

V.  
Such Elections,  
Consecrations, &c.  
declared effectual.

AND be it further enacted by auctoritie aforesaid, that every person and persons being hereafter chosen elected nomynate presented invested and consecrate to the dignitie or office of any Archebishop or Byshoꝝ, within this Realme or within any other the Kynges Domynions, accordyng to the forme tenure and effecte of this p̄sente acte, and suing their temporalities out of the Kynges handes hys heires or successours as hath byn accustomed, and making a corporall othe to the Kynges Hyghnes and to none other in forme as is afore rehersed, shall and may from henceforth be trononyed or installed as the case shall require, and shall have and take their only restitucion out of the Kynges handes of all the possessions and profette<sup>r</sup> spirituall and temporall belongyng to the seid Archebishoꝝriche or Bishopriche wherunto they shalbe soo elected or presented, and shalbe obeyed in all maner of thynges accordyng to the name title degree and dignitie that they shalbe so chosen or p̄sented unto, and doo and execute in every thyng and thynges touchyng the same, as any Archebishoꝝ or Byshoꝝ of this Realme, without offendyng the prerogatyve Royall of the Crowne and the lawes and customes of this Realme, mought at any tyme heretofore doo.

VI.  
All Persons who  
shall neglect to  
elect or consecrate  
Bishops, &c. or  
shall obey any  
Censures, &c. for  
so doing, shall incur  
a Premunire under  
Statutes 25 E. III.  
stat. 5. c. 22: and  
16 Ric. II. c. 5.

AND be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that yf the Prior and Covent of any Monastery or Deane and Chapitour of any Cathedrall Church where the See of any Archebishoꝝ or Bishop is within any of the Kynges Domynions, after suche licence as is afore rehersed shalbe delyvered to them, procede not to eleccion and signyfie the same accordyng to the tenour of this acte within the space of xx dayes next after suche licence shall come to their handes, or els yf any Archebishoꝝ or Bishop within any the Kynges Domynions, after any suche eleccion nomynacion or presentacion shalbe signified unto them by the Kynges tres patentes, shall refuse and do not [confirme<sup>r</sup>] invest and consecrate with all due circumstance as is aforesaid every suche p̄son as shalbe soo elected nomynate or presented and to theyme signyfiyd as is above mencioned, within xx dayes next after the Kynges tres patentes of suche signyficacion [or presentacion<sup>r</sup>] shall come to their hande<sup>r</sup>; or els yf any of theym or any other p̄son or persones admytte maynteyne allowe obey doo or execute any censures excōmunicacions interdiccions inhibicions, or any other p̄cesse [or acte<sup>r</sup>] of what nature name or qualitie soo ever it be, to the contrary or lett of due execucion of this acte, that then every pryour and particuler person of hys convent, and every Deane and particuler person of the Chapter, and every Archebishoꝝ and Bishop and all other persons soo offendyng and doing contrary to this acte or any parte thereof and their aydours counsaylours and abettours shall runne into the daungers paynes and penalties of the estatute of the provysion and premunire made in (') xxv. yere of the reigne of Kyng Edwarde the thirde, and in the xvj yere of Kynge Richarde the seconde.

## CHAPTER XXI.

AN ACTE for the exollacion frome exaccions payde to the See of Rome.

Grievances by the  
Exactions and  
Dispensations of  
the See of Rome.

**M**OST [humble besechyng<sup>r</sup>] your most Royall Majestie your obeydent and faithfull subjectes the Cōmons of this youre present Parliament assembled by your most dradde comzundement; That where your subjectes of this your Realme, and of other countres & Domynions being under your obeysaunce, by many yeres past have byn and yet be greatly decayed and impoverishyd by suche intollerable exaccions of greate somes of monay as have byn claymed and taken and yet contynually be claymed to be taken out of this your Realme and other your seid Countres and Domynions, by the Bishop of Rome called the Pope and the See of Rome, aswell in pensions censures peter pence procuracions fruytes suytes for provysions and expedicions of Bulls for Archebishopriche and Bishopriche and for delegacies and rescriptis in causes of contencions and appeles jurisdictiones legatyne and also for dispensacions<sup>r</sup> licençes faculties grauntys relaxacions writtys called perinde valere rehabilitacions abolicions, and other infynyt sortes of bulles breves and instrument<sup>r</sup> of sondre natures names and kyndes in great numbers heretofore practised and opeyted otherwyse then by the lawes laudable uses and customes of this Realme shuld be pryncyted, the Specialities wherof ben over long large in nombre and tedyous here particularly to be inserted; wherin the Bishop of Rome aforesaid hath not byn only to be blamed for hys usurpacion in the premisses but also for hys abusyng and begylyng your subjectes, pretending and p̄wardyng to theym that he hath full power to dispence with all humayne lawes uses and customes of all Realmes in all causes which be called spirituall, which mater hath byn usurped and practised by hym and hys predecussours by many yeres in great derogacion of your imperiall crowne and auctoritie royall contrary to right and conscience; For where this your Graces Realme, recognysyng noo superior under God but only your Grace, hath byn and ys free frome subjeccion to any mannes lawes but only to suche as have bene derysed made and ordyned within this Realme for the welthe of the same, or to suche other as by sufferaunce of your Grace and your progenytours the people of this your Realme [have<sup>r</sup>] taken at their free libertie by their owne consente to be used amonges theym, and have bounde them selves by longe use and custome to the observance of the same, not as to the observance of the lawes of any foren Prynce Potentate or Prelate, but as to the accustomed and auncient lawes of this Realme oryginally established as lawes of the same by the seid sufferance consentes and custome and none otherwyse: It stonddith therefore with naturall equitye and good reason that in all and (') evey suche lawes humayne, made within this Realme or induced into this Realme by the seid sufferance consentes and custome, your Royall Majestie and your Lordes Spirituall and temporall and Cōmons, representyng the holle state of your Realme in this your most high Courte of Parliament, have full power and auctoritie not only to dispence but also to auctorise some electe person or persones to dispence

Independence of  
this Realm upon  
all Foreign Inter-  
ference whatever.

<sup>r</sup> Interlined in the Original Act.

<sup>r</sup> humbly besechen O. & nu. 28. See Note at the End of this Act.

<sup>r</sup> the O.

<sup>r</sup> hath O. & nu. 28.

