And be it further enacted by authority aforesaid, that every person and persons being hereafter chosen elected or nominated, presented invested and consecrated to the dignity or office of any Archbishop or Bishop, within this Realme or within any other the Kynges Domynyon, according to the forme tenure and effect of this present acte, and using therein temporalities out of the Kynges handes by his heires or successors as hath byn accustomed, and makynge a corporall oath to the Kynges Hyghnes, and to none other in forme as is afore rehearsed, shall and may from henceforth be tronsayed or installd as the case shall require, and shall have and take their only restitucion out of the Kynges handes of all the possessions and profet of spirituall and temporall belonging to the said Archbishops or Bishops of this Realme, without offending the prorangte Royall of the Crowne and the lawes and customes of this Realme, mought at any tymye heretofore doo.

And be it further enacted by the auotaritie aforeside, that ye the Prior and Covent of any Monastery or Deane and Chapitour of any Cathedral Church where the See of any Archbishop or Bishop is within any of the Kynges Domynyon, after suche licence as is afore rehearsed shall be delivered to them, procede not to election and signifie the same according to the tenor of this acte within the space of xx. days next after suche licence shall come to their handes, or els ye of any Archbishop or Bishop within any of the Kynges Domynyon, after any suche election nomination or presentation shall signifie unto theym by the Kynges tres patentes, shall referre and do not [conferre'] invest and consecrate with all due circumspection as is aforesaid every suche peon as shalbe soo elected nominated or presented and to theyme signifie as is above mentioned, within xx. days next after the Kynges tres patentes of suche signification or presentation shall come to theire hande'; or els ye of any of them or any other peone or persones admitt myraynge allowe obey doo or execute any censures excomunciation interdictions inhibitions, or any other poesse [or acte'] of what nature name or qualitee soo ever it be, to the contrary or lett of due execution of this acte, that then every pryvou and particular person of hys convent, and every Deane and particular person of the Chapter, and every Archbishop and Bishop and all other persons soo offending and doing contrary to this acte or any parte therof and theire saytours counsaylours and abettors shall yonne to the daungers penyes and penalties of the estate of the provision and prenium made in ('xxv. yere of the reigne of Kyng Edward the third, and in the xvi. yere of Kyng Richard the seconde.

CHAPTER XXI.

An Act for the exaction from execuctions payable to the See of Rome.

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

Most ['humble beseeching'] your most Royall Majestie your obedient and faithfull subiectes the Commons of this yourne present Parliament assembled by your most dradle comendament; That where your subiectes of this your Realme, and of other coutries & Domynyon being under your obedience, by many yeres past have byn and yet be greatly decayed and impoverisht by suche intolerable execctions of great suffente of monyey as have byn clayed and taken and yet continuall clayed be to taken out of this your Realme and other your seid Countrie and Domynyon, by the Bishop of Rome called the Pope and the See of Rome, aswell in pensions censes pence pence procuracions fruytes suytes for provions and expedicion of Bils for Archbishops and Bishops and for delegacion and rescript in causes of contencions and appels juridiccion legatyn and also for dispensacion licences faculites grantes relaxations writties called perinde valere rehailibracions abolicions, and other infynit sortes of bulles breves and instrument of sondre naturae names and kyndes in great numbers herefore practised and opyned otherwise then by the lawes ladeable uses and customes of this Realme shoulde be pymted, the Specialties whereof ben over long large in nombre and tedyous here particularlly to be inserted; wherein the Bishop of Rome aforesaid hath not byn only to be blamed for hys usurpacion in the premissses but also for hys abusive and beglying your subiectes, pretendying and pseudying 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 hys and hys predecessors by many yeres in great derogacion of your imperial crown and auotaritie royall contrary to right and conscience; For where this your Grace Realme, recognizing soo superior under God but only your Grace, hath byn and yee free frome subjection to any mannes lawes but only to suche as have ben devised made and ordynned within this Realme for the welthe of the same, or to suche other as by sufferancse of your Grace and your prognogtours the people of this your Realme [have'] at theire free libertinie by theire owne consent to be used amongst theym, and have boundy theym selves by longue use and custome to the observance of the same, now as to the observancse of the lawes of any foren Prynce Potentate or Prelate, but as to the accustomed and auncient lawes of this Realme oryynallyes established as lawes of the same by the said sufferancse consentes and custome and none otherwise: It standeth therfore with naturall equitie and good reason that in all and ('') evry suche lawes humayne, made within this Realme or induced into this Realme by the said sufferancse consentes and custome, your Royall Majestie and your LORDES SPIRITUALE and temporall and Commons, representing the holle state of your Realme in this your most high Court of Parliament, have full power and auotaritie not only to dispence but also to auotarize some electe person or persons to dispense
with those and all other humane lawes of this thy Realme and with every one of them, as the qualitie of the persons and mater shall require; And also the said lawes and every of them to abrogate admittance or dumyse, as it shall bene unto your Majestie and the nobles and consuys of your Realme present in yow Parliament mete and conforme for the welfare of your Realme, as by dyvers good and holome auctors of parlamentis made and established aswell in your tyme as in the tyme of your most noble progenitours it may plainly and evidently appere; And by cause that it is nowe in this dayes present sente that the state digastite superioritie reputation and auoritie of the said imperiall Crowne of this Realme by the lond pleasantne of the said unreasonable and uncharitable usurpations and exactions practised in the [tymes] of your moste noble progenitours is moche and sore decayed and dumynysched, and the people of this Realme thereby impoverished and so or worse be lyke to continuye yr remedy be not therfor shortly pryed:

