

tamen et feoffamentum eorum, quibus tenementum sic fuit datum sub conditione, exclusi fuerunt hucusque de reversione eorundem tenementorum, quod manifestè fuit contra formam doni: propter quod dom' rex perpendens, quod necessarium et utile est in prædictis casibus apponere remedium, statuit (10) quod voluntas donatoris, secundum formam in charta doni sui (12) manifestè expressam, de cætero observetur, ita quod non habeant illi, quibus tenementum sic fuit datum (13) sub conditione, potestatem alienandi tenementum sic datum, quo minus ad exitum illorum, quibus tenementum sic fuerit datum remaneat post eorum obitum, vel ad donatorem, vel ad ejus hæredem (si exitus deficiat) revertatur (11), per hoc quod nullus sit exitus omnino, vel (si aliquis exitus fuerit, et per mortem deficiet) hærede de corpore hujusmodi exitus deficiente. Nec habeat de cætero secundus vir (14) hujusmodi mulieris aliquid in tenemento sic dato per conditionem, post mortem uxoris suæ, per legem Angliæ: nec exitus de secundo viro et muliere successionem hæreditariam (15): sed statim post mortem viri et mulieris, quibus tenementum sic fuit datum, post eorum obitum ad eorum exitum, vel ad donatorem, vel ad ejus hæredem (ut prædictum est) revertatur. Et quia in novo casu novum\* remedium est apponendum (16): fiat impetranti tale breve.

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Præcipe A. quod justè, &c. reddat B. (17) tale manerium cum pertinentiis, quod C. dedit tali viro, et tali mulieri, et hæred' de ipsis viro et muliere exeuntibus.

Vel,

Quod C. dedit tali viro in liberum maritagium cum tali muliere, et quod post mortem prædictorum viri et mulieris prædicto B. filio eorundem viri et mulieris descendere debet per formam donationis prædictæ, ut dicit.

Vel,

Quod C. dedit tali et hæred' de corpore suo exeuntibus, et quod post mortem ipsius talis, prædict' B. filio prædicti talis descendere debet per formam donationis, &c.

Breve per quod donator habet recuperare deficiente exitu, satis est in usu in cancel-

donors have heretofore been barred of their reversion, which was directly repugnant to the form of the gift. Wherefore our lord the king, perceiving how necessary and expedient it should be to provide remedy in the aforesaid cases, hath ordained, that the will of the giver, according to the form in the deed of gift manifestly expressed, shall be from henceforth observed; so that they to whom the land was given under such condition, shall have no power to aliene the land so given, but that it shall remain unto the issue of them to whom it was given after their death, or shall revert unto the giver, or his heirs, if issue fail (whereas there is no issue at all) or if any issue be, and fail by death, or heir of the body of such issue failing. Neither shall the second husband of any such woman, from henceforth, have any thing in the land so given upon condition, after the death of his wife, by the law of England, nor the issue of the second husband and wife shall succeed in the inheritance, but immediately after the death of the husband and wife (to whom the land was so given) it shall come to their issue, or return unto the giver, or his heir, as before is said. And foras much as in a new case new remedy must be provided, this manner of writ shall be granted to the party that will purchase it:

The writ whereby the giver shall recover (when issue faileth) is common



*cancellaria* (18). *Et sciendum est, quod hoc statutum quoad alienationem tenementi contra formam doni impoſterum faciendam, locum habeat, et ad dona prius facta non extendatur* (19). *Et ſi finis ſuper huiusmodi tenementum impoſterum levetur, ipſo jure ſit nullus* (20). *Nec habeant hæredes huiusmodi, aut illi ad quos ſpectat reverſio, (licet fuerunt plenæ ætatis, in Anglia, et extra priſonam (21)) necesse apponere clamorem ſuum.*

mon enough in the chancery; and it is to wit, that this statute shall hold place touching alienation of land contrary to the form of the gift hereafter to be made, and shall not extend to gifts made before. And if a fine be levied hereafter upon such lands, it shall be void in the law; neither shall the heirs, or such as the reverſion belongeth unto, though they be of full age, within England, and out of priſon, need to make their claim. *Altered by 32 H. 8. c. 36.*

(1 Leon. 212. 1 Roll 48. 153. 158. 333. 357. 385. 2 Roll 429. Godbolt, 308. 367. pl. 458. Vaughan 365. Lach. 67. Savil 67. 88 7 Rep. 33. Fitz. Tail, 11, 12, 13, 14. 16, 17, 18. 21, 22, 23. 1 Inst. 18. b. 19. a. 24. a. 223. b. 224. a. 12 Rep. 81. Fitz. Formed. 61. 65. Fitz. Tail, 9, 10. Fitz. Tail, 15. Hob. 293. Fitz. Garant, 16. 46. 57. 59. 3 Co. 85. Fitz. Formed 1. 27. 33. 35. 52. 54. 59. 62. 64. Fitz. Dower, 87. 3 Rep. 8. 5. 14. 7. 32, 33. 8. 35. 86. 166. 9. 105. 11. 72. 1 Inst. 327. b. Regist. 238. Co. pla. 317. 338. 341. Dyer 216. 247. Fitz. Fines 125. Fitz. Formed. 5, 6, 7. 11. 14. 22. 30. 42. 44. 46, 47. 49. 8 H. 4. f. 8. Fitz. Continual Claim, 9.)

See the first of the Institutes, sect. 14.

See the first part of the Institutes, sect. 13.

Brit. cap. 36.

(1) *In primis de tenementis.*] What inheritances may be intailed within this act, you may read at large in the first part of the Institutes, cap. Taile, sect. 14.

(2) *Multotiens dantur sub conditione.*] Before this statute, all inheritances were estates in fee, viz. either fee-simple absolute, or fee conditionall, or a qualified fee, whereof you may also read in the first part of the Institutes, sect. 1. And tenant of lands intailed, had before this statute a fee-simple conditionall subsequent; for albeit Britton, who wrote before this statute, saith, that if any purchase to him and his wife, and to the heirs of them lawfully begotten, the donees have presently but an estate of free-hold for the term of their lives, and the fee accrueth to their issue, &c. taking the condition to be precedent, yet had the donees at the common law a fee-simple conditionall presently by the gift.

19 E. 2. Formd. 61. 30 E. 1. ibid. 65. Pl. come often in Lord Berkleys case.

For if lands had been given to a man and the heirs of his body issuing, and before issue he had before this statute made a feoffment in fee, the donor should not have entred for the forfeiture, but this feoffment had barred the issue had afterwards; which proveth that he presently by the gift had a fee simple conditionall, and this agreeth with the authority of Littleton, *ubi supra*.

Now for the better understanding of this act, seeing that the estate was conditionall at the common law, it is necessary to be known when the condition was performed, and to what purposes. If the donee had issue, he had not thereby a fee-simple absolute, for if after he had dyed without issue, the donor should have entred as in his reverter. But after issue had, the condition was performed to this purpose, that he might have aliened, and thereby have barred the donor and his heirs from all possibility of reverter for default of issue, for the heirs of his body (he having a fee conditionall) might have barred them as well before issue (as hath been said) as after: and to what other purposes the condition by having of issue

See the first part of the Institutes, ca. Tail, sect. 13.

issue was performed, *vide* the first part of the Institutes, *ubi supra*.

(3) *Et hæredibus de ipsis.*] For to a gift in tail made, this word [heirs] is requisite, unlesse it be in case of a last will, &c.

See the first part of the Institutes, sect. 1. & 14.

(4) *Adjecta conditione expressa tali, &c.*] If this condition expressed had not been added, the very gift would have implied so much.

(5) *In casu etiam cum quis dat tenementum alicui in liberum maritagium, &c.*] By this clause it appeareth that an inheritance passeth by these words frank-mariage, whereof we have in another place written at large.

See the first part of the Institutes, sect. 17.

(6) *In casu etiam cum quis dat tenementum alicui et hæredibus de corpore suo exeuntibus, &c.*] This act having put two examples of estates tail speciall, *viz.* the first to a man and to his wife, and to the heirs of their bodies; the second, of a gift in frank marriage, a speciall case, and a speciall estate in tail; here he putteth a case of an estate tail generall, not that the makers of this statute meant to enumerate all the forms of estates in tail, but to put these as examples, so as all manner of estates tail, generall or speciall, are within the purview of this act.

3 E. 3. 31, 32.  
18 E. 3. 46.  
33 E. 3. Tail 5.  
Dier 1 Mar: 96.

(7) *Potestatem alienandi, &c.*] That is to say, by fine, feoffment, release, or confirmation.

8 E. 3. 379.  
44 E. 3. 3.

But the tenant in tail had not onely *potestatem alienandi*, but *forisfaciendi, &c.* also; for if after issue had, he had been attainted of treason or felony, the land entailed had been forfeited, and thereby the donor barred of the possibility of reverter, and *forisfacere* is *alienum facere*, and therefore in this act is included in these words, *potestatem alienandi*. And so might the tenant in tail, before the making of this act, have charged the land with rent, common, or the like, to have bound his issue, but by this act he is restrained aswell to charge as to alien.

7 E. 3. 368.  
5 E. 3. 141.  
7 H. 4. 31.

But the having of issue before this act did not alter the course of descent, as in another place we have said.

(8) *Exhæredandi exitum eorum contra voluntatem donatorum.*] Hereby it appeareth that there were two mischiefs before this act, *viz.* first, the disherison of the issues in tail; secondly, that it was *contra voluntatem donatorum, et contra formam in dono expressam*, for the donor and his heirs were barred of the possibility of reverter: and both these were wrongs, for which at the common law there lay no remedy; for disherisons, and breaking the expresse will and intention of the donor are wrongs which this act doth remedy.

3 E. 3. Formed. 46.  
See the first part of the Institutes, sect. 3.

In the first part of the Institutes; *ubi supra*.

Pl. Com. 247: a.

(9) *Per formam in charta de dono, &c.*] It was said before, *contra formam in dono expressam*, so as whether the estate were made by deed or without deed, it is all one to the intention of this act, and the most usuall gifts in tail being of inheritance, were by deed.

(10) *Propter quod dominus rex, &c. statuit.*] Albeit here be no mention made of the assent of the lords and commons (whose assents are necessary to the making of every law) yet forasmuch as in the preface of this parliament it is said, *dominus rex in parlamento suo, &c. statuta edidit*, and that this act and the rest were entred into the roll of the parliament, and that this word [*statuit*] implyeth the assent of the lords and commons, for it cannot be *statutum* without

7 H. 7. 14.  
11 H. 7. 27.  
39 E. 3. 7.  
For the divers forms of parliaments, see lib. 8. the Princes case. Bro. tit. Parliament 76.



without their assents, therefore it hath (as many other of like form) been without question received for an act of parliament.

(11) \* 1. *Quod voluntas donatoris, secundum formam in charta doni sui manifeste expressam, de cætero observetur; 2, Ita quod non habeant illi, quibus tenementum sic fuerit datum sub conditione potestatem alienandi tenementum sic datum, quo minus ad exitum illorum. quibus tenementum sic fuerit datum remaneat post eorum obitum, vel ad donatorem, vel ad ejus hæredem (sic exitus deficiat) revertatur, &c.]* Upon these two branches, viz. that the will of the donor should be observed, and that the donee should not have power to alien, the judges by a threefold construction did not onely remedy all the said former mischiefs, but prevent all other that might arise.

1.

1. Therefore in execution of the will of the donor, and that he should have no power to alien either lands that lay in livery, or tenements that lay in graunt, they adjudged that the donee should not have a fee-simple, but divided the estates, and created a particular estate in the donee, and a reversion in the donor, so as where the donee had a fee-simple before, by this act he had but an estate taile, and where the donor had but a possibility before, which after issue might be barred at the pleasure of the donee, now by construction upon this act the donor had the fee-simple expectant upon the estate taile, which we call a reversion; so as by this division of the estates the donee after issue, or before could not barre or charge his issue, nor for default of issue the donor or his heirs, either by alienation, forfeiture, or any charge whatsoever.

5 H. 7. 14. vide c. 4. verb. quando ux' dotata, &c. et verb. non habeant aliud recuperare, &c. 9 E. 3. 22.

5 E. 3. 14.

Sir William Herle chiefe justice of the court of common pleas said of them that made this statute, *Ilz fueront sages gens queux fieront cest statut; and I may say as truly, Que ils fueront sages gens queux interpretont cest act.* And in another place he saith, *Nous veiomus ceux queux fieront lestatut, & auxi en temps de quel roy lestatut fuit fait, que fuit le plus sage roy que unques fuit, & le cause del statut fuit, a sauver le heritage en le sang ceux as queux le done se fyt.*

2.

The second construction was, that no lineall warranty should barre the issue in taile, unlesse there were assents descended in fee-simple from the same auncestor, but a collaterall warranty made by a collaterall auncestor should barre the issue in taile without assents, for that warrantry is not restrained by this act, whereof we have spoken at large in another place; and so likewise the collaterall warranty of the donee shall barre the donor, and is not restrained by this act, as well as the warranty of the donor shall barre the donee, as there also it appeareth.

See the first part of the Institutes, sect. 712.

3.