<sup>r</sup> in nu. 28.

with those and all other humayne lawes of this your Realme and with every one of theym, as the qualitie of the persones and mater shall requyre; And also the seid lawes and every of theym to abrogate adnull amplyfie or dymnyne as it shalbe sene unto your Majestie and the nobles and cōmyns of your Realme present in yo<sup>r</sup> Parliament mete and convenient for the welthe of your Realme, as by dyvers good and holsome actes of parliamentis made and established aswell in your tyme as in the tyme of your most noble progenitours it may plainly and evydently appere; And by cause that it is nowe in thes dayes present sene that the state dignitie superioritie reputacion and auctoritie of the said imperiall Crowne of this Realme by the longe sufferance of the seid unresonable and uncharitable usurpacions and exaccions practyzed in the [tymes<sup>1</sup>] of your moste noble progenitours is moche and sore decayed and dymnyshed, and the people of this Realme therby impoverished and so or worse be lyke to contynue yf remedy be not therfor shortly pydyed:

IT MAY THEREFORE please your most noble Majestie for the honour of Almyghy God and [fore<sup>2</sup>] the tender love zeile and affection that [ye<sup>3</sup>] beare and always [have<sup>4</sup>] borne to the welthe of this your Realme and subjectes of the same, for asmoche as your Majestie is supreme hede of the Church of Englonde, as the Prelates and Clergie of your Realme representyng the [the<sup>5</sup>] seid church in their Synodes and convocacions have recognysed, in whome consistith full power and auctoritie upon all suche Lawes as have byn made and used within this Realme, to ordeyne and enacte by the assente of your Lordes spirituall and temporall and the Cōmyns in this your present Parliament assembled and by auctoritie of the same, that no person or persones of this your Realme or of any other your Domynions shall from hensforth pay any pencions [censes<sup>6</sup>] porcions pterpence or any other impositions to the use of the seid Bisho<sup>p</sup> or of the See of Rome, lyke as heretofore they have used by usurpacion of the seid Bisho<sup>p</sup> of Rome and hys predecessours and sufferance of your Highnes and your most noble progenitours to do; but that all suche pensiones censes porcions and pterpence, which the seid Bisho<sup>p</sup> of Rome otherwyse called the Pope hath heretofore taken and pceyved or caused to be taken and pceyved to hys use and hys chambres which he calleth Apostolyke by usurpacion and sufferance as it abovesaid within this your Realme or any other your Domynions, shall frome hense forth cleerly surcesse and never more be levyed taken perceyved nor payd to any person or persons in any maner of wyse; any constitucion use prescripcion or custome to the contrary therof notwithstanding.

AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED by the auctorytie aforesaid that neither your Highnes your heires nor successours Kynges of this Realme, nor any your subjectes of this Realme nor of any other your Domynions, shall frome hensforth sue to the seid Bisho<sup>p</sup> of Rome called the Pope or to the See of Rome, or to any person or persons havyng or pretending any auctorytie by the same, for licenses dispensacions composicions faculties grauntes rescriptes delegacies, or any other instrument<sup>7</sup> or wrytynges of what kynde name nature or qualitie so ever they be of, for any cause or matter for the whiche any licence dispensacion composicion facultie graunte rescripte deligacye instrumente or other wrytyng heretofore hath ben used and accustomed to be had and opteyned at the See of Rome, or by auctoritie therof or of any prelate of this Realme, nor for any maner of other licences dispensacions composicions faculties grauntes rescriptes delegacies or any other instrument<sup>7</sup> or wrytyng<sup>8</sup> that in causes of necessitie may lawfully be graunted without offendyng of the Holy Scriptures and lawes of God: But that frome hensforth every suche licence dispensacion composicion facultie graunt rescripte delegacie instrument and other wrytyng afore named and mencioned necessarye for youre Highnes your heires [or<sup>9</sup>] successours and your and their people and subjectes, upon the due examynacions of the causes and qualities of the persones procuryng suche dispensacions licences composicions faculties graunties rescriptes delegacies instrumentis or other wrytynges, shalbe graunted hadde and obteyned frome tyme to tyme within this your Realme and other your Domynions and not els where in maner and forme folowing and none otherwyse, that is to sey; the Archebisho<sup>p</sup> of Canturburye for the tyme being and hys successours shall have power and auctorytie frome tyme to tyme by their discrecions to geve graunt and dispose by an instrument under the seale of the seid Archebisho<sup>p</sup> unto your Majestie and to your heires and successours Kynges of this Realme, aswell all maner suche Licences [Disposicions<sup>10</sup>] composicions faculties grauntes rescript<sup>8</sup> delegacies instrumentes and all other wrytynges, for causes not being contrary or repugnant to the holy scriptures and lawes of God, as heretofore hath byn used and accustomed to be had and obteyned by your Highnes or any your moste noble progenitours, or any of yours or their subject<sup>8</sup>, at the See of Rome or any person or persons by auctoritie of the same, and all other licences dispensacions faculties composicions grauntes rescriptes delegacies instrumentes and other wrytynges in for and [apon<sup>11</sup>] all suche causes and maters as shalbe convenient and necessarye to be hadd for the honour and suertie of your Highnes your heires and successours and the welth and profette of this your Realme; so that the seid Archebisho<sup>p</sup> or any hys successours in no maner (") wyse shall graunt any dispensacion license rescript or any other wrytyng afore rehersed for any cause or matter repugnant to the law of Almyghty God.

BE IT ALSO ENACTED by auctoritie aforesaid that the seid Archebisho<sup>p</sup> and hys successours, after good and (") examynacion by them had of the causes and qualities of the persons procuryng for licences dispensacions composicions faculties delegacies rescriptes inatuntes or other wrytynges, shall have full power and auctoritie by them self or by their sufficient and substanciall cōmissarye or deputye by their discreacions, frome tyme to tyme to graunte and dispose by an instrument under the name and seale of the seid Archebisho<sup>p</sup>, as well to any of your subjectes as to the Subjectes of your heires and successours, all maner licences dispensacions faculties composicions delegacies rescriptes instrumentes or other wrytynges for any suche cause or matier wherof heretofore suche licences dispensacions

No Pension, or Peter pence, &c. shall in future be paid to the Bishop or See of Rome.

II. Neither the King nor his Subjects shall sue to Rome for any Dispensation or Licence:

Instead thereof Dispensations may be granted by the Archbishop of Canterbury.

III. Dispensations may be granted by the said Archbishop in all Cases usually heretofore granted at Rome; but in unusual Cases not without the Assent of the King and Council.

<sup>1</sup> tyme nu. 28.

<sup>2</sup> for O. & nu. 28.

<sup>3</sup> you nu. 28.

<sup>4</sup> hath nu. 28.

<sup>5</sup> An erroneous Repetition on the Roll.

<sup>6</sup> censes O. & nu. 28.

<sup>7</sup> and nu. 28.

<sup>8</sup> Dispensacions O. & nu. 28.

<sup>9</sup> uppon O. & nu. 28.

<sup>10</sup> of nu. 28.

<sup>11</sup> due O. & nu. 28.

composicions faculties delegacies rescriptes instrumentes or wrytynges have byn accustomed to be had, at the See of Rome or by auctorytie therof or of any prelate of this Realme: And that the seid Archebishoꝝ and hys cōmissarie shall not graunt any other licence dispensacion composicion facultie wrytyng or instrument, in causes unwonte and not accustomed to be had or obteyned at the Court of Rome nor by auctorytie therof nor by any prelate of this Realme, untill your Grace your heires or successours or your or their counsaile shall fyrst be advertised therof, and determyne whether suche licences dispensacions composicions faculties or other wrytynges, in suche causes unwonte and not accustomed to be dispensed withall or obteyned, shall cōmenly passe as other dispensacions faculties or other wrytynges shall or noo; uppon payne that the graunters of every suche licence dispensacion or wrytyng in suche causes unwonte contrary to this acte shall make fyne at the wyll and pleasure of your Grace your heires and successours: And yf it be thought and determynd by your Grace your heires or successours or your or their Counsell, that dispensacions faculties licences or other wrytynges in any suche cause unwonte shall passe, then the seid Archebishoꝝ or hys Cōmissarye, havynge licence of your Highnes your heires or successours for the same by your or their bill assigned, shall dispence with them accordyngly.