IT MAY THEREFORE please your most noble Majestie for the honour of Almighty God and [fore'] the tender love zeale and affection that [ye'] bare and always [have'] borne to the welth of this your Realme and subjectes of the same, for asmoche as your Majestie is supreme bode of the Church of Englonde, as the Prelates and Clergie of your Realme representing the [the'] seid churches in their Synodes and convocations have recognised, in whome consistith full power and auoritie upon all suche lawes as have byn made and used within this Realme, to ordyne and enache by the assente of your Lords spirituall and temporall and the Consuys in this your present Parliament assembled and by auoritie of the same, that no person or persons of this your Realme or of any other your Domynouns shall from henceforth pay any pecions [censes] porters peteprence or any other impositions to the use of the seid Bishop or of the See of Rome, lyke as hereforeto they have used by usurpacion of the seid Bishop of Rome and bys predecessors and suffere of your Highness and your moste noble progenitours to do; but that all suche peciones cease porions and pterpence, which the seid Bishop of Rome otherwysse called the Pope hath heretofore taken and poyowred or caused to be taken and poyowred to bise use and bise chambers which he calleth Apostolyke by usurpacion and sçursday as it is abovedes within this your Realme or any other your Domynouns, shall from henceforth cleere sucesses and never more be leyed taken poyowred nor payd to any person or persons in any maner of wayse; any constitution use prescriptio or custome to the contrary threfor notwithstanding.

And be it further enacted by the auctoryte aforesaid that neither your Highness your heires nor successoros Kynges of this Realme, nor any your subjectes of this Realme nor of any other your Domynouns, shall from henceforth sue to the seid Bishop of Rome called the Pope or to the See of Rome, or to any person or persons haying or pretendynge any auctoryte of the same, for licenses dispensacions compositions faculties grantes rescripte delegeys, or any other instrument or wrytynge of what kynde name nature or quallity so ever they be of, for any cause or matter for the whiche any licence dispensacion composition facultie grante rescripte delegey instrumentes or other wrytynge heretofore hath ben use and accustomed to be had and opyned at the See of Rome, or by auctoryte thereof or of any prelate of this Realme, nor for any maner of other licences dispensaciones compositions faculties grantes rescripte delegeys or any other instrument or wrytynge that in causes of necessite may lawfully be granted without offending of the Holy Scriptures and lawes of God: But that from henceforth every suche licence dispensacion composition facultie grante rescripte delegey instrument and other wrytynge afore named and mentioned necessarie for youre Highness your heires [or'] successoros and your and thiere people and subjectes, upon the due examynations of the causes and qualitie of the personas procuringe suche dispensacions licences compositions faculties grantes rescripte delegeys instrumentes or other wrytynge, shalbe grant ed haddde and obeyed from tyme to tyme within this your Realme and other your Domynouns and not els where in maner and forme folowing and none otherwysse, that is to say; the seid Archebishop of Canturbury for the tyme being and bys successoros shall have power and auctoryte frome tyme to tyme by thiere discretion to give grante and dispose by an instrument under the name of the seid Archebishop unto your Majestie and to your heires and successoros Kynges of this Realme, aswew all maner suche Licences [Dispositions] compositions faculties grantes rescripte delegeys instrumentes and all other wrytynge, for causes not being contrary or repugnant to the holy scriptures and lawes of God, as heretofore hath byn use and accustomed to be had and obeyed by your Highnes or any your moste noble progenitours, or any of yours or thiere subject, at the See of Rome or any person or persons by auctoryte of the same, and all other licences dispensacions compositions faculties grantes rescripte delegeys instrumentes and other wrytynge in for and [upon'] all suche causes and maters as shalbe conveyent and necessarie to be hadd for the honour and suerte of your Highnes your heires and successoros and the welth and profette of this your Realme; so that the seid Archebishop or any his successoros in no maner ["""] wayse shall grant any dispensacion license rescript or any other wrytynge afores hearsed for any cause or matter repugnant to the law of Almighty God.

