

(1) PROVIDED alwey and be yt enacted by auctoryte of thys þeent parlyament that this present acte or any thing or thyng^e therin conteyned shall not begynne to take effecte nor be putt in executyon ryll the feast of the Natyvyte of Seynt John Baptyst next comyng ; Except the Kyng^e Majestye on thysyde the said Feast by his tres patent^e under his greate seale to be enrolled in the parlyment roill of this present parlyament, do declare & expresse that yt is his pleasure that yt [shalbe¹] begynne & take effect at any tyme afore the sayd Feast : And yf his Highnes happen so to do, that then ymmedyatly after suche declaracyon of his pleasure by his said tres patent^e 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^e ; eny thyng in this provyso to the cont^{ry} herof notwythstandyng.

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

AND BE IT further enacted by auctoryte aforesayd that the Kyng^e Majestye at all tymes on thysyde the sayd feast shall have full power & auctoryte, by his tres patent^e under his greate seale to be inrolled in the parlyament rolle of thys present parlyament, to abrogate adnulle and utterly epele & make voyde this acte and evy thyng & thyng^e therin conteyned, or else amoche & suche therof as shalbe declared & lymytted on thysyde the sayd Feast by his sayd tres patent^e to be voyde & repealed.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 though it had bene done & hadd by auctoryte of parlyament ; eny thyng or thyng^e conteyned in thys present acte to the cont^{ry} herof not wythstandyng. And yf no suche repele be had or made by the Kyng^e Majestye on thysyde the sayde feaste in fourme as ys afore rehersed, that then the sayde acte or amoche & suche therof as shall not be repealed on thysyde the said feast, shall ymmedyatly after the sayd feast stonde fyrm good and effectuell & from thensforthe be putt in due executyon accordyng to the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 p^{ro}vysions aforesaid to the cont^{ry} herof notwythstandyng. (1)

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

CHAPTER XXII.

AN ACTE for the establishment of the Kynges succession.

IN THEIR mooste humble wyse shewen unto your Majestie your mooste humble and obedyent subjectes the Lordes spirituall and temporall and the Cōmons in this present parliament assembled, that syns it is the naturall inclinacion of every man gladely and wyllinglye to pyvde for the suertie of bothe bya tile 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 besече and instant your Highnes, all though we doubt [not⁴] of your princely 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 inheritauce and title of this Realme without any contradiccion : Wherfore we your seyde mooste humble and obedyent subjectes in this present parliament assembled, callyng to our remembrance the greate dysvisions whiche in tymes paste hathe 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^e then not soo perfyctlye declared but that men myght upon frowarde intentes expounde theym to every mans synstre 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 nortbre of the nobles as of other the subject^e 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.

¹ This and the following Proviso are inserted in a second Schedule annexed to the original Act.

⁴ shall O.

² 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 plect & ad plenū intellectū p dēm dēm Regem ex assensu & auctoritate parliamenti predicti talit̄ est responsum ; Le Roy le vult.

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

" Rex Om̄ibz ad quos, &c. Salutem. Inspeximus quendam actum editum in Parlamento nro inchoato ꝑcio die Novembr̄ anno regni nri vicesimo primo & abinde p divas progadōes progat̄ & adhuc continuat̄ ; cujus quidem actus tenor sequit^r in hec v̄ba : Moost humbly beseechen your moost Royall Magestie [repeating the whole of the preceding Act verbatim, with only such Variations as are inserted in the foregoing Notes, and marked nu. 28. and then proceeding as follows.] Sc̄iat̄is qd nos statutum pdēm p cōi utilitate regni nri & subditoꝝ nroꝝ fore considerantes, ac ad humilem petiōem totius cōtatis dēi nri plamenti pcessur̄ ad quos subditoꝝ nroꝝ petiōem ḡose moti & inclinati sum^{us}, statutum pdēm & om̄ia & singula in eodem content^a, Excepta illa clausula qd statutū illud non incipiet cape effectum ante festum Nativitatis S̄ci Johis Bap̄te p̄ futur̄ Ratificavim^{us} accepcavim^{us} approbavim^{us} & confirmavim^{us} ac p p̄sentes lras nras patentes ratificam^{us} acceptam^{us} approbam^{us} & confirmam^{us} ; Ac statutum illud & om̄ia & singula in eodem specificat̄ except̄ p̄cept̄ juxta auctoritatem nob̄ in quadam p̄visione eidem statuto annex̄ concessam^{us} volum^{us} declaram^{us} & firmū injungendo mandam^{us} in executiōem poni & demandari immediate post diem dat̄ p̄senciū. Ita qd immediate post diem dat̄ p̄senciū statutū illud incipiet cape eff̄m & in om̄ibz reputabit^r in eff̄u. Et qd debite uter̄ obediet^r & observabit^r juxta tenorem ejusdem. Aliqua clausula p̄visionis in eodem statuto content̄ sive eidem annex̄ in contr̄m in aliquo non obstante. In cujus rei testimoniū has lras nras fieri fecim^{us} patentes in rotulo dēi parliamenti nri juxta tenorem & p̄visionem statuti pdēi irrotuland^{as}. Teste me ip̄o apud Westm̄ septimo die Aprilis anno regno nri vicesimo quinto."

