

III. *And be it further enacted,* That every Person who shall stab or thrust any Person that hath not then any Weapon drawn, or that hath not then first stricken the Party who shall so stab or thrust, so as the Persons so stabbed or thrust shall thereof die within the space of Six Months, although it cannot be proved that the same was done of Malice forethought, yet the Party so offending, and being thereof convicted, shall be excluded from the benefit of Clergy.

Stabbing or thrusting at a Person, not having a Weapon drawn, Felony without benefit of Clergy.

IV. *Provided,* That this Act shall not extend to any Person who shall kill any Person in his own Defence, or by Misfortune, or in any other manner than as aforesaid; nor shall extend to any Person who in keeping the Peace shall chance to commit Manslaughter, so as the said Manslaughter be not committed wittingly and of purpose, under Pretext and Colour of keeping the Peace; nor shall extend to any Person who, in chastising or correcting his Child or Servant, shall, besides his purpose, commit Manslaughter.

Proviso.

V. *And be it further enacted,* That if any Woman be delivered of any Issue of her Body, Male or Female, which being born alive, should by the Laws of the Realm of England be a Bastard, and she endeavour privately, either by drowning or secretly burying thereof, or any other way, either by herself, or the procuring of others, so to conceal the Death thereof as that it may not come to light whether it was born alive or not, but be concealed, the Mother so offending shall suffer Death, as in the case of Murder, except such Mother can make Proof by one Witness, that the Child whose Death was by her so intended to be concealed was born dead.

Murder of Bastard Children, Felony, without Clergy.

VI. *And be it further enacted,* That the detestable Sin of Buggery, committed with Mankind or Beast, shall be adjudged Felony, and such Process therein be used as in Cases of Felony at Common Law; and the Offender or Offenders being convicted by Verdict, Confession, or Outlawry, shall suffer the Pains of Death, and loss of their Goods, Lands and Tenements, as Felons, and no Person guilty of

Buggery made Felony without Clergy.