Be it also enacted by auctoryte aforesaid that the seid Archebishop and his successoros, after good and (""") examination by them had of the causes and qualitie of the personas procuringe for licences dispensacions compositions faculties grantes rescripte instrumentes or other wrytynge, shall have full power and auctoryte by themself or by thiere sufficient and substantiell kommenaye or depuyte by thiere discretion, frome tyme to tyme to grante and dispose by an instrument under the name and scale of the seid Archebishop, as well to any of your subjectes as to the Subjectes of your heires and successoros, all maner licences dispensacions compositions faculties grantes rescripte instrumentes or other wrytynge for any suche cause or matter wherof hereforeto suche licences dispensacions

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2 for O. & nu. 28.
3 An erroneous Repetition on the Roll.
4 Dispensacions O. & nu. 28.
5 upon O. & nu. 28.
6 you nu. 28.
7 yous nu. 28.
8 hast nu. 28.
9 and nu. 28.
10 of nu. 28.
11 due O. & nu. 28.
compositions faculties delegates rescripts instrumentes or wrytynges have byn accustomed to be had, at the See of Rome or by authority thereof or of any prelate of this Realme: And that the seid Archebisphe & hys Cousinaries shall not grant any other licence dispensacion composition facultie wryting or instrument, in causes unwonte and not accustomed to be had or obtained at the Court of Rome nor by authority thereof nor by any prelate of this Realme, untyll your Grace your heires or successors or your or there counsaille shall fryste be advertised therof, and determine whether suche licences dispensaciones compositions faculties or other wrytynges, in suche causes unwonte and not accustomed to be dispensed withall or obeyed, shall esemblie pass as other dispensaciones faculties or other wrytyng sent or not; upon payne that the granteurs of every suche licence dispensacion or wryting in suche causes unwonte contrary to this act shall make fyne at the will and pleasure of your Grace your heires and successors: And yt it be thought and determined by your Grace your heires or successors or your or there Counsell, that dispensaciones faculties licences or other wrytynges in suche cause cause unwonte shall passe, then the said Archebisphe or hys Comissarys, having licence of your Highness your heires or successors for the same by your or there bill assigned, shall dispense with them accordingly.

Provided always that no manner of dispensaciones licences faculties or other rescripts or wrytynges, hereafter to be granted to any person or persone by vertue or authority of this acte by the said Archebisphe or hys Comissarie, being of suche importance that the taxe of the expedicion thereof at Rome extended to the same of foure pounds or above, shall in any wyse be put in execution (tell me the same licence dispensacion facultie rescript, or other wrytyng of what name or nature soo ever it be, of be first confirmed by your Highness your heires or successors Eynges of this Realme under the great seale, and inrolled in your Chauncerie in a Roll by a Clerke to be appoynted for the same; And that this acte shall be sufficient warantie to the Chauncelour of England for the tyme being, or to byrn whom your Grace your heires or successors shall depute to be keper of the great seale, to conforme in name your heires or successors the foresaid wrytynges passed under the said Archebisphe's seale, by true patentes in due forme thereof to be made under your great seale, remyting as wyell the said wryting under the Archebisphe's seale as the seif confirmation under the great seale to the parties from tyme to tyme pcurr for the same. And that all suche licences dispensaciones faculties and other rescripts and wrytyngs, for the expedicion of the which the said taxes to be payd at Rome was under iiij l. whose be matters of no greater importance, shall passe only by the Archebisphe seale, and shall not of any necessitie be confirmed by the great seale, onles the procurers of suche licence facultie or dispensacion desire to have them soo confirmed; in whiche case they shall paye for the (') great seale to the use of your Highness your heires and successors [v. e.']. sterlings and not above, and beside suche taxe as shalbe hereafter for the sake of makynge wrytyng regestre wryting and inrollyng of suche licences confirmations and wrytynges under the said seale of iiij l. And that every suche licence dispensacion composition facultie rescript and wryting, of what name or nature soo ever it be, for suche causes as the taxe was wonte to be iiij l. or above soo granted by the Archebisphe and confirmed under the great seale, and all other licences dispensaciones faculties rescripts and wrytyngs hereafter to be granted by the Archebisphe by vertue and authority of this Aet wherunto the great seale is not lymytted of necessitie to be put to by reason that the taxe of theym ys under iiij l. shalbe accepted approved allowed and admytted good and effeclual in the laws, in all places courts and jurisdictions as well spirituall as temporall within this Realme and els where within your Domynynes, and as beneficall to the persons obteynyng the same, as they should have byn if they had byn obeyed with all thynge requisite of the See of Rome or of any other person by authority thereof, without any revocation or repeale hereafter to be had of any suche licences dispensaciones faculties rescripts or wrytynges of what nature so ever they be: And that all Children creacted after solempnyzation of any, marriages to be had or don by vertue of suche licences or dispensaciones shalbe admytted reposed and taken legiminate in all courtes as well spirituall as temporall and in all other places, and inherithe the inheritance of their parents and successeors within this your Realme and all other your Domynynes according to the laws and customes of the same; and all acts to be don had or executed, accordynge to the tenour of suche licences dispensaciones faculties wryting or other instrument made to be made or granted by authority of this acte, shalbe firme purnantie and remayne in force; any foreyne lawes constitucions decrees canons decretals inbyncions use custome prescription or any other thynge hadde or hereafter to be made to the contrary not withstanding.

