forgeries and all other offences w^ch by cor-
ruption of tyme are growne upp and not
sawe provided ~~provided~~ for theire punishm^t
but by this Statute, wee gate authorities
to punishe beyonde the Statues aunciente
to the nature of the offence

The devision of the treatise upon this Statute

Now for the better manifestation of these
matters I will lift them upp by one and
by one in order as they lie, and first showe
the nature of the fault, then the evills that
doe ensue thereof and lastlie the punishm^t
that by lawe is laid upon it.

What maintenance is

Maintenance commeth to bee derived of the latine
word (manutenere) because yᵉ that maintaineth
taketh in hande as it were and calleth the cause
of another man as fast as if it were his owne
proper. And therefore maintenance is a kinde
of conspiracie made by two or more persons
against some other because the one is to the
ayde and some other that steppeth in to the
furtherance of it doe combyne themselves
together and doe make a complot against the
adverse partie to the same. And this may bee
aswell for matter (gaynge the suite on) as
for some other cause not benige benefet
into place or action. Howbeit maintenance is
commonlie understood of ayde in suite as
when one that hath nothinge to a matter
in question will either give money to trouble
or will take some interest of purpose to
make the cause seeme to bee his owne, or
will showe partiall or give evill speeche or
committe the one side against the other
at suche time as the matter is abroad
or tryed, or will terrifie or discomforte
the contrarie side, or generallie will doe
any thinge for the one partie to the endeavour

of the foe unto of further against the other.
Champerty is one sort that
bourdeth a speciall name called champertie
because the partie to a suite giveth to some other
man for maintenance sake (campi partem)
that is some parte of the thinge demanded
or otherwise some profite ariseinge out of
the same.

And champerte (saith the statute 3: E: 1:
bee they that move pleas and suites or
cause them to bee moved by theire owne
or other mens procurement and sue them at
theire expen, to the end to have parte of the land in
variance or parte of the debte that main-
tenance by that suite.

The evills that ensue of maintenance and champertie

The evills that ensue that fall into the fault of maine-
tenance or champertie bee either publique as
offences, or else private mens. And the evills
that doe ensue thereof bee greate in them-
selves but some greater in publique respects,
as they have (w^th private men doe want
for feare of the offence offered and ayde of
theire attornies to worke theire harmes
w^th all, for yᵗ is bee omitted that one
one and especiallie these as have the eyes
places main stopp into the governall of another
and maintaine it as theire owne lotes by
theire power and theire power, upon whall
the cause of the poore and cannot bee over-
throwne and trampled under foote, and
upon whall the wicked bee nibbelinge to
offer wronge and the waie to redresse it
whall bee shut upp and fast barred. The
lawes of this realme have therefore an
ordinance to the diversitie of the offences
thereon ordayned medicine and diverse
punishm^ts And first for maintenance there.

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