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

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.

¹ Interlined on the Roll. O. inserta.

cause no p̄f̄yte and substanciall provysion by lawe hath byn made wythin this Realme of yt self, when doubtful and questyans have byn moved and proponed of the certaintie and legalitie of the succession and posterite of the Crowne; By reason wherof the Bisshoꝝ of Rome and See apostolike, contrary to the greate and invyolable grauntes of jurisdictiones geven by God ymmediatly to Emperours Kynges and Prynces in succession to their heires, hath presumed in tymes paste to investe who shulde please them to inherite in other mennes Kyngdomes and Domynyons, whiche thyng we your most humble subjectes bothe spirituall and temporall doo mooste abhorre and deteste; And some tymes other foren prynces and potentates of sondre degrees, myndyng rather dissension and discorde to contynue in the Realme to the utter desolacion therof then charitie equitie or unitie, have many tymes [suborted'] wronge titles wherby they myght the more easylye and facillye aspire to the supioritie of the same; The contynuaunce and sufferance wherof depely considered and pondered were to daungerous and peryllous to be suffered any lenger wythin this Realme, and to moche contrary to the unytie peace and tranquyllitie of the same, being greatly reprocheable and dishonorable to the hole Realme:

The Marriage of the King and Lady Katherine, Widow of his Brother Prince Arthur, declared void, and their Separation valid; and she shall be termed only Dowager to Prince Arthur.

IN CONSIDERACION wherof your seid mooste humble and obedyent subjectes the Nobles and Cōmons of this Realme calling further to their remembraunce, that the good unytie pease and welthe of this Realme and the succession of the subjecties of the same mooste specially and pryncipallye above all [wordely'] thynges consisteth and resteth in the certentie and suertie of the procreacion and posterite of your Highnes, in whos most royall person at this present tyme is noo maner of doubt nor question, doo therefore mooste humbly beseche your Highnes that it may please your Majestie, that it may be enacted by your Highnes with the assente of the Lordes spirituall and temporall and the Cōmons in this present parliament assembled and by auctoritie of the same, that the mariage hertofore solempnyed bytwene your Highnes and the Lady Katheryne, being before lawfull wyf to prynce Arthure your elder brother, which by hym was carnally knowen as doth duely appere by sufficient prove in a lawfull proces had and made before Thomas by the sufferance of [Good'] nowe Archebisshoꝝ of Canterbury and Metropolitane and prymate of all this Realme, shalbe by auctoritie of this present parliament diffyntyvly clerely and absolutely declared demed and adjudged to be agaynst the lawes of Almyghty God, and also accepted reputed and taken of noo value ne effecte, but utterlie voyde and adnyhyled, and the sepacion therof made by the seid Archebisshoꝝ shalbe good and effectuell to all intentes and purposes, any licence dispensacion or any other acte or actes goinge afore or insuyng the same or to the contrary therof in any wyse not withstanding; And that every suche licence dispensacion acte or actes thyng or thynges hertofore hade made don or to be don to the contrary therof shalbe voyde and of none effecte; and that the seid lady Katharyne shalbe frome hensforth called and reputed only Dowager to prynce Arthure and not Quene of this Realme. And that the lawfull matrimonye had and solempnyzed bytwene your Highnes and your mooste dere and entyerly beloved wyf Quene Anne shalbe established, and taken for undowfull true syncere and p̄f̄yte ever hereafter, accordyng to the juste judgement of the seid Thomas Archbisshoꝝ of Canturbury metropolitane and prymate of all this Realme, whose groundes of judgement have byn confirmed aswell by the hole Clergie of this Realme in both the Convocacions, and by both the Unyversities therof, as by the Unyversities of Bonony Padua Paris Orleance Toulouse Angiew and dyverse others, And also by the pryvate wrytyng of many right excellent well lerned men; whiche grounde soo confirmed and judgement of the seid Archebisshoꝝ ensuyng the same, together with your mariage solempnyed bytwene your Highnes and your seid lawfull wyf Quene Anne, We your seid Subjectes both spirituall and temporall doo purely playnly constantly and firmly accepte approve and ratifie for good, and consonant to the lawes of Almyghty God without errour or defeaute, mooste humble besechyng your Majestie that it may be soo established for ever by your mooste gracious and royall assente.