The third construction was, that albeit tenant in taile was restrained from power of alienations, yet of lands and tenements that lay in livery, his fine or feoffment should worke a discontinuance, and drive the issue in taile to his action: for seeing he had an estate of inheritance, the judges compared it to the case where a man was seised in the right of his wife, or a bishop in the right of his bishoprick, or an abbot in the right of his monastery, *et sic in similibus;* and of inheritances that lay in graunt, as of rents, advowsons, and the like, tenant in taile could not make any discontinuance, no more then the others before recited might doe, which construction was made according to the rule and reason of the common law in other like cases.

(12) *Secundum formam in charta doni sui, &c.]* This holdeth, though there be no deed, as before hath been said.

(13) *Non*

(13) *Non habeant illi quibus tenementum sic fuerit datum.*] It was adjudged by Beresford, that the issues in taile should not alien more then \* they to whom the land was given, and that was the intent of the makers of this act, and it was but their negligence, that it was omitted, as there it is said. In this case by way of purchase the land is given to the donees, and by way of limitation to the issues in taile, and therefore by a benigne interpretation the purview of this extends to the issues in taile.

5 E. 2. Formedon 52.  
4 E. 3. 29.

(14) *Nec habeat de cætero secundus vir, &c.*] These are but consequents to the words of the purview, and are but explanatory, and not of substance, and might well have been omitted.

Pl. Co. 247. Sieg' Berklies case.

Yet was it adjudged soon after the making of this act, that where lands were given in frankmarriage, and the husband died, and the wife took another husband, and had issue before this act, that the husband should be tenant by the curtesie, and the principall reason was upon this branch of the statute, *Nec habeat de cætero secundus vir, &c.* for that this restraint proved, as there it is said, that the law before was, that he should be tenant by the curtesie, and yet without question the issue should not inherit that land.

10 E. 1. Form. 66. Vide Pasc. 18 E. 1. in banco Rot. 27. in Dower.

(15) *Successionem hæreditariam.*] In auncient time if land had been given to I. S. and his successors, hee had had a fee-simple, but otherwise it is at this day, as it appeareth in the first part of the Institutes, sect. 1.

(16) *Et quia in novo casu novum remedium est apponendum.*  
*Ea quæ de novo emergunt, novo indigent remedio.*

Hereby it appeareth that a formedon in the descender lay not at the common law, but was given by this act, and the forme of the writ is here set downe.

Regula.  
10 E. 2. Formed. 55. 4 E. 2. ib. 50.  
21 E. 3. 47.  
F.N.B. 211. Pl. Com. 240.  
Fleta, li. 5. c. 34.  
Regist. 238, 239.  
5 H. 7. 17. b.

(17) *Præcipe A. quod juste reddat B, &c.*] Here is the forme of the formedon in the descender set downe, and therefore this statute need not be recited, nor any statute which giveth the forme of the writ.

(18) *Breve quod donator habeat recuperare deficiente exitu satis est in usu in cancellaria.*] The formedon in reverter did lie at the common law, but not a formedon in remainder upon an estate taile, because it was a fee-simple conditionall, whereupon no remainder could be limited at the common law, but after this statute a remainder may be limited upon an estate taile in respect of the division of the estates.

Regist. 243.  
F.N.B. 217,  
218.

(19) *Sciendum est quod hoc statutum quoad alienationem tenementi contra formam doni impostero faciendam locum habeat, et ad dona prius facta non extenditur.*

This clause ought to receive a two-fold interpretation. 1. That [*ad dona prius facta*] must be intended of feoffements or alienations made by the donee or his issues, and not to gifts made by the donor, for to them this act doth extend.

2. *Dona prius facta*, that is, *post prolem suscitatum*, for then the alienation by the tenant in taile, or his issues was good in law: so as [*dona*] here are to be intended lawfull gifts, and made in due manner, and such as could not be avoided, for law alloweth no wrong.

4 E. 2. Formed. 50. 12 H. 4. 7.  
21 E. 3. 45. Pl. Com. 246. First part of the Instit, sect. 729, 730.

(20) *Et si finis super hujusmodi tenementum impostero levetur, ipso jure sit nullus.*] This act doth not make the fine void, but *ipso jure sit nullus*, that is, it shall not binde the right, yet it shall (as hath been said) make a discontinuance.

6 E. 3. 20. 8 H. 4. 10. 33 E. 3. Estoppel, 280.  
33 H. 6. 18.



But now by the statutes of 4 H. 7. cap. 24. and 32 H. 8. cap. 34. a fine levied with \* proclamations doth barre the issues in taile, but a fine without proclamations is a discontinuance onely, and no barre.

See the first part of the Institutes, sect. 440. Customier, cap. 48.

See the first part of the Institutes, sect. 441.

4 H. 7. cap. 24. Stat. de modo levand. finis. 18 E. 1.

(21) *Nec habeant hæredes hujusmodi, nec illi ad quos spectat reversio, licet fuerint plenæ ætatis, in Anglia, et extra præsonam.*] Here is *non compos mentis* left out, and so is a *feme covert*.

Hereby it may be gathered (as the law was) that a fine at the common law did not binde a stranger that was within age, in prison, or beyond the seas.

See more for the construction of this statute in the first part of the Institutes, sect. 21, 22, 23. 271. 362, 363. 441. 746, 747.

## C A P. II.

**Q**UIA domini feodorum distringentes tenentes suos (1) pro servitiis et consuetudinibus sibi debitis multotiens gravantur per hoc, quod cum tenentes sui districtionem suam per breve, vel sine brevi replegiaverint, ac cum ipsi domini (ad querimoniam tenentium suorum) ad com', vel ad aliam curiam (3) habentem potestatem placitandi placita de vetito namio (2), per attachiamen't venerint, et rationabilem et justam districtionem advocaverint, per hoc quod tenentes disadvocant (4) nihil tenere, nec clamant tenere de eo qui districtionem fecit, et advocavit, remansit ille qui distrinxit in misericordia, et tenentes sui quieti, quibus pro illa disadvocatione per recordum com', sive aliarum curiarum, que recordum non habent, pœna infligi non potest. De cætero provisum est et statutum, quod cum hujusmodi domini in com' vel hujusmodi curia justiciam de hujusmodi tenentibus suis consequi non possint, quam cito attachiati fuerint ad secl'iam tenentium suorum, concedatur eis breve ad ponend' loquelam (6) illam coram justiciariis (5), coram quibus et non alibi justicia hujusmodi dominis exhiberi poterit, et inseratur causa in brevi, quia talis distrinxit in feodo suo pro servit' et consuetud' sibi debitis. Nec per

**F**ORASMUCH as lords of fees distraining their tenants for services and customs due unto them, are many times grieved, because their tenants do replevy the distress by writ, or without writ: and when the lords, at the complaint of their tenants, do come by attachment into the county, or unto another court, having power to hold pleas of withernam, and do avow the taking good and lawful, by reason that the tenants disavow to hold ought, nor do claim to hold any thing of him which took the distress and avowed it, he that distrained is amerced, and the tenants go quit; to whom punishment cannot be assigned for such disavowing by record of the county, or of other courts having no record. It is provided and ordained from henceforth, that where such lords cannot obtain justice in counties and such manner of courts against their tenants, as soon as they shall be attached at the suit of their tenants, a writ shall be granted to them to remove the plea before the justices, afore whom, and none elsewhere, justice may be ministred unto such lords; and the cause shall be put in the writ, because such a man distrained in his fee for services and customs to him due.



per istud statutum derogat' legi communi usitatæ, quod non permisit aliquod placitum poni coram justic' ad petitionem defendentis (7): quia licet prima facie videatur tenens aëtor, et dominus defendens, habito tamen respectu ad hoc quod dominus distrinxit, et sequitur pro servitiis et cons. sibi aëtro existen' realiter apparebit potius aëtor, sive querens, quam defendens (8). Et\* ut in certo sint justic' (9) de qua recenti seisina poterint domini advocare rationabilem distinctionem super tenentes suos: de cætero concordatum est, quod rationabilis distinctio poterit advocari de seisina antecessorum vel predecessorum suorum, à tempore quo breve novæ disseisinæ currit. Vide W. I. cap. 38. Et quia aliquando contingit, quod tenens postquam replegiaverit averia sua, averia illa vendit vel elongat, quo minus retornum possit fieri domino distringenti, si adjudicetur: provisum est, quod vicecomes, vel balivi de cætero non recipiant à conquerentibus solummodo plegios de proseguendo, antequam deliberationem faciant de averiis, sed etiam de averiis retornandis (10), si adjudicetur retornand'. Et si quis alio modo plegios ceperit, respondeat ipse de precio averiorum. Et habeat dominus distringens recuperare per breve, quod reddat ei tot averia, vel catalla. Et si non habeat balivus unde reddat, reddat superior suus (11). Et quia aliquando contingit, quod postquam adjudicat' fuerit distringenti retornum averiorum, et sic districtus, postquam averia sic retornata (13) iterum replegiaverit, et cum viderit distringent' comparentem in curia paratum sibi respondere, defaultam fecerit (12), ob quam iterum readjudicabitur distringenti retornum averiorum, et sic bis, vel ter, et in infinitum (14) replegiabuntur averia, nec habebunt judicia (15) curiæ regis in hoc casu effectum, super quo non fuit prius remedium provisum. Ordinat' est in hoc casu talis processus, quod

due. Neither is this act prejudicial to the law commonly used, which did not permit that any plea should be moved before justices at the suit of the defendant. For though it appear at the first shew that the tenant is plaintiff, and the lord defendant, nevertheless, having respect to that, that the lord hath distrained, and sueth for services and customs being behind, he appeareth indeed to be rather aëtor, or plaintiff, than defendant. And to the intent the justices may know upon what fresh seisin the lords may avow the distress reasonable upon their tenants; from henceforth it is agreed and enacted, that a reasonable distress may be avowed upon the seisin of any ancestor or predecessor since the time that a writ of novel disseisin hath run. And because it chanceth sometimes that the tenant, after that he hath replevied his beasts, doth sell or aliene them, whereby return cannot be made unto the lord that distrained, if it be adjudged: it is provided, that sheriffs or bailiffs from henceforth shall not only receive of the plaintiffs pledges for the pursuing of the suit, before they make deliverance of the distress, but also for the return of the beasts, if return be awarded. And if any take pledges otherwise, he shall answer for the price of the beasts, and the lord, that distraineth shall have his recovery by writ, that he shall restore unto him so many beasts or cattle; and if the bailiff be not able to restore, his superiour shall restore. And forasmuch as it hapneth sometime, that after the return of the beasts is awarded unto the distrainor, and the party so distrained, after that the beasts be returned, doth replevy them again, and when he seeth the distrainor appearing in the court ready to answer him, doth make default, whereby return of the beasts ought to be awarded again unto the distrainor,



quod quam cito adjudicatum fuerit retorum averiorum distringenti per breve de iudicio, mandetur vicecomiti, quod retorum habere faciat distringenti de averiis, in quo brevi inscribatur, quod vicecom' ea non deliberet sine brevi, in quo fiat mentio de iudicio per justic' reddit' : quod fieri non poterit, nisi per breve quod exeat de rotulis justic', coram quibus deducit' fuerit loquela (16). Cum igitur districtus adierit justic', et petierit averia sua iterum sibi replegiari, fiat ei breve de iudicio (17), quod vic' (capta securitate de proseguendo, et etiam de averiis seu catallis retornand', vel eorum precis, si adjudicetur retorum) deliberet ei averia, vel catalla prius retornata : et attachietur ille qui distrinxit ad veniend' ad certum diem coram justic', coram quibus placitum deducatur in presentia partium. Et si iterato ille, qui \* replegiaverit averia, fecerit defaultam, vel alia occasione adjudicetur retorum distractionis jam bis replegiat', remaneat distractio illa in perpetuum irreplegiabilis (18). Sed si de novo, et de nova causa (19) fiat distractio, de nova distractione servetur processus supradictus.

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distrainor, and so the beasts be replevied twice or thrice, and infinitely, and the judgements given in the king's court take no effect in this case, whereupon no remedy hath been yet provided; in this case such process shall be awarded, that so soon as return of the beasts shall be awarded to the distrainor, the sheriff shall be commanded by a judicial writ to make return of the beasts unto the distrainor; in which writ it shall be expressed, that the sheriff shall not deliver them without writ, making mention of the judgement given by the justices, which cannot be without a writ issuing out of the rolls of the said justices before whom the matter was moved. Therefore when he cometh unto the justices, and desireth replevin of the beasts, he shall have a judicial writ, that the sheriff taking surety for the suit, and also of the beasts or cattle to be returned, or the price of them (if return be awarded) shall deliver unto him the beasts or cattle before returned, and the distrainor shall be attached to come at a certain day before the justices, afore whom the plea was moved in presence of the parties. And if he that replevied make default again, or for another cause return of the distress be awarded, being now twice replevied, the distress shall remain irrepleviabile; but if a distress be taken of new, and for a new cause, the process abovesaid shall be observed in the same new distress.

