## 128 "ORDERS TOUCHING QVAKERS," 1661.

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## "The Orders Touching Qvakers," 1661.

The purchase for London Yearly Meeting's Reference Library has recently been effected, of a tract bearing the following title, "THE | Laws, Orders, | AND | STATUTES, | To | Be observed and executed by all Justices | of the Peace, Majors, Sheriffs, and other Offi- | cers, within His Majesties Realms and | Dominions; | For the preventing of the Quakers from any publike | or private Meetings; And the Penalties to be inflicted upon | them after Conviction, both for Estate, Imprisonment, | and transporting them to some Forraign Plan- | tation beyond the Seas. | As also, an Oath to be taken before a lawful Magi- | strate; And the Penalties to be inflicted on all such Per- | sons, that shall refuse, or perswade others, to for- | bear the taking of the same, to whom it | shall be duly tendered. | London, Printed for G. Lawrenceson, 1662. The tract contains eight pages, 4to.

The intention of the writer or writers of this pamphlet is clearly the circulation of the provisions of the "Quaker Act" (13 and 14 Car. 2, cap. 1) which, according to F.P.T., "was passed in May, 1662, but had been taken in hand a year earlier," a portion of the tract being occupied with a recitation of the Act, printed in black letter. The wording of the Act is preceded by a discourse on "the outward splendour of Gods House" and on the holy purposes to which this House is put, a discourse occasioned by the "unreverent gesture in the Church, disesteem of Divine Service, and disgraceful Speeches" of "new upstart Sectaries in City and Countries." In addition to numerous references to Scriptural characters, we read here of Pompey, Crassus, Antiochus, and Caligula, and of various heathen gods, in support of arguments brought forward. One paragraph reads, "This house then is the house of prayer. But &c. saith the Quaker. This But, is the Fly that spoils the Apothecaries Ointment, and the Colloquintida that mars the Pottage."