

one peny, the one moyte therof to be to the Kyng our Sovereigne Lorde and the other half to hym that woll sue for the same in forme aforesaid wherin no wager of lawe essayne or pteccion shalbe allowed, and that all Justices of peace within the lymyttes of their cōmission shall have full power and auctoritie to enquire here and del̄myne the same in forme before rehersed.

V.  
Not to extend to  
Crows, Rooks, &c.

PROVYDED alwayes that this afte extende not nor be hurtfull at any tyme hereafter to any poon or psones that woll destroy any crows choughes ravons and busardes or their egges, or to any other fowle or their egges not cōmestyble nor used to be eaten.

## CHAPTER XII.

### AN ACTE CONCERNYNG the Attaynder of Elizabeth Barton & others.

Recital of the  
Divorce between  
the King and Queen  
Katherine his first  
Wife, Widow of  
his Brother  
Prince Arthur,  
pretended Trances  
and Revelations of  
Elizabeth Barton,  
at the Instigation of  
certain Persons, for  
the Purpose of  
suggesting that  
such Divorce was  
displeasing to  
Heaven; and of  
rendering the King  
odious, and putting  
his Life and Crown  
in Danger;

THE LORDES and Cōmons in this present parliament assembled moost [humble besechyng<sup>1</sup>] the Kyng<sup>e</sup> Highnes that for the declaracion of hys most pure and syncere conscience in the devorce and sepacōn lauffully had and don bytwene hys Majestie and the right excellent Princes the Lady Katheryne, and for due punyshment to be had of suche psones as maliciously malygnyng ayenst the same have traterously attempted many notable act<sup>e</sup> intending therbye the disturbaunce of the pease and tranquyllytie of this Realme; and for repression exāple and reformation of the malices and malignities whiche hereafter may be falsly conspired and compased by suche evell doers to make dyvysion within this Realme, that it may be enacted in maner and forme folowyng that is to sey; Where our seyde Sovereigne Lorde, lyke a good and vertuous prynce, being afflicted and sore incombred in hys conscience withe the mariage whiche was solempnyssed bytwene hys Majestie and the seid right excellent Prynces the Lady Katheryne late wyf of the right excellent Prynce Arture naturall brother to our seid Sovereigne Lorde, to the which prynce Arthure the seid Lady Katharen was lawfully maryed and by hym carnally knowen, for the only discharge of his conscience ayenst Almyghtye God, by all true wayes and meanes inserched studyed devysed and consulted, aswell with sondry Universities of Cristendome as with a great number of excellent Clerkes lerned in dyvynyūe, of the valydytie and invalidite of the seid maryage solempnyssed bytwene hys Highnes and seid Ladye Katheryne, being before the seid maryage hys seid brothers wyff and by hym carnally knowyn, and after the del̄myne and playne judgement<sup>e</sup> of the seid sondry Universities and well lerned men, by reason of inserches in the holy scriptures of God, by a greate advyse and delibacion it was declared and signyfyed unto our seid Sovereigne Lorde that the seid maryage solempnyzed betwene hys Highnes and the seid Lady Katheryn was phybyted and detested by the lawes of Almyghty God, our seyde Sovereign Lord theruppon pursued for a just and lawfull sepacyon and devorce to be had betwene his Highnes and the said Lady Katheryn from the bondes of the seid unlawfull and detested maryage, as to a good Catholyke Prynce besemed to doo in that behalf, to the intent that hys Majestie under the [boundes<sup>2</sup>] of a lawfull mariage consonant and agreable unto the lawes of Almyghtie God myght have issue and pcreacion for the welthe pease reste tranquyllytie and suretie of this hys Realme and subjectes of the same; which devorce and sepacion is now lawfully had, and our seid Sovereign Lorde justly and lawfully maryed to hys most dere and enterly beloved wyf Quene Anne, and by her hath had issue and is lyke (God being pleased) to have moo to the greate comforte rejoyce and suertie of all hys subjectes of this Realme: And albeit that our seid Sovereigne Lorde, lyke a good catholyke kyng, for the only discharge of hys conscience and for the welthe and suertie of this hys Realme, most prudently most delibatly most gentyly most mekely and most charytably pceded in the inserchyng and knowing of the valydytie and invalydytie of the seid detested and unlawfull mariage, and therein paynfully travayled by many yeres, not only to the great inqyetes and troble of hys mynde but also to hys inestimable costes and expences: yet never the lesse dyverse and sondry wylfull and inobedient subjectes of this Realme, whos names and offenses shall appere and be declared hereafter, being maliciously fixed in a contrary opynyōn ayenst the pure judgement of the kyng<sup>e</sup> owne conscience, and also the Del̄mynacions of the seid sondry Universities and well lerned men, well pceyving that they being but a fewe in number coude not, by their seid wylfull and pverse opynyōns grounded of malice corrupcion and affection, hynder ne in̄upte the seid devorce and sepacion by any lawfull meanes, dyd therfore, by false feyned hipocrise [dissymulate<sup>3</sup>] sanctitie and cloked holynes, not only sett fourth and put in the heddes of a greate nombre of the subjectes of this Realme aswell nobles as other Spirytuall and temporall psones, that they had knowlege by revelacion from Almyghty God and holy Sayntes that God shuld be [displeased<sup>4</sup>] with our seid Sovereigne Lorde, for hys seid pcedynges in the seid devorce and sepacion of the seid detestate and unlawfull maryage, but also surmysed emonges other thynges that God had reveled to an holy woman, whos name here after shalbe mencioned in this afte, that in case hys Highnes pceded to thaccomplishment of the seid devorce and married another, that then hys Majestie shulde not be kyng of this Realme by the space of one moneth after, And in the reputacion of God shuld not be kyng one day nor one houre; with many other fals feyned and dissymulate fables tales and lies by them unlawfully and traiterously practysed devysed ymagyned and conspired, aswell to the blasphemy of Almyghty God as ayenst our seid Sovereigne Lorde, as by the p̄culers therof here after more at large in this present afte shalbe expressed: That is to sey, fyrst one Elizabeth [Barton<sup>5</sup>] nowe being Nonne p̄fessed in the House and Priory of Seynt Sepulcres of Canturbury, whiche longe afore she was p̄fessed Nonne dwellyd with one Thomas Cobbe in the pisse of Aldyngton in the Countie of Kent, hapned to be visited with sicknes and by occasion therof brought in suche debilitie and wekenes of

