

Anno 26^o HENRICI, VIII. A.D.1534.

Ex Rotulo Parliamenti de anno regni Regis Henrici Octavi,
Vicesimo sexto.

STATUTES MADE IN THE SESSION OF PARLIAMENT,
HOLDEN BY PROROGATION AT WESTMINSTER, ON THE THIRD DAY OF NOVEMBER,
IN THE TWENTY-SIXTH YEAR OF THE REIGN OF K. HENRY, VIII.*

CHAPTER I.

AN ACTE conchynge the Kynges Highnes to be supreme heed of the Churche of Englande & to have auctorite to reforme & redresse all errours heresyas & abuses yn the same.

The King shall be reputed Supreme Head of the Church of England, and shall correct all Heresies and Offences.

ALBEIT the Kynges Majestie justely and rightfully is & oweth to be the supreme [heed'] of the Churche of England, and so is recognysed by the Clergy of this Realme in theyr convocacions; yet neverthelesse for corroboracion & confirmacion therof, and for increase of vertue in Cristis Religion within this Realme of England, and to repressse & extirpe all errours heresies and other enormyties & abuses heretofore used in the same, Be it enacted by auctorite of this p^{re}sent Parliament that the Kyng our So^{ve}raign Lorde his heires and successours Kynges of this Realme shalbe takyn acceptyd & reputed the onely supreme [heed'] in erthe of the Churche of England callyd Anglicana Ecclesia, and shall have & enjoye annexed and unyted to the Ymperyall Crowne of this Realme aswell the title and style therof, as all Honours Dignyties p^{re}hemynences jurisdictiones privilegys auctorities ymunityes profitis and comodities to the said dignytie of supreme [heed'] of the same Churche belongyng and apperteynyng: And that our said So^{ve}raigne Lorde his heires and successours Kynges of this Realme shall have full power & auctorite frome tyme to tyme to visite repressse redresse reforme ordre correct restrayne and amende all suche errours heresies abuses offences contemptes and enormyties what so ever they be, whiche by any maner spirituall auctorite or jurisdiction ought or maie lawfullye be reformyd repressyd ordred redressyd correctyd restrayned or amendyd, mooste to the pleasure of Almygh^te God the increase of vertue yn Chrystis Religion and for the [conservacy^o] of the peace unyte and tranquylite of this Realme: any usage custome foreyne lawes foreyne auctorite prescripcion or anye other thinge or thinges to the contrarie hereof notwithstandinge.

CHAPTER II.

AN ACTE ratyfenge the othe that everie of the Kynges Subjectes hath taken and shall hereaft' be bounde to take for due obfvcayon of the acte made for the suretie of the succession of the Kynges Highnes in the Crowne of the Realme.

Recital of the Oath of Obedience to the King and his Heirs by Queen Anne, required by Statute 25 Hen. VIII. c. 22. 4. 9. and the Form of the Oath actually taken in consequence.

WHERE at the laste Sessyon of this p^{re}sent pliament yn the acte then made for the establyshment of the Successyon of the heyres of the Kynges Highnes yn the imperiall Crowne of this Realme, it ys conteyned amonges other thinges that all and singler the Kynges subjectes as well the nobles spirituall and temporall as other shulde make and take a corporall othe, whan so ever hit shulde please the Kynges Majestie or hys heires to appoynt, that they shulde truely fymely and constantly without fraude or gyle observe fulfillle mayntayne defende and kepe to their connyng wytt and uttermoste of theyr powers the hole effectes and contentes of the said acte, as yn the same acte amonge other thynges

* The Introduction to the Roll of this Year is as follows:

"Rotulus Parliamenti ten^t p^{ro} rogat^oem apud Westm^{on} die Novembr anno regni illustrisimi & prepotentissimi principis D^{omi}nⁱ n^{ost}ri Henrici octavi Dei gra Anglⁱ & Fran^{ci}e Regis fidei defensoris D^{omi}nⁱ Hib^{er}ni & in terra supremi capitis Anglicane ecclie vicesimo sexto."

¹ hede O.

² contra^oem O.

more playnly apperithe; And at the daye of the laste prorogacōn of this present plyment aswell the nobles spirituall as temporall as other the Comons of this present pliamēt then assembled yn the highe house of plyment mooste lovyngly acceptyd and toke suche othe as then was devysed yn wrytinge for maynten'nce and defence of the said Acte, and mente and intendyd at that tyme that evy other the Kynges Subjectes shulde be bounde to accepte and take the same uppon the paynes conteyned in the said acte, the tenour of whiche othe hereafter enaueth: Ye shall swere to beare faith truth and obedyence alonely to the Kynges Majestye and to his heires of his body of his moost dere and enterly beloved lauffull wyfe Quene Anne begotten & to be [begotten,'] And further to the heires of oure said Sovereign Lorde accordyng to the lymytacion in the Statute made for suretie of hys succession in the crowne of this Realme mencioned and conteyned, and not to any other within this Realme nor foreyn auctorite or Potentate; And in case any othe be made or hathe be made by you to any pson or psones, that then ye to repute the same as vayne and adnychillate; And that to your connyng wytte and utter mooste of your power without gyle fraude or other undue meane you shall observe kepe maynteyne & defende the saide acte of successyon, and all the hole effectes & contentes therof, and all other actes and statutes made yn confirmacōn or for execucōn of the same or of any thyng therin conteyned; and this ye shall do ayenst all maner of psones of what estate dignyte degree or condicion so evy they be, And in no wyse do or attempte, nor to your power suffre to be done or attemptid, directly or indirecly any thyng or thynges prively or appartlye to the leste hindraunce damage or derogacion therof or of any parte of the same by any maner of meanes or for any maner of pretence; So helpe you God all Sayntes and the Holye Evangelystes.

