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

Ex Rotulo Parliamenti de anno regni Regis henrici Octavi,
Uicesimo sexto.

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

CHAPTER I.

An Acte comynge the Kynges Highnes to be supreme heed of the Churche of Englane & to have auotryte to reforme & redresse all errours heresyes & abuses yn the same.

ALBELYIT 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 convocations ; yet nevertheless for corroboration & confirmacion thereof, and for increase of vertue in Cristis Religion within this Realme of England, and to represe & estirpe all errours heresyes and other enimorys & abuses heretofore used in the same, Be it enacted by autortie of this Prent Parliament that the Kyng our SuVaign Lorde his heires and successors Kynges of this Realme shall be takyn aceptyd & reputed the onely supreme [heed'] in ethe of the Churche of England called Anglicana Ecclesia, and shall have & enjoye annexed and unyt to the Ymperyall Crowne of this Realme aswell the title and style thereof, as all Honours Divine and tiercy Rendyses juridiccons privileages authoryties ymnunitys profits and comodities to the said dignity of supreme [heed'] of the same Churche belonging and apperteyning : And that our said SuVaign Lorde his heires and successors Kynges of this Realme shall have full power & auotritye frome tyme to tyme to visite represe redresse reforme ordre correc3 restryne and amend all suche errours heresyes abuses offences contempts and enimorys what so ever they be, whiche by any maner spirituall auotritye or juridiccon ought or maie lawfully be reformyd represyd ordred redressyd restryneyd or amended, moost to the pleasure of Almyghtie God the increas of vertue yn Chrysis Religion and for the [conservacy'] of the peace unyte and tranquylitye of this Realme : any usage custome foreyne lawes foreyne auotritye prescripccion oranye other thinge or thinges to the contrarie hereof notwithstandinges.

CHAPTER II.

An Acte ratyffinge the othe that evrie of the Kynges Subjecces hath taken and shall hereaft be bounde to take for due obfayyon of the aste made for the suret of the successyon of the Kynges Highnes in the Crowne of the Realme.

WHERE as at the laste Session of this Prent pliament yn the aste then made for the etablissement of the Successyon of the heyes of the Kynges Highnes yn the imperyall Crowne of this Realme, it ye conteyned amongst other thinges that all and singler the Kynges subjecces 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 fyrmely and constantly without fraude or gyle observe fulfille mayntayne defende and kepe to ther connyng wytt and uttermost of theyr powere the hole effecte and contentes of the said aste, as yn the same aste amongst other thyngez.

* The Introduction to the Roll of this Year is as follows:
1 hede O.
* confirme O.
more playnly apperithe; And at the daye of the laste prorogation of this present plument as well the nobles spirittuell as temporall as other the Commons of this present plument then assembled yn the highe house of plument motte loynlyy accepthe and taker suche othe as then was devided yn wrytynge for mayntenence and defence of the said Acte, and mente and intended at that tyne that evry other the Kyngs Subjectes shulde be bounde to accepthe and take the same uppon the paynes conseyed in the said Acte, the tenour of whiche othe hereafter ensae: Ye shal beare to bære faith truth and obedience alone to the Kynges Majestye and to his heires of his body of his mooer deere and entierely beloyyd laufull wyte Queene Anne begotten & to be [begotten,'] And further to the heires of oure said Seignour Lorde according to the lymytacion in the Statute made for suerite of hye succession in the crownes of this Realme mencionned and conteyned, and not to any other within this Realme nor by any auuthorlite or Porentate; And in case any othe be made or hathe be made by you to any person or persons, that then ye to repute the same as bynynde and adoncilliate; And that to your connyng wyte and utter motte of your power without gyle fraude or other undue meane ye shall observhe kepe mayntenence & defende the said Acte of succession, and all the hole efectes & contenettes thereof, and all other athes and statutes made yn confirmation or for execution of the same or of any thynge therin conteyned; And this ye shall do ayenst all maner of peones of what estate digniteit degree or condition so e thy be, And in no wyse do or attempt, nor to your power suerite to be done or attempted, directly or indirectly any thinge or thinges privelie or apparyle to the leste bindrane damage or derogacion thereof or of any parte of the same by any maner of trestes or for any maner of proutence; So helpe you God all Sayntes and the Holie Evangelistes.

