Offences and Officers

The misdemeanors of publique men and officers that are forged out of fraud be the corruptions of the Judges of same Court, of the Justices of the peace and of whatsoever inferiall ministers or delegates that for lovetmonsnet in themselves or for freindship or hatred towards ame of them which will put theire owne knights into the causes that doe hange before them and willbe seene more like to aggravate Commissioners or such, then to upright and indifferent Judges either ratifying lawes too longe that it maie aberreate the one side or shortning it too short that the benefit thereof should not extend to the other side or otherwise indirectlie abusinge the course of theire Court and loseninge the pale of Justice and Justice with the bonds wherewith they ought to gold and keepe them.

And in this point as some men doe slilie abuse those goods gratifie in respect of which they are called to the magistratie so other some stirk not openlie to use forceable but subtile meanes for the winninge of theire will termininge that for theire apparent nobilitie ancient gentrie large possessions and flowinge riches stand of force or remoue of their authoritie with they have above theire Neighbours noe passage ought to bee thrust aga them sonsoever it leade to the damage or hindringe of other men. And therefore they will either give the e basemindes without damage of a right or will extorte some other violent and oninvent evill without any right or lawfull assemblie. As with respect it must bee confessed that there is not anie kinde of example pridinge from this Court of the Starrchamber more

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fruitfull or benificiall to the comon weale then by the statutes authorities thereof to repeale the misolentrie and outrageousnes of Judges Justices and such other persons that bee greate by theire place and authoritie soe as bothe themselves maie bee either amended or removed theire equalls tanyst to beware and take goode and theire Inferiors made to quake for feare when shamye theire battels roughe punished they can promise to themselves noe ease of impunitie or escape.

The faults of private men

The private meanes sort wantinge the furniture of Jurisdictie and of sundrie other gifts wherewith the same greate ones are apparelled doe beate theire brandes for the shininge out of subtilties and slights and doe for the most part make trappes and laie snares for the snaringe and entanglinge of sillie and simple men and somes of them many treasonous traffike wayes under-mininge devises subtile complotts contexture of drifts and fraudulent sleights the ayre whereof they doe, and sometymes by desire of money and sometyme by theirst of revenge but doe alwaies or for the most part carryed by ambitie bribrie and corruption and applie addressed to the distradit of the good name of some to the losse and endaunte of their in theire goodes or fortunes and to the greate danger and hazard of the life of manye man

Now to saie the truthe it is verie meete and iust that yll the wicked sort of men shall e provigilate and temper with greate labour of wit and turninge for as it maie seeme they have drawne a Quintescena of a mistrifle and set a broache a most rare and singular devise to the hurt of the good and quiet subiect