<sup>1</sup> humbly besechen O.

<sup>2</sup> bond<sup>e</sup> O.

<sup>3</sup> dissembled O.

<sup>4</sup> displeased O. The Syllable *dis* is interlined on the Roll in Chancery.

<sup>5</sup> Berton. O.

her brayne, by cause she coulde not eate ne drynke by a longe space, that in the violence of her infirmitie she seemed to be in traunces and spake and uttered many folysshe and idell wordes; And one Richard Maister clerke being pson of the seid pisse of Aldyngton in the seid Countie of Kent, after that he had made to the late Archibisshop of Cantbury a farr larger report concerning the hipocrisie traunces and speches of the seid Elizabeth than he colde justifie and abyde by, And after that he was cōmaundyd by the seid Archibisshop to geve good attendaunce upon her yf she shulde fortune to have any moo suche traunces and speches and to send hym knowlege therof, to the intent to maynteyne upholde and verifie suche reporte as he had made, aswell to the Archebisshop aforsaid as to other, of the wonderfull traunces and speches of the seid Nonne, falsely and [craftly<sup>1</sup>] enformed the seid Elizabeth that the marvelous wordes which she spake in her traunces afore hys rydyng to tharchebisshop aforseid pceded of the inspiracion of the Holy Ghost, and that she was greatly to be blamed yf she wolde hyde or dissemble the wonderfull work<sup>e</sup> of God shewed in her, for afore this hys seid informacion and instruccion she seid constantly that she colde not remember that she spake any such notable wordes in her traunces as were reported unto her by the seid Richard Maister; which Elizabeth being in this maner of wyse often tymes psuaded pceded and informed by the seid pson of Aldyngton, toke boldnes and corage to forge feyn and counterfeyte suche maner of traunces and craftie speches as the seid pson of Aldyngton tolde her that she used in her sekeneys afore he went to the seid Archebisshop; And when the seid Elizabeth had used this maner of falce and feyned countfeyting for a season and was pfyte therin (so that the fame therof was greatly sprede abrode in those parties of Kent) then the seid pson, to thentent aforseid and to the entent the people shulde geve more faith and credence unto her, and by cause he wolde have increased the devocion of the people in cōmyng on pilgremage to a chapell sett in Courte at Strete aforsaid within hys seid pisse dedicate in the honore of oure Lady for hys own lucre and advauntage, ymagyned devysed compassed and declared, with the [seid<sup>2</sup>] helpe and counsell of one Edwarde Bockyng monke professed in the monastie in Christis Churche in Canterbury and doctour in Dyvynyte, that the seid Elizabeth being in the extasy and extremyte of her seckenes in a maner distracte in a traunce shuld sey amonge other wonderfull word<sup>e</sup>, that she shuld never take helthe of her body tyll suche tyme as she had visyted the ymage of our Lady being in the seid Chapell at Courte at Strete aforseid, And that our Lady hade appered unto her and shewed her that yf she cam to the seid Chappell at the daye to her appoynted, she shulde be restored to her helthe by myracle, where in very dede she was restored to her pfyte helthe by dyete and phisyke and by the Course of nature whiche expelled the mater being cause of her seckenes, in the meane tyme whyles the seid person of Aldyngton was with the seid Archibisshop as is afore reversed: And albeit the seid Elizabeth was thus naturally restored to her helthe, yet she being accustomed and acquainted with the maner and facion of her distract traunces, by the counsaile conspiracy and confideracie of the seid Edwarde Bockyng and Richarde Maister, dyd falsely practyse use and shewe unto the people dyverse and mervaylous sodeyne alteracions of her sensible parties of her bodie, craftely utteryng in her seid feyned and falce traunces dyverse and many vertuous and holy wordes tendyng to the rebuke of synne, and in reprovyng of suche newe opynyons as then began to spryng in this Realme whiche she called heresies, as she was induced and taught by the seid Edwarde Bockyng and Richard Maister, usyng all the wayes of falce hipocrisie to thentent the people shulde geve beleve and credence unto her, wherby they myght be the sooner broughte into the detestable crymes of blasphemye and idolatrie ayenat Almyghty God; and the seid Edwarde Bockyng being maliciously fyxed in hys opynion ayenat the Kynges Highnes in the seid detested matrymonye, and intendyng in hys mynde afterward<sup>e</sup> for hys parte falselye and traytrouslye to use the seid Elizabeth as a dyabolyke instrument to [stere<sup>3</sup>] move and pvoke the people of this Realme aswell nobles as other to mourmour and grugge ayenat the majestie of our seyde Sovereaygne Lorde and all hys juste and lawfull pcedyng<sup>e</sup> in the seid devorse and sepacion, as after he dyd in verye dede, for thaccomplysshing of hys seid false malicious and traytrous intentis falsely devysed and conspired with the seid Richard that the seid Elizabeth shulde shewe and manifeste her self to the people to be an excellent vertuous and an holy woman, and that all her word<sup>e</sup> and ded<sup>e</sup> shulde appere to the worlde to procede of a mervaylous holynes rebukyng the cōmen synnes and vyses of the worlde, as though she were thoughte and inspyred of the holy [sprete<sup>4</sup>] of God, and not only moved and counseyled the seid Elizabeth thus to use her self; surmytyng to her that she spake suche thynges in the extasie of her sekeneys that came by the inspyracion of God, but also counseyled and pceded the seid Elizabeth to be brought and conveyd to the seid Chapell of our Lady, and she therin openly in the p<sup>re</sup>sence of the people (that there shulde be assembled by their p<sup>re</sup>urement<sup>e</sup>) shulde use and experyment suche lyke traunces and alteracions of hir face and other the outwarde sensible partis of her body as she used in thextremyte and extacye of her seid sekeneys, To whos counsailes and advertisementes the seid Elyzabeth agreed; [Wherapon<sup>5</sup>] at a day by theym appoyntyd and agreed the seid Edwarde and Richarde labored solicited and pceded above the number of ij thousande psones to repaire to the seid Chapell, surmytyng that the seid Elizabeth, which as they seid had mervaylous and many vysyons and revelacions of God, shuld be brought thether and theyre receyve her helthe by myracle of our Lady whose ymage was in the seid Chapell; by reason of wyche falce feyned and detestable conspiracye and ypocracye at the day by theym 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 pceded and caused the seid Elizabeth to repaire to the seid Chappell, where the seid Elizabeth, albeit she at that tyme and longe afore was restored to helth of her body and discharged of her torment<sup>e</sup> and afflyccions whiche she hadd in the extasie of her secknes, yet nevertheles by the p<sup>re</sup>urement and crafty counsell of the seid Edwarde Bockyng and Richard Maister dyd falsely feyne and shewe unto the people in the same chapell many alteracions of her face and other outwarde sensible partes of her body, and falsely feyned and shewed her self in traunces utteryng wondrous wordes as she was afore subtly and craftily induced and taught by the seid Richard and Edwarde to do: And amonges other thynges she uttered that it was the pleasure of God that the seid Edwarde Bockyng shuld be hir gostly father, and that she shulde be a religious woman, as she was taught by the seid Edwarde Bockyng and Ri<sup>ch</sup> Maister; and within a whyle after demonstracion of suche falce feyned and