IV.  
Licences, the Tax whereon at Rome exceeded 4*l*. shall be confirmed under the Great Seal, and enrolled in Chancery.

PROVYDED always that no maner of dispensacions licences faculties or other rescriptes or wrytynges, hereafter to be graunted to any person or persones by vertue or auctorytie of this acte by the seid Archebishoꝝ or hys Cōmissarie, being of suche importance that the taxe of the expedicion therof at Rome extended to the sōme of foure poundes or above, shall in any wyse be putt in execucion [tell<sup>1</sup>] the same licence dispensacion facultie rescripte, or other wrytyng of what name or nature soo ever it be of, be fyrst confirmed by your Highnes your heires or successours Kynges of this Realme under the greate Seale, and inrolled in your Chauncie in a Roll by a Clerke to be appoynted for the same; And that this acte shalbe sufficient warante to the Chauncellour of Englonde for the tyme being, or to hym whome your Grace your heires or successours shall depute to be keper of the greate Seale, to confirme in your name your heires or successours the forseid wrytynges passed under the seid Archebishopes seale, by tres patentes in due forme therof to be made under your greate seale, remyttynge as well the seid wrytyng under the Archebishopes seale as the seid confirmation under the greate seale to the parties frome tyme to tyme pcurynge for the same. And that all suche licences dispensacions faculties and other rescriptes and wrytynges, for the expedicion of the which the seid taxes to be payd at Rome was under iij*l*. which be matiers of no greate importance, shall passe only by the Archebishopes seale, and shall not of any necessite be confirmed by the greate seale, onles the procurers of suche licence facultie or dispensacion desire to have them soo confirmed; in whiche case they shall pay for the (\*) greate seale to the use of your Highnes your heires and successours [v*s*.<sup>2</sup>] sterlinges and not above, over and beside suche taxe as shalbe here after lymytted for the making wrytyng regestryng confirming and inrolling of suche licences confirmacions and wrytynges under the seid taxe of iij*l*. And that every suche licence dispensacion composicion facultie rescripte and wrytyng, of what name or nature soo ever it be, for suche causes as the taxe was wonte to be iij*l*. or above soo graunted by the Archebishoꝝ and confirmed under the greate seale, and all other licences dispensacions faculties rescriptes and wrytynges hereafter to be graunted by the Archebishoꝝ by vertue and auctorytie of this Acte wherunto the greate seale is not lymytted of necessite to be put to by reason that the taxe of theym ys under iij*l*. shalbe accepted approved allowed and admytted good and effectuell in the lawe, in all places courtes and jurisdictions as well spirituall as temporall within this Reame and els where within your Domynions, and as beneficiall to the persons obteynynge the same, as they shuld have byn if they had byn obteyned with all thynges requysite of the See of Rome or of any other person by auctorytie therof, without any revocacion or repeale hereafter to be had of any suche licences dispensacions faculties rescriptes or wrytynges of what nature so ever they be: And that all Children pcreated after solempnyzacion of any mariages to be had or don by vertue of suche licences or dispensacions shalbe admytted reputed and taken legitimate in all courtes as well spirituall as temporall and in all other places, and inherite the inheritance of their parentes and auncestours within this your Realme and all other your Domynions according to the lawes and customes of the same; and all actes to be don had or executed, accordyng to the tenour of suche licences dispensacions faculties wrytynges or other instrumentes to be made or graunted by auctorytie of this acte, shalbe firme pmanente and remayne in force; any foreyne lawes constitucions decrees canons decretallis inhybicyons use custome prescripcion or any other thyng hadde or hereafter to be made to the contrarye not withstanding.

Licences of less Tax may be graunted by the Archbishop:

All such Licences shall be valid;

Children procreated after Mariages so licensed shall be legitimate, &c.

V.  
Clerks shall be appointed to register Licences and Confirmacions thereof.

AND be it further enacted that the seid Archebishoꝝ and hys successours shall have power and auctorytie to ordeyne make and constitute a Clerke, which shall [wrytte<sup>3</sup>] and regestres every suche licence dispensacion facultie wrytyng or other instrument to be graunted by the seid Archebishoꝝ and shall fynde parchment wexe and sylken laces convenyent for the same, and shall take for hys paynes suche sōmes of monay as shalbe hereafter in this present acte to hym lymytted in that behalf for the same; and that lykewyse your Grace your heires and successours shall by your letters patentes under your greate seale ordeyne depute and constitute one sufficient clerke being lerned in the Course of the Chauncerie whiche always shalbe attendant upon the Lorde Chaunceler or the Lorde Keper of the greate seale for the tyme being, and shall make wryte and enroll the confirmacions of all suche licences dispensacions instrumentes and other wrytynges as shalbe thether brought under the Archebishopes seale there to be confirmed and enrolled: And shall also intitule in hys bookes and enroll of recorde suche other wrytynges as thether shalbe brought under the Archebishopes seale not to be confirmed, takyng for his paynes suche resonable sōmes of Money as hereafter by this acte to hym shalbe lymytted for the same; And that aswell the seid Clerke appoynted by the seid Archebishoꝝ as the

<sup>1</sup> till O. & nu. 28.

<sup>2</sup> said O & nu. 28.

<sup>3</sup> fyve sheling O. & nu. 28.

<sup>4</sup> wrytte O.—wright nu. 28.

seid Clerke to be appoynted by your Highnes your heires or successours shall subscribe their names to every suche licence dispensacion facultie or other wrytyng that shall come to their handes, to be wrytyn made graunted sealed confirmed registred and enrolled by auctoritie of this acte in forme as is before rehersed.

AND for as moche as the charges of obteynnyng the seid licences dispensacions faculties and other rescriptes or wrytynges afore named at the Courte of Rome, by the losses and exchanges and in conductyng of currours and wrytynges, have be grevous and excessive to your people, and many tymes greater somes have byn demaunded for the spedy expedition in the Courte of Rome then be expressed in the olde taxe lymyted to be payd for the seid expedicions, wherby your people [hath<sup>1</sup>] byn brought to an incertentie upon the payment for expedicions of suche thynges and by reason therof have byn constrayned to pay more then they were wont to doo, to the great impoverishing of this Realme as is afore seid; And some tymes the spedyng of suche dispensacions faculties licences and other wrytynges at Rome have byn soo longe differred, that the partyes laboryng for the same have suffered great incomodities and losse for lacke of quycke spede, whiche here after may be had within this your Realme to the great comoditie of your people, wherby the charges of making exchanges conductyng of [currours<sup>2</sup>] and solicitours for the seid dispensacions shalbe abated, and your peple so moche [reveled<sup>3</sup>] and eased, to thentent that all ambiguytie and incertentie of paymentes for dispensacions faculties licences and other rescriptes and wrytynges may be taken away, that noo fraude or exaccion shalbe exercised uppon your people by suche officers as shalbe appoynted by this Acte to take paynes in spedyng suche dispensacions faculties and licences, but that your people may be sure and certayne what they be appoynted to pay for the same; Be it enacted by this present Parliament and by the auctoritie of the same, that there shalbe two bokes drawn and made of one tenour, in whiche shalbe conteyned the taxes of all customable dispensacions faculties licences and other wrytynges wonte to be [spede<sup>4</sup>] at Rome; which bokes and every lefe of those bokes and both sid<sup>e</sup> of every lefe shalbe subscribid by the Archebissho<sup>p</sup> of Caunterbury, the Lorde Chaunceler of Englund, the Lord Tresourer of Englonde and the ij chefe Justices of both Benches for the tyme being; to the whiche bokes all Suters for dispensacions faculties licences and other wrytynges afore rehersed shall have recourse yf they require hit; And one of the seid bokes shall remayne in the handes of hym whiche shalbe appoynted to be register and scribe of the seid dispensacions faculties and licences under the seid Archebissho<sup>p</sup> of Canturbury in forme as is before seid, And the other boke shall remayne with the Clerke of the Chauncie whiche by your Grace your heire or successours shalbe appoynted as is before rehersed; whiche Clerke of the Chauncie shall also intitule and [not<sup>5</sup>] particulerly and dayly in hys boke ordeyned for that purpose the nombre and qualite of the Dispensacions faculties licences and other rescriptes and wrytynges [which<sup>6</sup>] shalbe sealed only with the seale of the seid Archebissho<sup>p</sup>, and also which shalbe sealed with the seid seale and confirmed with the greute seale in forme as is before seid, that all fraude and conceylment in this behalf may be avoyded.

AND be it enacted by this present parliament and by thaurtoritie of the same, that no man suing for dispensacions faculties licences or other rescriptes or wrytynges whiche [were<sup>7</sup>] wonte to be [spede<sup>4</sup>] at Rome, shall paye any more for their dispensacions licences or rescriptes then shalbe conteyned taxed and lymitted in the seid Duplicate bokes of taxes onely; composicions [except<sup>8</sup>] of which being arbytrarye noo taxe can be made; Wherfore the taxe therof shalbe sett and lymitted by the discreacion of the seid Archebissho<sup>p</sup> of Canturbury and the Lorde Chaunceler of Englund or the Lorde Keper of the greute seale for the tyme being: And that suche as shall exacte or receyve of any suter more for any dispensacion facultie or licence then shalbe conteyned in the seid bokes of taxes, shall forfett ten tymes somoche as he shall soo extorciously exacte and receyve, the one half of the whiche forfayture to be to the use of your Grace your heires or successours and the other half therof to be to suche of your subject<sup>e</sup> as wyll sue for the same by accion byll or playnt in any of your Graces Courtes, wherin the Defendaunt shall have none essoen nor proteccion allowed neither shalbe admittyed to wage hys lawe.

Be it also enacted by this parliament and auctoritie of the same that the taxe or some appoynted to be payd for every suche dispensacion licence facultie instrument rescripte, or other wrytyng to be graunted by auctoritie of this acte, shalbe employed & ordered as here after ensuyth that is to sey; If the taxe extende to foure poundes or above by reason wherof the dispensacion licence facultie rescripte or wrytyng whiche shall passe by the seid Archebisshoppes seale muste be confirmed by thappencion of the greute seale, then the seid taxe so extendyng to iij li. [or<sup>9</sup>] above shalbe devyded into three partes wherof two shall be pceyved by the seid Clerke of the Chauncie to be appoynted as is afore seid to the use of your Highnes your heires and successours and to the use of the Lorde Chauncelour or the keper of the greute seale for the tyme being and to the use of the seid Clerke, in suche wyse as here after shalbe declared and [that<sup>10</sup>] the thride parte shalbe taken by the seid Clerke of the Archebissho<sup>p</sup> to the use of the same Archebissho<sup>p</sup> and hys Co<sup>n</sup>missarye and hys seid Clerke and Register in suche wyse as here after shalbe ordered and lymitted by this acte; (that is to sey) the seid two partes shalbe devyded in foure partes of which thre partes shalbe taken to the only use of your Highnes your heires and successours, and the fourthe parte shalbe devyded in thre partes wherof the Chaunceler of Englund or Lorde Keper of the great Seale for the tyme being shall have two partes and the ("") Clerke of the Chauncie the thride parte for hys paynes travayle and labours that he is lymitted to [wrytt<sup>11</sup>] and do by vertue of this acte, And the seid thride parte of the hole taxe appoynted to the seid Archebissho<sup>p</sup> and hys

VI.  
For moderating the  
Charges of such  
Dispensacions, &c.

Two Books shall be  
made of the Costs  
of all Licences, &c.  
and approved by the  
Lord Chancellor,  
the Archbissho<sup>p</sup>,  
&c.

VII.  
Fees for Licences,  
&c. shall be regula-  
ted by such Books.

Composicions.

Penalty on  
Extortion, Ten  
Times the Sum  
received.

VIII.  
Application of the  
Taxes to be paid  
for Licences, &c. 1  
If amounting to  
Four Poundes 1

<sup>1</sup> have nu. 28.

<sup>2</sup> spede O.

<sup>3</sup> was nu. 28.

<sup>4</sup> O. & nu. 28. omit.

<sup>5</sup> curro's O. & nu. 28.

<sup>6</sup> note O. & nu. 28.

<sup>7</sup> excepted O. & nu. 28.

<sup>8</sup> said O. & nu. 28.

<sup>9</sup> relieved O.—relyred nu. 28.

<sup>10</sup> whiche O. & nu. 28.

<sup>11</sup> and nu. 28.

<sup>12</sup> wryte O.—wright nu. 28.

If under 4<sup>s</sup>. and  
not under 40<sup>s</sup>.

hys officers (as is aforesaid) shalbe devyded into thre partes, wherof the Archebischopp shall have to hys use two partes and hys officers shall have the thirde parte therof, of whiche thirde parte to be devyded in two partes, the seid Clerke or Regester whiche shall fynde parchement waxe and sylke and shall devyse and [wryt<sup>1</sup>] the seid dispensacions licences faculties rescriptes or other wrytynges and regester the same, shall have for hys seid labour and for receyvyng and repaying of the sōmes of money that shall come to his handes for dispensacions faculties licences and other rescriptes aforesaid the one moytie therof, and the Cōmyssary of the seid Archebischopp appointid to seale the seid dispensacions faculties licences and other rescriptes shall have the other partie: And yf the taxe be under iij<sup>li</sup>. and not under x<sup>li</sup>s. then the seid taxe shalbe devyded into thre partes as is aforesaid wherof the Kynges Highnes hys heires and successours shall have two partes therof abatyng iij<sup>s</sup>. iij<sup>d</sup>. [shiche<sup>1</sup>] shalbe to the seid Clerke of the Chauncie for subscribyng entylyng and enrolling the seid dispensacions licences faculties rescriptes and other wrytyng<sup>1</sup> aforesaid and receyvyng of the Kynges money soo taxed, and the Archebischopp and hys officers shall have the thirde parte, whiche thirde parte shalbe devyded into two partes, wherof the Archebischopp shall have the one entyerly to hym self, hys scribe and cōmyssary shall have the other parte therof egally to be devyded amonges them for their costes and paynes in that behalf:

If under 40<sup>s</sup>. and  
not under 26<sup>s</sup>. 8d.