(16 H. 7. f. 1. Regist. 83. Dyer, 188. 2 H. 6. 15. 8 Ed. 3. 72. 9 H. 6. 42. Fitz. Return des Avers, 35. Cro. Car. 594. Dyer, 41. 59. Kel. 92. 26 H. 8. 6. 21 H. 7. 28. 12 H. 7. 4. 14 H. 7. 6. Dyer, 280. Fitz. Return des Avers, 6. 15. 18, 19. 24. 26. 32, 33, 34, 35.

Fleta, li. 2. c. 37.

Mirror, cap. 5.  
§ 5.

(1) *Quia domini feoderum distringentes tenentes suos, &c.*  
In this preamble is the mischief set down, that was at the common law before the making of this act.  
The Mirror without cause doth finde great fault with this act, which you may read, and being of no use need not here to be inserted.



(2) *Ad comitatum vel aliam curiam habentem potestatem placitandi de vetito namio.*] *De vetito namio*, of a forbidden or unjust taking, and is not understood of a taking in withernam, for that is a just and no forbidden taking, as in another place I have proved more at large.

Vide Marlebr. cap. 21.

(3) *Vel aliam curiam.*] So as lords of hundreds, wapentakes, &c. may have power to hold plea of replevin, &c.

Marlbr. ubi supra F.N.B. 73. b.

(4) *Disadvocant, &c.*] That is disclaim, whereof the court being no court could have no conufans, because it concerned free-hold.

F.N.B. 70. b.

(5) *Quod cum hujusmodi domini in com' vel hujusmodi curia justiciam de hujusmodi tenentibus suis conjungi non possunt, &c. concedatur illis breve ad ponend' loquel' illam coram justiciariis, &c.*] Failer of justice, is ever a good cause to remove the plea.

(6) *Ad ponend' loquelam.*] The writ of *pone* doth lye when there is a replevin depending by writ out of the chancery, the plaintife or defendant may remove the plea by a *pone*; and if the plea be depending in the county, the plaintife may remove the same without cause, but the defendant cannot remove it without cause, and that cause must be put in the end of the writ. And if it be upon this statute, the words be, *Quia predict' B. cepit averia predict' in feodo suo pro consuetudinibus et servitiis ut dicitur*, which are the very expresse words of this act.

Fleta ubi supra. F.N.B. 69. in Regist. 84. a.

And when the plaint is in the county by writ or without writ, or in the court of any other, the same may be removed by a writ of *recordari fac' loquelam*.

Regist. ubi sup.

And if the plaint be in the county, the plaintife may remove the same without cause, as hath been said; but the defendant cannot remove it (as hath been said) without cause. But if the plaint be in the court of any other, neither the plaintife nor defendant can remove the plaint without cause, for the prejudice that may come thereby to the lord.

(7) *Quod non permittit aliquod placitum poni coram justic' ad petitionem defendentis.*] This must be understood without cause shewed, for by the common law, the defendant for cause shewed might remove the plaint.

F.N.B. 70. a. Regist. 83.

(8) *Potius actor sive querens quam defendens.*] In truth the defendant by making avowry doth become actor, and shall have judgement given for him, and after avowry he shall not have a protection cast for him no more then a plaintife shall, because he is become an actor, and not meerly a defendant.

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5 H. 5. 5.

(9) *Et ut in certo sint justiciarii, &c.*] It was a doubt before this act, within what limitation of time an avowry might be made, and by this act it is provided, *Quod rationabilis districtio poterit advocari de seifina antecessorum, vel predecessorum suorum a tempore quo breve novae disseifine currit*; which limitation in an assise appeareth before in W. 1. cap. 38. which was *post primam transfretationem regis H. 3. in Vasconiam*, in the fist yeer of his raign. But this limitation, both in the assise and in the avowry, is altered by a latter statute.

5 H. 3.  
W. 1. cap. 38.  
32 H. 8. cap. 3.

(10) *Non solummodo plegios de prosequendo, &c. sed etiam de averiis retornandis, &c.*] If the sherife retorn insufficient pledges, they are no pledges within this statute, and in that case the sherife shall be charged by this act, as if he had taken no pledges at all.

Fleta, li. 2. c. 38.  
Regist. Judic. 4.  
2 H. 6. 15.



8 E. 3. 72.  
39 E. 3. 28.

If the return of pledges be upon a writ of replevin, then if the plaintife be nonsute, &c. if upon the writ *de retorno habendo*, the sherife return *averia elongata*, &c. the plaintife may have a writ to have return of the beasts of the pledges. But if the deliverance were by plaint, because in that case the pledges do not appear to the court, the plaintife can have no such writ.

2 H. 6. 15.  
9 H. 6. 42. & 48.

And if upon the writ to have return of the beasts of the pledges, the sherife return *nihil*, then may the plaintife have a *scire facias* against the sherife, *quod reddat ei tot averia*, or *tot catalla*; and that which hath been said of the sherife, is to be intended of the bailife of a franchise.

(11) *Et si non habeat balivus unde reddat, reddat superior suus.*] *Vide Simile*, 44 E. 3. 13. *Vide* 52 H. 3. Lestatute del Eschequer. *Vide* 2 H. 6. cap. 10.

34 E. 1. Judge-  
ment, 244.  
34 H. 6. 37.

(12) *Defaltam fecerint*, &c.] At the common law, if the plaintife in the replevin had been nonsute either before or after verdict, the defendant that distrained should have had return, but not irreplevifable, so as the plaintife after nonsute might have had as many replevins as he would, which was vexatious and mischievous; for remedy whereof, this act doth restrain the plaintife from any more replevin after nonsute, but giveth a writ of second deliverance, whereof we shall speak in his proper place.

19 E. 2. Repl. 25.  
6 E. 3. 37.  
24 E. 3. 71.  
21 E. 4. 6.

If the writ of replevin doth abate for want of form in default of the clerk, the defendant shall not have return at all; but if it abate for matter apparant by misinformation, or other default of the plaintife, the defendant shall have return, but not irreplevifable.

11 E. 2. Ret. des  
avers 31. 10 E. 2.  
ibid. 5. 41 E. 3.  
ib. 14. 21 R. 2.  
ib. 29. 3 H. 6.  
21. 3. 27 H. 6. 3.  
43 E. 3. 10.  
49 E. 3. 24.  
2 H. 4. 23.  
4 H. 6. 8, 9.  
34 H. 6. 37.  
12 H. 7. 4, 5.  
13 H. 7. Retorne  
des avers misre-  
port per Fitzh.  
See the authori-  
ties next before  
concerning these  
matters.  
Temps E. 1. Ret.  
des avers 33.

But if the defendant doth plead a plea to the writ, and the plaintife confesseth it, then the plaintife shall have return, but not irreplevifable, for the plaintife may have a new writ of replevin; for this act onely giveth remedy in case of nonsute.

But if the plea to the writ, or any other plea be tryed by verdict, or judged upon a demurrer, return irreplevifable shall be awarded, and no new replevin shall be granted, nor any second deliverance by this act, but (as it hath been said) upon a nonsute.

(13) *Averia sic retornata.*] Note neither court baron, nor county court, nor any court that is not the court of the king before his justices can award return irreplevifable.

(14) *In infinitum.*] *In infinitum in jure reprobatur.*

(15) *Nec habebunt judicia*, &c.] Here is a maxime of the common law implied, *viz. Judicia suum effectum habere debent. Judicium non debet esse illusorium.*

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17 E. 2. Repl. 21.  
6 E. 3. 37.  
20 E. 3. Estopp.  
186. 20 E. 3.  
Avowry 125.  
21 E. 3. 43.  
16 E. 3. Aide  
131. 3 H. 6. 9.  
12 H. 7. 4.  
21 H. 7. 28.  
26 H. 8. 6. Vide  
Mich. 31 E. 3.  
fo. 50. in lib. meo.  
Dier, 36 H. 8.  
f. 59.  
Regist. Judic. 58.

(16) *Per breve de judicio*, &c. *quod exeat de rotulis justic' coram quibus deducta fuerit loquela.*] The writ of second deliverance given by this act is a writ judiciall, as here it appeareth, and issueth out of the record of the replevin in which the nonsute was; and regularly the judiciall writ ought not to vary from the record, out of which it issueth; and therefore if after nonsute the sherife return *averia elongata*, and the defendant upon the withernam hath other beasts delivered to him, the plaintife is to have his second deliverance of the first beasts mentioned in the former record.

(17) *Fiat ei breve de judicio*, &c.] The effect of the writ of second deliverance is here set down, and appeareth in the Judiciall Register.

And



And this writ is a superedeas in law to the sherife, that he make no return to the defendant upon the former nonsute.

(18) *Et si iterato, ille qui replegiaverit averia, fecerit defaultam, vel alia occasione adjudicetur retornum districtiois jam bis replegiat, remaneat districtio illa in perpetuum irreplegiabilis.*] If the plaintife in the second deliverance by nonsute, or if the plea be discontinued, or the writ abate, or if he prevail not in his sute, retorn irreplevisable shall be granted.

But if retorn irreplevisable be granted, the owner of the cattell or other goods distrained may come to the defendant and offer the arrerages, &c. and if the defendant refuse to deliver the distresses, the plaintife may have an action of detinue, and by that means recover them, for they are in nature of a gage.

(19) *Sed si de nova causa.*] The second deliverance must be brought for the same distresse, but if the same lord distrain the same tenant for a rent, or other service behinde at another day, or for another cause, there the replevin doth lye, and such proceeding as is abovesaid.

33 Avowry 256.  
Dyer, 30 H. 8.  
41. b.

5 E. 2. Ret. des  
avers 64. 10 E. 2.  
ib. 5. 33 E. 3. ib.  
34. 8 R. 2. ib. 35.  
6 E. 3. 37.  
17 H. 8. Second  
Deliverance.  
Br. 15. Pl. Com.  
82. b.  
45 E. 3. 9.  
14 H. 4. 4.  
33 H. 6. 27.

C A P. III.

**I**N casu quando vir amiserit (1) per defaultam (2) tenementum, quod fuit jus uxoris suæ (3), durum fuit quod uxor post mortem viri non habuerit aliud recuperare, quam per breve de rector: propter quod dominus rex statuit, quod mulier post mortem viri sui habeat recuperare per breve de ingressu, cui ipsa in vita (4) sua contradicere non potuit, quod in forma subscripta erit placitandum (5). Si contra petitionem mulieris tenens excipiat, quod habuerit ingressum per judicium, et compertum fuerit, quod per defaultam, ad quod tenens necesse habet responder, si ab eo queratur, tunc ulterius habet necesse ostendere jus suum, secundum formam brevis, quod prius impetravit super virum et uxorem. Et si verificare poterit quod\* habuerit, vel habet jus in tenemento petito, nihil capiat mulier per breve suum. Quod si ostendere non poterit, recuperet mulier tenementum petatum: hoc observato, quod si vir absentaverit (6) se, et noluerit jus uxoris suæ defendere, vel invita uxore sua reddere voluerit, si uxor ante judicium venerit

**I**N case when a man doth lose by default the land which was the right of his wife, it was very hard that the wife, after the death of her husband, had none other recovery but by a writ of right; wherefore our lord the king hath ordained, that a woman, after the death of her husband, shall recover by a writ of entry (whereto she could not disagree during his life) which shall be pleaded in form under-written. If the tenant do except against the demand of the wife, that he entered by judgement, and it be found that his entry was by default, whereto the tenant of necessity must make answer, if it be demanded of him, then he shall be compelled to make further answer, and to shew his right according to the form of the writ that he purchased before against the husband and the wife. And if he can verify that he hath or had right in the land demanded, the woman shall gain nothing by her writ; which thing if he cannot shew, the woman shall recover the land in demand; this being observed,

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(7), *parata petenti respondere* (8), *et ius suum defendere* (9), *admittatur uxor*. *Eodem modo* (11) *si tenens in dotem, per legem Angliæ, vel aliter ad terminum vitæ* (12), *vel per donum* (13) *in quo reservatur reversionis, fecerit defaultam, vel reddere voluerit* (16), *admittantur hæredes* (14), *vel illi ad quos spectat reversionis* (15), *ad responsionem* (17), *si venerint ante iudicium* (10). *Et si per defaultam, vel redditionem reddatur iudicium, tunc habeant hæredes, vel illi ad quos spectat reversionis, post mortem huiusmodi tenentium, recuperare per breve de ingressu* (18): *in quo observetur idem processus, sicut prædictum est in casu ubi vir amittat per defaultam tenementum uxoris suæ. Et sic in casibus prædictis duæ concurrunt actiones* (19) *una inter petentem et tenentem, et alia inter tenentem jus suum ostendentem et petentem. Vide 20 E. 1. defensio juris, fol. 88.*

observed, that if the husband absent himself, and will not defend his wife's right, or against his wife's consent will render the land, if the wife do come before judgement, ready to answer the demandant, and to defend her right, the wife shall be admitted. Likewise if tenant in dower, tenant by the law of the land, or otherwise for term of life, or by gift, where the reversion is reserved, do make default, or will give up; the heirs, and they unto whom the reversion belongeth, shall be admitted to their answer if they come before judgement; and if upon such default, or surrender, judgement hap to be given, then the heirs, or they unto whom the reversion belongeth after the death of such tenants, shall have their recovery by a writ of entry, in which like process shall be observed as is aforesaid, in case where the husband loseth his wife's land by default. And so in the cases aforesaid two actions do concur, one between the demandant and tenant, and another between the tenant shewing his right, and the demandant.