<sup>1</sup> craftely O.<sup>2</sup> ayde O.<sup>3</sup> styre O.<sup>4</sup> spyrte O.<sup>5</sup> Wherupon O.

dissembled traunses she appered to the people to be sodenly releved from her sekenes and [affleccions<sup>1</sup>] by the intercession and meanes of the ymage of our Lady being in the same Chapell; by meanes of which falce feyned hypocrysie dissembled and cloked sanctitie, so conspired and craftly ymagyned by the seid Edwarde Bockyng and Richarde Maister, the seid Elizabeth was brought into a marvelous fame credit and good opynyon of a great multitude of the people of this Realme: And to increce the fame of the seid falce feyned hypocrycie the seid Elizabeth afterward<sup>2</sup> by the counsell and pcurement of the seid Edwarde Bockyng entred into the relygyon and be came a Nonne pffessed in the seid priory of Seynt Sepulcurs, to whome the seid Edwarde Bockyng had cōmenly hys resorte, not without pbable vehement and vyolent suspicion of incontinenyce, pretending to be hir gostly father by Godys appoyntment; & by conspiracye bytwene her and hym caused her styll to p̄sist and abyde in the practysyng of her seid falce ypocrycie and [dissymlyng<sup>3</sup>] traunses and raptures; And that she shulde surmytt to the people that when she was in suche simuled alteracion of her sensible parties of her body, that she was then rapt by Almyghty God frome thaffeccions of this worlde and tolde by the holy spyryt of God many thynges that shulde folowe to the worlde for punyshment of the synnes of the prynces and the people; And that she shulde also sey that she was moche p̄voked and tempted aswell to the synne of the fleshe as otherwyse by her gostly enemye the Devell, at dyverse and sondre tymes and in dyverse and sondre ways and facions, And yet nevertheles that she by the grace of God was preserved and stedfastly resisted suche temptacions; by occasion of which counsayle and pcurement of the seid Edwarde Bockyng the seid Elizabeth by contynuanse of tyme toke suche a courage upon her, that she falsely feyned and seyde that she had many revelacōns of Almyghty God and hys holy Sayntes with hevenly lyghtes hevenly voises hevenly melodyes and joyes, and specialy in a chapell of Seynt Gyles in the seid Nuñrie, to the whiche chapell she oftentymes resorted to receyve vysions and revelacions as cōmaunded by God as she falsely reported, and specialy by night saing that the dorture dore was made open unto hir (<sup>4</sup>) Godes power, utteryng the same aswell to the seid Edward Bockyng as to dyverse other p̄sones; by the which her falce feyned revelacions and cloked hipocrisy she was reputed amongst many people of this Realme to be a very holy woman inspired with God, where in very dede she never had vysion or revelacion from God as she hath playnly and openly confessed her self, and therefore her stealing fourth of the dorture in the nyght (which was ones or twyse wekely) was not for spirituall busynes nor to receyve revelacions of God, but rather for bodyly cōicacion and pleasure with her fryndes, which coude not have so good leisure and oportunitie with her by day; and for ratificacion of her fals feyned revelacions the seid Edwarde by conspiracye bytwene hym and the seid Elizabeth reveled the same to the mooste Reverende father in God William late Archebisshoꝝ of Canterbury, who by falce and untrue surmyses tales and lyes of the seid Edwarde and Elizabeth was allured brought and induced to a credyte therin, and made no diligent serches for tryall of theire seid falshodes and confederacions, but suffered and admytted the same, to the blasphemy of Almyghty God and to the great disceyte of the prynce and people of this Realme: And for a p̄petuall memory of the seid