

and punished with such as Respect them thereafter, till they are apprehended and bring it to Condemn punishment  
 Porford & others by such, have action against Magist  
 rates or others within whose bound or jurisdiction  
 these Vagabonds are Willingly Respect with stolen goods  
 Act 27 Parl. II J. 6. Vagabonds and Strongidle Beggars  
 should be searched for, taken and brought before the  
 Judge ordinary, and by him Committed to prison or iron  
 without Bail upon the Common charge of the Parish  
 where they were apprehended, till tried by an assize with  
 in five days after: and if convicted should be scourged or  
 burnt thro the ear with a hot iron, Unless a Respon-  
 sible Man do properly snare himself before the Judge, to  
 take and keep the offender in his house a whole Year  
 Under the pain of 20 pound to the poor sick, and at the  
 Year end to report him to the head court of the Juris-  
 diction, or give proof of his death. If such offender do,  
 against his Masters will, desert his service within the  
 Year, he may be adjudged, when apprehended, to the same  
 punishment his Master Adjudged him from. If at the  
 end of 60 days after receiving such punishment, he fall  
 again to his idle and Vagabond trade of life, he may when  
 apprehended be put to suffer the pains of death as a thief  
 the offence of Execution against Vagabonds are  
 to be tried as such Act 27 Parl. II J. 6. Act 16 Parl. I J. 6. Ch. 2.  
 Egyptians, jugglers, Astrologers to the knowledge of Blaming,  
 prophesying, fortune telling, Magic tricks, langston or Min-  
 strel, porford using Counterfeit waernes to Beg, Vagant  
 poor scholars, and Mariners pretending to have suffered  
 shipwrack, without Godhinnial, were Racked and  
 dealt with formerly as Strong beggars and Vagabonds,  
 and the Rescort of such liable to a fine for the poor  
 upon each occasion 5 pound Act 24 Parl. J. 6. But Now  
 Egyptians are Banished out of Holland, Now to Return  
 upon pain of death to be Executed upon them as the  
 thievish thieves, after an assize find them to be bolden  
 and Reported Egyptians. And such as Respect them are  
 punished with the loss of Estate and imprisonment

during the Judges pleasure. All Contrary Oars, and  
 protections in favour of those Rogues and Doctardes  
 Act 13 Parl. 20 J. 6. Thus for Men called faas and others  
 for being Reported and taken to the Egyptian and not  
 parking forth of their land, were Rescorted to be hanged 23 Ja-  
 nuary 1629. But eleven Women going Under the Name of  
 faas being sentenced to be drowned 20 Jan. 1629 their  
 lives were spared upon a letter from the King, in respect  
 they were Children and of best age, and the sentence turned  
 into Banishment, never to be taken upon pain of death.  
 The Being Vagabonds, and having no settled place, nor  
 honest and lawful way of living, is the cause to suffer an  
 arbitrary punishment 7 August 1714 William Barrie  
 and others, Porford indicted as Vagabonds offered to prove  
 by way of Defense, that they were itinerant Artists or Musi-  
 cians and could subsist by their trade. To which it being Re-  
 plied, if the Defendant by or proposing an Employment,  
 can never exclude the pursuit of his trade, proof that he is  
 truly a Vagabond. 27 The proposition which the pursuers  
 affirm to themselves of Justice, doth rather force an  
 Remedy to suppress the libel, than to exclude it. The  
 Lord Reported the Defense 6 September 1715 William and John  
 Baillies. The being held Commonly and Reported to be Egyptian,  
 J. 6. Thus the being Commonly held and Reported Egyptian,  
 with any fact of picking or pally, thieving, was suf-  
 ficient Relevant to suffer the pain of death 14 December  
 1698 John Baillie & William Baillies wife and Child  
 down. Porford being indicted capitally at the suit of the King  
 to evade upon the Act 13 Parl. 20 J. 6. Madam the Year 1629  
 as known habits, and Reported to be Egyptian; it was  
 pleaded for the panele, that the said Act was only tempo-  
 rary Qualifying a former Act of Privy Council Commanding  
 the Vagabonds for now and Common thieves called Egyptian  
 to Depart out of Scotland either at and the first day of the  
 next thereafter, and Never to Return Under pain of death  
 for if the said Act of Privy Council probably contained  
 the Names of Particular persons against whom such  
 sentence was affected. Now left it could be supposed