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Chap: of public Colonies.

Having dispatched the Article in the last Chapter goes through the several Species of High Treason w^{ch} was either declared by Stat 25 & 3, or enacted since; I come now in the present Chapter to consider these Crimes of a public Nature, w^{ch} as they do not so improperly and immediately threaten the Person or of the King and the Government, the Law places in the Rank of Treason.

Next to the Security of the King's Person, ^{Comm. Just} Officers of Justice and established Religion, the most sacred is regularly to be of his Council. and accordingly by Stat 3 & 4 c 14. it was made a Crime for any Subject of the King. ^{to be} to conspire the Death of a Privy Counsellor.

That this Act so properly extends to none but the King? sworn Servants entered in the Oath Roll. 2. Is this Act only under the Title of a Lord. 3. The Conspiracy must have been plotted under the King? ^{Stat 3 & 4 c 14.} ^{3. Just 39.}

How far this is now a very sufficient ^{Stat made by} Stat 9 Ann c 16. whereby it is enacted ^{that} who shall unlawfully attempt to kill or unlawfully assault or wound a Privy Counsellor in the Face of his Office.

This Stat was made on Account of one Guiseard who killed Mr. Harley then Secretary of State and a Privy Counsellor, while he was present assisting at the Face of the R. Guiseard before a Council of the Council.

+ The Trial was to have been by a Jury of the Chief Just of the High Court before the Sheriff Treasurer or Comptroller of the Exchequer Stat c 40. 8 & 9



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This is a leaf from a M. S. volume
illustrative of the Criminal Laws of
England, in the hand-writing of the
late Henry Fielding, the celebrated
Novelist. I was anxious to obtain
some writing authenticated by Mr. F.'s
signature; but his son, the late William
Fielding, many years Chief Magistrate
at Duller Square Police Office (from
whose Library I also received this
volume) observed, as a curious fact,
that no documents remained with his
Father's name attached to it.

J. Scott
5 Broad Street
Weston.
May 11, 1822.

J. Scott, sent to the Court House
about 6 years ago.