



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.
XI

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 \(c. 14\)](#)
- C2** [Act modified \(26.3.2015\) by Succession to the Crown Act 2013 \(c. 20\), s. 5\(2\), Sch. para. 1; S.I. 2015/894, art. 2](#)

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 [^{X2}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 [^{X3}Queen] or of their eldest Son and Heir; or if a Man do violate the King's [^{X3}Companion,] or the King's eldest Daughter unmarried, or the Wife (^{X4}) 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 [^{X5}probably] attainted of open Deed by [^{X6}the People] of their Condition: . . . ^{F1}, and if a Man slea the Chancellor, Treasurer, or the

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

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

Ex magno Rot. Stat. in Tur.
Lond. m. 16.

Auxint p' ceo q' d'vses opi-
nions ont este euz ces heures
que cas, q'nt il avient doit estre
dit treason, & en quel cas nous, le
Roi a la requeste des Seigns &
de la C'oe, ad fait declarissement
q' ensuit. Cest assavoir: q'nt
homme fait compasser ou arme-
ner la mort nre Seign' le Roi,
nre dame sa compaigne, ou de
leur filz primer & heir; ou si
homme violast la compaigne le
Roi, ou le seigneur filz le Roi nre
marie, ou la compaigne le seigneur
filz & 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 equivalent soit atteint de
ov' faite p' gentz de leur condi-
cion: . . . et si homme tant
Chancelier, Tresorer, ou Justice
nre Seign' le Roi del un Blank
ou del autre, Justice en Eir &
des assises & toutes auts Jus-
tices assignez a oier & terminer
estantz 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. . . .²

² *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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