

Cond: Ardماغh ff: At the Gen: Sessions of the peace hold at  
Ardماغh in for the said County of 6<sup>th</sup> day of June  
in 5<sup>th</sup> year of our said Sovereign King  
Wh: of third by of grace of God of England Scotland  
France and Ireland King Defender of Faith etc  
In the year of our Lord 1699 before J<sup>st</sup> Justices of our  
Sovereign King appointed to keep of peace  
of the County etc:

For as much as J<sup>st</sup> grand inquest of this County hath informed J<sup>st</sup> Court  
that J<sup>st</sup> Dayly concourse & great increase of Vagrant J<sup>st</sup> sons & idle boggars  
is a great grievance & annoyance to J<sup>st</sup> inhabitants of J<sup>st</sup> County & J<sup>st</sup> through  
of Negligence or Ignorance of J<sup>st</sup> inhabitants of J<sup>st</sup> severall parishes & J<sup>st</sup> officers  
and severall of them very Impudent & presumptuous which by degrees may  
of ill consequences to J<sup>st</sup> County if not timely prevented Wherefore this Court taking  
into their serious consideration what remedy may be most fitly applyed to  
preventing mischiefs do order and Command all high & petty Constables, with other  
officers herein concerned if they do forthwith cause all J<sup>st</sup> laws and statutes here  
before made against vagrant idle J<sup>st</sup> persons & idle boggars & also against Impudent  
Beggars to be put in due Execution w<sup>ch</sup> of end it is hereby ordered.

First J<sup>st</sup> J<sup>st</sup> Minister Churchwardens & Parishioners of each parish to be assembled  
at vestry or otherwise and desired to take an account of what Number of persons are  
within their respective parishes, whom they esteem objects of Charity and fit  
to be relieved by parish collections or otherwise, to be Licenced to ask alms, & bogg  
within their parishes and to enter J<sup>st</sup> names of them in J<sup>st</sup> Register book of J<sup>st</sup>  
parish or in some other book to be kept for that purpose.

Secondly to J<sup>st</sup> end J<sup>st</sup> poor of each parish may be known & distinguished  
J<sup>st</sup> at J<sup>st</sup> Charge of every parish a Badge or Lickett of Brass copper or pewter  
with J<sup>st</sup> name of the parish Engraved or Imbossed on one side thereof to be given  
by J<sup>st</sup> Minister Churchwardens or Parishioners to every Individuall poor person  
of Receiv<sup>g</sup> parish alms or of alms to be given each of them under J<sup>st</sup> seal  
of Next Justice of J<sup>st</sup> peace to go from house to house to ask alms within their  
respective J<sup>st</sup> sh<sup>rs</sup> or limits by which Licenced they shall be prohibited to go  
any other parish or limit which seal is to be Engraved with J<sup>st</sup> name of  
parish or limit appointed to bogg in & to be provided at J<sup>st</sup> charge of J<sup>st</sup> parish.

Thirdly J<sup>st</sup> all Justice of the Peace High & petty Constables & all other  
officers herein concerned by J<sup>st</sup> direction or appointment & approbation of the  
Next Justice of J<sup>st</sup> peace shall within their respective townes villages Constables  
with J<sup>st</sup> Manner & parishes within this County according to J<sup>st</sup> Number of persons  
or more sufficient inhabitants to Watch in J<sup>st</sup> night time by which Watch  
wards to be examined & searched all strangers & suspected persons if shall  
be travell by night & cannot give a sufficient & satisfactory account for their  
being both with & without the limits of this County to be

Fourthly J<sup>st</sup> all High & petty Constables shall by order or allowance of a  
Justice of peace within their severall & respective limits make a private search  
once every fortnight or oftener if need require in houses barns out houses and  
suspected places in J<sup>st</sup> night time for J<sup>st</sup> finding out & apprehending of rogues  
vagrants wandering idle persons and to secure all such J<sup>st</sup> all J<sup>st</sup> persons  
who shall travell with forged or counterfeited passes all such whom they shall  
find bogging or wandering out of their limits J<sup>st</sup> Constables with J<sup>st</sup> assistance  
of some of J<sup>st</sup> inhabitants of J<sup>st</sup> parish shall cause to be seized taken from  
J<sup>st</sup> middle upwards and to be openly whipt till their bodies shall be bloody  
or to be put in J<sup>st</sup> stocks two dayes & two nights and to have only bread and  
water.

Fifthly J<sup>st</sup> J<sup>st</sup> High and petty Constables aforesd shall go from house to  
house and give notice to every householder or in person within their  
respective limits if they take care if neither they nor any of their families  
hereafter relieve any vagrant idle wandering J<sup>st</sup> or disorderly  
or persons or other boggars except only J<sup>st</sup> poor of J<sup>st</sup> same parish who  
wears a parish badge or if have a licence to bogg as aforesd but if they  
see or know of any such person to bogg not so licenced or licensed they shall  
forthwith send or convey her him or them to J<sup>st</sup> Constables in order to be  
whipped or put in stocks according to law upon J<sup>st</sup> penalty of three shillings four  
pence for each impudent boggard and six shillings & eight pence for every  
sturdy boggard either relieved by J<sup>st</sup> any inhabitant or justified by any  
parish township; and if for every such offence is committed or suffered to be  
perpetrated for J<sup>st</sup> same at J<sup>st</sup> next quarter sessions.

Sixthly J<sup>st</sup> if any ale house keeper victualer or private householder shall  
from home forth relieve entertain lodge or harbour in their dwelling  
house out house barns or stalls any rogue, vagrant vagabond sturdy bogg  
wandering dissolute boggard or any impudent boggard who wears not the  
parish badge or have not a licence as aforesd of each person so offending  
shall forfeit the fines above mentioned for every such offence and to be  
presented for J<sup>st</sup> same at J<sup>st</sup> next quarter sessions.

Seventhly that all high and petty Constables and all other officers  
herein concerned shall use their utmost J<sup>st</sup> endeavours to execute these laws  
and shall forthwith in forms a Justice of J<sup>st</sup> peace or give an account upon  
oath in writing at J<sup>st</sup> next General quarter sessions what Rogues vagabonds  
and J<sup>st</sup> have been apprehended and punished and of ale house keepers &  
others who have relieved at their doors or who lodged or harboured in their  
houses out houses or barns any boggard rogue vagabond sturdy boggard  
idle or vagrant person or any impudent boggard not wearing the parish  
badge or not showing a licence as aforesd and how often each have offend  
contrary to what is before mentioned to J<sup>st</sup> intent if they may be produced  
there according to law and to J<sup>st</sup> intent if none may be produced  
herein is ordered that a true copy hereof shall be sent to the Constable  
or Churchwardens of every parish who are to cause the same to be published  
& publicly read in every market town and first upon them and also