And yf the taxe be under x<sup>li</sup>s. and not under xxvj<sup>s</sup>. viij<sup>d</sup>. the same taxe shalbe devyded into two partes wherof the one parte shalbe to your Grace your heires and successours deductyng therof iij<sup>s</sup>. for the Clerke of the Chauncie for hys paynes as is aforesaid, and the other parte shalbe to the seid Archebischopp and hys officers, which other parte shalbe devyded into two partes wherof the Archebischopp shall have the one and hys Cōmissarye and scribe shall have the other egallye devyded amonges them: And yf the taxe be under xxvj<sup>s</sup>. viij<sup>d</sup>. and not under xx<sup>s</sup>. the same shalbe devyded in two partes wherof your Grace your heires and successours shall have the one parte entyerlie abatyng iij<sup>s</sup>. therof to the seid Clerke of the Chauncie, and the Archebischopp and hys offycers shall have the other parte, and the same other parte shalbe devyded into thre partes wherof the Archebischopp shall have one, hys Cōmissarye the seconde, and hys scribe or regester the thirde: And in case the tax be under xx<sup>s</sup>. the same shalbe pceyved to the use of the seid cōmissarye clerke of the seid Archebischopp and Clerke of the Chauncie to be egally devyded amongest them for their paynes and labours by them to be susteyned by auctoritie of this Acte as aforesaid.

If under 26<sup>s</sup>. 8d.  
and not under 20<sup>s</sup>.

If under 20<sup>s</sup>.

IX.  
Saving for  
Dispensations by  
other Prelates.

PROVYDED alwayes that this acte shall not be prejudiciall to the Archebischopp of Yorke or to any Bisshopp or Prelate of this Realme; but that they may lawfully (not withstondyng [this<sup>1</sup>] acte) dispence in all cases in which they were wonte to dispence by the cōmen lawe or custome of this Realme afore the making of this acte.

X.  
Guardian of the  
Spiritualties may  
act during Vacancy  
of See.

[PROVYD<sup>1</sup>] also and be it enacted by auctoritie aforesaid that yf it happen the See of the Archbisshoppriche of Canturbury to be voyde, that then all suche [maner of licences<sup>1</sup>] dispensacions faculties instrument<sup>1</sup> rescriptes and other wrytynges which may be graunted by vertue and auctoritie of this acte shall during the vacacion of the same See be hadd done and graunted under the name and seale of the gardiane of the [spiritualties<sup>1</sup>] of the seid Archebischopprich for the tyme being accordyng to the tenour and fourme of this acte, and shalbe of lyke force value and effecte as yf they had byn graunted under the name and seale of the Archebischoppe for the tyme being.

XI.  
On Refusal of the  
Archbishop to  
grant Licences  
required, a Writ  
shall issue from  
Chancery enjoining  
him so to do or to  
shew Cause; and  
thereon the Chan-  
cellor may allow the  
Cause or enjoin the  
granting of such  
Licence; on Refusal  
whereof the Arch-  
bishop shall be sub-  
ject to a Penalty;  
and Two Prelates,  
&c. may be commis-  
sioned to grant  
such Licence.

AND be it further enacted that yf the forseid Archebischop of Canturbury for the tyme being or the seid Gardyan of the [spiritualties<sup>1</sup>] for the tyme being, hereafter refuse or denye to graunte any licences dispensacions faculties instrument<sup>1</sup> or other wrytynges, which they be auctorized to doo by vertue and auctoritie of this acte in suche maner and forme as is afore remembred, to any person or persons that ought of a good juste and resonable cause to have the same, by reason wherof this present acte by their wylfulnes negligence or defaute shulde take none effecte, then the Chauncellour of Englonde or the Lord Keper of the great seale for the tyme being, uppon any compleynt therof made, shall directe the Kynges wrytte, to the seid Archebischopp or gardyan denying or refusyng to graunt suche licences dispensacions faculties or other wrytyng<sup>1</sup>, inoynyng hym by the seid wrytte uppon a certeyne payne therin [to<sup>1</sup>] lymytted by the discession of the seid Chauncellour or keper of the greates seale, that he shall in due forme graunt suche licence dispensacion facultie or other wrytyng accordyng to the requeste of the procurers of the same, or els signifye [unto<sup>1</sup>] your Highnes your Heires or Successours in the Courte of Chauncie at a ten day for what occasion or cause he refused and denyed to graunte suche licences faculties or dispensacions; And yf it shall appere to the seid Chauncellour or Lorde Keper of the greates seale uppon suche certifficat that the cause of refusall or denyall of grauntyng suche licences facultie or dispensacion was resonable juste and good, that then soo being proved by due serche and examinacion of the seid Chauncellour or Lorde keper of the greates seale to be adynytyd and allowed; And yf it shall appere uppon the seid certifficat that the seid Archebischopp or gardiane of the Spiritualties for the tyme being, of wylfulnes in contempnyng the due execucion of this acte without a juste and resonable cause, refused or denyed to graunte suche licence facultie or dispensacion, that then your Highnes your heires and successours being therof informed, after due examinacion had that suche licences faculties or dispensacions may be graunted without offendyng the Holy Scriptures and lawes of God, shall have power and auctoritie in every suche case, for the default negligence and wylfulnes of the seid Archbisshopp or gardiane, to sende your wrytt of Injunction under your greates seale out of your seid Courte of Chan<sup>1</sup>cie cōmaundyng the Archebischopp or gardiane, that soo shall denye or refuse to grant suche licence facultie or dispensacion, to make sufficient graunt therof accordyng to the tenour and effecte of this acte, by a certayne day and under a certen payne in the seid wrytt to be conteyned and to be lymytted by your Highnes your heires or successours Kynges of this Realme: And yf the seid Archbisshopp or gardiane, after the receipt of the seid wrytt, refuse or denye to graunt suche licences faculties or dispensacions as shalbe inoynded hym by vertue of the said wrytte, and shewe and pve before your Majestie your heires

<sup>1</sup> wryte O. writte nu. 28.

<sup>2</sup> man<sup>1</sup> licence O. & nu. 28.

<sup>3</sup> whiche O. & nu. 28.

<sup>4</sup> Spualtees O. Spūalties nu. 28.

<sup>5</sup> the nu. 28.

<sup>6</sup> to be O. & nu. 28.

<sup>7</sup> Provyded O. & nu. 28.

<sup>8</sup> to nu. 28.

or successours noo juste or reasonable cause whye he shuld soo doo, then the seid Archebishopp or Gardiane that soo shall refuse to put this acte in execucion accordyng to the seid wrytt of Injuncion, shall suffer lose and forfayte to your Highnes your heires and successours suche payne and penaltie as shalbe lymytted and expressed in the seid wrytt of Injuncion; And over that it shalbe lawful to your Highnes your heires and successours for every suche defaulte and wyfulnes of the seid Archebishopp or gardiane for the tyme being, to geve power and auctoritie by cõmission under your greate seale to suche two spiriuall prelatte<sup>1</sup> or persons to be named by your Highnes your heires or successours as woll do and graunt suche licences faculties and dispensacions refused or denyed to be graunted by the seid Archibishopp or gardiane in contempte of this Acte.

AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED by auctoritie aforesaid that the seid two spiriuall [persons or prelates<sup>1</sup>] to whome in suche cases any suche cõmission shalbe directed, shall have power and auctoritie to graunt every suche licence facultie dispensacion instrument and other wrytynges, soo refused to be graunted by the seid Archebishopp or Gardyan for the tyme being, by an instrument under their seales takyng lyke fees and charges for the same as is before rehersed and not above under the paynes afore remembred: And that every suche licence facultie and dispensacion soo graunted for any cases or matters wherunto any confirmation under the kynges greate seale is appoynted by this acte to be had in maner and forme above declared, shalbe had and opteyned accordyngly, and suche licences and confirmacions shalbe had for lyke fees and charges as they are above specified and not above, under the paynes above mencioned; And that every suche licence facultie<sup>2</sup> dispensacion and other wrytyng, to be graunted by the seid prelatte or persons to be assigned by the Kynges Highnes hys heires and successours as is afore seid, shalbe of as good value strength and effecte and as beneficiall and profytable to the persons procuryng the same as yf they had byn made graunted and obeyned under the name and seale of the seid Archebishopp.

PROVYDED ALWAYS that this acte [nor<sup>3</sup>] any thyng or thynges therin conteyned shalbe hereafter interpreted or expounded that your Grace your nobles and subjecte intende by the same to declyne or vary from the congregacion of Christis Church in any thynges concyng the veray articles of the Catholyke feith of Christendome; or in any other thenges declared by Holy Scripture and the worde of God necessarie for your and their salvacions; but only to make an ordynance by policies necessary and convenyente to repress vice and for good conservacion of this Realme in pease unytle and tranquillitie frome [ravyne<sup>4</sup>] and spoyle, insewing moche the olde auncient customes of this Realme in that behalf, not mydyng to seke for any relefes succours or remedies for any [wordlye<sup>5</sup>] thynges [and<sup>6</sup>] humayne lawes in any [clause<sup>7</sup>] of necessaryte but wythin this Realme at the hande of your Highnes your heires and successours Kynges of this Realme, whiche have and ought to have an imperiall power and auctoritie in the same and not obliged in any [wordlye<sup>5</sup>] causes to any other Supiour.

PROVYDED ALWAY that the seid Archebishopp of Canterburye or any other pson or psons shall have noo power or auctoritie by reason of this acte to vysite or vexe any Monasteries Abbeys Priories Colleges Hospitallis Houses or other places religious whiche be or were exempte before the makyng of this acte, any thyng in this acte to the contrary therof not withstondyng; but that redresse vicitacion and confirmacion shalbe had by the Kynges Highnes hys heires and successours by cõmission under the greate seale to be directed to suche persones as shalbe appoynted requisite for the same, in such monasteries colleges Hospitals Priories Houses and Places religious exempt; So that noo visitacion [nor confirmation<sup>8</sup>] shall frome hensforth be had nor made in or at any suche Monasteries Colleges Hospitallis Priories Houses and Places religious exempt by the sayd Bysshop of Rome nor by any of his auctoryte nor by any out of the Kynges Domynions; Nor that any person religious or other resiant in any the Kynges Domynions shall from hensforth departe out of the Kynges Domynions to or for any visitacion congregacion or assemble for Religeon, but that all suche visytacyons congregatyons & assembles shalbe within the Kynges Domynions.

PROVYDED ALSO that this present acte or any thyng therin conteyned, or any licence or dispensacion hereafter to be made by vertue and auctoritie therof, shall not extende to the repeale [or<sup>9</sup>] derogacion of the late acte made sith the begynnyng of the present parliament for reformation of pluralities of benefices and for [none<sup>10</sup>] residences of Spirituall persons uppon their dignities or benefices, nor to any thyng conteyned or mencioned in the seid acte; nor that this acte nor any thyng to be don by auctoritie therof shall not be taken expounded nor interpreted to geve licence to any person or persons to have any more nombre of benefices then is lymytted in the seid acte; and that the same acte for pluralities and [none<sup>10</sup>] residences of benefices and every thyng therin conteyned shall stonde good and effectuall in all intentes accordyng to the true meanyng therof; any thyng in this present acte or any licence or dispensacion to be had by auctoritie therof in any wyse not withstondyng.

AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED by auctoritie aforesaid that yf any pson or psones subiect or resiant within this Realme or within any of the Kynges Domynions, at any tyme here after sue to the Courte of Rome or the See of Rome or to any person claymyng to have hys auctoritie by the same, for any licence facultie dispensacion or other thyng or thynges contrary to this acte, or put in execucion any licence facultie or dispensacion or any other thyng or thynges here after to be opteyned frome Rome or the See of Rome, or frome any claymyng auctoritie by the same, for any of the causes above mencioned in this acte or for any other causes that may be graunted by auctoritie of this acte, or attempt or do any thyng or thynges contrarye to this acte or maynteyne allowe admytte or obey any maner of censures excõmunycacions interdiccions or any other proces frome Rome of what name or nature soo ever it be, to the

XII.  
Such Licences, &c.  
granted by such  
Two Prelates, &c.  
shall be valid.

XIII.  
Intent of this Act;  
not to vary from  
the Christian  
Catholic Faith;  
but to make politic  
Regulations for the  
Realm, &c.

XIV.  
Visitation of all  
Monasteries, &c.  
exempt, shall be by  
Commission from  
the King, and not  
by the Archbishop  
or the See of Rome.

XV.  
Saving for the Act  
21 Hen.VIII. c. 13.  
as to Pluralities.

XVI.  
Penalty on suing to  
Rome for Licences,  
&c. Premunire,  
as under the Statute  
16 Ric. II. cap. 5.

<sup>1</sup> Prelates or psons O.

<sup>2</sup> worldlye O.

<sup>3</sup> and nu. 28.

<sup>4</sup> or nu. 28.

<sup>5</sup> or nu. 28.

<sup>7</sup> Cause O & nu. 28.

<sup>6</sup> ravyne O.—raven nu. 28.

<sup>8</sup> interlined in original Act.

derogacion or lett of the execucion of this acte or of any thyng or thynges to be don by reason of the seid acte, that then every suche pson or psones so doing offendyng and being therof convicte theire aydours counsaylours and abettours shall incurre and ronne into the payne loese and penalte comprised and specified in the acte of pvyision and premunyre made in the sixetene yere of your most noble progenitour Kyng Richarde the seconde agaynst suche as sue to the Courte of Rome agaynste your Crowne and dignytie Royall.

XVII.  
Grants from Rome  
to Abbies, &c.  
shall remain valid.

But no Pension shall  
be paid to the See  
of Rome;  
nor Visitations be  
made thereby,  
nor Appointments  
of Heads, &c.  
nor Oath be made  
to the Pope.  
But Visitations, &c.  
shall be made  
by Commission  
from the King.

