to make dyvyssion within this Realme, that it may be enaed in manner and form folowing that it is to sey: Where our sayd Soveraigne Lorde, lyke a good and vertuous pryncse, being afflicted and sore incombed in his conscience whilste the marriage whiche was solempnyzed bywene his Majestie and the seid right excellent Prynces the Lady Katheryne late wyf of the right excellent Pryncse Arture naturall brother to our seid Soveraigne Lorde, to the whiche pryncse our seid Lady Katharen was lawfully maried and by hym carnally knownen, for the only descharge of his conscience ayenst Almyghtie God, by all true wayes and means inesierch nyed stude dyeysed and consultyd, asswell with sondry Universities of Cristendome as with a great number of excellent clerkes lermed in dyvyssion, of the valitditye and invaliditie of the seid marage solempnyzed bywene his Highnes and seid Lady Kathare, being before the seid marage his seid theones wyf and by hym carnally knownen, and after the deffynate and playne jugement of the seid sondry Universities and well lermed men, by reason of inesierches in the holy scriptures of God, by a greate advyse and defficacion it was declared and signyfied unto our seid Soveraigne Lorde that the seid marage solempnyzed bywene his Highnes and the seid Lady Kathare was phybyted and detested by the lawes of Almyghtie God, our seid Soyeign Lord therupon pursued for a just and lawfull sepyacon and devorke to be had betwene his Highnes and the seid Lady Katharen from the bondes of the seid unlawfull and detested marage, as to a greate Catholycke Pryncse beseyned to doun in that behalf, to the intent that his Majestie under the [boundes] of a lawfull marage consonant and agreable unto the lawes of Almyghtie God myght have issue and percept for the welthe poeste tranquillite and suretie of this seid Realme and subjegges of the same; which devorke and sepcion is now lawfully had, and our seid Soveraigne Lorde justly and lawfully maried to his most dere and enteynerly beloved wyf Queene Anne, and by her hath had issue and is lyke (God being pleased) to have moo to the greate confort rejoyce and suretie of all seid subjegges of this Realme: And albeit that our seid Soveraigne Lorde, lyke a good catholycke kyngse, for the only discharge of his conscience and for the welthe and suretie of this seid Realme, most prudently most delicately most gentlyly most meekly and most charitably pedyd in the inesierching and knowing of the valitditye and invaliditie of the seid detested and unlawfull marage, and theria painfully travayled by many yeres, not only to the great inquiernes and troble of his mynde but also to his insemytable costes and expences: yet never the lesse dyesere and sondry wyffull and inobedient subjegges of this Realme, whose names and offenes are uper and be declared hereafter, being maliciously fixed in a contrary opponyen ayenst the pure jugement of the kyng' owne conscience, and also the defmynacions of the seid sondry Universities and well lermed men, well pcyeyng that they being but a fewe in number couede not, by theire seid wyffull and pore opponyens grounded of malice corrupcon and affeccion, hynder ne inupipe the seid devorke and sepcion by any lawfull meanes, dyd therfore, by false fryned hipocrice [dismysulate] sandificie and cloked holynes, not onely set thorth and put in the heddes of a greate nombre of the subjegges of this Realme asswell nobles as other Spirytuall and temporall ponnes, that they had knowelege by revelacion from Almyghty God and holy Sayntes that God shulde be [displeased'] with our seid Soveraigne Lorde, for his seid pcyeyng in the seid devorke and sepcion of the seid detestate and unlawfull marage, but also surmyndes emonges other thynges that God had revealed to an holy woman, whom name here after shalbe mentioned in this afe, that in case his Highnes pedyd to thacaccomplishment of the seid devorke and maried another, that then his Majestie shulde not be kyng of this Realme by the space of one moneth after, And in the reputation of God shulde not be kyngone one day nor one houre; with many other false fryned and dismysulate fables tales and lyes by them unlawfully and traierosly practysed dyveyed ymagyned and consipred, asswell to the blasphemy of Almyghty God as ayenst our seid Soveraigne Lorde, as to the pucilurs therof here after more at large in this present afe shalbe expresed: That is to sey, first one Elizabeth [Barton'] nowe being Nonne pessed in the House and Priory of Seynt Sepulchres of Cuntburwyke, whiche longe afore she was pessed Nonne dwellyd with one Thomas Cobbe in the pishe of Aldyntong in the Countie of Kent, hapned to be visted with sicknes and by occasion therof brought in suche debilitie and wekenes of
