

That the persons accused have the Devils quart upon some part of their Bodies; is an ordinary Article in the Law of witchcraft; but never has tainted Relevant with us; tho' they confess that they got such a Mark with their own Consent, which is Equivocal to a Covenant with the Devil. Mr. Houze is Prim. part; Int. 10 57. And tho' a Witchs Confession and Belief, that she did chile with her own self, if she be other ways of a found Judgement, may, when joind with other probabilities, go far to infer this Crime. Yet that is hardly Relevant for Mr. Houze is bid. 520. Nor is it all together Relevant to found a Criminal for that the person accused did by amorous passions induce upon Men or Women to chile; because the grounds whereupon it is put on (that the Devil may Excite and form the passion of Love, are too Conjectural. Mr. Houze is bid. 521. Witches have been tried in other places upon their published bad fame; De Leo l. 6. s. 3. But Great-mat. a Neapolitan Senator (Incons. 42 n. 8) says, that in all his life he never saw a trial where in such a point of fame was proved, because of the many things required to sustain it. And with us, General Dofonations of a person as a Witch, is never Relevant for that, tho' that Crime Mr. Houze is bid. 512. A latter tidded case sustains Relevant when joind with some one particular Relevant Article of witchcraft. 20 March 1622 Margrat Wallard 20 Decemb<sup>r</sup> 1644 Agnes Finnis. Which it was Good Use in the Judges to do, saying what it is of itself Relevant, wants not the Consent of Common Brit to make it so. But sometimes and with more Reason, Articles of themselves Relevant, are sustained Relevant when joind with Common fame and Reputation of witchcraft. 20 Aug<sup>st</sup> 1610 Septemb<sup>r</sup> 1661 Margrat Hattison 10 Septemb<sup>r</sup> 16 Novemb<sup>r</sup> 1666; Janet Cock.

Those also, who seek any help, Aid, points or Confirmation from the Wits of witchcraft for any or more

Necromancy or pretensions to Skill in these Unlawfull Arts are subject to the pain of death. l. 5 c. 23 Malici. & Mathon. Act 73 Parl. 2 L. M. Witches and those who Consult them are equally Criminal. Roming. Item on this 20 hyposth. Magie. Quast. 7. Because by a similitude of prohibita Dis cord & Poind l. 5 c. 23 Malici. & Mathon. A Woman was adjudged to be burnt for consulting and haunting with Witches for a Remedy to keep a brooding Women from Vomiting, and for Enquiring of a Neighbour = 20; if the King would come home or not 10 May 1591 Barbara Napier. Consulting with a Notorious Witch (whom the Court know to be such) for the help of a Judger great sickness which the person consulted by her Witches of the one upon another, was found Relevant to infer the pain of death 20 March 1622 Margrat Wallard. But it was not found Relevant for that a woman had been for eight or nine years a Common Consultor with Witches; and a Seeker of Help and Respon<sup>s</sup>es from them for Postroying and curing diverse persons: that being too General, without specifying the Names of those hurt and cured, or the time and place when and where such a thing was done; or the Manner how, and that the persons knew the persons applyed to, to be witches 20 March 1622 Margrat Wallard.

Having thus far proceeded in his confining of witchcraft, it might be Expected, that after insuing of what is Relevant to infer that Crime, I should explain the proofs that use to be produced against persons charged with the guilt of it; but before I go to that, a Common Question for carrying the Being of witchcraft, had in the way to be Discussed.

Whom it is Observed, that there have been and may be Witches; and the General Reasons of those who think otherwise are Examined.

It is one of the singularities in witchcraft beyond all other Crimes that some persons (w<sup>ch</sup> Measure things by what they do not by Reason) hold all to be false and supposure that surpass the Usual bounds of Nature have