

or of any of the Erles of Rychemond or other Owner or Lord of the sayd Hono^r & Castell or of eyther of them. And that all & evy pson & psons now beyng & that hereafter shalbe seised of the same Ma^{je} Lond^e or Tenit^e so holden as ys aforesayd, from hensforth & as long as the sayd Duke shall lyve or have heyre of his body lawfully begotten, shalbe dyscharged ageynst our sayd So^{ve}ign his Heyres & Successours of all & singler tenure or tenures of or for the same, and for all maner of rent^e sut^e & servyce hereafter due or to be due for the same to our sayd So^{ve}ign Lord his heyres or successours; And that the sayd Duke & the heyres of his body lawfully begotten fromhensforth shall have full auctorite & power by v^{ir}tue of this Acte to dystreyn for the same rent^e sut^e & servyces & to avowe & other in his name to justefye or make consynce for the same as Bayly to the sayd Duke or of his sayd heyres, And also to have all Wardes Mariage Releves Eschetes & all other Forfaytures & Advantag^e aswell by seysure as by accyon or otherwyse, in lyke maner & fourme as any other Erle of Rychemond or other owner of the sayd Hono^r of Rychemond & other the p^{ro}misses or any parcell therof hathe hertofore had or done or of ryght ought to have had or don for the same; And that all Offyce & Inquysycions found or hereafter to be founde, wherby yt dothe maye or shall appere that any Ma^{je} Lond^e Tenit^e or Hereditament^e lyeng or beyng wythin the sayd Countyes of Noting^hm Leycetto^r Lincoln Norff Suff Essex Cambridge Hertford & Bedford or any of them ben or shalbe holden of the sayd Hono^r & Castell of Rychemond or of eyther of them, shalbe from hensforthe holden of the sayd Duke & of his sayd heyres of his bodye lawfully begotten & so to be adjudged accepted & taken ageynt the Kyng^e Highnes his heyres & successours & ageynt evy other pson & psons in all & evy the Kyng^e Court^e & elsewhere.

said Heirs, &c. and discharged from all Rents and Services to the King.

AND ALSO fethermore [to be¹] enacted by the sayd auctorite that aswell this present Acte as also the sayd former acte & evy thyng in the same Acte or eyther of them conteyned shalbe interpret expounded construed & adjudged in all the Kyng^e Court^e most benefycially & favorably for the advauntage & benefytt of the sayd Duke & of the sayd heyres of his bodye lawfully begotten, & most strongly ayenst our sayd So^{ve}ign Lorde his heyres & successours; & that the same Acte & evy thyng in the same conteyned shall & maye at all tymes hereafter be pleded alleged adjudged & allowed in all the Kyng^e Court^e wythout eny fether declaracyon of the Kyng^e gracyous pleasure in that behalf by wryt of pryve seale greate seale or otherwyse.

VIII. Acts shall be construed most beneficially for the Duke.

SAVING to all & evy pson & psons theyre heyres & successours other then the Kyng^e Highnes his heyres & successours suche ryght tittle use inlest possessyon condicyon terme of yeres lyff or lyffes Lett^e Libties Franchises Offyces & all other inlest as they or any of them nowe have or hath in or to the p^{ro}misses or any parcell therof before apoynted or gyven to the said Duke by v^{ir}tue of this present acte, in suche wyse and forme as though this p^{re}sent Acte had never ben had ne made.

IX. General Saving.

AND be yt further enacted by the auctorite aforesayd that all and evy article of priso saving & excepcon or of any of them added or putto the sayd former acte, shall stonde & be as good & effectual in the lawe aswell ageynst this present acte in evy behalf, as they or any of them be ys or stondest ageynst the sayd former acte, in such wyse & fourme & to lyke effe^{ct} as yf evy of the same articles of pryso saving or exceptyon were set forthe annexed & added to this present acte or were made parcells of this present acte in lyke wordes clauses & sentenc^e as they be wrytton made or added to the sayd former acte; any thing in this present acte conteyned to the contr^{ar}y therof in any wyse notwythstondyng.

X. All Provisions in recited Act extended to this Act.

CHAPTER XXII.

AN ACTE condnyng the Attaynder of the Bysshopp of Rochester and others.