her brayne, by cause she coude not eate ne dryke by a longe space, that in the violence of her infirmite she seemed to be in travaunses and spake and uttered many folysehe and idell worde; And one Richard Maister clerke being pren of the seid pase of Aldyngton in the seid Countie of Kent, after that he had made to the late Archibishop of Canbury a farr larger report conchyng the hipocrisie travaunses and speches of the seid Elizabeth than he cothe justifye and abyde by, And after that he was commanyd by the seid Archibishop to geve good attendance upon her ye she shulde fortoe to have any mou suche travaunses and speches and to send hym knowelege thereof, to the intent to maynteye upholds and veryfie suche reporte as he had made, aswell to the Archibishop as to other, of the wonderfull travaunses and speches of the seid Nonne, falsely and [crafty] enforemed the seid Elizabeth that the merveles worde which she spake in her travaunses afor hys rydyng to tharchibishop aforesaid pheeded of the inspiracion of the Holy Ghost, and that she was greatly to be blamed ye she wolde hyde or diemable the wonderfull work of God shewed in her, for afore this hys seid information and instructioun she constantely said that she cothe not remember that she spake any such notable worde in her travaunses as were reported unto her by the seid Richard Maister; which Elizabeth being in this maner of wyse ofte tymes persuad pured and informed by the seid pone of Aldyngton, toke boldnes and corage to forge feyn and counterfete suche maner of travaunses and craftie speches as the seid pone of Aldyngton tolde her that she used in her sekenes afores to went to the seid Archibishop; And when the seid Elizabeth had used this maner of falsce and feyned counnyferying for a season and was pyte therin (so that the fame therof was greatly sprede abroad in those parties of Kent) then the seid pone, to thentent aforesaid and to the extent the people shulde gave more faith and credence unto her, and by cause she wolde have increased the devotion of the people in comyng on pilgrimage to a chapell set in Courte at Strette aforesaid within hys seid pase dedicate in the honoure of our Lady for hys own luce and advantage, ymagyned devysed compassed and declared, with the [seid] helpe and counsell of one Edwarde Bockyng monke professed in the monastele in Christes Church in Canterbury and doctor in Dwynyte, that the seid Elizabeth being in the extasy and extremetie of her seckenes in a maner destracte in a travaunse shuld saye amonge other wonderfull wordes, that she shuld never take hethet of her body nyl suche tymte as she had visitet the ymage of our Lady being in the seid Chapell at Courte at Strette aforesaid, And that our Lady hade apneter unto her and shewe her that ye she cam to the seid Chapell at the day to her apoyntedy, she shuld be restored to her hethet by myracle, where in very dede she was restores to pyte hymte by dyte and plasure and by the Course of nature whiche expeliced the mater being cause of her seckenes, in the mean tymte whyles the seid person of Aldyngton was with the Archibishop as is afores retaers: And albeit the seid Elizabeth was thus naturally restored to her helthet, yet she being accustomed and acquaynted with the maner and facion of her distraete travaunses, by the couensayl conspiracy and confederacie of the seid Edward Bockyng and Richarde Maister, dyd falsely praetyle use and shewe unto the people dyverse and merveyval sondayne alterationes of her sensiblle partes of her bodie, craftely utteruyng in her seid feyned and false travaunses dyverse and many vertuous and holy wordes tenduyng to the rebuke of synne, and in reprouyng of suche newe oppynyon as then began to spynyng in this Realme whiche she called heresies, as she was induced and taught by the seid Edwarde Bockyng and Richard Maister, usynyg the aylas of falsce hypocrisie to thentent the people shulde gve believe and credence unto her, wherby theymby might be the sooner brought into the destestable crymes of blasphemye and idolatrye ayenat Almyghty God; and the seid Edwarde Bockyng being marvely maliciously fyned in hys oppynyon ayenat the Kynges Highnes in the seid destetted matrymony, and interdying in hys mynde afterward for hys parte falselye and trarytoullye to use the seid Elizabeth as a dyabolyke instrument to ['stere'] move and provoke the people of this Realme aswely nobles as other to murmour and grugge ayenat the majestie of our seid Sovereaygne Lorde and all hys justse and lawfull geedynge in the seid deouse and sepacon, as after he dyd in very dede, for thecomplysbyeung of hys seid false maliciouse and trarytoulous intents falselye devised and conspired with the seid Richard that the seid Elizabeth shuld shewe and manyste her selfe to the people to be an excellent vertuous and an holy woman, and that all her wordes and deed shuld appere to the world to procede of a merveyval holynes rebukyng the cymen synnes and yves of the worlde, as though she were toughte and inspired of the hyl ['spire'] of God, and not only moved and cousynded the seid Elizabeth thus to use her self; surmytting to her that she speake suche tynges in the extasie of her seckenes that came by the inspyration of