(Regist. 232. 6 Rep. 8. 8 Co. 72. 26 H. 8. 2. Fitz. Cui in vita, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11. 14. 16, 17, 19, 20. 22. 25. 28. 30. 32. 34. 1 Inst. 352. b. 353. a. 355. a. 356. a. Dyer, 298. 315. 341. Fitz. Reccit, 1. 3. 5, 6. 9. 11, 12. 19. 27. 30. 32. 139. 10 Rep. 44. 5 Ed. 3. 61. Cro. Car. 43. Keilw. 128. Regist. 133. 32 H. 8. c. 28.)

10 H. 4. Dis-  
seis. 7. 30 E. 3. 6.  
Reccit 128.  
48 E. 3. Pl. Com.  
57. b. 19 E. 2.  
Reccit 176.  
2 E. 2. ib. 148.

32 H. 8. cap. 28.

(1) *Vir amiserit.*] This is to be understood of the husband and the wife, for the husband alone is not tenant to the *præcipe*, and therefore it was the opinion of Hankford, that if the land be recovered against the husband sole, that after the death of the husband the wife shall have an assise; but Fitzh. in abbreviating this case saith, that it is hard to be proved by reason, because the wife cannot be disseised (during the coverture) but where the husband is disseised, but of such a recovery she cannot have a *cui in vita* upon this statute: but seeing the husband was not tenant to the *præcipe*, this can be no discontinuance, and therefore not like to a feoffment, for that conveyance is compleat and good, but so is not the recovery, and therefore in that case the wife may enter after the death of her husband; but when the *præcipe* is brought against the husband and wife, it may be said that *vir amiserit*, for it is principally his act or default; and therefore though the words of the statute of 32 H. 8. be (suffered by the husband onely) yet a feined recovery against the husband and wife is within that statute.

(2) *Per*

(2) *Per defaultam.*] A recovery by render is within the equity of this statute, because it is within the same mischief; but a recovery by action tryed is out of this statute.

It is said, that a recovery by default in a cessavit against the husband and wife, doth binde the wife; but I hold the law to the contrary, unlesse the cause of the action be just, and then it bindeth, as in all other cases; for this act giveth no remedy, but where the recovery is without title.

In a *quid juris clam'*, *quod permittat*, assise of rent, *scire facias*, attaint, &c. the wife upon default of the husband shall be received.

In a *quare impedit* against the husband and wife, the wife shall not be received upon the default of the husband; for the Record saith, *Inspecta causa confectiois statuti manifeste liquet, quod non est in casu consimili*; for the husband may present alone.

(3) \* *Quod fuerit jus uxoris sue.*] This is intended of a fee-simple, for so is *jus* regularly taken; and this act saith, that the wife had no recovery but by a writ of right, which none can have but tenant in fee-simple, and so one part of this act doth expound another; and for tenant in taile (reduced formerly (as hath been said) at this parliament to a divided and particular estate) and for tenant for life provilion is made in the next chapter by a *quod ei desorceat*, as shall be declared when we come thereunto; for tenant in taile, and tenant for life are out of the letter of this statute, because they could have no writ of right; and yet if the husband and wife seised in the right of his wife for terme of her life lose in a *præcipe quod reddat* by default, and the husband die, the wife shall have a *cui in vita*, for this is, as it were, a demise made by the husband, for otherwise she should be without remedy, for she cannot have a *quod ei desorceat*, as shall be said hereafter.

If lands during the coverture be given to the husband and wife, and their heirs, this is *jus uxoris* within this statute.

(4) *Cui ipsa in vita.*] Sir William Herle said, that he had seene in auncient time, that where the husband aliened the right of his wife, she had no other recovery but by a writ of right, yet I finde in Bracton and Fleta, that a *cui in vita* in their times lay upon the alienation of her husband.

(5) *Quod in forma subscripta erit placitand'.*] If the tenant doth plead in barre the recovery by default, he must averre the title of his writ, whereupon if issue be taken, and found for the tenant, the demandant shall take nothing by her writ, and if it be found for her, she shall recover the land.

(6) *Hoc observato quod si vir absentaverit.*] This act having before given the wife a *cui in vita* after the decease of her husband, doth by this branch give her a remedy upon the default, or reddition of her husband in his life time to defend her right, so as she should not be driven to a reall action after the decease of her husband, and this receipt to the wife is given by this act, which she could not have at the common law.

<sup>a</sup> This act doth extend to courts that be not of record; as if husband and wife be sued in a court baron by writ of right, &c. upon the husbands default the wife shall be received.

Upon *feint pleder* of the husband, the wife shall not be received by the opinion of Prisot: but it is resolved in 8 E. 2. to the contrary; yet I hold the law with Prisot; upon a *nient dedire*, and a *nihil*

49 E. 3. 23.  
50 E. 3. 7.  
47 E. 3. 13.  
See the first part of the Institutes, sect. 675.  
4 E. 2. Cui in vita. 20. F.N.B. 193. i.  
36 H. 6. Fauzer Recovery 27.  
2 H. 5. 1. 7 E. 3. 15. 19 E. 3. Receipt 14. 34 Ass. p. 3. Palch. 28 E. 1.  
Coram rege. Cestria. Braet. li. fo. 367. Fleta, li. 5. c. 22. 7 E. 3. 62. Lib. 6. fol. 8. Ferrers case.

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4 E. 3. 38, 39.  
5 E. 3. 4. 33 E. 3. Avowry 255.  
2 E. 4. 13.  
F.N.B. 156.  
7 E. 3. 6.  
4 E. 3. 19.  
5 E. 3. 58.  
See the first part of the Institutes, sect. 594.  
Braet. li. 4. 321. b. Fleta, l. 5. c. 34. 36. Customier de Norm. cap. 10.  
21 E. 4. 65.  
22 E. 4. 30.  
24 H. 8.  
Pleadings Br.

<sup>a</sup> Regist. F.N.B. 19. g.  
Mich. 18 E. 1. in banco Rot. 222.  
Thomas de Maws case. 33 H. 6. 21.  
Vide 13 R. 2. c. 17. 8 E. 2. receipt 182.  
4 E. 3. receipt 46.



b 5 E. 2. receipt  
 165. See the first  
 part of the Instit-  
 tutes, sect. 668,  
 669. 675.  
 Lib. II. fol. 39.  
 Metcalfes case.  
 12 Aff. 31.  
 22 E. 3. receipt  
 139. 17 E. 2.  
 ibid. 173.  
 c 22 Aff. II. 22.  
 24 E. 3. 29.  
 2 H. 4. 2.  
 d 10 E. 3. 27.  
 12 E. 3. receipt  
 139. 14 E. 3.  
 ib. 139. 29 Aff.  
 36. 38 E. 3. 23.  
 3 H. 4. 18.  
 34 H. 6. receipt  
 73. 22 H. 6. 1.  
 2 E. 4. 16.  
 33 H. 6. 19.  
 37 H. 6. 1.  
 3 H. 6. 58. 20.  
 11 H. 6. 51.  
 11 H. 4. 3.  
 3 H. 4. 13.  
 22 H. 6. 1.  
 14 H. 6. 1.  
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 7 H. 4. 16.  
 2 H. 4. 2. 7 E. 3.  
 32. 28 E. 91.  
 20 E. 3. receipt  
 16. 22 Aff. 27.  
 9 E. 3. 12.  
 20 H. 6. 37.  
 First part of the  
 Institutes, sect.  
 665. 668, 669.  
 42 Aff. 4. 3 E. 3.  
 receipt 47. 19 E. 3.  
 ib. 15. 10 E. 3.  
 51. 9 E. 4. 16.  
 † 10 E. 3. 4.  
 12 R. 2. receipt  
 97. 18 E. 3.  
 32, 33.  
 \* 5 E. 3. age 61.  
 24 E. 3. 68.  
 20 H. 6. 23.  
 10 E. 3. 27.  
 10 E. 3. 32, 33.  
 31 E. 3. receipt  
 126. 11 E. 3.  
 ib. 119. 48 E. 3.  
 25. 2 E. 4. 27.  
 17 Aff. 41.  
 22 Aff. 13.  
 23 E. 3. 21.  
 9 E. 3. 17.  
 38 E. 3. 10, 11.  
 12 Aff. 41.  
 25 E. 3. 40.  
 14 E. 3. proce-  
 dendo 4. 32 E. 3.

*nihil dicit* the feme shall be received within the purview of this statute, 4 E. 3. receipt 46.

(7) *Si uxor ante iudicium venerit.*] <sup>b</sup> It is to be observed, First, that the time of the receipt is when judgement should be given. 2. It is to be understood *de principali iudicio*, as in an admeasurement of pasture judgement is given that admeasurement shall be made, and if after admeasurement made and returned the baron maketh default, the wife shall be received before the principall judgement given.

<sup>c</sup> And so in an assise of mordaunc' against the husband and wife, if the assise be awarded by default, if after the baron make default before the principall judgement, the wife may bee received; and so in the assise of novel disseisin.

<sup>d</sup> And albeit she come not at the time of the default, yet if she come before judgement she shall be received, and so of him in the reversion or remainder, and so if default be made at the *nisi prius*, receipt may be prayed in bank, for the justices \* of *nisi prius* have no power to allow the receipt, but the safe way is to pray it there.

In an assise the husband and wife plead a record and faile thereof, the words of an act made at this parliament, cap. 25. be, *Habeat pro disseisitore absque ulla recognitione*, and yet the wife shall be received in that case upon the default of her husband, for the words be *absque ulla recognitione*, that is, of the recognitors of the assise, and not *absque ulla receptione*, &c.

*Al briefe de enquirer pur waste le fem serra receive, mes apres le waste trouve sur le briefe d'enquirer pur waste, el ne serra receive, car serra inconvenient que le fem trier le matter de novel.*

(8) *Parata petenti respondere.*] And in respect of this word [*parata*] tenant by receipt ought alway to appeare, for upon any default made, judgement shall be given.

Littleton saith, that in every case that the wife is received for default of her husband, she shall plead and have the same advantage in pleading to defend her right, as if she were a feme sole (see the first part of the Institutes, sect. 665. 668, 669). But she cannot after receipt levy a fine, for that † were not to defend, but to give away her right, but he in the reversion that is received may confesse the action.

\* The wife after she is received shall have her age, or pray in aide, though the words of this act be *parata petenti respondere*, that is to be understood, that when she ought to plead by law, then she shall be ready to plead.

The wife after she be received shall vowch and plead all manner of pleas, and take all other advantages, which she and her husband might have done, and specially such pleas, as trench to the mischief of the warranty.

(9) *Et jus suum defendere.*] This right must be intended, which the wife had in the lands in demaund at the time when the *præcipe* was brought against her husband and her, and not at the time of the receipt, for if a *præcipe* be brought against her and her husband, and after the husband and wife levy a fine, and after the husband make default after default, albeit the wife hath no right in the land at this time, yet may she pray to be received for the right which she had at the time of the originall purchased, which in judgement, and by preservation of law, as to the demandant, shall be supposed to continue *in uno et eodem statu* in the tenancy as te-

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nant in law without any change or alteration of the estate, notwithstanding any act done by the tenant.

This also is to be understood not onely of a tenancy in deed, but also of a tenancy in law, for if the husband and wife be vowched, the wife upon the default of her husband shall be received, and yet she can have no *cui in vita* in that case according as this act limits.

The words be *jus suum defendere*, and therefore she being not to all intents a feme sole cannot confesse, nor render the action, but he in the reversion that is received may confesse, or render the action.

(10) *Eodem modo si tenens in dotem, per legem Angliæ, vel aliter ad terminum vitæ, vel per donum in quo reservatur reversione fecerit defaultam vel reddere voluerit, admittantur hæredes vel illi ad quos spectat reversione ad responsonem, si venerint ante judicium.*] It appeareth by Bracton who wrote before this statute, that he in the reversion should be received by the common law, for he saith, *Poterit etiam quis intrare in warrantiam, et si non vocetur ad warrantum ad proprii juris tuitionem, ut si quis tenuerit ad vitam suam, sicut mulier nomine dotis, vel alio modo, vel ad terminum terram aliquam, quæ post vitam vel terminum reversura esset ad dominum proprietatis, si se in fraudem et exhæredationem ipsius permiserit implacitari ab aliquo cum possit dominum proprietatis inde vocare ad warrantum ad defensionem suam, hoc omiserit; bene poterit dominus ille proprietatis, cum sibi viderit exinde periculum imminere, comparere per se, et si non vocetur, intrare in warrantiam ad sui proprii juris defensionem; cum melius et utilius sit in tempore occurrere, quam post causam vulneratam quærere remedium, et maliciis hominum obviare.*

Upon the recovery against such a particular tenant he in the reversion was driven to his writ of right, but he in the remainder was without remedy, if he never had seisin; see the first part of the Institutes.

(11) *Eodem modo.*] Though it be said here *eodem modo*, in the same manner, yet it is not in the same manner to all purposes, for the wife upon the default of her husband shall be received without shewing any cause. But so shall not he in the reversion, and therefore it is not *eodem modo* in that respect, and the reason of the diversity is, for that the feme is party to the action, and affirmed tenant by the bringing of the *præcipe*, but he in the reversion is a meere stranger to the action, and therefore ought to shew cause how the reversion is in him.