FOR ASMOCHE as John Bysshopp of Rochester Cristofer Plumer late of Wyndesore in the Countie of Berk Clerke Nicolas Wilson late of London Clerke and Myles Wyllen otherwyse called Miles Wyllyn late of London Clerke Edwarde Powell late of the Cytie of Newe Salisbury in the Countie of Wiltes clerke, and Richard Fetherston otherwyse called Richard Fetherston Hawgh late of London clerk, contrary to their Dewtes of allegiance intendency to sowe and make Sedicion murmour and grugge within this Realme amongst the Kynges lovyng and obedyent subydies that is to saye, the said Bisshopp Nicolas Wilson and Richard Fetherston of late lawfully and in due fourme required that is to saye, syns the first day of Maye last past wer se^{ve}rally required to reseyye and make their corporall othes made and provyded by a Statute made for the avertie establisshement and contynuaunce of the Kyng our Sovereigne Lorde and his heires in the succession of the imperial Crowne of this his Realme, have obstynatly maliciously and in contempte of the same Acte refused to receyve and make the same othes; And also the said Cristofer Plumer Miles Wyllen and Edward Powell have comytted and don trayterously contrary to their allegiance and duties to our said Sovereigne Lorde many and sondry detestable offences of mysprision of High Treason; Be it therefore enacted by auctorite of this p^{re}sent parliament that the said Bysshopp [Bysshopp²] Cristofer Plumer Nicolas Wilson Edwarde Powell Richard Fetherston and Miles Wyllyn and every of theym shall stonde and be atteynted ajged and convycted of mesprision of High Treason, And that they and every of them shall suffre such paynes of imprisment lose of goodes catalles dettes leases for yeres stat^e of freholde and other forfeytoure and penalties conteyned specified and declared in the said Statute made for the said stablisshement and succession of the said imperial Crowne of this Realme for offences of mesprision of High Treason.

Refusal by John Bishop of Rochester and others, to take the Oath to the Succession of the Crown under Stat. 25 Hen. VIII. c. 18 & 26 Hen. VIII. c. 2.

Misprisions of Treason by other Persons.

The said Bishop and others attainted of Misprision of Treason; and shall suffer Imprisonment and Forfeiture, &c.

AND BE IT further enacted by the auctorite aforesaid, that the said losse of freholdes shall extende to all estat^e of freholde wherof they or eny of them or any other to their use or to the use of any of them had the firste day of Marche last past.

II. Forfeiture of Freholdes from 1 March preceding.

AND BE IT further enacted by the auctorite aforesaid that the said John Bysshopp of Rochester Cristofer Plumer Nicolas Wilson Edwarde Powell Richard Fetherston and Miles Wyllen and evy of them for ther said offence and contemptes shall forfeit to our said So^{ve}igns Lorde and to his heires all ther Manours Landes Tenites Revisions Rent^e and vic^e and all other their Hereditament^e what so ever they be and where soever they lyc or be within the Realme of Englande Wales Barwyke Calyce or Marches of the same or wherof any persons were or be seised to the [use or any of them³] of any estate of inheritaunce the said firste day of March or any tyme sythen. And that also the See and Bysshoppiche of the said Bysshopp of Rochester and all other

III. Forfeiture of Manors, &c.

¹ So in Original Act.

² This Repetition omitted in Original Act.

³ So in Original Act.

Vacancy of the See
of Rochester, &c.

Benefices and Promocions s^uall whiche the same Byssho^f of Rochester Cristofer Plumer Nicolas Wyllson Edwarde Powell Richard Fetherston and Myles Wyllyn or any of them nowe hath or have, shalbe at the seconde day of Januarij next comyng and not before, voide and destitute of Byssho^f and other incumbensy as [thought¹] they and every of them were then naturally dede.

IV
General Saving.

SAYNGE to e^vy persons and persons Bodies politike and corporate ther heires and successours other then they the said John Byssho^f of Rochester Cristofer Plumer Nicolas Wyllson Edwarde Powell Richard Fetherston and Miles Wyllyn and the heires of e^vy of them, and other person and persons and the heires of e^vy of them claymyng or beyng seisd of the p^rmisses to the use of them or of any of them, all such right tyle use in^hest and possession which they or any of them have or mought have had of to or in the p^rmisses or any parte or parcell of them in suche maner fourme and condicion as [thought¹] this Acte had nev^r ben made nor hadde.

V.
Savings for
Cestuis que Usc.

PROVYDED also that this Acte of Atteynder con^onyng the forsa^ytur of any Manours Landes Tenentes or other Hereditamentes aforesaid shall not extende to any Manours Landes Tenentes or other Heredytament^e wherof the said Byssho^f Cristofer Plumer Nicolas Wilson Edwarde Powell Richard Fetherston and Miles Wyllyn or any of theym by them selves or joyntly with other were seisd to thuse of any other person or persons; But that they and every of them shall stonde remisyn^e and be seased therof to all such uses intences and purposes as they and every of them shulde have ben if this Acte had never ben hadd ne made.

VI.
Saving for Lands of
the Bishoppick, &c.

PROVYDED also that this Acte of Atteynder of mysprision of High Treason nor any thyng therin conteyned shall not extende to the forfeiture of or to any Manours Lordshippes Landes Tenentes or Hereditamentes wherof they or any of them be seased or possessid of in the right of the said Bysshoppicke or other ther s^uall Benefic^e and Promocions.

CHAPTER XXIII.

AN ACTE con^onyng the Atteynder of Syr Thomas More Knyght.