And be it further enacted that the seid Archebisphe and hys successors shall have power and authority to ordeyne make and constitute a Clerke, which shall write and registre every suche licence dispensacion facultie wryting or other instrument to be granted by the seid Archebisphe and shall synde parchement weye and sylkens laces convenente for the same, and shall take for hys paynes suche somes of money as shalbe herafter in this present siete to hyme lymytted in that behalfe for the same; and that lykewise your Grace your heires and successors shall by your letters patentes under your great seale ordeyne depute and constitute one sufficient clerke being lerned in the Course of the Chauncerie whiche always shalbe attendant upon the Lorde Chauncelor the Lorde Keeper of the great seale for the tymye being, and shall make wyte and enroll the confirmations of all suche licence dispensaciones instrumentes and other wrytynges as shalbe thereth brought under the Archebisphe's seale there to be confirmed and enrolled: And shall also intille in hys bokes and enroll of recorde suche other wrytynges as thereth shalbe brought under the Archebisphe's seale not to be confirmed, takynge for his paynes suche reasonable somes of Money as herafter to be this siete to hyme shalbe lymytted for the same; And that aswell the seid Clerke appoynted by the seid Archebisphe as the...
seid Clerke to be appoynted by your Highnes your heires or successors shall subscribe theire names to every suche licence dispensacion facultie or other wrytyng that shall come to theire hands, to be wrytyn made graunted sealed confirmed regestrerd and enrolled by authoritie of this acte in forme as is before rehearsed.

And for as moche as the charges of obteyning the seid licences dispensations faculties and other rescripts or wrytynges afore named at the Courte of Rome, by the losses and exchanges and in conduyng of curours and wygging solicitors to see for any suche licences dispensacion faculties instrument and other rescripts or wrytynges, have been greuous and excessive to your people, and many tymes greater somes have been demanded for the spedy expedicion in the Courte of Rome then is expressed in the olde taxe lymytted to be payd for the seid expedicions, whereby your people hath byn brought to an incertainty upon the payment for expedicions of suche thynge and by reason thereof have byn constrained 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 dispensaciones faculties licences and other wrytyngs at Rome have byn too longe deferred, that the partes laboryng for the same have suffered great inconveniences and losses for lacke of quycke speede, whiche here after may be had within this your Realme to the great commodite of your people, whereby the charges of makynge exchanges conduyng of [currurs] and solicitors for the seid dispensaciones shalle abated, and your peple so moche [reveled] and eased, to tendent that all ambiguities and incertainties of paymentes for dispensaciones faculties licences and other rescripts and wrytynges may be taken away, that nowe fraude or exaction shalbe exercised upon your people by suche officers as shalbe appoynted by this Acte to take paynes in paydng suche dispensaciones faculties licences and other wrytyngs as afore rehearsed shalbe have recourse if they require hit; And one of the seid bokes shalbe remayned in the hands of hym whiche shalbe appoynted to be regester and scribe of the seid dispensuciones faculties licences and seid bookes under the seid Archebisshop of Canturbury in forme as is before seid, And the other bokshalle remayned with the Clerke of the Chauntele whiche by your Grace your heires or successors shalbe appoynted as is before rehearsed; whiche Clerke of the Chauntele shalbe also intitled and [note] particularly and dayly in his boke ordained for that purpose the nombre and qualitie of the Dispensaciones faculties licences and other rescripts and wrytyngs [which] shalbe sealed only with the seal of the seid Archebisshop, and also which shalbe sealed with the seid seal and confirmed with the greate seal in forme as is before seid, that all fraude and concealmente in this behalfe may be avoyded.

And be it enacted by this present parliament and by authortite of the same, that no man suing for dispensaciones faculties licences or other rescripts or wrytyngs whiche [were] wonte to be [spede] at Rome, shalbe paye any more for their dispenciations licences or rescripts than shalbe conteyned taxed and lymytted in the seid Duplicat bokes of taxes onely; compositiones [except] of which being arbitrarie noe taxe can be made; Wherfore the taxe thereof shalbe sett and lymytted by the discrezion of the seid Archebisshop of Canturbury and the Lorde Chaucerel of England or the Lorde Keeper of the greate seal for the tyne being: And that suche as shall excute or recieve of any suster more for any dispensacion facultie or licence thatshalbe contenyt in the seid bokes of taxes, shall forsett ten tymes somoche as he shalbe too extraordinery excute and recyeve, the one half of the whiche forfayture to be to the use of your Grace your heires or successors and the other half thereof to be to suche of your subiect [as] will use for the same by accion byll or playnt in any of your Grace Courtes, wherein the Defendaunt shalbe have none essoyn nor protection allowed neither shalbe admissyd to wage hye lawe.

