3 Bacon Lib. 3 part 1 Quest. 5 Jo. Nider de Malefic. cap. 4 Compend. Mistery of witchcraft Book 1 chap. 2 chap. 5 Bacon Book 2 chap. 1 Bacon. 2. Jaddicius. Grimph part 2. Relat. 7 A Mydum trial. God having in his ordinary providence taken care; that the great ordeny of his tried shall not be allowed to baffle or hinder the Legal Execution of its Rule in a trial for witchcraft, the party accused lies under this advantage; that the accusers being often transported with outrageous Grief for the death of Children or friends thought to be killed or hurt by him or her; and not only the accusers, but also the witnesses and abettors being afraid of harm to themselves if such a one should escape an Unwarrantable Latitude is some times taken in the prosecution

By the law of England witchcraft was divided into two Degrees of Witchcraft in the first Degree there were four kinds Viz. such as upon Invocation or Conjuration of any Evil Spirit or Conscill Covenant with Entertain Employ Feed or Reward any evil Spirit to any Intent, the No Act to be done thereupon or take up any dead person out of the place where it Rests or any part thereof to be Imployed in any Manner of witchcraft, Enchantment, sorcery or Charm the act actually so used or Employed; or Exercised any witchcraft Enchantment Charm or sorcery, whereby any person is killed, Destroyed Consumed or Lamed in his or her body or any part thereof were to gether with their Aiders abettors and Counsellors to suffer death as felons without Benefit or Clergy, 1 Jac. 1 cap. 12 Hale pl. Cr. 6. 7. Where were five Degrees of witchcraft in the second Degree, Viz. such as take upon them by witchcraft Enchantment Charm or sorcery to tell where treasure is to be found; or where things lost or Stolen may be found; or to do any thing to provoke any person to Unlawful Love; or to hurt any person in his body cattle or Goods; tho the same be not effected; or Wrong of the said Arts whereby any cattle or goods of any person are actually Destroyed Wasted or Impaired were for the

the first offence to suffer a Years Imprisonment without Bail, and once every Quarter of that Year Stand the hours upon the Pillory; and for the second offence after Judgement given for a former, were to suffer death as felons without Benefit of Clergy 1 Jac. 1 cap. 12 § 3. 4. Hale pl. Cr. 7. 8. That Law being made in the first parliament that our King James the sixth held in England, upon his accession to the Crown of that Kingdom some few years after the publishing his Demonology, a Learned Man (Doctor Hutchinson Hist. Essay concerning witchcraft chap. 14) thinks, that the Making of it was influenced by the Kings book and Judgement. Bacon Hist. Stuart 1 Jac. cap. 12 is now repealed 9 Geo. 2. cap. 5.

In France trials of Witchcraft are Regulated by a Royal Edict put forth in the Year 1672 by Lewis 14 since which time few have been prosecuted there for that Crime.

The Law of Scotland punisheth with death all who either use any Manner of witchcraft sorcery or Necromancy, or who abuse the people by pretending to have such craft or knowledge Act 73 Parl. 9 Q. M. Which is agreable to the Divine law Exod. 22 18. Levit. 20. 27. Deuteron. 18. 10. 11. The Civil law l. 3. C. l. 6. C. de Malef. & Mathem. And the Bull of Pope Innocent the 8 Dated in the Year 1484. Under the Prohibition of Necromancy are Comprehended Chiromancy Hydromancy, Predictions and Responses by the Fire and the Air, and all the other Foolish arts of Divination which our Law punisheth with Death McKenzie Crim. part 1 Tit. 10 § 11. Witches are Capitally punished as such, or for the Covenant Made with Satan, tho no person suffer harm by them Carpzov. Crim. part 1 Quest. 49 § 29. Bernard guide to grand jury Mon. Brooke chap. 20. Perkins Disc. of witchcraft chap. 7 Sect. 4 Hemming. Pomo nitio de Superstition. Magicis Vitiis. Quest. 3. But the French law doth not allow any to be tried for witchcraft unless there be some Concomitant Crime or Mischief Committed Dictionaire des Arrets Par Brillon sous mot Sorciers. Such as give themselves out or profess to be fortune tellers or Arrogate Skill to themselves of foretelling things to come, or Discovering where things lost are to be found, are liable to the punishment of death tho they have really no Such Skill McKenzie observe on Act 73 Parl. 9 M. But Dumb persons pretending to Discover future events are