

Vacancy of the See
of Rochester, &c.

Benefices and Promocions s^hall whiche the same Bysshop 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, voids and destitute of Bysshop and other incumbensy as [thought¹] they and every of them were then naturally dede.

IV
General Saving.

SAVYNGE to e^vry persons and persons Bodies politike and corporate ther heires and successours other then they the said John Bysshop of Rochester Cristofer Plumer Nicolas Wyllson Edwarde Powell Richard Fetherston and Miles Wyllyn and the heires of e^vry of them, and other person and persons and the heires of e^vry of them claymyng or beyng seised 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 conyng the forsaytur of any Manours Landes Tenentes or other Hereditamentes aforesaid shall not extende to any Manours Landes Tenentes or other Heredytament^e wherof the said Bysshop Cristofer Plumer Nicolas Wilson Edwarde Powell Richard Fetherston and Miles Wyllyn or any of theym by them selves or joyntly with other were seised to thuse of any other person or persons; But that they and every of them shall stonde remayne and be seised therof to all such uses intentea 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 Bishopprik, &c.

PROVYDED also that this Acte of Atteynder of mysprision of High Treason nor any thyng therein conteyned shall not extende to the forfeiture of or to any Manours Lordshippes Landes Tenentes or Hereditamentes wherof they or any of them be seised or possessid of in the right of the said Bysshopprik or other ther s^hall Beneficet and Promocions.

CHAPTER XXIII.

AN ACTE conyng 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 patentes 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 [libtie²] 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 patentes, to have and to holde to the same Sir Thomas More and to his heires accordyng and under suche man^r and fourme as in the said severall tres patentes is exp^ressed and declared: And forasmoch 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 contry to his dutie of alleggaunce, entenyng to sowe and make sedycion murmour and gruge within this the Kynges Realme amongst the true obedyent and faithfull Subjctes of the same, hath obetynatly frowardly and contemptuously refused to make and receive such corporell othe as was ordeyned to be accepted of every Subjct^e of this Realme for the suretie and establishment of the succession of our said 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 condicions contry to [the truste¹] and confidence: Be it therefore enacted by the auctorite of this p^rsent parliament that the said severall tres patentes from the first day of Novembr last past and every thyng therein conteyned shall be in all intente and purposes clerly repelled voide frustrat and of none effe^cte in the lawe, and as though no such tres patentes had ben had ne made; and that all and singular Manours Landes Tenement^s and other Hereditamentes comprised in the same severall tres patentes 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 making of the said severall tres patentes.

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

Other Ingratitudes
of Sir Thomas
More;

Recited Grants
repealed, &c.

AND FURTHER be it enacted by the auctorite aforesaid, that forasmoch 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 conycted 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 yerres stat^e of freholde 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 intentes 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 yerres 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.

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

III.
General Saving.

SAVYNGE to e^vry 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 havynge 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 therein 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 seised 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 Act.

³ though O.

⁴ in^hest O.

⁵ libalyte O.