great men Viz. that none should Report any false or slanderous News or tales whereby Discord may arise betwixt the King and his people or the great men of the Realm, or pain of Imprisonment till he produce the first Author of the tale 3 Ed. 1 cap. 34. Nor Devise or tell any false News or lies of Prelates or Lords, or of the Chancellor treasurer Clerk of the Privy Seal, Stuart of the Kings house Justices of either Bench or other Great officers of the Realm whereby any Discord or scandal to their persons may arise on pain aforesaid 2 Rich. 2 cap. 5. That if one who hath told such false News or lies is Imprisoned, and cannot produce his Author, he may be punished by the Kings Council 12 Rich. 2 cap. 11. Which offence is called Scandalum Magnatum; and Incurred, not only by slandering any of the Nobility of England, or Peers of Great Britain created since the Union or any of the sixteen Elected Scottish Peers; But also by slandering any who were peers of Scotland before the Union, or the successors to their honours and Dignities art. 23 of the Union. By false News and Lies only Contriving Judicial Stories and slanders are Murder. One may bring and prosecute an Appeal of Murder, Robbery, or other Felony or Action of forgery of false Deeds or any other Action against any peer &c without incurring this offence of Scandalum Magnatum but he 2 Just. 226. 1 Roll. Abr. 34 seeing Mar should not be Debarred from taking Remedy in the Due Course of Law. Any such high personage Defamed as aforesaid by speech or writing may bring an Action of Scandalum Magnatum in the Kings Name and his own upon the Statute of 2 Richard 2 the King being Condemned in the Fine & the offender is Committed to prison by Virtue of the 3 Ed. 1 cap. 34 upon the Kings Account and upon the Statute of 2 Ric. 2 the Plaintiff Recovers Damages for the Injury and great Fines use to be Imposed upon the Offenders. Mr Harrington for publishing a libel wherein he accused the Duke of York that he had hired him to kill King Charles 2 was sentenced to pay 500 pound sterling and stand in the Pillory and go about the Hall with a paper signifying his Crime, and to be Prosecuted 3 Mod. Rep. 68. A Man for affirming that Lord Chancellor Bacon had done Sorcerie, and Speeches other Scandalous Words of him had sentence of perpetual Imprisonment, to pay 1000 pound sterling to ride on a horse with his face to the tail from the Fleet to Westminster with his Fault written on his head, to Acknowledge his offence in all the Courts at Westminster, to stand in the Pillory, and to have one of his ears cut off there, and the other in Cheapside Poph. 135. One for libelling Sir Edward Coke chief Justice of the Kings Bench as a traitor and perjured Judge and fixing the libel on the gate at Westminster Hall was sentenced to stand in the Pillory with a paper and to be Committed till he made his Submission in every Court, and found Sureties for his good Behaviour during life, and paid 1000 pound sterling fine to the King. Cro. Car. 175. Thomas Harrison for Rushing into the Bar. of the Court of Common Pleas and saying these in Audience of the Justices sitting; Mr Attorney Mr Hatton of high Treason, was fined in 500 pound sterling and Imprisoned during the Kings pleasure, and adjudged to go with a paper on his head shewing his offence to all the Courts of Westminster, and Make his Submission in every Court and in the Exchequer, having done the same at Bow Cro. 14 Car. B. R. Harrison's case. Elizabeth Collier for writing and publishing a Scandalous Libel