

HALSBURY'S LAWS OF ENGLAND

Halsbury's Laws of England, 2nd Edition, Vol 2 at Paragraph 480

“Misprison of Treason is the concealment or Keeping Secret of any Treason by a person who is not a party or consentor to it”

“In order to constitute Misprison of Treason there must, it is said, be a knowledge of the traitor as well as of the treasonable design or offence”

“Concealment may in some cases amount to evidence of assent or possibly of conspiracy, and in such case the person concealing the Treason would be liable as a principal”

Halsbury's Laws of England, 2nd Edition, Vol 2 at Paragraph 481

“Conviction of Misprison of Treason, for which the Oath of two witnesses is necessary, entails imprisonment for life”

Halsbury's Laws of England, 2nd Edition, Vol 2 at Paragraph 482

“It is felony for any person whatsoever, within the United Kingdom or without, to compass, imagine, invent, devise, or intend to deprive or depose the Sovereign from the style, honour, or royal name, of the imperial crown of the United Kingdom, or any other of His Majesty's dominions and countries”

Halsbury's Laws of England 2nd Edition Vol 6 at page 423 par 472 states:

“It is Treason to endeavour to deprive or hinder any person who shall be next in succession to the Crown for the time being according to the limitations in the Act relating thereto :Bill of Rights 1688, Act of Settlement 1700 The abettors,

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procurers and comforters knowing the said offence to be done are equally liable with the offender himself”

Halsbury’s Laws of England 2nd Edition Vol 6 at page 423 par 473 states:

“It is Treason maliciously advisedly and directed by writing or printing to maintain and affirm that any other person or persons has or have any right or title to the Crown otherwise then according to the Acts relating thereto:”

“The Acts set out in the statute are:

The Bill of Rights 1688 (1 Will & Mar Sess 2 c2)

Act of Settlement 1700 (12&13 Will 3 c 2)

Union with Scotland 1706 (6 Ann c11 5&6 Ann c8 Ruff)

Halsbury’s Laws of England 2nd Edition Vol 6 at page 424 par 475 states:

“In order to constitute the offence of Treason, the compassing and imagining must be evidenced by an Overt Act or Overt Acts”

Halsbury’s Laws of England 2nd Edition Vol 6 at page 425 par 477 states:

“In Treason there are no accessories either before or after the fact, all such persons being principals”

Halsbury’s Laws of England 2nd Edition Vol 6 at page 389 par 435 states:

“Public authorities (including the Crown) may do nothing but what they are authorised to do by some Rule or Common Law or Statute”

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Halsbury's Laws of England 2nd Edition Vol 6 at page 390 par 435 states:

“The subject has peaceful enjoyment of Rights of property, and the freedom of the subject from illegal detention, duress, punishment or taxation, contained in four great charters or statutes which regulate the relations between the Crown and the People”

Magna Carta (1297) 25EDW 1

Petition of Rights (1627) 2 CAR 1 c 1

Bill of Rights (1688) 1 Will & Mary Sess 2 c 2

Act of Settlement (1700) 12&13 Will 3 c 2

Halsbury's Laws of England 2nd Edition Vol 6 at page 395 par 441 states:

“Since the Crown is the symbol of free association of the members of the British Commonwealth of Nations, which are united by a common allegiance to the Crown”

Halsbury's Laws of England 2nd Edition Vol 6 at page 423 par 440 states:

“As from the dates of the union of England with Scotland and Ireland, the succession of the Imperial Crown of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and of Great Britain and Ireland respectively, is to be as it stood limited and settled under the Act of Settlement”

Halsbury's Laws of England 2nd Edition Vol 6 at page 414 par 460 states:

“The duty of the subject toward the Sovereign is known legally as “Allegiance”

Halsbury's Laws of England 2nd Edition Vol 6 at page 396 par 442 states:

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“The descent of the Crown in the present Protestant line is secured by certain statutory provisions”

The Act that regulates the succession *“The Act of Settlement”* 1700 (12 & 13 Will 3 c 2) S 1

Halsbury’s Laws of England 2nd Edition Vol 6 at page 397 par 443 states:

“The descent of the Crown in the present line of succession is subject to certain statutory conditions as follows”

Church of Rome or Popish Religion is excluded

Every person inheriting the Crown must take the Coronation Oath

Every King or Queen must declare that they are Protestant

Church of England

Oaths for the preservation of the established Church of England and the Presbyterian Church in Scotland

Halsbury’s Laws of England 2nd Edition Vol 6 at page 413 par 459 states:

“The essential duties of the Crown towards the subject are now to be found expressed in the terms of “the Oaths”, which every Sovereign is required to take before or at the Coronation”

The duties imposed are:

To govern according to the Statutes in Parliament agreed on and the Laws and Customs of same

To cause Law and Justice in mercy to be executed in all judgments

To maintain the Laws of God, the true profession of the Gospel, and the Protestant reformed religion established by law

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*To maintain and preserve the Church of England and the doctrine,
worship, discipline and government thereof*

To preserve unto the Bishops and Clergy of England

Bound by Oath to preserve the Presbyterian Church in Scotland

["Misprision of Treason" - see Halsbury's Statutes, 4th Edition, Vol. 11, p. 818]

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