Grants by the King
to Sir Thomas
More, 8 May,
14 Hen. VIII.
and 16 January,
16 Hen. VIII.
for his Service
and Counsel;

WHERE the Kyng our Sovereigne Lorde that nowe is by his severall tres patent^es wherof the one bereth date the viij day of May in the xiiij yere of the reigne of our said Sovereigne Lorde, and the other bereth date the xvj day of January in the xvj yere of the reigne of our said Sovereigne Lorde, for the true and faithfull servyce and counsell whiche our said Sovereigne Lorde entenyd and trusted to be don to his Highnes by Sir Thomas More late of Chelsey in the Countie of Midd Knyght, of his owne mere mocion and [lib^{ty}e²] did gyve and graunte to the said Sir Thomas More and to his heires dy^vs Manours Landes Tenementes and other Hereditamentes conteyned and specified in the same severall tres patent^es, to have and to holde to the same Sir Thomas More and to his heyres accordyng and under suche man^r and fourme as in the said severall tres patent^es is exp^rted and declared: And forasmoch^e as the said Sir Thomas More contrary to the truste and confidence aforesaid beyng lawfully and dewly requyred, syns the firste day of May last past unnaturally and con^otry to his dutie of alleggezunce, entenyng to sowe and make sedycion murmour and gruge within this the Kynges Realme amongst the true obedyent and faithfull Subj^ectes of the same, hath obetynatly frowardly and contemptuously refused to make and receive such corporell othe as was ordeyned to be accepted of every Subj^ect^e of this Realme for the surtie and establishement of the succession of our sⁱde Sovereigne Lorde in the Imperiall Crowne of this Realme; And for that, that he hath onkyndly and ingrately servyd our said Sovereigne Lorde by dy^vs and sondry ways meanes and condycions con^otry to [the truste¹] and confidence: Be it therefore enacted by the auctorite of this p^rsent parliament that the said severall tres patent^es from the first day of Novembr last past and every thyng therin conteyned shall be in all intenc^e and purposes clerly repelled voide frustrat and of none effecte in the lawe, and as though no such tres patent^es had ben had ne made; and that all and singular Manours Landes Tenement^es and other Hereditamentes comprised in the same severall tres patent^es from the said firste day of November shalbe demed and adjudged in our said Sovereigne and his heires, in lyke estate forme and condicion as they were before the makyng of the said severall tres patent^es.

Refusal of Sir
Thomas More to
take the Oath to
the Succession of
the Crown, under
the Statutes
21 Hen. VIII. c. 12;
26 Hen. VIII. c. 2.

Other Ingratitudes
of Sir Thomas
More;

Recited Grants
repealed, &c.

II.
Sir Thomas More
declared attainted
of Misprision of
Treason, and shall
suffer Imprisonment
and Forfeiture
accordingly.

AND FURTHER be it enacted by the auctorite aforesaid, that forasmoch^e as the said Sir Thomas More, by the obstynat refusell of the said othe hath comytted and done mysprision of High Treason, that the said Sir Thomas More for his offences aforesaid shall stonde and be atteynted convycted of mysprision of High Treason, in suche maner and fourme as yf he were atteynted for the same offence of misprision of High Treason by the due order of the comen lawe; and also shall suffer suche paynes of imprisonment of his body and losses of his goodes catalles dett^e leases for yeres stat^e of frehold^e and other forfeitures and penalties conteyned specified and provyded in the statute of succession of the Crowne of this Realme for offenses of mysprision of High Treason, in suche maner fourme and condicion to all intences and purpose as if the said Sir Thomas More for the same offence of misprision of High Treason were lawfully atteynted by the order of the Comen lawe upon the same. And that the said losses and forfeytours of leases for yeres estat^e of frehold shalbe extended to such leases and freehold^e as the same Sir Thomas or any other to his use had at the first day of Marche last past or any tyme sithen.

III.
General Saving.

SAYNG to e^vy person and p^rsons and their heires, other then the said Sir Thomas More and his heires, and other person and personnes and their heires havyng or claymyng any in^heste use tyle or possession in or to the said Manours Lordshippes Landes Tenementes and Hereditament^e or to any parte or parcell thereof, such right title entre [en^hest³] use possession rent^e p^rfytt^e and other comodities as they or any of theym have or had in or to the p^rmisses or to any parcell thereof at any tyme afore the said firste day of Marche, as if this Acte of Atteynder had never ben had nor made.

IV.
Saving for
Cestuis que Usc.

PROVYDED alway that this Acte of Atteynder nor any thyng therin conteyned shall not extende to the forfeiture of any Maners Landes Tenementes or Hereditamentes wherof the said Sir Thomas More is or was, the said firste day of Marche or any tyme syns, sole severally or joyntly seased with any other person or persons to the use of any person or personnes other then of the said Sir Thomas More.

¹ thought O.

² So in Original A^o.

³ though O.

⁴ in^hest O.

⁵ lib^{ty}e O.