



# Observance of due Process of Law (1368)

1368 CHAPTER 3 42 Edw 3

## III None shall be put to answer without due Process of Law.

ITEM, At the Request of the Commons by their Petitions put forth in this Parliament, to eschew the Mischiefs and Damages done to divers of his Commons by false Accusers, which oftentimes have made their Accusations more for Revenge and singular Benefit, than for the Profit of the King, or of his People, which accused Persons, some have been taken, and [<sup>X1</sup>sometime] caused to come before the King's Council by Writ, and otherwise upon grievous Pain against the Law: It is assented and accorded, for the good Governance of the Commons, that no Man be put to answer without Presentment before Justices, or Matter of Record, or by due Process and Writ original, according to the old Law of the Land: And if any Thing from henceforth be done to the contrary, it shall be void in the Law, and holden for Error

*Statuta edita apud Westm prima die Maij anno xlvj  
Regis E. t'ij.*

*Ex magno Rot. Stat. in  
Turri Lond. m. 2.*

Item a la requeste de la cõe p  
leur petition mis avant en ce  
plement, p' ouster meschies &  
damages, faitz as plusieurs de sa  
dite cõe p' faux accusours, q  
souvent ont fait leur accusationz  
plus p' vengeance & singulere  
pfit q' p' g'it du Roi ou de son  
peuple, queuz accusez ont este  
aucuns pris & autres faitz venir  
deuant le conseil le Roi p' brief,  
& autrement, si greve peine, &  
encontre le ley; est assentu &  
accorde p' le bone goüvement  
de la cõe q' nul hõme soit mis  
respondre sanz p'entement  
deuant Justices, ni chose de  
record, ou p' due pcesse & brief  
original, selonc l'ancien ley de  
la frez, et si rien desore enavant  
soit fail al'encontre soit void en  
leye & tenz p' erreur.

### Editorial Information

X1 Variant reading of the text noted in *The Statutes of the Realm* as follows: *others*

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Observance of due Process of Law (1368), Section III.