

Edward Coke

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The gladsome light of jurisprudence.

~Edward Coke

You should trust any man in his own art provided he is skilled in it.

~Edward Coke

One threatens the innocent who spares the guilty.

~Edward Coke

The home to everyone is to him his castle and fortress, as well for his defence against injury and violence, as for his repose.

~Edward Coke

Though the bribe be small, yet the fault is great.

~Edward Coke

Reason is the life of the law.

~Edward Coke

Corporations cannot commit treason, nor be outlawed, nor excommunicated, for they have no souls.

~Edward Coke

The King himself should be under no man, but under God and the Law.

~Edward Coke

He is not cheated who knows he is being cheated.

~Edward Coke

The law of the realm cannot be changed but by Parliament.

~Edward Coke

Let us now peruse our ancient authors, for out of the old fields must come the new corn.

~Edward Coke

For a man's house is his castle.

~Edward Coke

Precaution is better than a cure.

~Edward Coke

Six hours in sleep, in law's grave study six, Four spend in prayer, the rest on Nature fix.

~Edward Coke

Reason is the life of the law; nay, the common law itself is nothing else but reason. The law, which is perfection of reason.

~Edward Coke

The house of every one is to him as his castle.

~Edward Coke

The Law ... is perfection of reason.

~Edward Coke

Law is the safest helmet.

~Edward Coke

We should speak as the populace but think as the learned.

~Edward Coke

Certainty is the mother of quiet and repose, and uncertainty the cause of variance and contentions

~Edward Coke

Every libel, which is called famosus libellus, is made either against a private man, or against a public person. If it be against a private man, it

deserves a severe punishment.

~Edward Coke

Things are worth what they will fetch at a sale

~Edward Coke

Success in crime always invites to worse deeds

~Edward Coke

Those who consent to the act and those who do it shall be equally punished.

~Edward Coke

It is better, saith the law, to suffer a mischief that is peculiar to one, than an inconvenience that may prejudice many.

~Edward Coke

For a man's house is his castle, et domus sua cuique tutissimum refugium [and one's home is the safest refuge to everyone].

~Edward Coke

Trial by jury is a wise distribution of power which exceeds all other modes of trial.

~Edward Coke

And the law, that is the perfection of reason, cannot suffer anything that is inconvenient.

~Edward Coke

Fraud and deceit abound in these days more than in former times.

~Edward Coke

So as grave and learned men may doubt, without any imputation to them; for the most learned doubteth most, and the more ignorant for the

most part are the more bold and peremptory.

~Edward Coke

So use your own property as not to injure that of another

~Edward Coke

There must have been good grounds for belief in witchcraft; otherwise Parliament would not have legislated against it.

~Edward Coke

Force ought to follow justice and not to precede.

~Edward Coke

A witch is a person who hath conference with the Devil to consult with him or to do some act.

~Edward Coke

The cause ceasing, the effect ceases also

~Edward Coke

Everyone thirsteth after gaine.

~Edward Coke

Where there are many counsellors there is safety.

~Edward Coke

We have a saying in the House of Commons; that old ways are the safest and surest ways.

~Edward Coke

A thing which is not in esse but in apparent expectancy is regarded in law.

~Edward Coke

Don't quote the distinction, for the honour of my lord Coke.

~Edward Coke

Common law is common right.

~Edward Coke

None shall take advantage of his own wrong.

~Edward Coke

The law compells no man to impossible things. The argument ab impossibili is forcible in law.

~Edward Coke

The agreement of the parties cannot make that good which the law maketh void.

~Edward Coke

The law doth never enforce a man to doe a vaine thing.

~Edward Coke

In the meane time know this, that the learning of warranties is one of the most curious and cunning learnings of the law, and of great use and consequence.

~Edward Coke

For when the law doth give any thing to one, it giveth impliedly whatsoever is necessary for the taking and enjoying of the same.

~Edward Coke

It is the worst oppression, that is done by colour of justice

~Edward Coke

Magna Charta is such a fellow, that he will have no sovereign

~Edward Coke

A corporation has no soul.

~Edward Coke

There is no jewel in the world comparable to learning; no learning so excellent as knowledge of laws.

~Edward Coke

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