

STATUTES

Made at WESTMINSTER, *Anno* 50 EDW. III. and A. D. 1376.

CAP. V.

None shall arrest Priests or Clerks doing Divine Service.

Item, Because that Complaint is made to our Lord the King by the Clergy of his said Realm of *England*, that as well divers Priests bearing the sweet Body of our Lord Jesus Christ to sick People, *and their Clerks with them, as otherwise divers other Persons of holy Church, whiles they attend to Divine Services in Churches, Churchyards, and other Places dedicate to God, be sundry times taken and arrested by Authority Royal, and Commandment of other Temporal Lords, in Offence of God, and of the Liberties of holy Church, and also in Disturbance of Divine Services aforesaid; the same our Lord the King, who would be sore displeased if any did in such manner, will and granteth, and defendeth upon grievous Forfeiture, that none do the same from henceforth, so that Collusion or feigned Cause be not found in any of the said Persons of holy Church in this behalf.

Item pur ceo qe plainte est faite a nostre seignour le roi par le clergie de son dit roialme d'Engleterre qe sibien dever-ses prestres portantz le corps nostre seignour Jesu Crist as malades & leur clerks ovesque eux come autrement plu- **179** sours autres persones de siente esglise tant come ils entendent as divines services es esglises cimitoires & autres lieux dediez Dieu sont plusours foitz pris & arrestuz par auctorite roiale & comandement des autres seignours temporeles en offence de Dieu & de libertee de sa seinte esglise & auxint destourbance des divines services avantditz mesme nostre seignour le roi a qi meult despleroit si nully le fist en tiel manere voet & grante & auxint defende sur sa grevouse forfaiture qe nully le face des-oremes issint qe collusion ou cause feyne ne soit trove en ascun des ditz parsones de seinte esglise en celle partie.