



Justices of the Peace Act 1361

1361 CHAPTER 1 34 Edw 3

These be the Things which our Lord the King, the Prelates, Lords, and the Commons have ordained in this present Parliament, holden at Westminster, the Sunday next before the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, to be holden and published openly through the Realm ^(X1)

Editorial Information

X1 Variant reading of the text noted in *The Statutes of the Realm* as follows: That is to say:

I Who shall be Justices of the Peace. Their Jurisdiction over Offenders; Rioters; Barrators; They may take Surety for good Behaviour. **E+W**

First, That in every County of England shall be assigned for the keeping of the Peace, one Lord, and with him three or four of the most worthy in the County, with some learned in the Law, and they shall have Power to restrain the Offenders, Rioters, and all other Barators, and to pursue, arrest, take, and chastise them according their Trespass or Offence; and to cause them to be imprisoned and duly punished according to the Law and Customs of the Realm, and according to that which to them shall seem best to do by their Discretions and good Advisement; . . . ^{F1}; and to take and arrest all those that they may find by Indictment, or by Suspicion, and to put them in Prison; and to take of all them that be [^{X2}not] of good Fame, where they shall be found, sufficient Surety and Mainprise of their good Behaviour towards the King and his People, and the other duly to punish; to the Intent that the People be not by such Rioters or Rebels troubled nor endamaged, nor the Peace blemished, nor Merchants nor other passing by the Highways of the Realm disturbed, nor [^{X3}put in the Peril which may happen] of such Offenders: . . . ^{F2}

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Justices of the Peace Act 1361. (See end of Document for details)

Statuti fc'm in p'liameto tento apud Westm; anno xxxiiii^m. In Margie Recordi.

Ex magno Rot. Stat. in Turri,
Lond. m. 10.

Ces sont les choses queles nre Seign' le Roi P'ceitz Seign' s & la comtee ont ordenee en cest p'ent p'ement, tenuz a Westmister le Dyngne Juchain devant la feste de la Convison de Saint Paul, a tenir & publier o'lement par le Roialme, Cestassavoir:

P'aillement q' en chescun Countee D'engleterre soient assignez, p' la garde de la pees, un Seign', & oversq' lui trois ou quatre des meulz vaxez de Countee, ensemblement ove aucuns sages de la ley, & eirant poez de restrindre les meffesours, riuos s, & touz au'fz buetter s, & de les p'isir, arestet, p'ndre, chastet, selonc leur f'opus ou mesprisoun, & de faire emprisonnet, & d'ouement punir

selonc la ley & custumes du Roialme, & selonc ce q'ib v'ront meulz affaire p' lo' discrecions & bon aviseiment; . . . ' & de p'ndre & arestet touz ceux q'is p'ront trov' p'endement, ou p' suspicion & les mettre en prison & de p'ndre de touz ceux (q' sont) de bone fame, ou is v'ront trover, souffisant seurete & meempes de lo' bon part, de'is le Roi & son peopel, & les au'fz d'ouement punir; au, finq' le peopel ne soit p' t'aux riuos s trouble mendantage ne la pees ent'lemy, ne marchantz ma'fz pussantz p' les hautes chemys du Roialme destourbez ne abatez du p' q' n'a avensit de t'aux meffesours; . . . ' .

¹ In the year 1361, Henry II, King of France, C. 1. and the 10th Printed Copy.

Editorial Information

- X2** All Translations read thus.
- X3** Variant reading of the text noted in *The Statutes of the Realm* as follows: put in fear by peril which might happen

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words repealed by [Statute Law Revision Act 1948 \(c. 62\)](#)
- F2** Words repealed by [Statute Law Revision Act 1948 \(c. 62\)](#) and [Criminal Law Act 1967 \(c. 58\)](#), **Sch. 3 Pt. II**

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