AND for asmoche as yt is convenyent for the sure maynten'nce and defence of the same acte that the said othe shulde not onely be auctorysed by auctoryte of plymente, but also be ynterprete & expowned by the hole assent of this p̄sent pliamēt that it was mente and entended by the Kinges Majestie the Lordes & Commons of the plyment, at the saide daye of the saide laste progacion, that everie subject shulde be bounden to take the same othe accordinge to the tenour and effect therof uppon the peynes & penalties conteyned in the said acte; Therefore be hyt enacted by auctoryte of this p̄sent pliamēt that the said othe above reheryd shalbe interprete expowned reputed acceptyd and adjudged the verie othe that the Kinges Highnesse the Lordes spirytualle & temporalle and the Commons of this present plyment mente & entended that everie subjecte of this realme shulde be oblyged and bounden to take and accepte, for maynten'nce & defence of the same acte, uppon the peynes conteyned yn the sayd acte, and that everie of the Kinges subjectes uppon the said peynes shalbe obliged to accepte and take the said othe.

The said Oath declared valid, and to be the Oath intended by the said recited Act.

AND be yt further enacted by auctoryte aforesaid that the Commyssioners that hereafter shalbe appoynted to receyve suche othe of the Kinges subjectes, or two of theyme at the leste, shall have power and auctoryte to certifie ynto the Kinges Benche by wrytinge under their seales everie refusell that hereafter shalbe made afore theym of the same othe by any person or persons commyng afore theym to take the same othe; And that everie suche certificat to be made by suche Commyssyoners as is aforesaide shalbe taken as stronge & as available yn the lawe as an ynditement of xij nien lauffully founden of the said refusell; So that the person and persons ayenste whome any suche Certificat shalbe made shalbe compellyd to answer there unto as yf they were endyted; and that suche p̄cesse judgement execusyon and everie other thyng shalbe hadde used and mynstred of and uppon everie suche certificat ayenst the offendours as yf they had ben lawfully endyted of suche offences by the due course & order of the commen lawes of this Realme.

Certificate of any Refusal to take the Oath before Commissions shall be as available as an Indictment for such Refusal, and Process &c. shall be had thereon.

CHAPTER III.

AN ACTE concerninge the paiement of Firste Fruites of all dignities benefices and p̄mocyons spirituall; & also concerninge one annuell pencyon of the tenth parte of all the possessions of the Churche, spirituall and temporall, graunted to the Kinges Highnes & his heires.

FOR ASMOCHE as it is & and of verie dutie ought to be the naturall inclinacion of all good people lyke mooste faithfull lovyng and obedyent subjectes sincerely and willingly to desire to pryde not onely for the publike weale of their natife contrey, but also for the supportacion mayntenaunce and defence of the royall estate of their mooste drade [benige'] and graciouse Sovereign Lorde, uppon whom and yn whom dependith all their joye and welthe, yn whom also is united and knyt so princely a harte and courage myxed wythe mercy wysdome and justice, and also a naturall affection joynd to the same, as by the greate inestimable and benevolent argumetes therof beinge mooste bountefully largely and many tymes shewyd mynstred and approvyd towards his lovyng and obedyent subjectes hathe well aperid, whiche requireth a lyke correspondene of gratitude to be considered accordinge to their mooste bounden dueties; Wherefore his said humble and obedyent subjectes as well the Lordes spirytualle and temporall as the commons yn this p̄sent pliamēt assembled callinge to their remembraunce not onely the manyfolde and innumerable benefyttes daily admynistred by his Highnes to them all, and to the resydue of all other his subjectes of this Realme, but also howe longe tyme his Majestie hathe mooste victoriously by his high wysdome and polycye protectyd defendyd and governyd this his Realme and mayntenyd his people and subjectes of the same yn tranqylite peace unyte quyetes and welthe; And also consideringe what greate excessyve and inestimable Charges his Highnes hathe heretofore benne at and susteyned by the space of fyve and twenty hole yeres, and also daily susteyneth for the maynten'nce tucyon and defence of this his Realme and his lovyng subjectes of the same, whiche can not be susteyned and borne without some honorable provycion and remedy may be founde pryded and ordeyned for mayntenaunce therof, do therfore desire and mooste humbly praye that for the more suretye of contynuaunce and augmentacion of his Highnes royall astate, beinge not onely nowe

Necessity of providing for Support of the Crown: