in respect that they belonge vnto them w^ch
themselues considered, it is to bee wished that
either the auncyent lawes were provided or at the
least the former lawes more strictly executed,
against vnlawfull Retaynors in tymes to come.

Embraceric That embraceries of the kinges subiects w^ch is
mencioned in these statutes maie bee of two
sortes, for either it maie bee taken for the
drawinge of men into bandes and Countenaunce
for maintenaunce and then it is but a member
of the former maintenaunce, or els it maie
signifie the sendinge of Atturnes to followe
sutes in the w^ch is more openlie called
and more comonlie knowen by the name
of Embraceric and yet is a sort of maintenance
and conspiracie also ffor in this respect
the statute of 28: E: 1: calleth this sort of
men false Informours and Embracetours
of Assises and Juries and the statute 38:
E: 3: ca: 12: defineth them to bee Embracetours
w^ch doe sollicite and pursue enquestes in the
Countrie to make them vpon affaires they
Fitz Harbert natura brevium 171: 12: H: 4: 26: Hawles in issue fitz 100 jur Embracors tooke the name and maie well bee de-
riued either of the ffrenche word Embracer
w^ch is to kindle or set on fyre or els from
the word Embrasser from the said language
w^ch our tongue hath adopted and vseth in
the same sorte That where one man taketh
another in his armes and as we vsuallie
speake embraceth him ffor by a Metaphore
of the first meaninge hee that laboureth
a Jurie for the one side or other maie
well bee termed an Embracetour betause
hee cannot doe it w^thout kindlinge or
stirringe them vpp against the other
side And by a Metaphore of the second
meaninge hee maie bee said an Embracetour
of a Jurie that maketh mues of them

and embraceth them in the armes of faire
speeches gifftes or promises to them to allure
and winne them to his side against the other
So that yf a man will take vpon him to
labour and ply a Jurie for his side
before they come to the barr or by any
meanes endeavor to corrupt them for the
helpe of his partie against the other hee is a
Sporiall maintayner vnder the name of
Embraceric

The harme of Embraceric What evills doe followe of this fault maie
bee seene by this That it is a sort of main-
tenaunce and therefore spreadeth abroad the like
effect in Gowllitie that other maintenance
have, And especiallie it is occupied in a
corrupting of Juries w^ch and in effect
the verie fyndes of our lawe seeminge
that the fyndes ran qui nec other sen-
tence then according to the verditt w^ch the
Juries pronounce vnto them.

Now what harme maie ensue by poysoninge
the common of Juries in this Realme (weigh-
ing the requisite circumstances in lawe vs by the meane
of them) everie man maie see, and to saie
the truthe noe losse mischiefe dothe accompanie
it then the forrest vnder mayntenaunce and
oppression of all lawe right and Justice,
wonderfull therefore hath the lawe 38: E: 3:
ca: 12: ordayned that yf any person shall
for his owne gayne embrace any Jurie
or enquest hee shall loose tenn tymes soe
much as his rewarde, and yf hee have
not wherew^th to answere soe much hee
shall endure a whole yeares imprisonm^t
But yf hee shall embrace a Jurie w^thout
takinge any thinge for his labour yet by the statute
32: H: 8: ca: 9: hee shall paye xl^li for everie such offence.

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