



Treason Act 1351

1351 CHAPTER 2 25 Edw 3 Stat 5

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 [^{X1}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 [^{X2}Queen] or of their eldest Son and Heir; or if a Man do violate the King's [^{X2}Companion,] or the King's eldest Daughter unmarried, or the Wife (^{X3}) 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 [^{X4}probably] attainted of open Deed by [^{X5}the People] of their Condition: . . . ^{F1}, 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 Offices: And it is to be understood, that in the Cases above rehearsed, [^{X6}that] ought to be judged Treason which extends to our Lord the King, and his Royal Majesty: . . . ^{F2}

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Treason Act 1351. (See end of Document for details)

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

Ex magis Roy. Stat. in Tur.
Lond. m. 16.

Auxint p' ceo si d'vies opi-
nions ont esté euz ces heures
qui cas, q'nt il avient doit estre
dit treason, & en quel cas noun, le
Roy a la requeste des Seign' &
de la Coe, ad fait declarissement
q' ensuit. Cest assavoir: q'nt
h'ome fait composer ou v'ni-
gner la mort n're Seign' le Roy,
m'a dame sa compaigne, ou de
leur fitz primer & heir; ou si
h'ome violast la compaigne le
Roy, ou le seigneur fil le Roy n'est
marie, ou la compaigne le seigneur
fitz & heir du Roy, & si h'ome
leve de pierre contre n're dit
Seign' le Roy en son Roialme, ou
soit abertant as enemys n're
Seign' le Roy en le Roialme,

donant a eux eud ou confort en
son Roialme ou p' ailleurs, & de
ceo p'v'nement soit atteint de
o'vi fait p' gentz de leur condi-
cion: . . . et si h'ome tuast
Chancelier, Tresorer, ou Justice
n're Seign' le Roy del un Banck
ou del autre, Justice en Bar &
des assises & toutes aut's 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'
sistent] a n're Seign' le Roy & a
sa real Majeste. . . .
* Le statut Roy. Part.

Editorial Information

- X1** Variant reading of the text noted in *The Statutes of the Realm* as follows: what case should be adjudged Treason, and what not;
- X2** Variant reading of the text noted in *The Statutes of the Realm* as follows: Wife
- X3** Variant reading of the text noted in *The Statutes of the Realm* as follows: of
- X4** Variant reading of the text noted in *The Statutes of the Realm* as follows: proveably *MS. Tr.*
- X5** Variant reading of the text noted in *The Statutes of the Realm* as follows: People
- X6** 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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