But as to age, he in the reversion shall have the same in the same manner, as the wife shall have it, the demandant shall count of new against the wife that is received, and *eodem modo* against them in reversion or remainder.

(12) *Si tenens in dotem vel aliter ad terminum vitæ.*] In a writ brought against a feme gardein in chivalry and her husband, the wife shall not be received for the default of her husband, for it is out of the words of the statute, and the husband hath power to alien, or lose the chattell.

(13) *Vel per donum.*] This is to be understood of a tenancy in taile, *apres possibilitie de issue extincte*, and not of an estate in taile generall or speciall, for upon an estate in taile no receipt is given by this act, because it is an inheritance which may continue for ever.

(14) *Ad-*

Quar. Imp. 2.  
9 E. 4. 16.  
5 E. 2. receipt 62.  
8 E. 2. ib. 181,  
182, 183.  
19 E. 2. ib. 176.  
7 E. 3. 44.  
45 E. 3. 23. b.  
31 E. 1. receipt  
186. 9 H. 5. 10.  
10 E. 3. 4.  
12 R. 2. receipt  
97. 18 E. 3.  
32, 33.  
See the first part  
of the Institutes,  
sect. 302.  
Bracton, lib. 5.  
f. 393. b. nu. 14.  
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See the first part  
of the Institutes,  
sect. 481, 482.  
28 E. 3. 90.  
12 E. 3. issue 25.  
22 E. 3. ib. 20.  
10 E. 3. 10. 4 H. 6.  
5. 8 H. 16.  
21 H. 6. 13.  
32 H. 6. 12.  
33 H. 6. 39. 41.  
9 H. 5. 3.  
8 E. 3. 39.  
18 E. 3. 32.  
3 H. 6. 41.  
21 H. 6. 48.  
21 Ass. 17.  
21 E. 3. 45.  
33 H. 6. 52.  
15 E. 3. receipt  
122, 123.  
19 E. 2. ib. 179.  
8 E. 2. ib. 170.  
32 Ass.  
9 E. 4. 16.  
2 E. 2. receipt  
147. 5 E. 2. ib.  
161. 11 H. 4. 13.  
39 E. 3. 18.  
42 E. 3. 12.  
20 E. 3. receipt  
17. 16 E. 2. ib.  
104. 33 H. 6.  
22. l. 10. fo. 44.  
Jenings case.  
Regist. 135.



\* 2 E. 2. receipt  
 147. 20 E. 3. receipt 17.  
 8 E. 3. 3.  
 45 E. 3. 19.  
 23 H. 6. receipt  
 156. 5 E. 3. 61.  
 6 E. 3. 14.  
 15 E. 3. receipt  
 124. 5 H. 5. 11.  
 11 E. 3. receipt  
 117. 10 H. 6. 24.  
 28 E. 3. 98.  
 33 H. 6. 52.  
 41 E. 3. 8.  
 22 H. 6. 1.  
 19 H. 6. 46.  
 40 E. 3. 12.  
 4 E. 2. receipt  
 160. 18 E. 3. 13.  
 23 E. 3. tit.  
 receipt 156.  
 4 E. 4. 14.  
 18 E. 4. 25, 27.  
 \* 5 H. 4. 2.  
 32 H. 6. 12.  
 7 E. 3. 15.  
 18 E. 3. 13, 47.  
 16 H. 7. 5.  
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 b 32 E. 1. receipt  
 185. 9 E. 4. 40.  
 10 E. 4. 9.  
 13 E. 3. receipt  
 17 E. 2. ib. 175.  
 24 E. 3. 33, 35.  
 4 E. 2. receipt  
 160. 13 E. 3. ib.  
 145. 19 E. 3. ib.  
 111. 14 E. 3.  
 mans. des faits  
 6. 29 E. 3. 48.  
 Rot. Parliam.  
 29 E. 3. nu.  
 11 H. 4. 15.  
 4 E. 3. 37.  
 25 E. 3. 47.  
 c 11 E. 3. receipt  
 118. 4 E. 3. ib.  
 160. 18 E. 2. ib.  
 174. 18 E. 3. 12.  
 42 E. 3. 10. b.  
 24 E. 3. 32.  
 Lib. 10. fol. 44.  
 Jenings case.  
 6 15 R. 2. c. 17.  
 6 E. 3. 16. 4 E.  
 receipt 4. 22 E. 3.  
 10. 11 H. 6. 4.  
 2 H. 6. 14.  
 20 E. 3. receipt  
 18, 19.  
 e 4 E. 3. receipt 46.  
 19 E. 2. ib. 184.  
 158. 6 E. 2. ib.  
 168. 14 E. 3. ib.  
 136. 19 E. ib.  
 114. F.N.B.  
 155 i.

(14) *Admittantur hæredes.*] \* By colour of these words, the heire apparent of tenant in taile making default, &c. hath been admitted, *sed non est lex, quia nullus est hæres viventis.*

(15) *Ad quos spectat reversion.*] He must have a reversion, and not onely a condition or possibility.

A wife being tenant for life is received upon the default of her husband, and after makes default, he in the reversion shall be received; and so note a receipt upon a receipt; and so if a baron and feme be received, and after the baron make default, the feme shall be received.

If an infant make a lease for life, though the lease be defeasible, yet upon the default of the lessee, he shall be received, and so it is of a lease by baron and feme.

One may be received by attorney by a speciall writ affirming infirmity, and the words of the statute are generall.

In a *præcipe* the tenant maketh default, &c. he in the reversion prayeth to be received, and sheweth that he let the land to the tenant and another for life, and the demandant was driven to maintain his writ.

If tenant for life pray in aide of him in reversion, and he refuse to joyne, and after tenant for life maketh default, &c. he in reversion shall not be received, because he refused to joyne, but if he had joynd, and after the tenant make default, he should have been received.

Regularly for a reversion created hanging the writ there shall be no receipt: but if the lessee make the writ good, there shall be a receipt: as if a *præcipe* be brought against B. that hath nothing, and the terre-tenant make a lease for life to B. he shall be received.

<sup>a</sup> If tenant for life be impleaded, and surrender hanging the writ to him in reversion, he shall be received, and yet he hath no reversion in him, *et sic in similibus.*

<sup>b</sup> If a rent be demanded against tenant for life, he in the reversion or remainder shall be received by the equity of this statute; albeit the words be, *ad quos spectat reversion*, yet he in the remainder upon default of tenant for life, shall be received, for he is in the same mischief.

The king shall not be received, for he cannot become tenant, nor be *in loco tenentis.* 4 E. 3. 38. 25 E. 3. 47.

<sup>c</sup> It is not necessary, that he that prayeth to be received hath the immediate reversion; for if a lease for life be made, the remainder for life, he in the reversion shall be received; so it is where the reversion is graunted for life, he in the reversion in fee may be received: but if he that hath the meane estate, and he in the reversion or remainder in fee pray to be received at one time, he that hath the immediate particular estate, in respect of the proximity shall be received, but if he be received and make default, he in the reversion in fee shall not be received.

(16) *Fecit defaultam vel reddere voluerit.*] <sup>d</sup> *Feynt pleder* was not (as hath been said) within this act, but is remedied by a later statute, in case of him in reversion.

<sup>e</sup> But a *nient dedire*, and a *nihil dicit* are (as hath been said) within the purview of this act, both for him in the reversion, and the wife also, for they are in equall mischief.

If the appearance of the tenant be recorded, and after he depart in despite of the court, he in the reversion shall be received, for judgement is to be given upon the default.

(17) *Ad responsionem.*] <sup>f</sup> That is, when the time come when by law he ought to answer, and therefore he shall have his age, or pray in aide, &c. f 19 E. 3. receipt 1.  
5 E. 2. ib. 163.

<sup>8</sup> *Vide statut. de anno 20 E. 1.* where he that prayeth to be received, before his receipt shall finde surety, &c. and the statute of 13 R. 2. cap. 17. to that purpose, but those statutes extend not to a feme, that is to be received in default of her husband, because she is party to the writ, but to him in the reversion or remainder, that is a stranger to the writ, *et venit a latere.*

(18) <sup>h</sup> *Post mortem hujusmodi tenentium recuperare per breve de gressu, &c.*] This is understood of a writ of entry *ad communem legem*, which is a speedier remedy, then a writ of right, and the demandant shall count upon a demise according to the writ and usuall forme, and if the tenant traverse the demise, the demandant shall maintain his count by the recovery by default.

(19) *Et sic in casibus prædictis duæ concurrunt actiones.*] For in these cases the tenant shall shew his right according to the forme of the writ, whereupon he recovered, even as the tenant shall doe in the *cui in vita*, upon the former part of this act, and therefore this branch saith, *Duæ concurrunt actiones, viz.* the writ of entry upon this action, and the former writ, whereupon the recovery was by default.

8 9 H. 5. 10.  
48 E. 3. 13.  
29 E. 3. 48.  
34 E. 3. receipt  
190. 11 E. 3. ib.  
117. 19 E. 3. ib.  
112. 6 R. 2.  
ibid. 94.

<sup>h</sup> Vet. N.B. 136.  
Regist. 235.

Regist. ubi supra.

## C A P. IV.

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**I**N casu quando vir implacitatus  
(1) *de tenemento reddit tenementum peritum adversario suo de plano, post mortem viri, justiciarii adjudicent mulieri dotem suam, si per breve petat. Sed in casu quando vir amittet per defaultam tenementum petatum, si mulier post mortem viri petat dotem, et comperitum est, quod per aliquos justiciarios adjudicata fuit dos mulieri petenti, non obstante defaulta, quam vir suus fecit, aliis justiciariis in contraria opinione existentibus, et contrarium judicantibus, ut de cætero hujusmodi ambiguitas amputetur, et sit in certo: ordinatum est quod in utroque casu audiatur mulier, quæ dotem petit. Et si excipiatur contra ipsam, quod vir suus tenementum, unde dos petita est, amisit per judicium, per quod dotem habere non debet, et si quæeratur per quod judicium,*

**I**N case where the husband, being impleaded for land, giveth up the land demanded unto his adversary by covin; after the death of the husband, the justices shall award the wife her dower, if it be demanded by writ. But in case where the husband loseth the land in demand by default, if the wife, after the death of her husband, demandeth her dower, it hath been proved, that some justices have awarded unto the woman her dower notwithstanding the default which her husband made, other justices being of the contrary opinion, and judging otherwise. To the intent that from henceforth such ambiguity shall be taken away, it is thus ordained in certain, that in both cases the woman demanding her dower shall be heard, And if it be alledged against her, that



*dicium, et compertum fuerit quod per defaultam, ad quod tenens necesse habet respondere, tunc oportet tenentem ulterius respondere, et ostendere quod ipse tenens jus habuit, et habet in prædicto tenemento, secundum formam brevis, quod tenens prius super virum impetravit. Et si ostendere poterit, quod vir mulieris non habet jus in tenement, nec aliquis alius quam ipse qui tenet: recedat quietus, et uxor nihil capiat de dote. Quod si ostendere non poterit, recuperet mulier dotem suam. Et sic in casibus istis, et in quibusdam casibus subsequen. s. quando uxor dotata amittat dotem (3) suam per defaultam (4), et tenentes in libero maritaggio per legem Angliæ, vel ad terminum vite, vel per feodum talliatum, concurrunt plures actiones (2). Quia hujusmodi tenentes, cum oporteat eos petere tenementa sua per defaultam amissa (9), et cum ad hoc pervent fuerit, quod tenens necesse habeat (6) ostendere jus suum, non possunt ipsi, sine his (7) ad quos spectat reversionis, de jure respondere: et ideo concedatur eis, quod vocent ad warrant secundum tenorem brevis, ac si essent tenentes in priori brevi (8) warrant habeant (5). Et cum warrantus warrantizaverit, procedat placit inter illum qui seiscitus est et warrantum, secundum tenorem brevis, quod tenens prius impetravit, et per quod recuperaverit per defaultam. Et*

[ 348 ] *si ex pluribus actionibus ad ultimum perveniat ad unum iudicium, videlicet ad hoc quod hujusmodi petentes recuperent petitionem suam, vel quod tenentes eant quieti. Et si actio hujusmodi tenentis, qui necesse habet ostendere jus suum, mota fuerit per breve de recto, licet magna assisa, vel duellum jungi non possunt per verba consueta, jungi tamen possunt per verba satis apta. Quia cum tenens in hoc quod ostendat jus suum, quod ei competet per breve quod prius impetravit et sit loco actoris, bene poterit*

that her husband lost the land, whereof the dower is demanded by judgement, whereby she ought not to have dower, and then it be enquired by what judgement, and it be found that it was by default, whereunto the tenant must answer; then it behoveth the tenant to answer further, and to shew that he had right, and hath in the foresaid land, according to the form of the writ that the tenant before purchased against the husband. And if he can shew that the husband of such wife had no right in the lands, nor any other but he that holdeth them, the tenant shall go quit, and the wife shall recover nothing of her dower; which thing if he cannot shew, the wife shall recover her dower. And so in these cases, and in certain other following, that is to say, when the wife being endowed loseth her dower by default, and tenants in free marriage, by the law of England, or for term of life, or in feetail, divers actions do concur for such tenants, when they must demand their land, lost by default: and when it is come to that point, that the tenants must be compelled to shew their right, they cannot make answer without them to whom the reversion of right belongeth; therefore it is granted unto them to vouch to warranty, as if they were tenants, if they have a warranty. And when the warrantor hath warranted, the plea shall pass between him that is seised and the warrantor, according to the tenor of the writ that the tenant purchased before, and by which he recovered by default; and so from many actions at length they shall resort to one judgement, which is this, that the demandants shall recover their demand, or the tenants shall go quit. And if the action of such a tenant, which is compelled to shew his right, be moved by a writ of right, though that the great assise or battail cannot be joyned