Be it also enacted by this parliament and by authortite of the same that the taxe or some appoynted to be payd for every suche dispensacion licence facultie instrument rescripts or other wrytyngs to be granted by authortite of this acte, shall be employed & ordered as here after ensuyth that is to sey: If the taxe esteinte to four pounds or abowe by reason wherof the dispensacion licence facultie rescript or wrytyng whiche shalbe passe by the seid Archebisshoppe scale must be confirmed by appennement of the greate seal, then the seid taxe so extending to ilij [or] above shall be devydyed into three partes wherof two shall be receyved by the seid Clerke of the Chauntele to be appoynted as is afore seid to the use of your Highnes your heires and successors and to the use of the Lorde Chauncelour or the keeper of the greate seal for the tyne being and to the use of the seid Clerke, in suche wyse as here after shalbe declared and [that] [the] thred partie shalbe taken by the seid Clerke of the Archebisshoppe to the use of the seid Archebisshop and hys Comissary and hys seid Clerke and Regester in suche wyse as here after shalbe ordered and lymytted by this acte; (that is to sey) the seid two partes shalbe devydyed in four partes of which three partes shalbe taken to the only use of your Highnes your heires and successors, and the fourth parte shalbe devydyed in three partes whereof the Chauncel of England or Lorde Keeper of the greate Seal for the tyne being shall have two partes and the "Clerke of the Chauntele the thred partie for hys paynes travayle and labours that he is lymytted to [wryte] and do by vertyce of this acte, And the seid thred partie of the hole taxe appoynted to the seid Archebisshoppe and hys
hys officers (as is aforesaid) shalbe devyded into three partes, wherof the Archebishop shall have to hys use two partes and hys officers shall have the thirde parte thereof, of whiche thirde parte to be devyded in two partes, the said Clerke or Represtor whiche shall fynde parchment waxe and sylke and shal deyster and [wryt'] the said dispensacions licences faculties rescripts or other wrytynges and regester the same, shall have for hys seid laboure and for recesyvyng and repaying of the summe of money that shall come to his hands for dispensacions faculties licences and other rescripts aforesaid the one moytie thereof, and the Comisary of the seid Archebishop appoinit to seale the said dispensacions faculties licences and other rescripts shall have the other parte; And yf the taxe be under xli. and not under xla. then the said taxe shalbe devyded into three partes as is aforesaid wherof the Kynges Highnes hys heires and successioners shall have two partes therof abatyng iij. iijd. [hiche'] shalbe to the said Clerke of the Chaunelie for subyscribing entrytyng and entralling the said dispensacions licences faculties rescripts and other wrytynges aforesaid and recesying of the Kynges money soo taxed, and the Archebishop and hys officers shall have the thirde parte, whiche thirde parte shalbe devyded into two partes, wherof the Archebishop shall have the one entrytyng to hym self, hys scribe and Comisary shall have the other parte therof equally to be devyded amonges them for theire costes and paynes in that behalfe; And yf the taxe be under xla. and not under xxvij. viijd. the same taxe shalbe devyded into two partes wherof the one parte shalbe to your Grace your heires and successioners deducyng therof ijs. for the Clerke of the Chaunelie for hys paynes as is aforesaid, and the other parte shalbe to the seid Archebishop and hys officers, which other parte shalbe devyded into two partes wherof the Archebishop shall have the one and hys Comissarise and scribe shall have the other egalie devyded amonges them: And yf the taxe be under xxvij. viijd. and not under xx. the same shalbe devyded in two partes wherof your Grace your heires and successioners shall have the one parte entrytyng abatyng ijs. thereof to the said Clerke of the Chaunelie, and the Archebishop and hys officers shall have the other parte, and the same other parte shalbe devyded into three partes wherof the Archebishop shall have one, hys Comissarie the seconde, and hys scribe or regester the thirde; And in case the taxe be under xx. the same shalbe payed to the use of the said Comissarie clerke of the seid Archebishop and Clerke of the Chaunelie to be egally devyded amonges them for theire paynes and labours by them to be susteyned by autoritie of this Acte as aforesaid.

Provided alwayes that this acte shall not be prejudicial to the Archebishop of Yorke or to any Bishoppe or Prelate of this Realme; but that they may lawfully (not withstanding [this'] acte) dispence in all cases in which they were wont to dispence by the common lawe or custome of this Realme afore the making of this acte.

[Provyed'] also and be it enacted by autoritie aforesaid that yf it happen the See of the Archbishopschipe of Canterbury to be voyde, that then all suche [manner of licences] dispensacions faculties instrumentes rescripts and other wrytynges which may be granted by vertue and autoritie of this acte shall during the vacancy of the same See be hadd done and granted under the name and seale of the gardiane of the [spiritualities*] of the seid Archebishoprich for the tyme being according to the tenour and forme of this acte, and shall be by lyke force value and effete as yf they had been granted under the name and seale of the Archebishoppe for the tyme being.