The Marriage of the King and his Queen, Anne, declared valid.

II. Prohibited Degrees of Marriage.

AND furthermore syns many inconvenyences hathe fallen aswell within this Realme as in others by reason of maryng wythin degrees of mariage prohibited by God's lawes, that is to sey, The son to marye the mother or the stepmother, the brother the sister, the father hys sonnes daughter or hys daughters daughter, or the son to mary the daughter of hys father procreate and borne by hys stepmother, or the son to mary hys aunte being hys fathers or mothers suster, or to mary hys uncles wyfe, or the father to mary his sonnes wyff, or the Brother to mary his brothers wyfe, or any man to mary hys wyfes daughter or hys wyfes sonnes daughter or hys wyfes daughters daughter or hys wyfes suster; whiche mariages altho' they be playnly prohybyte and detested by the lawes of God, yet never the lesse at some tymes they have proceeded under colours of dispensacions by mannes power, which is but usurped and of right ought not to be graunted admytted ne allowed, for no man of what estate degree or condicion soo ever he be hath power to dispence with Goddes lawes, as all the Clergie of this Realme in the seid Cōvocacions and the most parte of all the famous Universities of Christendome and we also doo affyme and thynke:

None can dispense with God's Law.

None shall marry within the prohibited Degrees, &c.

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED by auctoritie aforesaid that no person or persons subjectes or reciauntes of this Realme or in any your Domynyons, of what estate degree or dignitie soo ever they be, shall frome hensforth mary within the seid degrees afore rehersed, what pretence soever shalbe made to the contrary therof; And in case any person or persons, of what estate dignitie degree or condicion soo ever they be, hath byn heretofore mariede within this Realme or in any the Kynges Domynyons within any the degrees above expressed, and by any the Archebisshoppes Byshopes or Minysters of the Churche of Englonde be separate from the [boundes'] of suche unlawfull mariage, that evy souche sepacyon, shalbe good lauffull fyrm and permanent for ever, And not by any power auctoritie or meanes to be revoked or undone hereafter; And that the children procedyng & procreate under suche unlawfull mariage shall not be lawfull ne legitymate; any foren lawes licences dispensacions, or other thyng or thynges to the contrarye therof not withstanding.

III. Persons already so married shall be separated by Sentence of the Ordinary only.

AND in case ther be any person or persones within this Realme or in any the Kynges Domynyons already maryed within any the seid degrees above specified, and not yet separat frome the [boundes'] of suche unlawfull mariage, that then every suche person so unlawfully mariede shalbe separat by the diffyntyve sentence and judgement of the Archebisshoppes Bishoppes and other Mynysters of the Churche of Englonde, and in other your Domynyons within the lymyttes of

theire jurisdictiones and auctorities, and by none other power or auctoritie. And that all sentences and judgement^e given and to be given by any Archebissho^p Bisho^p or other mynyster of the church of England, or in other the kynges Domynions within the lymyttes of theire jurisdictiones and auctoritie, shalbe diffynityve firme good and effectuell to all intentes, and be observed and obeyed w^out suyng any provocacions appeles prohibicions or other processe frome the Courte of Rome to the derogacion therof, or contrarie to the acte made syns the begynnyng of this present parliament for restraynte of suche provocacions appeles phibicions and other processis.