And for asmoche as yt is convenient for the sure mayntenence and defence of the same Acte that the said othe shulde not onely be aucoxysed by aucoxysye of plumente, but also yntepryte & expowened by the hole asent of this Seynt plument that it was mente and entended by the Kynges Majestye the Lordes & Commons of the plument, at the saide daye of the saide laste progresion, that eyrie subjecte shulde be bounden to take the same othe according to the tenour and effect thereof upon the paynes & penaltys conteyned in the said Acte: Therfore be hyt enaestyd by aucoxysye of this Seynt plument that the said othe above rehearsed shalbe interprete expowened reposed acceptyd and adjured the evrie othe that the Kings Hightesese the Lordes spirituality & temporalle and the Commons of this present plument mente & entended that evrie subject of this realme shalbe oblyged and bounden to take and accepte, for mayntenence & defence of the same acte, upon the paynes conteyned yn the saide acte, and that evrie of the Kings subjectes upon the said paynes shalbe oblied to accepte and take the said othe.

And be yt further enacted by aucoxysye aforesaaid that the Commissyoners that herafter shalbe appoynted to receyve suche othe of the Kings subjectes, or two of theyme at the leste, shal be have power and aucoxysye to certifie unto the Kings Benche by writyng under their scales evrie refusell that herafter shalbe made aforesay the same othe by any person or persons commynge afore theym to take the same othe; And that evrie suche certifie be made by suche Commissyoners as is aforesaaid shalbe taken as stronge & as available yn the lawe as an ynditement of xij men lawfully founden of the said refusell; So that the person and persons ayenste whom any suche Certifie shalbe made shalbe compellid to answer there unto as yt they were endyted; and that suche procese judgement execuyson and evrie other thinge shalbe hadde used and mynystred of and upon evrie suche certifie ayenste the offendours as yt they had ben unlawfully endyted of suche offences by the due course & order of the common lawes of this Realme.

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

### CHAPTER III

**An Acte concerning** the payment of Frist Fruites of all dignities benefices and penocyes spiritual; & also concerning one annuell pencyon of the tenthe partie of all the possessiones of the Churchye, spirituall and temporall, graunted to the Kings Highnes & his heires.

For asmoche as it is & of verie dutie ought to be the naturall inclinations of all good people lyke mote faithfull loynge and obedient subjectes sincerely and willingly to desire to prayde not onely for the publicke weale of their natif country, but also for the supportacion mayntenence and defence of the royall estate of their mowe drade ["benigne"] and gracious Sovrain Lorde, upon whom and yn whom dependeth all their joye and welthe, yn whom also is united and knyt so prynccly a harte and courage myxed wyte mercy wsdome and justice, and also a naturall affeccon joined to the same, as by the greate inestimable and benevolent argumentes thereof beinge mote bountefull largely and many tymes shewyd mynystred and approyved towards his loynge and obedient subjectes hath wel aperid, whiche requirith a lyke correspondance of gratefull to be considered according to their mote bounden dutyes; Wherof his said humble and obedient subjectes as well the Lordes spirittuell and temporall as the commons yn this Seynt plument assembled callinge to their remembrance not onely the manyfole and innumerabull benefites dailyy admynistrd by his Highnes to them all, and to the residue of all other his subjectes of this Realme, but also howe longe tyme his Majestye hathe mote victoriously by his high wisdome and polycye protectyd defendyd and governyd this his Realme and mayntenyd his people and subjectes of the same yn tranquillitie peace unyte quyerne and welthe; And also considere the greate excesse and inestimable Charges his Highnes hathe heretofore benne st and susteyned by the space of fyve and twenty hole yeres, and also daily susteynethe for the mayntenence tycion and defence of this his Realme and his loynge subjectes of the same, whiche can not be susteyned and borne without some honorabull provycion and remedy may be founde pryded and ordyned for mayntenence thereof, no therfore desire and mote humbly praye that for the more suretye of continuity and augmentation of his Highnes royall estate, beigne not onely nowe...