feyned and [dissymulate<sup>5</sup>] hypocrycie and false revelacions of the seid Elizabeth, the seid Edwarde Bockyng Richarde Maister and one John Deryng a Monke in the seid Monas̄tie of Christis Churche forseid, made wryte and caused to be wrytyn sondry bokes, bothe greate and small both prynted and wrytyn, cōd̄nyng the particularities of the seid false and feyned hipocrisy and revelacions of the seid Elizabeth, or the defence or greate prayse of the same, Surmytting and puttyng fourth the same false and feyned practyses and revelacions of the seid Elizabeth to be juste & true myracles shewed by Almyghtie God in the favour of the sanctite of the seid Elizabeth, where in dede they byn and were falsely devysed compased conspired wrytyn and maynteyned, by the seid Elizabeth Edwarde Bockyng Richarde Maister and John Deryng, to thonly intente to bryng the seid Elizabeth in the fame and credyte of the people of this Realme, wherby the people shulde the more be apte and disposed by her fals cloked hipocrysy and sanctitie to cōmytte the crymes of blasphemye and idolatrie ayenst God, and also the soner induced by the fals revelacions of the seid Elizabeth to murmur gruge and be of evyll opynyon ayenst the majeste of our seid Sovereigne Lorde to the greate perell and daunger of hys most ryall p̄son: And one Edwarde Thwaites gentilman translated and wrott dyverse quayres and shetis of paper cōd̄nyng the seid false feyned revelacions and myracles of the seid Elizabeth: And also one Thomas Laurence of Canturbury being regester to the Archidecon of Canturbury, at the instance and desyre of the seid Edwarde Bockyng wrott a greate boke of the seid falce and feyned myracles and revelacions of the seid Elizabeth in a fayre hande redy to be a cōpye to the prynter when the seid boke shulde be put to stampe; Amonges whiche false and feyned revelacions surmysed by the seid Elizabeth, and put in wrytyng<sup>6</sup> in dyv̄se bokes by the false conspiracye meanes and pcurement of the seid Edwarde Bockyng Richard Maister John Deryng and other theire Complices, there is expressed, that the Devyll shuld appere to the seid Elizabeth in dyverse facions some tymes lyke a man wantonly aparelled, some tyme lyke a byrde deformed, and some tyme otherwyse, And that Mary Magdalene shuld often appere to the seid Elizabeth and revele to her many revelacions, and at one tyme shulde delyver to her a letter wrytyn in heven, parte wherof was lymned with golden letters, where indede the same tres were wrytyn with the hande of a Monke at Seynt Augustyns in Canterbury named [ Haukherst <sup>7</sup>] There was also wrytyn and conteyned amonges the seid false and feyned myracles and revelacions, that when the Kynges Highnes was at Caleis in the entreview betwene hys Majestie and the Frenche Kyng and heryng masse 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 breade, for it was takyn away from the Prest [and <sup>8</sup>] (being at masse) by an angell, and mynystred to the seid Elizabeth then being there present and invysible, and sodenly conveyed and rapte thens ageyn by the power of God in to the seid Nonnerie where she is p̄fessed; with many other fals feyned fables and tales devysed conspired and defended by the seid Elizabeth Edwarde Bockyng and John Deryng wrytyn as myracles in the seid bokes, for a memoriall to sett fourth the false and feyned hipocrysie and cloked sanctite of the seid Elizabeth to the people of this Realme; as by the seid sondry bokes and wrytyng<sup>6</sup> therof made sene and examyned by the Kynges most honorable counsell more playnly appereth;

<sup>1</sup> affliccyons O.  
<sup>4</sup> dissymuled O.

<sup>3</sup> dissymblyng O.  
<sup>5</sup> No Blank in Original A.G.