God, but also couesayled and gured the seid Elizabeth to be brought and convoayed to the seid Chapell of our Lady, and she therin openly in the Sence of the people (that there shulde be assembled by their purrement) shulde use and expressyng suche lyke travaunses and alterationes of his face and other the outwades sensiblle partes of her bodie as she was used in theextremetie and extacye of her seiden sekenes, To whose couensailies and adverinements the seid Elizabeth agreed; ['Wherupon'] at a day by them appoyntyd and agreed the seid Edwarde and Richarde labored solicited and pured above the number of ij thousande poones to repayre to the seid Chapell, surmytting that the seid Elizabeth, which as they seid had merveyval and many vyvrons and revelationes of God, shuld be brought theret and theyre receyve her hethet by myracle of our Lady whose ymage was in the seid Chapell; by reason of wyche false feyned and destestable conspiracie and ypperacy at the day by them appoyntyd there assembled to the seid Chapell above the number of ij thousande people; at which day also the seid Edwarde Bockyng and Richard Maister pured and causied the seid Elizabeth to repayre to the seid Chapell, where the seid Elizabeth, albeit she at that tymte and longe afores was restored to helth of her body and discharger of her torment and afflyctions whiche she hadl in the extasie of her sekenes, yet nevertheless by the purrement and crafty counsell of the seid Edwarde Bockyng and Richard Maister dyd falsely feyned and shewe unto the people in the same chapell many alterationes of her face and other outwades sensiblle partes of her body, and falsly feyned and shewe her self in travaunses utteruyng wondroues wordes as she was afore subtlely and craftyly induced and taught by the seid Richard and Edwarde to do: And amonges other thynge she uttered that it was the pleasure of God that the seid Edwarde Bockyng shuld be hir gortly father, and that she shulde be a religious woman, as she was taught by the seid Edwarde Bockyng and Ric Maister; and within a whyle after demonstration of suche false feyned and
dissimule dtraunys she appered to the people to be sodenly releved from her sekenes and [asflectiones] by the intercession and meenes of the ymage of our Lady being in the same Chapell; by meenes of which fals feyned hypocricie dissimulys and cloked sanctuitie, so conspuried and craftyly ymagyned by the seid Edwarde Bockynge and Richarde Maister, the seid Elizabeth was brought into a meravelous fame credit and good oppynyon of a great multyde of the people of this Realme: And to increas the fame of the seid fals feyned hypocricie the seid Elizabeth afterward by the counsaille and gurement of the seid Edwarde Bockynge entred into the relzyon and be came a Nonne gresse in the seid priory of Seynt Sepulcre, to whom the seid Edwarde Bockynge had cōmenly his resorte, not without somebale velsentment and vylent suspicione of incontinenticy, pretending to be his gostly father by Godys appoyntment; & by conspiracie bywene her and hym caused her styll to pount and ayzde in the pratyzyng of her seid fals ypocrizer and [dissymyllyng] dtraunys and rapses; And that she shulde surmyt to the people that when she was in suche simle alteracon of her sensible partys of her body, that she was then rapt by Almyghty God frome thafelections of this worlde and tolde by the holy spryte of God many thynge that shulde folowe to the worlde for pynishment of the synnes of the prynces and the people; And that she shulde also say that she was moche provoked and tempated ayzde to the synne of the Blesse as otherwise by her gostly enemeye the Devell, at dyverse and sondre tymes and in dyverse and sondre wyes and fasones, And yet nevertheless that she by the grace of God was preserued and stedfastly resitad suche temptacions; by occasion of which counsayle and gurement of the seid Edwarde Bockynge the seid Elizabeth by conynynce of tymke toke suche a couraage upon her, that she falsly feyned and seyd that she had many ravelacions of Almyghty God and gys holy Sayntes with hevenly lyghtes hevenly voices hevenly melodieys and joyes, and specialy in a chappell of Seynt Gyles in the seid Nufirie, to the whiche chappell she oftentymes resorted to receyve visions and ravelacions as cōmaundad by God as she falsely reported, and specialy by night saing that the dsorture dore was made open unto hir (\*'Godes power, utteryng the same ayzde to the seid Edwarde Bockynge as to dyverse other piones; by the whiche her fals feyned ravelacions and cloked hypocrizer she was reputad amongst many people of this Realme to be a very holy woman inspired with God, where in very deye she never had visyon or ravelacion from God as she hath playny and openly confessed her self, and therefore her stealing forth of the dsorture in the nyght (which was ones or twys weekely) was not for spirituall busynes nor to receyve ravelacions of God, but rather for bodyly cūcision and pleasure with her