

# Holograph queries on such presses.

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Several persons have been taken up with Presses sufficient to coin money & plead in excuse that they use them only in their trades of making metal-buttons bowes for watch keys, middles for Dial-plates of watches & pillars for watches.

Quære 1. Is this a sufficient excuse to free them from being prosecuted for high-treason.

Quære 2. May not the Presses be demolished by order of one or more Iustices of the Peace without a Prosecution.

Quære 3. May not one or two Artificers be authorised to have Presses for doing this sort of work for Watch-makers & Bullion-makers & others, without leaving every man at liberty to have coining Presses who can pretend that he uses them in his Trade.

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