<sup>2</sup> by O.  
<sup>6</sup> O. omits.

in which boke be wryten suche tymes and sentences of reproche and slaunder ageynst the Kynges Highnes and the Quene which were to shamefull to be wrytyn ayenst the most vyle and ungracious persones lyyng, which to here it wolde abhorre euy true subjecte of this Realme: AND after the seid Elizabeth by suche her false and feyned hypocrysie and dissimuled sanctitie was brought in a greate brute and fame of the people in sondre parties of this Realme, then the seid Edwarde Bockyng by pcurment and secrete conspiracy of dyverse psones unknowen, which maligned ayenst the pcedyng of the Kynges Highnes for the separacion and devorce in the seid detestyd and unlawfull maryage, traytrously intending to put the Kynges Highnes in a murmur and evyll opynyon of hys people for the same, counseyled and [stered<sup>1</sup>] the seid Elizabeth that she shuld aske a petition of Almyghty God, to knowe whether God was displeased with the Kynges Highnes for procedyng in the seid devorce and sepacion of the maryage bytwene hys Highnes and the seid Lady Kathrayne, declaryng to her many tymes that he and dyverse other notable lerned men of this Realme, and many of the comen people of the same, were in firme opynyons that the Kynges procedyng in the seid devorce was ayenst the lawes of God; [wherapon<sup>2</sup>] the seid Elizabeth subtylly and craftily conceyvyng thopinyon and mynde of the seid Edwarde, wylling to please hym, reveled and shewed unto the seid Edward that she had knowlege by revelacion from God, that God was highly displeased with our seid Sovereigne Lorde for the same mater, and in case he [decisted<sup>3</sup>] not from hys pcedyng in the seid devorse and sepacion but pursued the same and maryed agayn, that then within one moneth after suche mariage he shuld no lenger be Kyng of this Realme, and in the reputacion of Almyghtie God shuld not be a Kyng one day nor one houre, and that he shuld [dey<sup>4</sup>] a villaynes dethe; Saing farther that there was a roote with three branches and tyll they were plucked up it shuld never be merye in Englund, interpreting the roote to be the late Lorde Cardynall, and the first branche to be the Kyng our Sovereigne Lorde, the seconde the Duke of Norfolk and the [the<sup>5</sup>] thirde [to be<sup>6</sup>] the Duke of Suffolke; which falce feyned revelacions, by the myschevous and malicious counsayle and conspiracy of the seid Edwarde Bockyng with the seid Elizabeth, were wrytyn and expressed in the seid boke and volumes conteynyng the false and feyned revelacions and myracles of the seid Elizabeth for a ppetuall memorye therof; to the utter reproche and perell of distruccion of the Kynges pson his honour fame and name, and prevely and secretly sett fourth by the seid Elizabeth Edwarde Bockyng John Deryng and Richard Master generally to dyverse and many of the Kynges Subjectes, and specially as to electe psons to the Reverende father John Bussshop of Rochester, John Adeson Clerke Chapleyne to the same Bysshopp, and to one Henry Golde preste bachelor of Dyvynyte, to Hugh Ryche fryer observant and late Warden of the fryers obfvaunt of Canturbury, which bere malice and malignitie to all the Kynges pcedyng in the seid devorce and sepacion, by cause it was cont<sup>ry</sup> to their perverse and frowarde opynyons, intending by colere of the seid false and feyned hypocricye and revelacions of the seid Elizabeth not only to lett the seid devorce and sepacion, but also to bryng [ant<sup>7</sup>] sett forth secretly in the hed of the people of this Realme aswell nobles as other, that all the Kynges actes and pcedyng in the same were ayenst holy scriptures and the pleasure of Almyghty God, wherby the Kynges Highnes shulde be brought in a grudge and evyll opynyon of hys people: And the seid John Bysshoppe of Rochester Henry Golde Hugh Ryche Richard Rysby Richarde Master John Deryng, at sondrye and sevall tymes and places spake with the seid Elizabeth and toke [revelacion<sup>8</sup>] of her of the seid false and feyned revelacions which she feyned that she had of Almighty God, aswell concyng the Kynges Highnes as other after the forme and tymes above specified; and havng knowlege therof the seid Hugh Ryche Richarde Rysby and Henry Golde clerke gave suche fyrm and constant credit therunto that they trayterously conceyled hit from the Kynges Highnes, and traytrously beleved in their hartys that the Kyng our Sovereigne Lorde after hys late maryage solemnyzed betwene hys Hyghnes and hys seid moost dere and entyerly beloved wyf Quene Anne, was no lenger rightfully Kyng of this Realme in the reputacion of Almyghty God; wherby in their hertes and wylls they traytrously withdrew from his Highnes their naturall duties of obedience, and secretly taught and moved other persons, to whome they reveled the sayde false and feyned revelacions, that they ought and myght lawfully doo in the same wyse; and practysed the seid matters ayenst the Kynges Majestie falsely maliciously and traytrously at sondry places and tymes with the fathers and nonnes of Syon and dyverse monkes of the Charter House of London and Shene, and with dyverse freers obfvaunt of the places of Rychemond Grenewich and Caunturbury, and to dyvse others both spritual and temporall psones in greate nombre; to thynntent to sow a secrete murmur and gruge in the hartys of the Kynges subjectis ayenst the Majestie of our seid Sovereigne Lorde and all hys pcedyng in theseid devorse and sepacion; intending therby to make suche a dyvysyon and rebelyng in this Realme amonges the Kynges subjectis wherby the Kynges Highnes shulde not only have byn put to perell of hys lyff but also in joperdie to be depryved from hys Crowne and Dignytie royall.