fryndes, which could not have so good leisure and opportunitie with her by day; and for ratificacion of her fals feyned ravelacions the seid Edwarde by conspiracy bywene hym and the seid Elizabeth reveled the same to the mooste Reverende father in God William late Archebischop of Canturbury, who by fals and untrue surnyzats tales and lyes of the seid Edwarde and Elizabeth was allured brought and induced to a credyte therin, and made no diligent sarches for tryall of their seid falsbades and confederaciones, but suffered and admyted the same, to the blashemy of Almyghty God and to the great discayte of the prynces and people of this Realme: And for a ppetussill memory of the seid feyned and [dissymyllyng] hypocricie and false ravelacions of the seid Elizabeth, the seid Edwarde Bockynge Richarde Maister and one John Deryng a Monke in the seid Monastike of Christia Churchre forseid, made wyrrte and cause to be wyrrtyng sondry bokes, both greate and small both pynted and wyrrtyng, conbyng the particularites of the seid fals and feyned hypocricie and ravelacions of the seid Elizabeth, or the defence or greate pryaze of the same, Surmyttyng and putting fourthe the same fals and feyned pryatzes and ravelacions of the seid Elizabeth to be juste & true myrracles shewen by Almyghtie God in the favour of the sunctie of the seid Elizabeth, where in dede they bryn and were falsdy devisyd compased conspireyd wyrrtyng and mayntyned, by the seid Elizabeth Edwarde Bockynge Richarde Maister and John Deryng, to thonyly intente to bryng the seid Elizabeth in the fame and credyte of the people of this Realme, whereby the people shulde the more be apte and disposed by her fals cloked hypocrcys and sanctuitie to cōmyte the crymes of blasphemyne and byoldiatricayn ayetan God, and also the soner induced by the fals ravelacions of the seid Elizabeth to murmure gruge and be of evyll oppynyon ayetan the majeste of our seid Sovreaigne Lorde to the greate perell and daunger of hys most ryall pone: And one Edwarde Thwaite gentilmantranslated and wrot dyverse quyres and sheris of paper conburyng the seid fals feyned ravelacions and myrracles of the seid Elizabeth: And also one Thomas Laurence of Canturbury being regester to the Archidacon of Canturbury, at the instance and dyver of the seid Edwarde Bockynge wroght a greate boke of the seid fals and feyned myrracles and ravelacions of the seid Elizabeth in a fayre haunde redy to be a çoypay to the prynter when the seid boke shulde be put to stampe; Amonges whiche fals and feyned ravelacions surmyed by the seid Elizabeth, and put in wyrrtyng\^\* in dyvyne bokes by the false conspirace meanes and gurement of the seid Edwarde Bockynge Richard Maister John Deryng and other theire Complyses, there is expressd, that the Deryll shulde appere to the seid Elizabeth in dyverse fasones some tymes lyke a man wanoynly spairedd, some tymes lyke a byrde deformed, and some tymes othervise, And that Mary Magdalene shuld often appere to the seid Elizabeth and revele to her many ravelacions, and at one tymo shulde delyver to hir a letter wyrrtyng in heven, parte whereof was lymned with golden letters, where inde the same Ires were wyrrtyng with the hande of a Monke at Seynt Augarystyns in Canturbury named [Haukerst 17]\^\* There was also wyrrtyng and contryned amonges the seid fals and feyned myrracles and ravelacions, that when the Kynges Highnesse was at Caleis in the intervewn betwene his Majesty and the Frenche Kyng and heryng mass in the Churche of our Lady at Caleis, that God was so displeased with the Kynges Highnes that hys grace sawe not that tyme at the masse the blessed Sacrament in forme of brede, for it was takyn away from the Prest \(\text{and}^\#\) (being at masse) by an angell, and mayntyned by the seid Elizabeth then being there present and invyible, and sodenly conveyed and rapte thens aygen by the power of God in to the seid Nonnerie where she is gresse; with many other fals feyned falsex and tales devisyd conspired and defended by the seid Elizabeth Edwarde Bockynge and John Deryng wyrrtyng as myrracles in the seid bokes, for a memoriable to set forth the fals and feyned hypocricie and cloked sanctuitie of the seid Elizabeth to the people of this Realme; as by the seid sondry bokes and wyrrtyng\^\* therof made sene and examynded by the Kynges most honourable counsell more playnyly appereth;