*terit warrant' defendere jus tenentis, qui loco petentis (ut dictum est) habet, et seisinam antecessoris sui offerre et defendere per corpus liberi hominis sui, vel ponere se in magnam assisam, et petere inde recognitionem fieri, utrum ipse majus jus habeat in tenemento petito, an prædictus talis: vel alio modo jungi poterit magna assisa, et sic talis warrantus defend' jus, &c. Et cognoscit seisinam antecessoris sui et petit se in magnam assisam, &c. et petit recognitionem fieri, utrum ipse majus jus habeat in prædicto tenemento, ut in illo de quo feoffavit talem, vel quod talis remisit, et quietum clamavit, &c. an prædictus talis, &c. Cum aliquando contingat (10), quod mulier non habens jus petendi dotem hæreditatis hæredis alicujus infra ætatem existen', impetret breve de dote super custodem, et custos per favorem mulieri dotem reddiderit, vel defaultam fecerit, vel placitum ita fictum per collusionem defenderit, per quod dōs hujusmodi mulieri (in præjudicium hæredis) adjudicata fuerit: provisum est quod hæres, cum ad ætatem pervenerit, habeat actionem petendi seisinam antecessoris sui versus hujusmodi mulierem, qualem haberet versus quemcunque alium deforciatorem, ita tamen quod salva sit mulieri versus petentem exceptio ostendendi, quod jus habet in dote sua, quod si ostendere poterit, recedat quieta, et dotem suam retineat, et sit hæres in misericordia, et amercietur graviter secundum discretionem justiciariorum. Sin autem recuperet hæres petitionem suam. Eodem modo subveniatur mulieri, si hæres vel alius eam implacitaverit de dote sua, si dotem suam per defaultam amiserit. In quo casu sua defaulta non sit ei ita præjudicialis, quin dotem suam (si jus habeat) recuperare possit, et fiat ei tale breve:*

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joyned by the words accustomed, yet it shall be joyned by words convenient; for when the tenant, in that he sheweth his right which belongeth to him by the writ that he before purchas'd, instead of a demandant, the warrantor may well defend the right of the tenant, which is accounted in place of the demandant, as before is said, and offer to defend the seisin of his ancestors by the body of his freeman, or put himself in the great assise, and pray recognizance to be made, whether he hath more right to the land in demand, or else the party before named. Or otherwise the great assise may be joyned thus, *talis defendit jus, &c.* and so the warrantor may defend the right, and knowlege the seisin of his ancestor, and put himself in the great assise, &c. and pray recognizance to be made, whether he hath more right in the foresaid land, as in that whereof he infeoffed such a man, or that such a one released and quit claimed, &c. or else the foresaid party, &c. And where sometime it chanceth that a woman not having right to demand dower, the heir being within age, doth purchase a writ of dower against a guardian, and the guardian endoweth the woman by favour, or maketh default, or by collusion defendeth the plea so faintly, whereby the woman is awarded her dower in prejudice of the heir; it is provided, that the heir, when he cometh to full age, shall have an action to demand the seisin of his ancestor against such a woman, like as he should have against any other deforceor; yet so, that the woman shall have her exception saved against the demandant, to shew that she had right to her dower, which if she can shew, she shall go quit and retain her dower, and the heir shall be grievously amerced, according to the discretion of the justices; and

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if not, the heir shall recover his demand, &c. In like manner the woman shall be aided, if the heir or any other do implead her for her dower, or if she lose her dower by default, in which case the default shall not be so prejudicial to her, but that she shall recover her dower, if she have right thereto, and she shall have this writ:

*Præcipe A. quod juste \* (11), &c. reddat tali, quæ fuit uxor talis tantam terram cum pertinentiis in C. quam clamat esse rationabilem dotem suam, vel de rationabili dote sua, et quam prædictus talis ei deforceat.*

*Et ad istud breve habeat tenens exceptionem suam, ad ostendendum, quod mulier jus non habet in dote (12). Quod si verificare poterit, recedat quietus, alioquin recuperet mulier tenementum, quod prius tenuit in dote. Et cum temporibus retroactis aliquis amisisset terram suam per defaultam, non habuit aliud recuperare quam per breve de recto, quod eis competere non potuit, qui de mero jure loqui non potuerunt, veluti tenentes ad terminum vitæ, vel per liberum maritagium, vel per feudum talliatum, in quibus casibus salvatur reversio (13). Provisum est quod de cætero non sit eorum defaulta eis ita præjudicialis, quin statum suum (si jus habeant) recuperare possint per aliud breve quam per breve de recto. De maritagio amisso per defaultam fiat tale breve:*

And to this writ the tenant shall have his exception, to shew that she had no right to be endowed; which if he can verify, he shall go quit; if not, the woman shall recover the land whereof she was endowed before. And whereas before time, if a man had lost his land by default, he had none other recovery than by a writ of right, which was not maintainable by any that could not claim of meer right, as tenants for term of life, in free marriage, or in tail, in which estates a reversion is reserved; it is provided, that from henceforth their default shall not be so prejudicial, but that they may recover their estate by another writ than by a writ of right, if they have right. For land in free marriage, lost by default, such a writ shall be made:

*Præcipe A. quod justè (11), &c. reddat B. manerium de C. cum pertinentiis, quod clamat esse jus et maritagium suum, et quod prædictus A. ei deforceat.*

*Eodem modo de tenemento ad terminum vitæ per defaultam amisso, fiat tale breve:*

Likewise of land for term of life, lost by default, this writ shall be made:

*Præcipe A. quod juste, &c. reddat B. manerium de C. cum pertinentiis, quod clamat tenere ad terminum vitæ suæ, et quod prædictus A. ei deforceat.*

*Similiter*

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*Quod clamat tenere sibi et hæredibus suis de corpore suo legitime procreatis, et quod prædictus A. ei deforceat, &c.*

(11 H. 4. f. 31. 50 Ed. 3. f. 7. Fitz. Dower, 80. 140. 173. Fitz. Voucher, 46 59. 159. 167. 173. 261. 275. 276. 300. 11 Rep. 62. Hob. 299. 6 Rep. 3. 1. Inst. 131. b. 354. b. 355. a. 356. a. 177. C. de deforc. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13. 17. Cro. Car. 445. F.N.B. 155. b. Reg. 171. b. 230. Raft. 491.)

(1) *In casu quando vir implacitatus, &c.*] It appeareth by the preamble of this statute, that if a recovery had been in a reall action against the husband, and the husband did render the land to the demandant, that notwithstanding this recovery, the wife should recover her dower. But if the husband had lost by default, it was a question and a doubt, whether in that case she should recover or no; and some judges would give judgement for the woman, and some were in a contrary opinion. Here is to be noted, that a recovery by reddition of the husband, is not of so great account in law as a recovery against the husband by default: but therein before this act this diversity was holden for law, that if in a writ of dower the tenant did plead the recovery in barre, the demandant might reply, *Que uco fuit per fraud, ou per collusion, ou per græ le baron*, as Britton saith, who wrote before this statute; but if it were by default without covin, then the greater opinion was, it barred the feme.

Brit. c. 109. fol. 261. Fleta, lib. 5. cap. 22.

But the reddition of the husband was holden for clear law, as it was adjudged the yeer before the making of this act, for that the wife was ready to maintain the title of her husband.

12 E. 1. dower 173. 49 E. 3. 25. 12 H. 4. 21.

All this is to be understood, where he that recovereth hath no right, for where he that recovered either by reddition or default had right, there neither the common law, nor this statute extended thereunto.

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36 H. 6. Parker de recovery 47.

If the recovery he had by verdict, the feme shall not falsifie in the point tryed, but she may say, that he might have pleaded a better plea, or confesse and avoid the recovery.

47 E. 3. 13.  
50 E. 3. 7.  
36 H. 6. ubi sup.  
14 H. 4. 52.  
4 E. 3. 52. 53.  
\* Customier de Norm. cap. 25. fol. 56.

(2) *Quando uxor dotata amittat dotem suam per \* defaultam, et tenentes in libero maritagio per legem Anglice, vel ad terminum vite, vel per scodum talliat, concurrunt plures actiones, &c.*] By this act the writ of *quod ei deforceat* is given; at the common law there lay no writ of *quod ei deforceat*, but by custome there did, as in Wales.

2 E. 4. 13.  
33 H. 6. 46.  
4 H. 7. 2. Lib. 5. fo. 85. li. 3. fo. .

If tenant in dower, tenant by the courtesie, or tenant for life had lost by default, they were without remedy, because they could not have a writ of right. Another mischief was, that seeing by the first chapter of this parliament it did alter the estate of tenant in frank-mariage, and tenant to them and the heirs of their bodies, &c. from a fee-simple to an estate tail, whereupon a reversion in point of state was in the donor expectant; by reason whereof, if a recovery by default had been against tenant in frank-mariage, or other tenant in tail, they had been also without remedy, because their estate being so changed, they could not have a writ of right no more then the other tenants for life here recited could have; therefore by this act a *quod ei deforceat* is given to them all; whereby it appeareth, that (as hath been said) the makers of the act intended a change of the estate tail, and providently made provision for tenant in tail by this act.

See the first part of the Institutes, 481, 482. 6, 675.



4E. 3. 38. 5E. 3.  
4. 8. 33 E. 3.  
Anewy 255.  
29 E. 3. 47.  
41 E. 3. 30.  
2 E. 4. 13.  
F.N.B. 156. a. c.

It is agreed, that if a recovery by default be had against the husband and wife, tenants in frank-mariage, or tenants for term of their lives, that they shall have a *quod ei deforreat* upon this act; but it is holden in some books, that if the husband and the wife be seised, as in the right of the wife, for term of her life, and a recovery be had against them by default, that they shall not have a *quod ei deforreat* for three reasons:

1. That the husband is not within the words of the statute, for he is not tenant for life, but seised in the right of his wife, who is tenant for life.

2. That the husband may dispose of his wives estate, and alien the same during his life.

3. Provision is made by the next precedent chapter, that the wife in this case may have a *cui in vita* after the decease of her husband.

But I take it that in this case, if the recovery be had merely by default without the agreement of the husband, that the husband and wife may have a *quod ei deforreat* by this act; for as to the first reason, though the husband be seised but in the right of his wife, yet the wife is tenant for life, and the husband is named but for conformity.

And if a lease be made to a feme sole, and she taketh husband, and a recovery be had by default against them, they shall have a *quod ei deforreat* by this act.

As to the second reason, the same may be said, when the husband and wife are donees in frank-mariage, or joyntenants for life; for in these cases the husband may dispose of the lands during his life.

And as to the last reason, this statute intended to give to the tenants for life a present remedy to relieve themselves, as in this case the husband and wife may during the life of the husband; for it is agreed, that after the death of the husband the wife shall have a *quod ei deforreat*.

But if the recovery be had by the agreement of the husband, then he can never bring a *quod ei deforreat*.

(3) *Amittat dotem, &c.*] This statute doth also extend to courts that be not of record, as the court baron, as in a writ of right in a court baron, &c.

(4) *Per defaultam.*] If A. and B. be seised of lands, and to the heires of A. a recovery is had against them by default, A. shall have a writ of right of his moiety, and B. a *quod ei deforreat* upon this statute, and when they recover they shall be joyntenants again.

<sup>a</sup> Two coparceners in taile lose by default, they shall joyne in a *quod ei deforreat*, yet the default of the one is not the default of the other: <sup>b</sup> but if tenant in taile lose by default, &c. and die, the issue in taile shall not have a *quod ei deforreat* but a formedon in the descender.

<sup>c</sup> A departure in despight of the court (unlesse it be in a writ of right after the mise joyned) is holden to be within this act, for he makes default in that case when he is demaunded; but upon a *nihil dicit*, no *quod ei deforreat* doth lie.

<sup>d</sup> A tenant for term of life makes default in a *præcipe*, whereupon he in the reversion is received and plead to issue, and it is found against the tenant by recit, and judgement is given for the demandant,

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10 E. 4. 2.

See the first part  
of the Institutes,  
sect. 674, 675.

46 E. 3. 21.

<sup>a</sup> 46 E. 2. 21.

F.N.B. 155 h.

<sup>b</sup> 14 H. 7. 5. b.

F.N.B. 155. f.

5 H. 7. *Quod ei*

*deforc* 9.

<sup>c</sup> 15 E. . . *Quod*

*ei deforc* 9.

F.N.B. 155. i.

Paich. 33 Eliz.