AND for a more playne and p<sup>tic</sup>uler declaracion of the malicious and traytrous intentis of the seid Elyzabeth Edwarde Bockyng John Deryng Hugh Ryche Richard Rysby and Henry Golde, they concluded, by a confideracie amonge<sup>9</sup> theymselves eche with other, to set forth in sermones and prechynges the seid revelacions to the people of this Realme ayenst the Kynges Majestie, when soever it shulde please the seid Elizabeth to appoynt them the tyme when they shulde so do, and agreed eche with other secretly and sett forth the sayd false and feyned revelacions to their acquyntance and frend<sup>10</sup> in this Realme; intending to make a great multitude of people of this Realme by their secrete conspiracies in an aptnes to receyve and take suche their sarmons and prechyng<sup>11</sup> whiche they intendyd to make as is aforeseid concyng the pmisses, traytrously intending therby to put our seid Sovereigne Lorde not only in the perell of hys lyff but also in the jeopardie of losse and depryvacion of hys crowne and dignytie royall of this Realme from hym and hys lawfull succession for ever: And in accomplishing their false traytrous and malycious intent<sup>12</sup> ayenst our seid Sovereigne Lorde, they caused the seid Elizabeth at two tymes secretly to declare the seid false and feyned revelacions to two of the popes Oratours and Ambassatours at the Cities of Canturbury and London;

Sermons, &c. setting forth the said pretended Revelacions; with a View to the Succession of the Lady Mary Issue of the said Queen Katherine;

<sup>1</sup> sturred O.<sup>2</sup> wherupon O.<sup>3</sup> desysted O.<sup>4</sup> dye O.<sup>5</sup> An erroneous Repetition on the Roll.<sup>6</sup> O. omits.<sup>7</sup> and O.<sup>8</sup> revelacōn O.

At which tyme the seid Henry Golde toke [apon<sup>1</sup>] hym to be interpretatour therof bytwene the seid Elizabeth and one of the seid Oratours named Antonye Pullyon, and [thynterpretour<sup>2</sup>] to thother Oratour named Sylvester was the forseid Laurence of Canturbury, to the intent the Kynges Hyghnes and all his pcedyng<sup>3</sup> in the seid devorse and sepacion shulde be brought into an evyll opnyon with the Pope and other outwarde prynces and potentates; And the seid Hugh Ryche actually travayled to sondre places of this Realme and made secrete relacion of the pmisses comēnyng the Kynges Highnes to dyverse Lordys both spirituall and temporall, and dyvers other psones lay and lerned secular and religious; and the seid Henry Gold over this actually travayled and made relacion therof to the seid Lady Katharyne prynces Dowager, to anymate her to make cōmocion in this Realme ayenst our seid Sovereigne Lorde, surmytting that the seid Elizabeth shulde have by revelacion of God that the seid Lady Katharyne shuld prospere and do well, and that her issue the Lady Mary the Kynges daughter shuld prospere and reigne in this Realme, and have many frynd<sup>4</sup> to susteyne and maynteyne her; And the seid Elizabeth and Edwarde Bockyng John Deryng and Richard Maister lyke wyse actually travayled to dyverse places in this Realme, and made secrete relacion of the seid false feyned hypocrysie and revelacions of the seid Elizabeth and gave knowlege [herof<sup>5</sup>] to dive'se other sondre persons of this Realme: ALL whiche conspiracies and confideracies of the seid Elizabeth, and other her complices above mencioned, was trayterously and maliciously devysed and praçised by the seid Elizabeth Edwarde Bockyng John Deryng Richarde Maister Henry Golde Hugh Riche and Richarde Rysby to the intent traytrously to distroye our seid Sovereigne Lorde, and to depryve hym and hys lawfull succession frome the Crowne and Dignitie royall of this Realme; whiche mater hath byn praçysed and ymagyned amonges theym for the space of many yeres, wherof the hole circumstance were very longe to be wrytyn in this acte; And the seid John Fyssher Bysshop of Rochester and one Thomas Golde Gentilman and the seid Thomas Laurence Edwarde Thwaytes and John Adeson chapleyn to the seid John Bisshop of Rochester havynge knowlege of the feyned and dyssymuled revelacions traytorously conspired agaynst our seid Sovereigne Lorde as is aforeseid, dyd never the lesse make conseylmente therof and uttered not the same to our seid Sovereigne Lorde nor any hys honorable Counsell, ayenst their duties and allegeaunce in that behalfe.

Supporters of the  
said pretended  
Revelations after  
the Confessions of  
their Falsity by the  
said Eliz. Barton;

AND furthermore the seid Thomas Golde for the accomplishment of hys sed moste traytrous intent hath of late byn a mesynger frome the seid Elizabeth, sithen she was in ward in the towre of London for the seid most false and traytrous offences by her and her seid complices cōmyttd and done, he then being at libertie by hys message hath comforted dyvers others to stonde styffely by her revelacions that they were of God, notwithstanding that she had confessed all her seid falshed before dyverse of the Kynges Counseylers, and that they were manifestly proved founde and tryed most false and untrue; which thyng he dyd only to reyse and put sedicion and murmur in the people ayenst the Kynges Highnes hys Crowne and Dignitye Ryall: and one Thomas Abell clerke being of the confederacie aforeseid and takyng suche firme and constāte credyte to the seid false and feyned revelacions and myracles of the seid Nunne, not only caused to be prynted and sett forth in this Realme dyvers bokys ayenst the seid devorse and sepacion to the disclander of our seid Sovereigne Lorde, but also anymated the seid Lady Katharyne obstynatly to psist in hir wylfull opnyon agaynst the same devorse and seperacion, and after the seid devorse lawfully had, to usurpe and take upon her stytle to be Quene, and pçured dyverse wrytyngys to be made by her by the name of Quene; and also pçured and abetted the servaunt<sup>6</sup> of the seid Lady Katharyne ayenst the Kyng<sup>7</sup> expresse cōmaundement and pclamacion to name calle accept and repute the seid Lady Katharyne for Quene of this Realme, to the intent to make a cōmyn dyvysyon and rebellyon in this Realme to the [to the<sup>8</sup>] great perell and daunger of our seid Sovereigne Lorde.