in which bothes be wryten suche times and sentences of reproche and slander ageynst the Kynges Highness and the Queene which were to shamefull to be wryten ageynst the most yle and ungracious persone lyving, which to here it wolde abhorre ey true subjecte of this Realme: And after the seid Elizabeth by suche her false and feyned hypocryse and dissimulated manifestes was brought in a great bruite and fame of the people in sondre parties of this Realme, then the seid Edwarde Bockynge by pucurement and secret conspiracie of discord ysones unknowne, which maligned ageynst the gosdyng of the Kynges Highnes for the separacion and devorke in the seid destydet and unlawfull marrage, traytrously inteyndyng to put the Kynges Highness in a murmure and eyll opynyon of hyss people for the same, counseyled and [stered] the seid Elizabeth that she sholde aks a petition of Almyghty God, to knowe whether God was displeased with the Kynges Highnes for procedyng in the seid devorke and sepanion of the marrage betwynne hys Highnes and the seid Lady Kathryne, declaryng to her many tymes that he and hydysse other notable lerned men of this Realme, and many of the cümen people of the same, were in fyrme opynyon that the Kynges procedyng in the seid devorke was ageyst the lawes of God; [wherupon'] the seid Elizabeth subtilly and craftly conceyving thorpyon and mynde of the seid Edwarde, wylyng to please hym, reveled and shewed unto the seid Edward that she had conoclye by revelacion from God, that God was highly displeased with our seid Soeveraigne Lorde for the same matter, and in case he [declared'] not from hys gosdyng in the seid devorke and sepanion but pursued the same and maryed agayn, that then within one moneth after suche mariage he shulde no lenger bee Kyng of this Realme, and in the reputacion of Almyghty God shulde not be a Kyng one day nor one houre, and that he shulde [day'] a villaynes deethe; Soing farther that ther was a roote with three branches and thy they were plucked up it shulde never be myere in England, interpretyn the roote to be the late Lorde Cardynall, and the firste branche to bee the Kynges our Soeveraigne Lorde, the seconde the Duke of Norfolkke and the [the'] thríd to be [be'] the Duke of Sulfolke; which fals feyned revelacions, by the mychevous and malicious counselye and conspiracie of the seid Edward Bockynge with the seid Elizabeth, were wylyng and expressed in the seid bokes and volumes conteynyng the fals and feyned revelacions and myracles of the seid Elizabeth for a puetuall memory therof, to the utter reproche and perell of distruction of the Kynges peon his honour name and name, and prevely and secretly set forth by the seid Edward Bockynge John Deryng and Richard Master generally to diverse and many of the Kynges Subjectes, and specially as to elecete peons to the Rerverende father John Buschop of Rochester, John Adeson Clerke Chapleyne to the same Bysshopp, and to one Henry Golde prest bacheler of Dyrnynte, to Hugh Ryche fryer observaunt and late Warden of the fryers obvaunt of Canterbury, which berte malice and malignity to all the Kynges gosdyng in the seid devorke and sepanion, by cause it was contrey to their pervers and frowarde opynyon, inteyndyng by colore of the seid fals and feyned hypocriye and revelacions of the seid Elizabeth not only to lett the seid devorke and sepanion, but also to brynge [ant'] sett forth secretly in the heart of the people of this Realme aswell nobles as othe, that all the Kynges actes and gosdyng in the same were sant holy scriptures and the pleasure of Almyghty God, whereby the Kynges Highness shulde be brought in a grudge and eyll opynyon of hys people: And the seid John Byschoppe of Rochester Henrie Golde Hugh Ryche Richard Rybbye Richard Master John Deryng, at sondrye and sefell tymes and places spake with the seid Elizabeth and toke [revelacion'] of her of the seid fals and feyned revelacions which she feyned that she had of Almyghty God, aswell conchyng the Kynges Highnes as other after the forme and times above specified; and havyng knowlege thereof the seid Hugh Ryche Richard Rybbye and Henrie Golde clerke gave suche fyrme and constant credyt therunto that they traytrously conceyled hit frome the Kynges Highnes, and traytrously believed in thysm same that the Kyng our Soeveraigne Lorde after his late marrage solenmyzyd betwene hyss Highnes and hys seid moost deere and entilyly beleved wyf Quene Anne, was no longer rightfull Kyng of this Realme in the reputacion of Almyghty God; whereby in thysse hertes and wyllys they traytrously withdrew from his Highnes thay naturall duties of obedience, and secretly taught and moved other persons, to whom they receved the syde false and feyned revelacions, that they ought and myght lawfullly done in the same wyse; and pratyysed the seid matters ayenst the Kynges Majeste falsely malicously and traytrously at sondry places and tymes with the fathers and nonnes of Syon and dyrnyse monkes of the Charter House of London and Shere, and with dyvyse freers obvaunt of the places of Rychemond Grenewich and Caunterbury, and to dyDee other beths syrtiall and temporall ysones in greate nombre; to thynkent to sow a secrete murmure and gruge in the harys of the Kynges subjets ayenst the Majeste of our seid Soeveraigne Lorde and all hyss gosdyng in theseid devorke and sepanion; inteyndyng therby to make suche a dyrnyson and rebelyng in this Realme amongh vs the Kynges subjets whereby the Kynges Highness shulde not only have bryn to perell of hys lyff but also in joperde to be deprryved from hys Crowne and Dignytye royll.