Without any
Appeal to
Rome, &c.

23 Hen. VIII. c. 20.

AND ALSO BE IT ENACTED by auctoritie aforesaid that all the issue hade and procreate, or hereafter to be had and pcreate, bytwene your Highnes and your seid moost dere and entyerly beloved wyfe Quene Anne, shalbe your lawfull childerne, and be inheritable and enherit accordyng to the course of enheritaunce and lawes of this Realme the ymperiall Crowne of the same, with all dignities honours prehemynences prerogatyves auctorities and jurisdictiones to the same annexed or belonging, in as large and ample maner as your Highnes [to¹] this p^{re}sent tyme hath the same as kyng of this Realme, the enheritaunce therof to be and remayne to your seid children and right heires in maner and forme as hereafter shalbe declared: That is to sey, fyrst the seid ymperiall Crowne and other the p^{re}misses shalbe to your Majestie and to your heires of your body lawfully begotten, that is to sey to the fyrst sonne of your body betwene your Highnes and your seid lawfull wyf Quene Anne begotten, and to the heires of the body of the same fyrste sonne lawfully begotten; And for defaulte of suche heires, then to the seconde sonne of your body and of the body of the seid Quene Anne begotten, and to the heires of the body of the seid seconde sonne lawfully begotten; and soo to every sonne of your body and of the body of the seid Quene Anne begotten, and to the heires of the bodye of every suche sonne begotten, accordyng to the course of inheritaunce in that behalf. And yf yt shall happen your seid dere and entyerly beloved wyfe Quene Anne to decease without issue male of the body [of the body¹] of your highnes to be gotten (whiche God defende) then the same imperiall Crowne and all other the p^{re}misses to be to your Majestie as is aforesaid, and to the son and heire [male¹] of your body lawfully begotten and to the heires of the body of the same sonne and heire male lawfully begotten; And for defaulte of suche issue then to your seconde sonne of your body lawfully begotten and to the heires of the body of the same secounde sonne lawfully begotten; And soo frome sone and heire male to sonne and heire male, and to the heires of the severall bodyes of every suche sonne and heire male to be gotten, accordyng to the course of inheritaunce in lyke maner and forme as is above seid: And for defaulte of suche sonnes of your body begotten, and of the heires of the severall bodyes of every suche sonnes lawfully begotten, that then the seid ymperiall Crowne and other the premisses shalbe to the issue female betwene your Majestie and your seid moost dere and entyerly beloved wyfe Quene Anne begotten, That is sey; fyrste to the eldest issue female, which is the Lady Elizabeth nowe prynces and to the heires of her body lawfully begotten, and for defaulte of suche issue then to the seconde issue female and to the heires of her body lawfully begotten; And soo frome issue female to issue female and to their heires of their bodyes one after another by course of inheritaunce accordyng to their ages, as the Crowne of Englonde hath byn accustomed and ought to goo in casez when there be heires females to the same: And for defaulte of suche issue then the seid ymperiall Crowne and all other the p^{re}misses shalbe in the right heires of your Highnes for ever.

IV.
The King's Issue
by Queen Anne
declared his lawful
Children.

Limitation of the
Crown; first to the
King's Sons and
their Heirs.

For Default of Sons
then to the Princess
Elizabeth, and the
King's other Issue
Female.

AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED by auctoritie aforesaid that on this side the fyrst day of Maj next cōmyng, pclamacions shalbe made in all Shires within this Realme of the tenour and content^e of this Acte; And yf any pson or psones of whate estate dignitie or condicion soo ever they be, subjecte or rescant within this Realme or els where within any the Kynges Domynions, after the seid fyrst day of Maye by wrytyng or impryntyng or by any exterior acte or dede, maliciously procure or doo or cause to be procured or don any thyng or thynges to the perell of your mooste royall person, or maliciously [gave¹] occasion by wrytyng prynt dede or acte wherby your Highnes myght be disturbed or interrupted of the Crowne of this Realme, or by wrytyng prynt dede or acte procure or doo or cause to be procured or done any thyng or thynges to the prejudice Sclaunder dysturbaunce or derogacyon of the seyd lawfull matrimonye solempnyed betwene your Majestie & the seyd Quene Anne, or to the pyll slānder or disherison of any the issues and heires of your Highnes being lymytted by this acte to enherite and to be inheritable to the Crowne of this Realme in suche forme as is aforesaid, wherby any suche issues or heires of your Highnes myght be destroyed dysturbed or interrupted in body or title of inheritaunce to the Crowne of this Realme as to theym is lymytted in this acte in forme above rehersed, that then every suche persone and persones of what estate degre or condicion they be of, subjecte or rescant within this Realme, and their [aydowers²] counsaylours mayntenours and abbtours and every of theym, for every suche offence shalbe adjudged high traytours, and every suche offence shall be adjudged high treason, and the offendour and their aydours counsaylours mayntenours and abettours and everye of theym, being lawfully convycte of suche offence by presentment verdicte confession or proces accordyng to the customes and lawes of this Realme, shall suffer paynes of dethe as in cases of high treason. And that also every suche offender being convicte as is aforesaid shall lose and forfette, to your Highnes and to your heires kynges of this Realme, all suche Manours Land^e Tenement^e Rentis Annuities and Hereditament^e whiche they hade in possession as owners or were sole ceased of by or in any right title or meanes, or any other person or persones had to their use, of any estate of inheritaunce at the day of suche Treasons and offences by theym cōmytted and done; And shall also losse and forfayte to your Highnes and to your seid heires aswell almaner suche estaⁿs of frehold and interest^e for yeres of Land^e and Rent^e as all their good^e cattalls and debtes which they had at the tyme of convyccion or attaynder of any suche offence: Savyng always in every person and persons and bodyes politike to their Heires assignes and successours and every of theym, other than suche psons as shalbe soo convycte and their heires and successours and all other claymyng to their uses, all suche right title use

V.
For Proclamation
of this Act.

Any Person who
shall maliciously do
any Thing by
Writing, &c. to the
Peril of the King,
or to the Prejudice
of his Marriage with
Queen Anne, or of
the Issue inheritable
to the Crown under
this Act, declared
to be guilty of
High Treason.

¹ at O.

² An erroneous Repetition on the Roll.

³ Interlined in the Original Act.

interest possession condicion rent^e fees offices aūuyties and [cōmyns¹] which they or any of theym shall happen to have in to of [apon²] any suche Manours Land^e Tenement^e Rentes inuyties or Hereditamentis that shall so happen to be loste ^{&c} forfayte by reason of attayndre for any the Treasons and offences above rehersed at any tyme before the seid treasons and offences cōmytted.

VI.
Persons committing such Offences, by word only, declared to be guilty of Misprision of Treason.

AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED by auctoritie aforesed that if any person or persones after the seid first day of Maye by any word^e without wrytyng or any exterior dede or acte maliciously and obstinately publishe devulge or utter any thyng or thynges to the perell of your Highnes, or to the slaunder or prejudice of the seid matrimonye solempnyssed bytwene your Highnes and the seid Quene Anne, or to the sclaunder or disherison of the issue and heires of your body begotten and to be gotten of the seid Quene Anne, or any other your lawfull heires whiche shalbe inheritable to the Crowne of this Realme as is afore lymytted by this acte, that then every suche offence shalbe taken and adjudged for mesprision of treason; And that every pson and persons of whate estate degre or condicion soo ever they be, subjecte or reseant within this Realme or in any the Kynges Domynions soo doing and offendyng, and being [herof³] lawfully convycte by presentment verdicte processe or confession, shall suffer imprisonment of their bodyes at the Kynges wyll, and shall losse aswell all their good^e cattallis and debt^e as all suche interestes and estates of freholde or for yeres which any suche offenders shall have of or in any Lond^e Rent^e or Heredytament^e what soo ever at the tyme of convyccion and attayndre of suche offence.

