



# Treason Act 1351

1351 CHAPTER 2 25 Edw 3 Stat 5

A STATUTE made at WESTMINSTER; In the Parliament holden in the Feast of Saint Hilary; In the Twenty-fifth Year of the Reign of K. EDWARD the Third.  
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## Editorial Information

- X1** The original text of this Act was not in modern English. The traditional translation, with obsolete characters modernised, appears first. The original text (as an image) appears second.

## Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Short title given by [Short Titles Act 1896 \(c. 14\)](#)

Statute the Fifth.

## II Declaration what Offences shall be adjudged Treason. Compassing the Death of the King, Queen, or their eldest Son; violating the Queen, or the King's eldest Daughter unmarried, or his eldest Son's Wife; levying War; adhering to the King's Enemies; killing the Chancellor, Treasurer, or Judges in Execution of their Duty.

ITEM, Whereas divers Opinions have been before this Time [<sup>X2</sup>in what Case Treason shall be said, and in what not;] the King, at the Request of the Lords and of the Commons, hath made a Declaration in the Manner as hereafter followeth, that is to say; When a Man doth compass or imagine the Death of our Lord the King, or of our Lady his [<sup>X3</sup>Queen] or of their eldest Son and Heir; or if a Man do violate the King's [<sup>X3</sup>Companion,] or the King's eldest Daughter unmarried, or the Wife (<sup>X4</sup>) the King's eldest Son and Heir; or if a Man do levy War against our Lord the King in his Realm, or be adherent to the King's Enemies in his Realm, giving to them Aid and Comfort in the Realm, or elsewhere, and thereof be [<sup>X5</sup>probably] attainted of open Deed by [<sup>X6</sup>the People] of their Condition: . . . <sup>F1</sup>, and if a Man slea the Chancellor, Treasurer, or the King's Justices of the one Bench or the other, Justices in Eyre, or Justices of Assise, and all other Justices assigned to hear and determine, being in their Places, doing their

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Offices: And it is to be understood, that in the Cases above rehearsed, [<sup>X7</sup>that] ought to be judged Treason which extends to our Lord the King, and his Royal Majesty: . . . <sup>F2</sup>

Statuti apud Westm in P'liamento in festo S'ci hillarii  
anno regni Regis E. t'cii vicesimo q'nto tento, t'ciii.

*Ex magno Rot. Stat. in Turri.  
Lond. m. 16.*

Auxint p' ceo si d'vses opi-  
nions ont esté euz ces heures  
que cas, q'nt il avient doit estre  
dit treason, & en quel cas nous, le  
Roi & la requeste des Seign' &  
de la C'oe, ad fait declarissement  
q' ensuit. Cest assavoir: q'nt  
homme fait compasser ou ar-  
miger la mort nre Seign' le Roi,  
nre dame sa compaigne, ou de  
leur fitz primer & heir; ou si  
homme violast la compaigne le  
Roi, ou le seigneur fil le Roi nre  
marie, ou la compaigne le seigneur  
fitz & heir du Roi; & si homme  
leve de pierre contre nre dit  
Seign' le Roi en son Roialme, ou  
soit abedant as enemys nre  
Seign' le Roi en le Roialme,

donant a eux eid ou confort en  
son Roialme ou p' ailleurs, & de  
ceo p'ablement soit atteint de  
ov' fait p' gentz de leur condi-  
cion: . . . et si homme tuast  
Chancelier, Tresorer, ou Justice  
nre Seign' le Roi del un Blank  
ou del autre, Justice en fir &  
des assises & toutes autz Jus-  
tices assignez a oier & terminer  
existantz en leurs places en  
fesantz leurs offices: et fait a  
entendre q'nt les cases susno-  
mer doit estre ajage treason [q'  
sesten] a nre Seign' le Roi & a  
sa roial Majeste, . . .

<sup>F1</sup> *Ex magno Rot. Stat.*

### Editorial Information

- X2** Variant reading of the text noted in *The Statutes of the Realm* as follows: what case should be adjudged Treason, and what not;
- X3** Variant reading of the text noted in *The Statutes of the Realm* as follows: Wife
- X4** Variant reading of the text noted in *The Statutes of the Realm* as follows: of
- X5** Variant reading of the text noted in *The Statutes of the Realm* as follows: proveably *MS. Tr.*
- X6** Variant reading of the text noted in *The Statutes of the Realm* as follows: People
- X7** Variant reading of the text noted in *The Statutes of the Realm* as follows: it

### Textual Amendments

- F1** Words repealed by the Act 2 & 3 Will. 4 c. 34, s. 1 and [Forgery Act 1830 \(c. 66\), s. 31](#)
- F2** Words repealed by the Act 9 Geo. 4 c. 31, s. 1, the Act 10 Geo. 4 c. 34 s. 1, [Escheat \(Procedure\) Act 1887 \(c. 53\), Sch.](#), [Statute Law Revision Act 1948 \(c. 62\), Sch. 1](#), [Criminal Law Act 1967 \(c. 58\), Sch. 3 Pt. I](#) and [Criminal Law Act \(Northern Ireland\) 1967 \(c. 18\), Sch. 2 Pt. I](#)

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