At which time the seid Henry Golde toke [apon] hym to be interpretour therof bytwene the seid Elizabeth and one of the seid Oratours named Antony Pullyon, and [thinterprettour*] to thother Oratour named Syvelster was the foresaid Laurence of Canterbury, to the intent the Kynges Hyghnes and all his poesye in the seid devorse and sepacon shulde be brought into an eyvill opponyon with the Pope and other outwarde princeys and potentates; And the seid Hugh Ryche actuallly travayled to sondre places of this Realme and made secrete relation of the pinnisses conying the Kynges Hyghnes to dyverse Lordsys both spirituall and temporall, and dyvers other poynes lay and lerned secular and religious; and the seid Henry Gold over this actuallly travayled and made relation therof to the seid Lady Kathrynyne prynces Dowager, to anymate her to make cómocion in this Realme syzenst our seid Sovereign Lorde, surmyttyng that the seid Elizabeth shulde have by revelacion of God that the seid Lady Kathrynyne shuld prosper and do well, and that her issue the Lady Mary the Kynges daughter shuld prosper and regine in this Realme, and have many frynde to sustyne and maynteyne her; And the seid Elizabeth and Edwarde Bockynge John Deryng and Richard Mainster lyke wyse actuallly travayled to dyverse places in this Realme, and made secrete relation of the seid false fyendyn hypocryse and revelations of the seid Elizabeth and gave knowlege [herof*] to dywe seid sondre persons of this Realme:

All whiche conspiracies and confideracies of the seid Elizabeth, and other her comiples above mentioned, was traytously and maliciously devisyd and pradised by the seid Elizabeth Edwarde Bockynge John Deryng Richarde Mainster Henry Golde Hugh Rielye and Richard Rybsby to the intent traytously to destroye our seid Sovereign Lorde, and to depreve hym and bys lawfull succession frome the Crowne and Digniety royall of this Realme; whiche mater hath bys praclised and ymygyned amonges theym for the space of many yerres, whereof the hole circumstance were very longe to be wyttyne in this act; And the seid John Frysher Byshoof of Rochester and one Thomas Golde Gentilman and the seid Thomas Laurence Edwarde Thwaytes and John Adeson chaplyen to the seid John Byshoof of Rochester havyng knowlege of the fyended and dysymyled revelations traytoryouslye conspiret against our seid Sovereign Lorde as is aforesaid, dyd never the lesse make consneyme to them and utteret not the same to our seid Sovereign Lorde nor any bys honorable Counsell, syzenst theire duties and allegenace in that behalfe.

And furthermore the seid Thomas Golde for the accomplishment of bys seid moste traytous intent hath of late byn a mesynger frome the seid Elizabeth, sithen she was in ward in the towre of London for the seid moste false and traytous offences by her and her seid comiples cómystic and done, he then being at libertie by his message hath comforted dyvers others to pressey syffely by her revelations that they were of God, notwithstondyng that she had confessed all her seid falsed before dyverse of the Kynges Counsaylers, and that they were manyest proveyd founde and tried most false and untrue; which thynge he dyd only to reseye and put scadiyon and murmure in the people syzenst the Kynges Hyghnes bys Crowne and Dignietye Ryall; and one Thomas Abell clerke beeing of the conference aforesaid and takynge suche firme and constante credyte to the seid false and fyned revelations and myryacles of the seid Nunnne, not only caused to be prynted and sent forth in this Realme dyrvers bokys syzenst the seid devorse and sepacon to the disclander of our seid Sovereign Lorde, but also anymated the seid Lady Kathrynyne obytatly to pyst in his wyff full opponyon against the same devors and seperation, and after the seid devors lawfully had, to usurpe and take upon her stytle to be Quene, and peured dyverse wrytyngys to be made by her by the name of Quene; and also peured and abbetted the servauntyt of the seid Lady Kathryne syzenst the Kynges expreys cómmendament and pamlacion to name calle accept and repeut the seid Lady Kathryne for Quene of thys Realme, to the intent to make a cómyn dyrryson and rebellyon in this Realme to the [to the*] great perrell and daunguer of our seid Sovereign Lorde.

