

## *A General Presentment of many Offences, by a Grand Jury.*

*At the General Quarter Sessions of the  
Peace holden at &c. for the County of  
&c. On the Day and Year &c. We  
the Grand Jury, whose Names are  
hereunder written, sworn to serve on  
the Behalf of our Sovereign Lord  
the King, for the Body of the said  
County, Do Present the several Per-  
sons and Offences following.*

1st, **W**E Present, That A. B. of &c. <sup>Masque-  
rades.</sup> in the County aforesaid, on  
&c. last past, and at several other Times,  
hath allowed and permitted divers Per-  
sons to come to his House late in the  
Night Time, in Masques and other dis-  
guised Habits, who instead of making  
use of them for Dancing and other in-  
nocent Diversions, have made them coun-  
tenance Assignations of Vice, and there-  
by drawn in many young Persons of  
both Sexes to the greatest Debaucheries,  
the Consequence of which, hath been  
Ruin and Destruction, (by the Opportu-  
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nity of the Place) and some of them even to the detestable Sin of *Sodomy*; Wherefore we Present the said *A. B.* and his scandalous House, in order to be suppressed.

*Gaming  
Houses.*

2dly, We Present, That *C. D.* of *Œc.* in this County, does at this Time keep, and for the Space of one Month past, hath kept an unlawful Gaming House in the said Parish of *Œc.* And hath permitted Servants and Apprentices to play at Cards, Dice, and other Games, prohibited by Law; and also Gamesters, Sharpers, and others, who live idly, without any visible Estates, and whose Business and Study it is to strip young Gentlemen of their Estates and Fortunes, whereby many Persons and Families are totally ruined, and will continue so to be, until the said House is put down.

*Bawdy  
Houses.*

3dly, We Present, That *E. F.* of *Œc.* in the County aforesaid, a Person of ill Fame, keeps and maintains a common Bawdy-House, and suffers Men and Women to commit Fornication, and all manner of shameful Lewdness therein, to the great Corruption of the Manners and Principles of our Youth, and Encouragement of Vice and Immorality, (for which these Houses are Nurseries) and the Furtherance of Whores, Thieves, and Pickpockets; who not only Injure the Persons of those with whom they converse,

converse, by a Communication of the most nauseous Diseases, but likewise Rob them of their Money, to the very great Scandal of a civilized Kingdom.

4thly, We Present, That G. H. of *Ec.* on *Ec.* last, and at several Times since, *Ale House.* hath kept an Ale-House or Tippling-House, in the said Parish of *Ec.* And sold Ale, Beer, and other vendible Liquors, to several Persons of the same Parish, not having a Licence for his doing thereof according to Law; to the great Disturbance of the Neighbourhood there, whereby the Peace hath been frequently broken, and great Violences committed by disorderly Persons.

5thly, We Present, That J. K. of *Ec.* Vintner and Victualler, keeps and main- *Disorderly House.* tains a disorderly House in the said Parish of *Ec.* and entertains Thieves, Robbers, and Pickpockets, Beggars, and Vagabonds; who, to support their Extravagancies and Idle Course of Life, continue their Thieving and Robberies, Begging and Impositions upon the People, contrary to the known Laws of the Land.

6thly, We Present, That on *Ec.* last, *A. B. C. D. E. F. Ec.* all of *Ec.* in a tu- *Rioters.* multuous Manner assembled together at *Ec.* in the said County of *Ec.* and then and there assaulted and wounded G. H. of *Ec.* to the great Injury of the said  
G. H.

G. H. and the Terror and Disturbance of divers of his Majesty's good and peaceable Subjects, and evil Example to others to commit the like Violences.

*Stocks, &c. out of Repair.* 7thly, We Present *L. M.* Constable of the Parish of *&c.* in the said County, for not keeping in due Repair a Pair of Stocks in the said Parish, for the Securing and Punishing Idle and Disorderly Persons. We also Present the said *L. M.* for a Neglect of Duty in Apprehending Rogues, Vagabonds, and Beggars, as the Statute directs.

*Nuisances.* 8thly, We Present, That *N. O.* of *&c.* hath lately carry'd stinking Carcasses, Carrion, and other Filth, into the Highway of *&c.* to the great Nuisance of the said Parish, and Annoyance of the King's Subjects, who travel that Way.

*Peace-breakers.* 9thly, We Present, That *P. R.* of *&c.* and *S. T.* of *&c.* are very Idle and Disorderly Persons, and common Disturbers of the Peace.



<i>A. L.</i>	<i>T. M.</i>
<i>T. D.</i>	<i>K. E.</i>
<i>L. G.</i>	<i>J. W.</i>
<i>J. R.</i>	<i>L. T.</i>
<i>T. A.</i>	<i>F. J.</i>
<i>M. C.</i>	<i>G. L. &amp;c.</i>

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