

ACT FOR UNIFORMITY OF COMMON PRAYER

to the Queen our Sovereign Lady, her Heirs and Successors, four hundred Marks. And if any Person, after he in form aforesaid shall have been twice convict of any Offence concerning any of the last recited Offences, shall offend the third time, and be thereof in form abovesaid lawfully convict, that then every Person so offending and convict, shall for his third Offence, forfeit to our Sovereign Lady the Queen, all his Goods and Chattels, and shall suffer Imprisonment during his Life. And if any Person or Persons, that for his first Offence concerning the Premises, shall be convict in form aforesaid, do not pay the Sum to be paid by virtue of his Conviction, in such manner and form, as the same ought to be paid, within six Weeks next after his Conviction; That then every Person so convict, and so not paying the same, shall for the same first Offence, instead of the said Sum, suffer Imprisonment by the space of six Months, without Bail or Mainprise. And if any Person or Persons, that for his second Offence concerning the Premises, shall be convict in form aforesaid, do not pay the said Sum to be paid by virtue of his Conviction and this Estatute, in such manner and form as the same ought to be paid, within six Weeks next after his said second Conviction; That then every Person so convicted, and not so paying the same, shall for the same second Offence, in the stead of the said Sum, suffer Imprisonment during twelve Months, without Bail or Mainprise. And that from and after the said Feast of the Nativity of St John Baptist next coming, all and every Person and Persons inhabiting within this Realm, or any other the Queen's Majesty's Dominions, shall diligently and faithfully, having no lawful or reasonable excuse to be absent, endeavour themselves to resort to their Parish-Church or Chapel accustomed, or upon reasonable let thereof, to some usual place, where Common Prayer, and such Service of God, shall be used in such time of Year, upon every Sunday, and other days ordained and used to be kept as Holy-days, and then and there to abide orderly and soberly, during the time of Common Prayer, Preachings, or other Service of God there to be used, and ministered; upon pain of Punishment by the Censures of the Church, and also upon pain that every Person so offending, shall forfeit for every such Offence, twelve Pence, to be levied by the Churchwardens of the Parish where such Offence shall be done, to the use of the Poor of the same Parish, of the Goods, Lands and Tenements of such Offender, by way of Distress.

And for due execution hereof, the Queen's most excellent Majesty, the Lords Temporal, and all the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, do in God's name earnestly require and charge all the Archbishops, Bishops, and other Ordinaries, that they shall endeavour