

CAP. VIII.

The King for the time being, with the advice of his council, or the more part of them, may set forth proclamations under such penalties and pains as to him and them shall seem necessary, which shall be observed as though they were made by act of parliament; but this shall not be prejudicial to any person's inheritance, offices, liberties, goods, chattels or life; and whosoever shall willingly offend any article contained in the said proclamations, shall pay such forfeitures, or be so long imprisoned, as shall be expressed in the said proclamations; and if any offending will depart the realm, to the intent he will not answer his said offence, he shall be adjudged a traitor.

34 H. 8. c. 23.
REP. by 1 Ed.
6. c. 12.

CAP. IX.

REP. by 1 & 2 Ph. & M. c. 8.
8 El. c. 1. An act authorizing the King's highness to make bishops by his letters patents.

CAP. X.

For placing of the lords.

4 Inst. 361.

How the lords
in parliament
shall be placed.

None shall sit
on either side
of the cloth of
estate.

The King's
vicegerent in
ecclesiastical
jurisdiction.

FOrasmuch as in all great councils and congregations of men, having sundry degrees and offices in the commonwealth, it is very requisite and convenient that an order should be had and taken for the placing and sitting of such persons as been bounden to resort to the same, to the intent that they, knowing their places, may use the same without displeasure or let of the council; (2) therefore the King's most royal majesty, although it appertaineth unto his prerogative royal to give such honour, reputation and placing to his counsellors, and other his subjects, as shall be seeming to his most excellent wisdom, is nevertheless pleased and contented, for an order to be had and taken in this his most high court of parliament, that it shall be enacted by authority of the same, in manner and form as hereafter followeth.

II. First, it is enacted by authority aforesaid, That no person or person, of what estate, degree or condition soever he or they be of, (except only the King's children) shall at any time hereafter attempt or presume to sit or have place at any side of the cloth of estate in the parliament chamber, neither of the one hand of the King's highness, nor of the other, whether the King's majesty be there personally present or absent. (2) And forasmuch as the King's majesty is justly and lawfully supreme head in earth, under God, of the church of England, and for the good exercise of the said most royal dignity and office, hath made Thomas lord Cromwel and lord privy seal, his vicegerent, for good and due ministration of justice to be had in all causes and cases touching the ecclesiastical jurisdiction, and for the godly reformation and redress of all errors, heresies and abuses in the said church: (3) It is therefore also enacted by authority aforesaid, That the said lord Cromwel, having the said office of vicegerent, and all other persons which hereafter shall have the said office of the grant of the King's highness, his heirs or successors, shall sit and be placed, as well in this present parliament, as in all parliaments to be holden hereafter, on the right side of the parliament chamber, and upon