Rot. 1125. in

Banco Elimers

case.

<sup>d</sup> 33 E. 3. *Quod*

*ei deforc* 17.

F.N.B. 155. e.

49 E. 3. 8. 2 H. 4.

2. 21 H. 6. 56.

5 E. 4. 16.

demandant, the tenant shall have a *quod ei deforceat*, for albeit there is a verdict given, yet the judgement is given upon the default.

But in an assise, and in an action of waste, although the tenant make default, yet there is a verdict given, and upon that verdict the judgement is given in both cases, and therefore there no *quod ei deforceat* doth lie within this act.

A woman brings a writ of dower against tenant for life, and recover by default, the tenant brings a *quod ei deforceat*, and recover by default, the tenant in dower shall have a *quod ei deforceat* by this statute: and so note a *quod ei deforceat* upon a *quod ei deforceat*.

13 E. 1. vouches  
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If the tenant for life in a *præcipe* vouch, and the vouchee will not appeare, by reason whereof the tenant loseth by default, he shall have a *quod ei deforceat* by this act, albeit the judgement is not given for the proper default of the tenant, for this statute saith, *per defaultum* generally, and not *per defaultam suam*.

F.N.B. 156. b.

(5) *Cum ad hoc per-ventum fuerit, quod tenens necesse habet ostendere jus suum, non possunt ipsi sine hiis ad quod spectat reuersio de iure respondere: et ideo concedatur eis quod vocent ad warrant' secundum tenorem brevis ac si essent tenentes in priori breui, warrant' habeant.*]

For the better understanding whereof the forme and order of the entry of the record and pleading (a window which letteth in light to many cases) is herein to be known, which is, that in the *quod ei deforceat*, the demandant count that he or she was seised of the land for terme of life, or in taile, without shewing of whose lease or gift, for that the action is brought of his owne possession, and alledgeth the esplees in himselfe, and that the defendant hath deforced him without making of any mention of the record. And then the tenant may defend the right of the demandant, &c. and either shew how he recovered against the demandant by formedon or other reall action, and in the purclose of his plea shall say, that *ipse paratus est ad manutenendum jus et titulum suum prædict' per donum prædict', &c. unde petit iudicium*, whereby the defendant in the *quod ei deforceat* is become actor, and in effect reviveth the former action, and the demandant in the *quod ei deforceat* is become in manner of a tenant to the former action, and may vouch as if he were tenant to the former action, because if he hath but an estate for life, it is not safe for him to pleade in chiefe, but to vouch him in the reversion, therefore he can vouch no other, but him in the reversion; or if the defendant notwithstanding upon the title of the former recovery plead some other barre, then the demandant in the *quod ei deforceat* shall not vouch at all, because the former action is not revived. And if the defendant plead the former recovery, the demandant may traverse the title, or plead any thing in barre of the title.

29 E. 3. 47.  
10 E. 4. 2.  
F.N.B. 156. d.  
9 E. 3. 22.  
41 E. 3. 30.  
48 E. 3. 8.  
2 E. 4. 11.

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(6) *Quod tenens necesse habet.*] It is not of necessity that the defendant in the writ of *quod ei deforceat*, doe plead the former recovery, but (as hath been said) he may plead any other barre.

(7) *Non possunt ipsi sine hiis, &c.*] By these words the demandant in the *quod ei deforceat* after the recovery pleaded cannot vouch any other but him in the reversion.

(8) *Concedatur iis quod vocent ad warrantum, &c. ac si essent tenentes in priori breui.*] Upon these words, two conclusions are to be observed.

9 E. 3. 22.  
33 E. 3. Count  
Pl. de vouch.  
101. 33 H. 6.  
46. Lib. 11.  
fol. 62. D. Fof-  
ters case.



First, that albeit the demandant in the *quod ei deforceat* after the recovery pleaded cannot vouch, yet the *quod ei deforceat* may be maintainable.

Secondly, if the recovery by default be in such an action where no voucher doth lie, yet the *quod ei deforceat* is maintainable, and these words are to be intended, that such tenant shall vouch which might have vouched in the first writ.

And therefore if the judgement by default be in a *scire facias* brought upon a recovery or fine, or in a writ of entry, or in the *quibus* brought against the disseisor himselfe, there lieth no voucher, and yet a *quod ei deforceat* is given by this act upon such a recovery by default. And where the vouchee should not have his age in the former writ, hee shall not have his age in this writ, for this writ is of the nature of the other.

The tenant in a *quod ei deforceat* may vouch, &c. and so both tenant and demandant (as hath been said) may vouch in this act, seeing the statute doth give a voucher, by consequence he shall recover in value.

But note this act doth give but one voucher, and therefore the vouchee shall not vouch over, and fir William Herle said, that they were *sages gens queux fieront cest statut.*

(9) *Cum oportet eos petere tenementa per defaultam amissa.*] Hereupon it is holden, that he that lost by default may have a *quod ei deforceat* against the alicnee of the recoveror, because the words of the statute are indefinite; and unlesse the writ did lie against the alicnee, the demandant could not have the effect of his suit, viz. the restitution of the land.

See the first part of the Institutes, sect. 674, 675.

(10) *Cum aliquando contingat.*] By the purview of this statute, if the wife having no right to be endowed, bring a writ of dower against the gardien in chivalry, and by favour the gardein in chivalry doe yeeld dower, or make default, or plead faintly, by means whereof the wife recovereth her dower in prejudice of the heire, the heire after he commeth to his full age shall have a writ of mordaunc' against the wife, as he might have against any other deforceour.

(11) *Præcipe A. quod juste, &c.*] Here the forme of the writ of *quod ei deforceat* for tenant in dower is set down, and it is so called, because of these words in the writ, *quod ei deforceat*, and seeing the forme of the writ is here expressed, the statute that giveth the writ needs not to be recited, as before hath been said.

Note in none of these writs it is said *injuste deforceat* (as commonly in writs it is) because this act giveth the forme, and *injuste* is not in the statute.

(12) *Quod mulier jus non habet in dote.*] Note, this is a good barre in a *quod ei deforceat*.

(13) *Non habuit aliquod recuperare quam per breve de recto, quod eis competere non potuit qui de mero jure competere non potuerunt veluti tenentes ad terminum vitæ vel liberum maritagium, vel per feodum talliatum, in quibus casibus salvatur reversio.*] Upon these words foure things are to be observed,

1. First, that none shall have a writ of right, but he that hath a fee-simple, here called *merum jus*.

2. That tenants in taile cannot have a writ of right.

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10 H. 7. 9.  
13 b. 41 E. 3.  
30. 44 E. 3. 42.  
11. 11. ubi sup.

50 E. 3. 25.

10 H. 7. 10.

10 H. 7. 29. a.  
9 E. 3. 22.

41 E. 3. 8 30.  
30 E. 3. 25.  
F.N.B. 155. f.

See the Statute  
of Marl. c. 16.

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See before Cap. 1.  
Formedon.

Regist. 171.

3. This is an exposition of the first chapter of this parliament, that thereby the estate taile is of an estate in fee-simple become a divided and particular estate, whereupon the reversion in fee is expectant.

4. Fourthly, albeit tenant by the curtesie be not expressly named in these former writs, yet is he within the mischief and purview of this statute, for he is *tenens ad terminum vitæ*. Regist. 171. b.

## CAP. V.

**CUM** de advocacionibus ecclesiarum non sint nisi tria brevia originalia videlicet breve de recto, et duo de possessione, sciz ultimæ præsentationis, et quare impedit (1), et hucusq; usitatum fuerit in regno, quod cum aliquis jus præsentandi non habens (4) præsentaverit (3) ad aliquam ecclesiam (5), cujus præsentatus sit admisus (6), ipse qui verus est patronus per nullum aliud breve recuperare potuit advocacionem suam (2), quam per breve de recto (7) quod habet terminare per duellum, vel per magnam assisam, per quod hæredes infra ætatem existentes per fraudem et negligentiam custodum, hæredes etiam sive majores, sive minores per negligentiam vel fraudem tenentium per legem Angliæ, vel mulierum tenentium in dote, vel alio modo ad terminum vitæ, vel annorum, vel per feodum talliatum, multotiens exhæredationem patiebantur de advocacionibus illis, vel ad minus (quod eis melius fuit) ponebantur ad breve de recto, et in casu omnino exhæredati fuerunt hucusque: statutum est quod hujusmodi præsentationes (8) non sint hujusmodi rectis hæredibus (9), aut illis ad quos post mortem aliquorum, hujusmodi (11) advocaciones reverti debent (10) ita præjudiciales, quin quotiescunque aliquis jus non habens, tempore hujusmodi custodiarum præsentaverit, vel tempore tenentium in dote, per legem Angliæ, vel alio modo, ad terminum vitæ, vel annorum (12), vel

**WHEREAS** of advowsons of churches there be but three original writs, that is to say, one writ of right, and two of possession, which be darrein presentment, and quare impedit; and hitherto it hath been used in the realm, that when any having no right to present, had presented to any church, whose clerk was admitted, he that was very patron could not recover his advowson, but only by a writ of right, which should be tried by battail or by great assise, whereby heirs within age, by fraud, or else by negligence of their wardens, and heirs both of great and mean estate, by negligence or fraud of tenants by the courtesie, women tenants in dower, or otherwise, for term of life, or for years, or in fee-tail, were many times disinherited of their advowsons, or at least (which was the better for them) were driven to their writ of right, in which case hitherto they were utterly disinherited; it is provided, that such presentments shall not be so prejudicial to the right heirs, or to them unto whom such advowsons ought to revert after the death of any persons: for as often as any, having no right, doth present during the time that such heirs are in ward, or during the estates of tenants in dower, by the courtesie, or otherwise for term of life, or of years, or in tail; at the next avoidance, when the heir is come to full age, or when after the death of the tenants before named the advow-



per fecundum talliatum (13), in proxima vacatione, postquam hæres ad ætatem pervenerit (14), vel advocatio post mortem tenentium in forma prædicta ad hæredem plenæ ætatis existentem revertetur, habeat eandem actionem et recuperationem per breve de advocacione possessorium (15), qualem haberet ultimus antecessor (16) — jussimodi hæredis plenam habens ætatem, in ultima vacatione tempor' suo accidente ante mortem suam, vel antequam dimissio facta fuerit ad terminum vel ad feodum talliatum (17), ut prædictum est. Hoc idem observetur de presentationibus factis ad ecclesias de hereditate uxorum (18), tempore quo fuerunt sub potestate virorum suorum, quibus per istud statutum subveniatur, per remedium supradictum. Viris etiam religiosis (19), episcopis, archidiaconis, rectoribus ecclesiarum, et aliis personis ecclesiasticis per istud idem statutum subveniatur: si aliquis jus præsentandi non habens præse- taverit ad ecclesias domus sive prælatiæ, dignitati aut personatui spectantis, tempore quo vacaverint prælatiæ, dignitates, aut personatus hujusmodi. Nec tamen ita large intelligatur istud statutum, quod personæ, ad quorum remedium statutum istud est editum, habeant recuperare supradictum, dicentes quod custodes, tenentes in dotem, per legem Angliæ, vel alias ad terminum vitæ, vel annorum, vel viri fidei defenderint (20) placitum per ipsos, vel contra ipsos, motum, quia judicia in curia regis reddita (21) per istud statutum non adnihilentur, sed stet iudicium in suo robore, quousque per iudicium curiæ regis tanquam erroneum (si error inveniatur) adnulletur, vel