And be it further enacted that yf the foresaid Archebishop of Canterbury for the tyme being be the seid Gardyan of the [spiritualities*] for the tyme being, hereafter refuse or deny to grant any licences dispensacions faculties instrumentes or other wrytynges, which they are authorised to doo by vertue and autoritie of this acte in suche maner and forme as is afore remembered, to any person or persons that ought of a good juste and resonable cause to have the same, by reason whereof this present acte by their wyrfulnes negligence or defeauce shalbe taken none effete, then the Chancellour of Englonde or the Lord Keper of the great seale for the tyme being, upon any compleytyn thereof made, shal dirente the Kynges wrynte, to the seid Archebishop or gardyan denying or refusing to grant suche licences dispensacions faculties or other wrytyng, injoyyng hym by the said wrynte upon a certayne payne therin [to'] lymytted by the discretion of the seid Chancellour or keper of the great seale, that he shall in due forme grant suche licence dispensacion facultye or other wryting according to the requeste of the procurers of the same, or els signifie [unto'] your Highness your Heires or Successors in the Courte of Chaunelie at a certeyn day for what occassion or cause he refused and denyed to grante suche licences facultyes or dispensacions; And yf it shal appere to the seid Chancellour or Lorde Keper of the great seale uppon suche certeyn that the cause of refusall or denyall of granting suche licences facultye or dispensacion was resonable juste and good, that then soo being proved by due serche and examination of the seid Chancellour or Lorde keper of the great seale to be admyytted and allowed; And yf it shal appere upon the seid certeyn that the seid Archebishop or gardiane of the Spiritualities for the tyme being, of wyrfulnes in contemying the due execution of this acte without a juste and resonable cause, refused or denyed to grante suche licence facultye or dispensacion, that then your Highnes your heires and successioners being thereof informed, after due examination had that suche licences facultyes or dispensacions may be granted without offending the Holy Scriptures and lawes of God, shall have power and autoritie in every suche case, for the default negligence and wyrfulnes of the seid Archebishop or gardiane, to sende your wrynte of Injuncion under your great seale out of your seid Courte of Chaunelie commanding the Archebishop or gardiane, that soo shal denye or refuse to grant suche licence facultye or dispensacion, to make sufficient grant therof according to the tenour and effete of this acte, by a certayne day and under a certeyne payne in the said tyme to be credynted and to be lymytted by your Highness your heires or successioners Kynges of this Realme: And yf the seid Archebishop or gardiane, after the receipt of the seid wrynte, refuse or denye to grant suche licences facultyes or dispensacions as shalbe injoyyyned hym by vertue of the said wrynte, and shewe and gyve before your Majestie your heires
or successors no just or reasonal cause why he should so do, then the said Archbishops or Gardyane that so shall refuse to put this acte in execution according to the said writ of Injunction, shall suffer lost and forsyte to your Highness your heirs and successors suche payne and penaltie as shall be lymittted and expressed in the said writ of Injunction; And over that it shall be lawful to your Highness your heirs and successors for every suche default and wylfulnes of the said Archbishops or gardyane for the tyme being, to give power and authoritie by comission under your grete salte to suche two spirituall prelatas or persons to be named by your Highness your heirs or successors as well do and grant suche licences facultes and dispensacions refused or denyed to be granted by the said Archbishops or gardyane in contempste of this Age.

And be it further enacted by authoritie aforesaid that the said two spirituall persons or prelates to whome in suche cases any suche comission shalbe directed, shall have power and authoritie to grant every suche licence faculte dispersion instrument and other wrytynges, so refused to be granted by the said Archbishops or Gardyan for the tyme being, by an instrument under thiree seals takynge lyke fees and charges for the same as is before reseved and not above under the paynes afores resemed; And that every suche licence faculte and dispersion soo granted for any cases or matters wherunto any confirmation under the kynges grete salte is appointted by this acte to be had in maner and forme above declared, shalbe had and opyned accordingly, and suche licences and confirmacions shalbe had for lyke fees and charges as they are above specified and not above, under the paynes afores mentioned; And that every suche licence faculte (') dispersion and other wrytyng, to be granted by the said prelates or persons to be assignned by the Kynges Highnes bys heires and successors as afores said, shalbe of as good value strenght and effecte and as benefical and proftabe to the persons procuring the same as ye they had byn made granted and obeyed under the same and salte of the said Archbishops.

Provided always that this acte [nor+] any thynge or thynges therin containeuy shall be after interpreted or expounded by your Grace your nobles and subjectes intende by the same to decyde or vary from the congestion of Christys Church in any thynges conchyng the very articles of the Catholiche faith of Christendome; or in any other thynges declared by Holy Scripture and the worde of God necesarie for your and their saluacons; but only to make an ordynance by pollicy necessary and convenente to resyrone vise and for good conservacion of this Realme in pease unstelye and tranquillitye frome [ravyne'] and spoyle, insowynge mokhe the olde auenta customes of this Realme in that behalfe, not myndyng to seke for any relese succours or remedies for any [worldly'] thynges [and+] humayne lawes in any [clause'] of necesyte but wythin this Realme at the hande' of your Highnes your heires and successors Kynges of this Realme, which have and ought to have an imperall power and authoritie in the same and not obliged in any [worldly'] causes to any other Supour.