The said Elizabeth  
Barton, and her  
Abettors named,  
declared to be  
convicted and  
attainted of High  
Treason.

IN CONSIDERACION of all whiche premysse, and for asmoche as the seid false feyned and dyssymuled hypocrysie cloked sanctite revelacions and feyned myracles of the seid Elizabeth is playnly confessed before the Kynges most honorable Counsaile by the seid offenders, and hath byn sett forth in this Realme not only to the blasphemy of Almyghtie God, wherby a greate multitude of people of this Realme were not only induced to idolatrie, but also brought in a murmur and grudge amonges theym selves to the great perell of the distruccion of our seid Sovereigne Lorde and hys succession, and to the joperdye of a greate cōmocion rebellyon and insurrecion in this Realme, to the utter desolacion therof yf by the goodnes of Almyghty God and by the great travayle of the Kynges Highnes and hys nobles and Counsaylours by great serches and examinacions it had not byn reveled and knowen: Be it therefore enacted by auctoritie of this present parlyament that the seid Elizabeth Barton Richard Maister Edwarde Bockyng John Deryng Hugh Riche Richard Rysby and Henry Golde for their severall offenses above rehersed by [thyme<sup>9</sup>] recognysed and confessed, shalbe convycte and atteynted of High treason, and shall suffer suche execucion and paynes of deth as in cases of high treason hath byn accustomed, and shall lose and forfate to our seid Sovereigne Lorde and hys heires and successours for ever all suche Londes Tenement<sup>10</sup> and Heredytament<sup>11</sup> as they or any of theyme had of estate of inherytaunce in use or possession at the xx day of October last past or any tyme sythen, And also all suche their goodes and cattalis as they or any other to their use had the xvj day of Januarye last paste or any tyme sythen; And that also all suche benefices and spirituall pmocions which the seid Richard Maister and Henry Golde or any of theym had at the xvj day of Januarie or at any tyme sythen, shall frome the seid xvj day of Januarye be voyde as though the same Richarde and Henry were deade of their naturall Deathes; And that the seid John Bisshope of Rochester Thomas Golde Thomas Laurence Edwarde Thwaytes John Adeson and Thomas Abell for their seid several offenses, shalbe convicte and attaynted of mesprisyon and conceyement of treason as psones that have geven suche credyt counsaill and constant beleve to the seid pryncypall offendours, wherby they have takyn courage and boldnes to cōmytt their seid detestable treasons and offences; And that the seid John Bysshop of Rochester Thomas Golde Thomas Laurence Edward Thwaytes John Adeson and Thomas Abell for their seid severall offences by theym cōmyttd shall suffer imprisonment of their bodyes at the Kynges

<sup>1</sup> upon O.

<sup>2</sup> thinterpretor O.

<sup>3</sup> therof O.

<sup>4</sup> An erroneous Repetition on the Roll.

<sup>5</sup> them O.

wyll, and [losse<sup>1</sup>] and forfeite to the Kynges Highnes all their good<sup>e</sup> catallis and dett<sup>e</sup> which they or any psones to their uses or by their delyverye had the seid xvj day of Januarye or at any tyme sithen the seid day; and that suche benefices and spirituall p<sup>r</sup>omocions as the seid John Adeson and Thomas Abell or any of theym had the seid xvj day of Januarye, shall from the xx<sup>th</sup> day of Marche the yere of our Lorde M<sup>o</sup>Dxxxiiij be voyde in the Lawe by auctoritie of this acte, as yf the seid John Adeson and Thomas Abell were deade of theyre naturall deathes.

AND be it further enacted by auctoritie aforesaid that p<sup>r</sup>clamacion shalbe made under the Kynges greate seale in all Shires Cities Boroughes and Townes corporate in this Realme aswell within libertie as without, conteynyng the tenour of this Acte, to the intente that the clokett false and dissymulate offences of the offenders may be knowen and the people therby to take an example of drede to offende in lyke cases here after; And that in every of the seid p<sup>r</sup>clamacions shall also be added and conteyned that e<sup>v</sup>ry suche p<sup>r</sup>son and p<sup>r</sup>sones whiche hath in their custody and keypyng any bok<sup>e</sup> scrolles or wrytyng<sup>e</sup> conteynyng any the false feyned revelacions and dissymuled myracles of the seid Elizabeth or any of theym, shall within xl dayes next after suche p<sup>r</sup>clamacions brynge or cause to be brought the seid bok<sup>e</sup> scrolles and wrytyng<sup>e</sup> unto the Lorde Chauncellour of Englonde Lorde Tresourer Lorde President of the Kynges most honorable Counsell and Lorde pryvay seale or to one of theym, upon payne of imprisonment and fyne making to the Kyng our Sovereigne Lorde: and yf any p<sup>r</sup>son or p<sup>r</sup>sones after suche p<sup>r</sup>clamacions had and made accordyng as is above seid knowingly and wyllyngly do reteyne and kepe any suche bokes escrolles or wrytyng<sup>e</sup> and cause theym not to be delyved accordyng to the tenour of the seid p<sup>r</sup>clamacion above reherseid, that then any p<sup>r</sup>son offending the same and being thereof by due examinacion convycte before any of the Kynges counsaile, shall suffer imprisonment and make fyne to the Kyng by the discrecion of the Kynges counsaile accordyng to the merytes of hys offence.