In Consideracion of all whiche premysases, and for amoche as the seid false fyned and dysymyled hypocryse cloked sandlite revelations and fyned myryacles of the seid Elizabeth is plainely confessed before the Kynges moste honorable Counsayle by the seid offenders, and hath byn set forth in this Realme not only to the blasphemy of Almyghty God, whereby a grete multitude of people of this Realme were not only induced to idolatrye, but also brought in a murmure and grudge amonges them selves to the great perrell of the distruction of our seid Sovereign Lorde and bys succession, and to the joypedrie of a grete cómocion rebellyon and insurrection in this Realme, to the utter desolation therof by the goodnes of Almyghty God and by the great travayle of the Kynges Hyghnes and bys nobles and Counsaylours by great searchs and examinations it had not byn revealed and knowen: Be it therfore enacted by authorie of this present parlamant that the seid Elizabeth Barton Richarde Mainster Edwarde Bockynge John Deryng Hugh Rielye Richarde Rybsby and Henry Golde for thiere severall offensses above rehearsed by [thyme!] recognysed and confessed, shalbe conteynte and attainted of High Treason, and shall suffer suche execucion and paynes of deth as in cases of high treason hath byn accustumte, and shall lose and forfate to our seid Sovereign Lorde and bys heires and succesors for ever all suche Londeis Tenement* and Heredryment* as they or any of theyme had of estate of inheritance in use or possession at the xx day of October last past or any tymye sythen, And also all suche theire goodes and catallis as they or any other to theire use had the xxv day of Januare last past or any tymey sythen; And that also all suche benefices and spirituall positiones which the seid Richarde Mainster and Henry Golde or any of theyme had at the xxv day of Januare or at any other tymye sythen, shall frome the seid xxv day of Januare be voide as though the same Richarde and Henry were decede of their naturall Deades; And that the seid John Byshoof of Rochester Thomas Golde Thomas Laurence Edwarde Thwaytes John Adeson and Thomas Abell for thiere seid severall offensses, shalbe conuitte and attainted of merspyon and conceilment of treason as poynes that have gaven suche credyt counself and constant believe to the seid pryncypall offenders, whereby they have takyn courage and boldnes to cómyn thiere seid detestable treasons and offensses; And that the seid John Byshoof of Rochester Thomas Golde Thomas Laurence Edward Thwaytes John Adeson and Thomas Abell for thiere seid severall offensses by theym cómystic shall suffer imprisionment of thiere bodyes at the Kynges

wyl, and [loose'] and forfezte to the Kynges Highnes all theire gode[s] catallia and deytt which they or any pone or theire uses or by theire deleyverere had the seid xvij day of Januarey or at any tym[e] after the seid day; and that suche benefices and spirituall pnomions as the seid John Adeson and Thomas Abell or any of them beyd the seid xvij day of Januarey, shall from the xxij day of Marche the yere of our Lorde M'Dxxxiiij be boved in the Lawe by autorite of this Acte, as yf the seid John Adeson and Thomas Abell were desede of theire naturall deateth.

And be it furth er enacated by authorite aforesaid that gclamacion shalbe made under the Kynges greate seal in all Shirres Cities Boroughes and Townes corporate in this Realme aswel within libit as withoute, contentyng the tenour of this Acte, to the intente that the clokett false and dissymulate offences of the offenders may be known and the people therby to take an example of offenders in lyke cases hereafter; And that in every of the seid gclamacion shall also be added and contenyng that efy suche pone and pones whiche hath in theire custody and keyng any boke scroolles or wryntyg[n] contenyng any the false feyned revelacions and disymulated myrracles of the seid Elizabeth or any of them, shall within xj dayes next after suche gclamacion bynyng be cause to be brought the seid boke scroolles and wryntyg[n] unto the Lorde Chauuencellour of Engffonde Lorde Treasourer Lorde President of the Kynges most honorable Counsell and Lorde pryray sealue or one of them, upon payne of imprisonment and fyne makynge to the Kyng our Soveraigne Lorde: and yf any pone or pones after suche gclamacion had and made accordyng as is before seid knowingly and wylyngly do retynye and kepe any suche boke scroolles or wryntyg[n] and cause them not to be delyvered accordyng to the tenour of the seid gclamacion aboue rehearsed, that then an any pone offendynge the same and being thereof by due examinacion convycte before any of the Kynges counsole, shall suffer imprisonments and make fyne to the Kyng by the discrecyon of the Kynges counsayle accordyng to the merites of hys offence.