Provided always that the said Archbishop of Canteburie or any other person or persons shall have no power or authoritie by reason of this acte to vysite or vexe any Monasteres Abbes Priories Colleges Hospitals Houses or other places religions whiche be or were exempte before the making of this acte, any thyng in this acte to the contrary thereof not vnsstudying; but that redresse viciation and confirmation shalbe had by the Kynges Highnes bys heires and successors under the grete salte to be directed to suche personals as shalbe appointed requisite for the same, in such monasteres colleges Hospitals Priories Houses and Places religous exempt; So that noo visitacion [nor confirmation] shall from henceforth he had nor made in or at any suche Monasteres Colleges Hospitals Priories Houses and Places religous exempt by the sayd Bysaph of Rome nor by any of his auctorety nor by any out of the Kynges Domyniones; Nor that any person religous or other resiante in any the Kynges Domyniones shall from henceforth departe out of the Kynges Domyniones to or for any visitacion congregation or assemble for Religion, but that all suche visitacions congregations & assemblies shalbe wythin the Kynges Domyniones.

Provided also that this present acte or any thyng therin containeuy, or any licence or dispensacion hereafter to be made by vertue and authoritie thereof, shall not extende to the repeale [or+] derogation of the late acte made with the beginnyng of the present parliament for reformacion of pluralities of benefices and for [none''] residences of Spirituall persons upon thiree dignities or benefices, nor to any thyng containeuy mentioned in the said acte; nor that this acte nor any thyng be don by authoritie thereof not to be taken exspaned nor interpreted to give licence to any person or persons to have any more nombre of benefices then is lymittted in the said acte; and that the same acte for pluralities and [none''] residences of benefices and every thyng therin containeuy shall stonde good and effectuall in all intents according to the true meaning thereof; any thyng in this present acte or any licence or dispensacion to be had by authoritie thereof in any wyse not vnsstudying.

And be it further enacted by authoritie aforesaid that ye any pson or psones subject or resiante within this Realme or within any of the Kynges Domyniones, at any tyme here after sue to the Courte of Rome or the Se of Rome or to any person clamyng to have bys authoritie by the same, for any licence faculte dispensacion or other thyng or thynges contrayre to this acte, or put in execution any licence faculte or dispensacion or any other thyng or thynges here after to be opyned frome Rome or the Se of Rome, or frome any clamyng auhtoritie by the same, for any of the causes above mentioned in this acte or for any other causes that may be granted by authoritie of this acte, or attempt or do any thyng or thynges contrayre to this acte or mayntayne alwys admytte or obey any maner of censures excommunacions interdictions or any other process from Rome of what name or nature ever it be, to the

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('') Provided alway that this act or any thynge therin conteyned shall not hereafter be taken [or'] expounded to the derogation or takyng away of any grants or confirmacion of any liberties privileges or jurisdiction of any Monasteries [Abbes'] Priories or other Houses or places exempte whiche here tofore the making of this act hath obtayned in the See of Rome or by autoritie thereof; but that every suche grant and confirmation shall of the same value force and efecte as they were afore the making of this act, and as yt this act ('') never ben make: Provided always that the Abbot's Priours and other cheeff rulers and governors of suche Monasteries Abbeyes Priories and other Houses and places exempt, shall not hereafter pay any pension portion or other cense to the See of Rome, nor admyt or accept any visitacion, nor any confirmation frme or by the seid See of Rome or by autoritie thereof, of or for any person to be elecute named or Peented to be hedes of any suche Monasteries Abbeyes Priories Places or houses exempt; nor shall make any corporell oath to the Byshop of Rome otherwise called the Pope, upon the paynes lymytted in this act: but that every suche visitacion and confirmation of suche hedes elecute in any suche Monasteries Abbeyes Priories houses or places exempt, where after theire electi theire bounden to have and optyyme any confirmation of their election or of the person named presented or elecute, shall be frowne hensforth had made and don within this Realme as at and within every suche Monasteries Abbeyes Priories and other Houses and places exempt, by suche person and persones as shalbe apoynted by autoritie of the Kynges Comission frme yme to yme as the [case'] shall require and not by the See of Rome nor by autoritie thereof; any thynge in this next proviso above specified to the contrary thereof not withstanding.

Provided always that in suche Monasteries Abbeyes Priories and Houses exempt where after electi presentacion or nomynation of their heft no suche confirmation is requisite to be had, nor hath byn used to be taken by reason of suche privilidges as they have conteyned the same, that in every suche Monasteries Abbeyes Priories and Places exempt they shall not be bounden to obtayne have or take any confirmation for the same within this Realme by autoritie of this act, but use theri privilidges therin as they have done before the making of this act, any thynge in this act or any the provisoes nexte above rehearsed to the contrary thereof not withstanding.