(<sup>1</sup>) **PROVYDEN** alway that this acte or any thyng therein conteyned shall not hereafter be taken [or<sup>2</sup>] expounded to the derogacion or takyng away of any grauntes or confirmacions of any liberties privyleges or jurisdiction of any Monasties [Abbes<sup>3</sup>] Priories or other Houses or places exempte whiche here to fore the makyng of this acte hath byn obteyned at the See of Rome or by auctorite therof; but that every suche graunt and confirmation shalbe of the same value force and effecte as they were afore the makyng of this acte, and as yf this acte (<sup>4</sup>) never ben made: **Provided** always that the Abbott<sup>5</sup> Priours and other cheff rulers and governors of suche Monasties Abbeys Priories and other Houses and places exempt, shall not hereafter pay any pension porcion or other cense to the See of Rome, nor admytt or accept any visitacion, nor any confirmation frome or by the seid See of Rome or by auctorite therof, of or for any person to be electe named or p<sup>6</sup>sent<sup>7</sup>ed to be hedes of any suche Monasteries Abbeys Priories Places or houses exempt; nor shall make any corporall othe to the Bysshop of Rome otherwise called the Pope, uppon the paynes lymytted in this acte: but that every suche visitacion and confirmation of suche hedes electe in any suche Monasties Abbeys Priories houses or places exempt, where after their election thei were bounden to have and opteyne any confirmation of their election or of the person named presented or electe, shalbe frome hensforth had made and don within this Realme at and within every suche Abbeys Monasteries Priories and other Houses and places exempt, by suche person and persones as shalbe appoynted by auctorite of the Kynges Cōmission frome tyme to tyme as the [case<sup>8</sup>] shall requyre and not by the See of Rome nor by auctorite therof; any thyng in this next proviso above specified to the contrary therof notwithstanding.

XVIII.  
Exception for  
Monasteries, &c.  
privileged.

**PROVYDEN** always that in suche Monasteries Abbeys Priories and Houses exempte where after election presentacion or noynacion of their hed<sup>9</sup> no suche confirmation is requysite to be had, nor hath byn used to be taken by reason of suche privyleges as they have contēnyng the same, that in every suche Monasteries Abbes Priories and Places exempt they shall not be bounden to obteyne have or take any confirmation for the same within this Realme by auctorite of this acte, but use their privyleges therein as they have don before the makyng of this acte, any thyng in this acte or any the provysions nexte above rehersed to the contrarie therof not withstanding.

XIX.  
Proviso for  
certain Licences,  
Dispensacions, &c.  
obtained from  
Rome before  
12 March 1533.

**PROVYDEN** also and be it enacted, that this acte or any thyng or thynges worde or wordes therein or in the preamble therof mencioned or conteyned, is not entended or mente nor shalbe expounded nor interpret that any dispensaciona licences or confirmacions for mariages graunted to any the Kynges Subjectes borne under hys obeysaunce at any tyme before the xij<sup>th</sup> day of Marche in the yere of our Lorde God M. D. xxxiiij<sup>th</sup> shalbe [appayred<sup>10</sup>] or of any lesse value strength force or effecte then they were at the seid xij day of Marche; Nor that this Acte or any thyng therein conteyned shall not extende to the derogacion [appayryng<sup>11</sup>] or adnullacion of any licences dispensacions confirmacions faculties or indulgencies at any tyme before the seid xij<sup>th</sup> day of Marche in the yere of our Lorde Good M. D. xxxiiij had or obteyned at the See of Rome or by auctorite therof, to or for any subjectes borne in this Realme or in any the Kynges Doinynyons, or to or for the Hospitall of the Priour of Seynt Jones Jerusalem in Englonde or any Cōmaundres or membres therof, or to or for any other [Cathedrall Churches<sup>12</sup>] Hospitalles Monasteries Abbes Priories Collages conventuall Churches [parochiall Churches Chapels<sup>13</sup>] Fraternities Brotherheedes or bodies politike within this Realme or in any other the Kynges dominyons; but that every suche licence dispensacion confirmacion facultie and indulgence graunted before the seid xij<sup>th</sup> day of Marche to any suche Subjecte or to the seid Hospitall of the Pryour<sup>14</sup> of Seynt Jones Jerusalem in Englonde cōmaundres or membres therof or to any other [Cathedrall Church<sup>15</sup>] Hospitall Monastie Abbey Priorye College Church conventuall [parochiall Church<sup>16</sup>] Fraternitie brotherheed or body politike or to their predecessours or auncetours within this Realme or in any other the Kynges Doinynyons, shalbe of the same force strength value and effecte and may be frome tyme to tyme put in execucion at all tymes herafter by and to theym that wyll use and have the same as they mought have byn afore the makyng of this acte and as yf this acte had never ben had ne made; any thyng in the seid acte to the contrary herof not withstanding.

XX.  
But such Licences,  
&c. shall not be  
used contrary to  
Law.

**PROVYDEN** always that suche licences dispensacions confirmacions or faculties heretofore obteyned at the See of Rome or by auctorite therof contrarye to the expresse provysions of the lawes and statutis of this Realme heretofore made, shall not at any tyme herafter be used or put in execucion in any case to the derogacion or contrary to the seid lawes and statutes of this Realme and the provysions of the same; any thyng in this Provyso to the contrary therof not withstanding.

XXI.  
Indulgencies shall  
be reformyd by the  
King and Council.

**AND BE IT** enacted by auctorite of this present parliament that the Kyng our Sovereigne Lorde by the advyse of hys honorable Counsell shall have power and auctorite frome tyme to tyme for the orderyng redresse and reformation of all manner of indulgences and privyleges therof within this Realme or within any the Kynges Doinynyons here to fore obteyned at the See of Rome or by auctorite therof, and of the abuses of suche indulgences and privyleges therof, as shall seme good holsome and reasonable for the honour of God and weale of hys people. And that suche order and redresse as shalbe taken by hys Highnes in that behalf shalbe observed and firmly kepte uppon the paynes lymytted in this acte for the offendyng of the contentes of the same.

<sup>1</sup> This and the Four following Provisoes are inserted in a Schedule annexed to the original Act.

<sup>2</sup> nor O & nu. 28.

<sup>3</sup> Abbeys O.

<sup>4</sup> had O & nu. 28.

<sup>5</sup> cause nu. 28.

<sup>6</sup> presented O & nu. 28.

<sup>7</sup> presented O & nu. 28.

<sup>8</sup> interlined in original Act.

(.) PROVIDED alwey and be yt enacted by auctoryte of thys þeent parlyment that this present acte or any thing or thyng<sup>e</sup> therin conteyned shall not begynne to take effecte nor be putt in executyon tyll the feast of the Natyvyte of Seynt John Baptyst next comyng ; Except the Kyng<sup>e</sup> Majesteie on thysyde the said Feast by his tres patent<sup>e</sup> under his greate seale to be enrolled in the parlyment roll of this present parlyment, do declare & expresse that yt is his pleasure that yt [shalbe<sup>1</sup>] begynne & take effect at any tyme afore the sayd Feast : And yf his Highnes happen so to do, that then ymedyatyly after suche declaracyon of his pleasure by his said tres patent<sup>e</sup> in fourme aforesayd this sayd acte shalbegyn & be put in execution afore the sayd feast accordyng to his sayd pleasure so to be declared by his sayd tres patent<sup>e</sup> ; eny thyng in this provyso to the cont<sup>r</sup>y herof notwythstandyng.