AND ALBEIT that a greate nombre and multitude of other the Kynges Subjectis of this Realme aswell spirituall as temporall whos names be not above specially mencioned, by their greate negligences and folyes inclyned to newfangilnes have spokyn with the same Elizabeth and other her complices and conspiratours above specified, and have had relacion and knowlege to theyme geven in and [apon<sup>2</sup>] the feyned and false revelacions and myracles above reherseid aswell conc<sup>r</sup>nyng our seid Sovereigne Lorde as otherwyse, and have made conceylment therof, not utteryng the same unto the Kynges Majestie nor to any hys honorable Counsaile as to the duties of true liege men apperteyneth in that behalf, wherby they worthely have deserved to suffer suche punysshement paynes and losses as p<sup>r</sup>sones conseilyng treasons and other hight offenses towchyng the honour and suertie of our seid Sovereigne Lorde owen of good reason equitye and law to doo; Yet never the lesse the Kynges Royall Majestie, at the humble sute and contemplacion of hys moost dere entyere and welbeloved wyfe Quene Anne, of hys most gracious benignytie is pleased and contented that it be enacted by auctoritie of this present Parliament, that all and every other hys subject<sup>e</sup> not above convicted and attaynted by this Acte, shalbe released acquyted and clerely p<sup>r</sup>doned agaynst his Hyghnes hys heires and successours for ever and for all maner of conceyement<sup>e</sup> offences trespases cōmunycacions mespricions contemptes and mysdemeanours, which they or any of theym before the twentie day of October last past cōmytted or dydde conc<sup>r</sup>nyng the seid false and feyned myracles and revelacions of the seid Elizabeth or any part therof, And of all circumstaunces and demeanours towchyng the same; soo that none of hys seid Subjectes other than be above convicted by this acte shall here after by any meanes be impeached chalenged or trobled by our seid Sovereigne Lorde hys heires or successours conc<sup>r</sup>nyng the p<sup>r</sup>misses or any parte or circumstaunce therof, but shall be by this present acte pardoned and released therof for ever.

### CHAPTER XIII.

#### AN ACTE conc<sup>r</sup>nyng Fermes & Shepe.

FOR ASMOCHE as dyvers and sundry [persones<sup>3</sup>] of the Kynges Subjectes of this Realme, to whome God of hys goodnes hath disposed greate plentie & abundaunce of movable substance, nowe of late within fewe yeres have dayly studied practised and invented ways and meanes how they myght accumulate and gather together into few handes aswell great multitude of fermes as greate plentie of cattal and in especiall shepe, puttyng suche lond<sup>e</sup> as they can gett to pasture and not to tyllage, wherby they have not only pulled downe churches and townes and inhansed the olde ratys of the rentis of the possessions of this Realme, or els brought it to suche excessyve fynes that no poure man is able to medell with it, but also have rayسد and enhaused the prises of all maner of corne cattal woll pygges geese hennes chekyns egges and suche other almoste doble above the prices which hath byn accustomed, by reason wherof a mervaylous multitude and nombre of the people of this Realme be not able to p<sup>r</sup>vyde meate drynke and clothes necessary for theym selves their wyfes and childern, but be so discouraged with myserye and povertie that they fall dayly to theft robberye and other inconvenience, or pitifully dye for hunger and colde; And as it is thought by the Kynges most humble and lovyng subject<sup>e</sup> that one of the grettest occasions that moveth and provoketh those gredy and covetous people so to accumulate and kepe in their handes suche greate porcions and parties of the groundes and landis of this Realme frome the occupying of the poure husbondmen, and so to use it in pasture and not in tyllage, is only the greate p<sup>r</sup>fette that cōmyth of shepe which now be cōmyn to a few p<sup>r</sup>sons handes of this Realme in respecte of the holle nombre of the Kynges Subjectes, that some have xxiiij thousand some xx thousande some x thousand some vj thousande some v thousand and some more and some lesse, by the which a good shepe for vyttall that was accustomed to be solde for ijs. iiij d. or iij s. at the moste, is now solde for vjs. or vs. or iiij s. at the leaste, And a stone of clothyng wolle that in some shire of this Realme was accustomed to be sold for xvij d. or xx d. is nowe solde for iij s. or iij s. iiij d.

II.  
Proclamation of this Act; and requiring all Persons to deliver up any Books containing such Revelations, &c.

III.  
All Persons, not attained by this Act, shall be acquitted of all Penalties on account of any Misprisions, &c. with respect to such pretended Revelations.

Evil of the Excess of Land employed in Pasture instead of Tillage;