Provided also and be it enacted, that this act or any thynge or thynge sweere or worde therin or in the preamble therof mentioned or conteyned, is not entended nor mente nor shalbe expounded nor interpret that any dispensacions or licences or confirmacions for mariaught granted to any the Kynges Subjettes borne under hys obeyeance at any tyme before the xij day of Marche in the yere of our Lorde God M. D. xxxiiij shalbe [appayred'] or of any leesse value strenght force or efecte then they were at the seid xij day of Marche; Nor that this act or any thynge therin conteyned shall not extende to the derogacion [appayryng'] or adnulaclion of any licences dispensacions confirmacion facultyes or indulgentyes at any tyme before the seid xij day of Marche in the yere of our Lorde Good M. D. xxxiiij had or obtayned at the See of Rome or by autoritie thereof, to or for any subjette borne in this Realme or in any the Kynges Domynyons, or to or for the Hospitall of the Priour of Seynt Jones Jerusalem in Englonde or any Cõnmanders or membres thereof, or to or for any other [Cathedrail Churches'] Hospitall Monasteries Abbeyes Priories Colleges conventuall Churches [parochial Churches Chapels'] Fraternitys Brotherheedes or bodies politike within this Realme or in any other the Kynges domynyons; but that every suche licence dispensacion confirmation facultye and indulgence granted before the seid xij day of Marche to any suche Subjette or to the seid Hospitall of the Pryour of Seynt Jones Jerusalem in Englonde cõnmandures or membres thereof or to or for any other [Cathedrail Churches'] Hospitall Monastrie Abbeye Priorye College Church conventuall [parochial Church Chapell'] Fraternity brotherhede or body politike or to theyre predecessers or succentours within this Realme or in any other the Kynges Domynyons, shalbe of the same force strenght value and eecte and may be frome tyme to yme put in executiion at all tymes herafter by and to them that will use and have the same as they mought have byn afore the making of this act and as yt this act had never ben had ne made; any thynge in the seid act to the contrary herof not withstanding.

Provided always that suche licenses dispensacions confirmacions or facultyes heretofore obtained at the See of Rome or by autoritie thereof contrary to the expresse provisions of the laws and statuts of this Realme hereofore made, shall not at any tyme hereafter be used or put in executiion in any case to the derogacion or contrary to the seid laws and statutes of this Realme and the provisions of the same; any thynge in this Provysio to the contrary herof not withstanding.

And be it enated by autoritie of this present parliament that the Kyng our Sovranage Lorde by the advyse of hys honorable Counsell shall have power and autoritie frome tyme to tyme for the ordering redresse and reformacion of all maner of indulgentyes and privileges therin within this Realme or within any the Kynges Domynyons here tofore obtained at the See of Rome or by autoritie thereof, and of the abuses of suche indulgentyes and privileges thereof, as shall seem good holencye 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 behayf shalbe observed and firmely kepe upon the paynes lymytted in this acte for the offendiung of the contenences of the same.
CHAPTER XXII.
An Acte for the establishment of the Kynges succession.

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N THEIRE mooste humble wyse shewn unto your Majestie your mooste humble and obedient subiectes the Lords spirituall and temporall and the Cennessee in this present parliament assembled, that eyre it is the naturall inclinacon of every man gladely and wyllinglye to pryde for the suerte of both bys title and succession all though it tuche bys onylie pryuate cause; We therfore mooste rightfull and dreefull Soveraigne Lorde reken our selفس moche more bounden to beseeche and instant your Highnes, all though we doubt not of your princely barte and wysdome myxed with a naturall afection to the same, to forsee and provide for the perfite suerte of both you and of your mooste lawfull succession and heires, upon whiche dependeth all our joye and welthe, in whom also ys untyed and knytte the only mere true inheritance and title of this Realme without any contradiccion: Wherfore we your seyne mooste humble and obedient subiectes in this present parliament assembled, callyng to our remembrance the grote dryvyals whiche in tymes past hath lyne in this Realme by reason of severall titles pretended to the imperialis Crowne of the same, which some tymes and for the most parte eneased by occasion of ambigue and doublt then not soo perfechy declared but that men myght upon frowardre intente expounde theym to every mans synystre appeite and affliccon after their sence, contrarie to the right legeltie of the succession and posterdie of the lawfull Kynges and Empoureors of this Realme, wherof hath insued great effusion and destruction of man blode aswell of a great noobthe of the nobles as of other the subiects and specially inheritours in the same; And the greatest occasion therof hath byn

1 This and the following Proviso are inserted in a second Schedule annexed to the original AG.
2 The last Two Clauses of this AG 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:

Exils resulting from Uncertainty in the Title to the Crown and the Succession thereto.

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A ratification of the AG for the exodication of executors poyd to the See of Rome.

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