AND BE IT further enacted by auctoryte aforesayd that the Kyng<sup>e</sup> Majesteie at all tymes on thysyde the sayd feast shall have full power & auctoryte, by his tres patent<sup>e</sup> under his greate seale to be inrolled in the parlyment rolle of thys present parlyment, to abrogate adulle and uterlyr epele & make voyde this acte and eþy thyng & thyng<sup>e</sup> therin conteyned, or else asmoche & suche therof as shalbe declared & lymytted on thysyde the sayd Feast by his sayd tres patent<sup>e</sup> to be voyde & repealed. And that all suche repele & adnullacyon so to be made in fourme aforesayd by his Highnes on thysyde the sayd feast, shalbe as good & effectuell as thoughe it had bene done & hadd by auctoryte of parlyment ; eny thyng or thyng<sup>e</sup> conteyned in thys present acte to the cont<sup>r</sup>y herof not wythstandyng. And yf no suche repele be had or made by the Kyng<sup>e</sup> Majesteie on thysyde the sayde feaste in fourme as ys afore rehersed, that then the sayde acte or asmoche & suche therof as shall not be repealed on thysyde the said feast, shall ymedyatyly after the sayd feast stonde fyrm good and effectuell & from thensforthe be putt in due executyon accordyng to the tenure therof ; eny thyng in this acte or in eny the prvysons aforesaid to the cont<sup>r</sup>y herof notwythstandyng. (')

XXII.  
Commencement of  
Act; unless other-  
wise declared by  
the King's Letters  
Patent, &c.

XXIII.  
His Majesty  
empowered to annul  
this Act within a  
certain Period.

## CHAPTER XXII.

### AN ACTE for the establishment of the Kynges succession.

**I**N THEIRE mooste humble wyse shewen unto your Majestie your mooste humble and obedyent subjectes the Lordes spirituall and temporall and the Comons in this present parliament assembled, that syns it is the naturall inclinacion of every man gladely and wyllynglye to pryde for the suertie of bothe hys title and succession all though it touche hys onlye pryvate cause ; We therefore mooste rightfull and dredfull Sovereigne Lorde reken our selves moche more bounden to beseche and instant your Highnes, all though we doubt [not<sup>1</sup>] of your pryncely harte and wysdome myxed with a naturall affeccion to the same, to forsee and provyde for the perfite suertie of both you and of your mooste lawfull succession and heires, upon whiche dependeth all our joye and welth, in whome also ys unyted and knytte the only mere true inheritaunce and title of this Realme without any contradiccion : Wherefore we your seyde mooste humble and obedyent subjectes in this present parliament assembled, callyng to our remembraunce the greate dyvysons whiche in tymes paste hath byn in this Realme by reason of severall titles pretended to the imperiall Crowne of the same, which some tymes and for the most parte ensued by occasion of ambiguyte and doubt<sup>e</sup> then not soo perfyctlye declared but that men myght upon frowarde intentes expounde theym to every mans synystre appetite and affeccion after their sence, contrarie to the right legalitie of the succession and posteritie of the lawfull Kynges and Emperours of this Realme, wherof hath insued great effusion and destruccion of mans blode aswell of a great notibre of the nobles as of other the subjecc<sup>e</sup> and specially inheritours in the same ; And the greatest occasion therof hath byn by

Evils resulting  
from Uncertainty  
in the Title to the  
Crown and the  
Succession thereof.

<sup>1</sup> This and the following Proviso are inserted in a second Schedule annexed to the original Act.      <sup>1</sup> shall O.

<sup>2</sup> The last Two Clauses of this Act do not appear in any printed Edition previous to Cay's 1758. The Royal Assent was given by Letters Patent of 7 April 25 Hen. VIII. as appears by the following Entry on the Roll in Chancery :

" Cui quidem Bille plecl<sup>e</sup> & ad plenū intellē p dēm dīm Regem ex assensu & auctoritate parliamenti predicti talit<sup>e</sup> est responsum ; Le Roy le vult.

" MEMORAND<sup>o</sup> qd septimo die Aprilis, anno regni Regis Henrici octavi vicesimo quinto, Idem Dñs Rex per lras suas patentes sub magno sigillo suo sigillat, actum pdēm ratificavit & confirmavit, & sc̄ui illo assensum suū regiū dedit put p eadem lras patentes cujus tenor sequit<sup>r</sup> in hec vba magis apte constat.

" Rex Omibz ad quos, &c. Salutem. Inspecimus quendam actum editum in Parlamento nro inchoato ꝑcio die Novembr anno regni nri vicesimo primo & abinde p divas progadōes progat & adhuc continuat ; cujus quidem actus tenor sequit<sup>r</sup> in hec vba : Moost humbly besechen your moost Royall Magestie [repeating the whole of the preceding Act verbatim, with only such Variations as are inserted in the foregoing Note, and marked *no. 28.* and then proceeding as follows.] Sc̄iatia qd nos statutum pdēm p cōi utilitate regni nri & subditoꝝ nroꝝ fore considerantes, ac ad humilem petiōdem tocus cōitatis dēi nri pliamenti pcessu<sup>e</sup> ad quoz subditoꝝ nroꝝ petiōdem glose moti & inclinati sum<sup>o</sup>, statutum pdēm & om̄ia & singula in eodem content<sup>e</sup>, Excepta illa clausula qd statutū illud non incipiet cape effectum ante festum Nativitatis S̄ci Johis Baple p̄ futu<sup>e</sup> Ratificavim<sup>o</sup> acceptavim<sup>o</sup> approbavim<sup>o</sup> & confirmavim<sup>o</sup> ac p p̄sentes lras nras patentes ratificavim<sup>o</sup> acceptavim<sup>o</sup> approbavim<sup>o</sup> & confirmavim<sup>o</sup> ; Ac statutum illud & om̄ia & singula in eodem specificat<sup>e</sup> except<sup>e</sup> p̄cept<sup>e</sup> juxta auctoritatem nob in quadam pvisione eidem statuto annex<sup>e</sup> concessam totum<sup>o</sup> declaram<sup>o</sup> & firmū injungendo mandam<sup>o</sup> in executionem poni & demandari immediate post diem dat<sup>e</sup> p̄senciū. Ita qd immediate post diem dat<sup>e</sup> p̄senciū statutū illud incipiet cape effectū & in om̄ibz reputabit<sup>r</sup> in effectū. Et qd debite utet<sup>r</sup> obediet<sup>r</sup> & observabit<sup>r</sup> juxta tenorem ejusdem. Aliqua clausula p̄visionis in eodem statuto content<sup>e</sup> sive eidem annex<sup>e</sup> in contr<sup>m</sup> in aliquo non obstante. In curus rei testimoniu<sup>o</sup> has lras nras fieri fecim<sup>o</sup> patentes in rotulo dēi parliamenti nri juxta tenorem & p̄visionem statutū pdēi irrotuland. Teste me ip̄o apud Westm̄ septimo die Aprilis anno regno nri vicesimo quinto."

See the Notes at the End of Stat. 23 Henry VIII. c. 20. by which it appears that that Act was confirmed on the 9th of July preceding the beginning of the Session in which this present Act was passed.

<sup>1</sup> Interlined on the Roll. O. inserts.

A ratificōn of the Acte  
for the exobacyon of  
exaccyons payd to the See  
of Rome.

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