And albeit that a greate number and multitude of other the Kynges Subjedtis of this Realme aswel spirituall as temporall whose names be not above specially mentioned, by theire greate ncligences and foyles inclyned to newfangleys have spokyn with the same Elizabeth and other her complices and conspirators above specified, and have had relacion and knowlage to theyme given in and [apon'] the feyned and false revelacions and myrracles abowe rehearsed aswell contenyng our seid Soveraigne Lorde as otherwise, and have made concelyment thereof, not utteryng the same unto the Kynges Majestie nor to any hys honorable Counsayle as to the duties of true lege men apperteynyth in that behalfe, whereby they worthely have deserved to suffer suche pynysayment paynes and losses as pones concelyment tresayons and other highe offences touchyng the honour and suertie of our seid Soveraigne Lorde owen of good reason eqvyte and law to doo; Yet never the less the Kynges Royall Majestie, at the humble sute and contemplacion of hys mooste dere eyntere and welbeloved wyfe Queene Anne, of hys most gracious benigneitie is pleased and contented that it be enacated by autorite of this present Parliament, that all and every other hys subjedt not above convicted and arrayted by this Acte, shalbe releasde acquyted and cleerey duned against his Hyghnes hys heires and successours for ever of and for all maner of concelyment offfences tresaycons cômunicacions mesprisicions contempstes and mysdeemours, which they or any of them beyd before the twente day of October last past cónnit or dydelle conchyng the seid false and feyned myrracles and revelacions of the seid Elizabeth or any part therof, And of all circumstances and demeanours touchyng the same; soe that none of hys seid Subjedtis other than be above convicted by this acte shal be here after by any menses be impeached challenged or trobled by our seid Soveraigne Lorde hys heires or successours conchyng the ðisses or any parte or circumstancethhereof, but shall be by this present acte pardoned and releasethereof for ever.

CHAPTER XIII.

AN ACTE conchyng Fermes & Shepe.

FOR ASMOCHE as dyvers and sundry [persons'] of the Kynges Subjedts of this Realme, to whom God of his goodnes hath disposed greate plente & abundance of movables substance, nowe of late within fewe yereys have dayly studiys praefisised and inventyd ways and meennes by which they myght accumulatte and gather together into few handes aswel great multitude of fermes as greate plente of catall in especialle shepe, putting suche loudr as they can gett to pasturage and not to tallyge, whereby they have not only pulled downe churches and townes and inhamned the olde ratio of the rents of the possessions of this Realme, or els brought it to suche excersayse fyynes that no poure man is able to medall with it, but also have rayzed and enhamned the prices of all maner of newe catall wyllygge geese hennes chekyns eggys and suche other almose doble above the prices which hath byn accustomed, by reason whereof a mervayles multitude and nombre of the people of this Realme be not able to gyde meste drykynge and dryckes necessary for theym selues ther wyfes and childerens, but be so discorages with myerye and poverty that they fall dayly to thefe robberye and other inconvenient, or pitifully dye for hunger and colde; And as it is thought by the Kynges most humle and lowing subjedt that one of the greates occasions that moveth and provoketh those gredy and covetous people so to accumulatte and kepe in theire handes suche grette porcions and partes of the groundes and landes of this Realme frome the occupying of the poure husbandmen, and so to use it in pasturage and not in tallyge, is only the grette ðifere that cōnym of shepe which nowe be cónym to a fewe pones handes of this Realme in respecte of the holle number of the Kynges Subjedts, that some have xxiiij thousand some xx thousand some x thousand some vye thousand some v thousand and some more and some lesse, by the which a good shope for vytall that was accustomed to be solde for iij s. iij d. or iij s. at the moste, is nowe solde for vijs. or vijs. or iiij s. at the lesse, And a stone of clothynge wolde that in some shire of this Realme was accustomed to be sold for xxij d. or xxij. is nowe solde for iiijs. or iijs. iij d.