VII.
Such Offenders shall not have any Privilege of Sanctuary.

AND BE IT ALSO ENACTED by auctoritie aforesed that noo person [or⁴] persons offendyng in any of the Treasons or Mesprisions conteyned and lymytted by this acte shall in any wyse have or enjoie the pryvylege or immunitye of any maner sanctuaries, within this Realme or els where within any the Kynges Domynions, but shall utterly [losse⁵] and be excluded of the same; any use custome graunt prescripcion confirmacion or any other thyng or thynges to the contrary therof in any wyse notwithstanding.

VIII.
Upon the King's Demise, Issue Male under 18, or Female unmarried under 16, shall be under the Guardianship of their Mother and a Council.

AND BE IT ALSO ENACTED by auctoritie aforesed, that yf your Majestie shulde happen to discesse, before any suche your issue and heire male whiche shulde inherite the Crowne of this Realme shalbe of hys age of xvij yeres, or before suche your issue and heire female whiche shuld inherite the Crowne of this Realme shalbe married or be of the age of xvj yeres (which Almyghty God defende), that then your seid issue and heire male to the Crowne so being within the seid age of xvij yeres, or your seid issue and heire female to the Crowne unmarried or within the seid age of xvj yeres, shalbe and remayne, unto suche tyme as suche issues and heires shall come to their seid severall ages afore lymytted, at and in the governaunce of their naturall mother, she lyvyng, with suche others counsaylours of your Realme as your Majestie in your lyf tyme shall depute and assigne by your wyll or otherwyse for the same without contradiccion of any person or persones to the contrary therof: And yf any pson or psones by wrytyng or exterior dede or acte procure or doo or cause to be procured or done any thyng or thynges to the lett or disturbaunce of the same, that then every suche offence shalbe high treason and the offenders being therof convycte shall suffer suche paynes of deth and losses of inheritaunce frehold^e interest^e for yeres goodes cattallis and debtes in suche maner and forme as is above specified in cases of treason afore mencioned.

Penalty on all Opposers thereof, High Treason.

IX.
All Subjects shall be sworn to performance of this Act, on Pain of Misprision of Treason.

AND for the more sure establishment of the succession of your moste Royall Majestie accordyng to the tenour and forme of this Acte, Be it further enacted by auctoritie aforesed; that as well all the nobles of your Realme spirituall and temporall, as all other your subjectes now lyvyng and being or that hereafter shalbe at their full ages, by the cōmaundement of your Majestie or of your heires at all tymes hereafter frome tyme to tyme when it shall please your Highnes or your heires to appoynt, shall make a corporall othe in the presence of your Highnes or your heires, or before suche other as your Majestie or your heires wyll depute for the same, that they shall truly firmly and constantly without fraude or gyle observe fulfill maynteyne defende and kepe to theyre cūnyng wytte and uttermoste of their powers the hole effect^e and contentes of this present acte; And that all maner your subjectes aswell spirituall as temporall, suyng lyveray restitucions or oter le mayn out of the handes of your Highnes or of your heires or doing any fealtie to your Highnes or to your heires by reason of tenure of their Landes, shall swere a lyke corporall othe that they and every of theyme w'out fraude or gyle to their cūnyng wytte and uttermoost of their poweres shall truly fermelye and constantly observe fulfill maynteyne defende and kepe the effectes and content^e conteyned and specified in this acte or in any parte therof; And that they nor any of theym shall herafter have any lyverayes oter le mayne or restitucion out of your hand^e nor out of the handes of your heires, tyll they have made the seid corporall othe in forme above rehersed. And yf any person or persones, being cōmaunded by auctoritie of this acte to take the seid othe afore lymytted, obstynatly refuse that to doo in contempt of this acte, that then every suche person soo doing to be taken and accepted for offendour in mesprision of high treason; And that every suche refusall shalbe demed and adjudged mespryson of high treason, and the offendour therin to suffer suche paynes and imprisonment losses and forfaytures and also lose privileges of sanctuaries in lyke maner and forme as is above mencioned for the mesprisions of treasons afore lymytted by this acte.

X.
What Marriages within this Act. [See § II.]

PROVYDED alwayes that the article in this acte conteyned containyng prohibicions of mariages within the degrees afore mencioned in this acte, shall alwayes be taken interpreted and expownded of suche mariages where mariages were solempnyssed and carnall knowlege was hade.

¹ commons O.
² nor O.

³ upon O.
⁴ lose O.

⁵ therof O.