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O’Reilly v Mackman [1983] 2 AC 237 at 278D.
Re St Mary, Longdon (2011) 13 Ecc LJ 370.

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*Procurator General v Stone* (1808) 1 Hagg Con 424, 161 ER 604.

**Statutes, Measures and Statutory Instruments**

- Ecclesiastical Licences Act 1533;
- Human Rights Act 1998, s 5(1);
- Churchwardens Measure 2001;
- The Dangerous Dogs (Designated Types) Order 1991, SI 1991/1743

**Parliamentary Debates (Hansard)**

HC Deb [or HL Deb] date, volume, column.

So, eg,

HC Deb 4 July 1996, vol 280, col 505W.


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