[ 355 ] *assisa ultimæ presentationis, vel inquisitio per quare impedit si transferit per attinetam, vel per certificationem adnulletur, quæ gratis concedatur. Et de cætero una forma placitandi in brevibus ultimæ presentationis, et quare impedit, inter iudiciarios observetur, quoad hoc, quod*  
*si pars*

son shall revert unto the heir being of full age, he shall have such action by writ of advowson possessorie, as the last ancestor of such an heir should have had at the last avoidance happening in his time; being of full age before his death, or before the demise was made for term of life, or in fee-tail, as before is said. The same shall be observed in presentments made unto churches, being of the inheritance of wives, what time they shall be under the power of their husbands, which must be aided by this estatute by the remedy aforesaid. Also religious men, as bishops, archdeacons, parsons of churches, and other spiritual men, shall be aided by this estatute, in case any having no right to present do present unto churches belonging to prelacies, spiritual dignities, parsonages, or to houses of religion, what time such houses, prelacies, spiritual dignities, or parsonages be vacant. Neither shall this act be so largely understood, that such persons, for whose remedy this statute was ordained, shall have the recovery aforesaid, surmising that guardians of heirs, tenants in tail, by the courtesie, tenants in dower, for term of life, or for years, or husbands, faintly have defended pleas moved by them, or against them; because the judgements given in the king's courts shall not be adnulled by this statute, the judgement shall stand in his force, until it be reversed in the court of the king as erroneous, if error be found; or by assise of *darrein presentment*, or by enquest by a writ of *quare impedit*, if it be passed, or be adnulled by attainr, or certification, which shall be freely granted. And from henceforth one form of pleading shall be observed among justices in writs of *darrein presentment* and *quare impedit*, in this respect, if the defendant alledgeth plenarty of the church of his own presentation, the plea shall not fail by rea-  
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*si pars rea excipiat de plenitudine ecclesie per suam propriam præsentationem, non propter illam plenitudinem remaneat loquela, dummodo breve (22) infra tempus semestre (23) impetretur, quam infra tempus semestre præsentationem suam recuperare non possit. Et cum aliquando inter plures clamantes advocacionem alicujus ecclesie pax fuerit formata inter partes, et irrotulata coram justiciariis in rotulo, vel in fine sub hac forma, quod unus primo præsentet (24), et in sequente vacatione alius, et in tertia tertius, et sic de pluribus, si plures sint. Et cum unus præsentaverit, et habuerit suam præsentationem, quam habere debet per formam conventionis illius, et in proxima vacatione impediatur ille ad quem spectat sequens præsentatio per aliquem qui fuit pars illius conventionis, vel loco ejus: statutum est quod de cætero non habeat hujusmodi impeditus necesse perquirere breve de quare impedit, sed habeat recursum ad rotulum, vel ad finem. Et si in rotulo, vel in fine comperta fuerit prædicta pax, vel conventio, mandetur vicecomiti, quod scire faciat parti impediendi, quod sit ad aliquem brevem diem continentem spacium xv. dierum, vel trium septimanarum, secundum quod locus est propinquus vel remotus ostens. (si quid sciat dicere) quare sic impeditus talem præsentationem suam habere non debeat. Et si non venerit, vel forte venerit, et nihil sciat dicere, quare sic impeditus præsentationem suam habere non debeat. ratione alicujus facti post pacem factam, vel irrotulatam, vel chirographatam, recuperet præsentationem suam cum damnis suis. Et cum contingat quod post mortem antecessoris sui, qui ad aliquam ecclesiam præsentavit personam, assignata fuerit illa advocatio in dotem alicujus mulieris, vel tenenti per legem Angliæ, et tenentes in dotem, vel tenentes per legem Angliæ præsentaverint, et verus hæres post mortem hujusmodi tenentium per legem Angliæ, vel in dotem, impediatur præsentare,*

son of the plenarty; so that the writ be purchased within six months, though he cannot recover his presentation within the six months. And sometimes when an agreement is made between many claiming one advowson, and inrolled before the justices in the roll, or by fine, in this form, that one shall present the first time, and at the next avoidance another, and the third time another; and so of many, in case there be many. And when one hath presented, and had his presentation, which he ought to have according to the form of their agreement and fine, and at the next avoidance he to whom the second presentation belongeth, is disturbed by any that was party to the said fine, or by some other in his stead; it is provided, that from henceforth they that be so disturbed shall have no need to sue a quare impedit, but shall resort to the roll or fine; and if the said concord or agreement be found in the roll or fine, then the sheriff shall be commanded, that he give knowledge unto the disturber, that he be ready at some short day, containing the space of fifteen days, or three weeks (as the place happeneth to be near or far) for to shew if he can alledge any thing, wherefore the party that is disturbed ought not to present: and if he come not, or peradventure doth come, and can alledge nothing to bar the party of his presentation, by reason of any deed made or written since the fine was made or inrolled, he shall recover his presentation with his damages. And where it chanceth that after the death of the ancestor of him that presented his clerk unto a church, the same advowson is assigned in dower to any woman, or to tenant by the curtesie, which do present, and after the death of such tenants the very heir is disturbed to present when the church is void, it is provided, that from henceforth



*sentare, cum ecclesia vacaverit: provi-  
sum est, quod de cætero sit in electione  
impediti, utrum \* perquirere velit per  
breve de quare impedit, vel ultimæ  
præsentationis (25). Hoc etiam de  
cætero observetur de advocacionibus di-  
missis ad terminum vitæ, vel annorum,  
vel ad feodum talliatum. Et de cætero  
in brevibus ultimæ præsentationis, et  
quare impedit adjudicentur dampna,  
videlicet, si tempus semestre transierit  
per impedimentum alicujus, ita quod  
episcopus ecclesiam conferat (28), et  
verus patronus ea vice præsentationem  
suam amittat, adjudicentur dampna  
(26) ad valorem ecclesiæ (29) de duo-  
bus annis. Et si tempus semestre (27)  
non transierit, sed distracionetur præ-  
sentatio infra tempus prædictum, tunc  
adjudicentur dampna ad valorem medie-  
tatis ecclesiæ per unum annum. Et si  
impeditor (30) nihil habeat, unde resti-  
tuere possit dampna, in casu quando epi-  
scopus confert ecclesiæ per l. ipsum tempo-  
ris, puniatur per prisonam duorum an-  
norum. Et si advocatio distracionetur  
infra tempus semestre, puniatur tamen  
impeditor per prisonam dimidii anni.  
Et de cætero concedantur brevia de  
capellis, præbendis, vicariis, hospitali-  
bus, abbatiis, prioratibus, et aliis domi-  
bus quæ sunt de advocacionibus alio-  
rum, quæ prius concedi non consueve-  
runt (31). Et cum per breve (32)  
indicavit (33), impeditur rector ali-  
cujus ecclesiæ, ad petend' decimas (34)  
in vicina parochia, habeat patronus  
rectori sic impedit' breve ad petendum  
advocationem decimarum petitarum.  
Et cum distracionatum fuerit, procedat  
postmodum placitum in curia christiani-  
tatis, quatenus distracionatum fuerit in  
curia regis (33). Cum advocatio de-  
scendat participibus, licet unus bis præ-  
sentet, et usurpet super cohæredem, non  
propter hoc exclusus sit ille in toto qui  
fuit negligens, sed alias habeat turnum  
suum præsentandi, cum acciderit (35).*

forth it shall be in the election of the party disturbed, whether he will sue a writ of quare impedit, or of darrein presentment. The same shall be observed in advowsons demised for term of life, or years, or in fee-tail. And from henceforth in writs of quare impedit and darrein presentment, damages shall be awarded, that is to wit, if the time of six months pass by the disturbance of any, so that the bishop do confer to the church, and the very patron loseth his presentation for that time, damages shall be awarded for two years value of the church. And if the six months be not passed, but the presentment be deraigned within the said time, then damages shall be awarded to the half year's value of the church; and if the disturber have not whereof he may recompense damages, in case where the bishop conferreth by lapse of time, he shall be punished by two years imprisonment: and if the advowson be deraigned within the half year, yet the disturber shall be punished by the imprisonment of half a year. And from henceforth writs shall be granted for chapels, prebends, vicarages, hospitals, abbeys, priories, and other houses which be of the advowsons of other men, that have not been used to be granted before. And when the parson of any church is disturbed to demand tythes in the next parish by a writ of indicavit, the patron of the parson so disturbed, shall have a writ to demand the advowson of the tythes being in demand; and when it is deraigned, then shall the plea pass in the court christian, as far forth as it is deraigned in the king's court. When an advowson descendeth unto parceners, though one present twice, and usurpeth upon his coheir, yet he that was negligent shall not be clearly barred, but another time shall have his turn to present when it falleth.

(13 Rep. 6. 1 Roll. 151. 156, 157, 158. 211. 462. St. 7 Ann. c. 18. Rast. 101. 144. 496.  
3 Balst. 40. Hob. 240. Kel. 1. Fitz. Quare imp. 43. 67. 87. 92. 96. 99. 105. 127. 142. 167. 39 Ed. 3.  
15. Cro.



15. Cro. El. 207. Cro. Jac. 166. 6 Rep. 61. Fitz. Quare impedit. 19. 48. 73. 96. 116. 169. Fitz. Encumbent, 1, 2. 4. Bro. Plenarty, 1, 2. 7. 11, 12. 14, 15. 16. Bro. Presentat. 46. 58. 1 Inst. 344. b. 5 Rep. 102. 13 Ed. 4. 3. Dyer, 29. Fitz. Quare impedit, 7. 49. 62. 196. Fitz. Darrein present. 11. Co. pl 468. 479. Hob. 244. Fitz. Darrein present. 13. Regist. jud. 50. V.N.B. 25, 26. Cro. El. 31. 162. Hob. 242. Fitz. Damage, 4. 9. 17. 29. 38. 93. 106. Fitz. Quare impedit, 24. 45. Dyer, 135. 236. 241. Kel. 57. 6 Rep. 48. 2 Roll. 112. 24 Ed. 3. 26. Fitz. Quare impedit, 4. 16. 18. 27. 30. 38. 70. 82. 129. 140. 157. 183. Disturbance by Indicavit. Regist. 35. 31 H. 6. 13. Bro. Droit, 8. 7 Rep. 25. 27. 35 H. 6. 60. 38 H. 6. 9. 22 Ed. 4. 8. Fitz. Quare impedit, 1. 3. 7. 8. 20. 39, 40. 51. 58, 59. 64, 65, 69. 104. 148. 196. Hob. 238. 2 & 3 Ed. 6. c. 13.)

(1) *Cum de advocacionibus ecclesiarum non sint nisi tria brevia originalia, v. z. breve de recto, et duo de possessione, scil. ultimæ presentationis et quare impedit.*] An assise of darrein presentment no man can have, without alledging a presentment in his own time.

A writ of right of advowson a purchaser cannot have, without alledging a presentation in his own time, but a *quare impedit* a purchaser may have, and alledge a presentation in him, from whom he purchased the same; and to that end saith Britton was the *quare impedit* provided for remedy of such purchasers, but the *quare impedit* is more ancient than the time of E. 1. as appeareth by Glanvile.

In 8 E. 1. it appeareth *quod sunt tria brevia de advocacione placitabilia, breve de recto, quare impedit, et ultimæ presentationis*; but yet the originall writs of dower and cessavit, &c. do lye of an advowson, and so doth the judiciall writ of *scire facias*.

(2) *Et hucusque usitatum fuerit in regno, quod cum aliquis jus presentandi non habens presentaverit ad aliquam ecclesiam, cujus presentatus sit admissus, ipse qui verus est patronus, per nullum aliud breve recuperare potuit advocacionem suam, quã per breve de recto.*] For these words, *advocatio, presentatio, ecclesia, &c.* whereof they are derived, and the severall sorts of them see the first part of the Institutes.

(3) *Presentaverit.*] By the order of the common law, if one had presented to a church whereunto he had no right, and the bishop had admitted and instituted his clerk, this incumbent could not be removed for divers reasons.

First, for that he came into the church by a judiciall act from the bishop (who the law intended, *scrutatis archi-epis*, to do right) the incumbent could not be removed, neither by writ of right of advowson, nor assise of *darrein presentment*, nor *quare impedit*, onely the patron should recover his advowson in a writ of right of advowson, which by the usurpation was devested from him.

Secondly, that by the common law in evéry town and parish there ought to be *persona idonea*, and this appeareth by the words of the writ of *quare impedit, &c. quod permittat presentare idoneã personã, &c.* And when the bishop had admitted him able, which implied that he was *idonea persona*, then the law had his finall intention, *viz.* that the church should be sufficiently provided for, and then the church was said to be *plena et consultã*.

Thirdly, that the incumbent having *curam animarum* might the more effectually and peaceably intend so great charge; the common law provided, that after institution he should not be subject to any action, to be removed at the suit of any common person, without all respect of age, coverture, imprisonment or non-sane memory, and without regard of title, either by descent or purchase, or of any estate; wherein you may (as often it hath been) observe what inconveniences

Brit. c. 94. fol. 233. Braçt. li. 4. 246, 247. Fleta, li. 5. c. 12, 13, 14, 15, 16. Glan. lib. 6. ca. 17. li. 13. cap. 20, 21.

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Tr. 8 E. 1 Rot. 26. Coram Rege. Braçt. li. 4. fo. 246, 247. Fleta, li. 5. c. 17. 7 E. 3. 27. 43 E. 3. 15. 14 E. 2. Quare imp. 172. See the first part of the Institutes, sect. 10. 180. 184. 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648. See li. 6. fo. 50. Boswels case. Bro. tit. Present. at eglise 46. 6 E. 3. 38, 39. See the first part of the Institutes, sect. 648.

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Regist. F.N.B. 36.

3. Braçt. li. 4. fo. 244. 35 E. 1. Quare imp. 130. 1 E. 2. ibid. 41. 10 E. 2. Common 22. 6 E. 3. 52. 11 E. 3. Quare imp. 158. 39 E. 3. 24.



44 E. 3. 21.  
35 H. 6. 64.

Lib. 6. fol. 5.  
Boswells case.  
17 E. 3. 64. b.

50 E. 3. 14. b.

conveniencies follow, when the right institution of the common law is not observed.

By this words *præsenta-verit*, it appeareth that no plenarty doth put the patron that hath title to present, out of possession, but onely plenarty by presentation; but plenarty by collation doth put him that had right to collate out of possession.

(4) *Pari jure et ratione jus præsentiendi non habens.*] If tenant for yeers, or gardein in chivalry bring a *quare impedit*, although the defendant hath a writ to the bishop against the termor or gardein, and his clerk is admitted, instituted and inducted, notwithstanding the tenant of the free-hold of the advowson is not put out of possession. Note a diversity between a meer usurpation, and him that comes in by course of law.

(5) *Ad ecclesiam.*] This is intended of a church presentative.

(6) *Cujus præsentatus sit admissus.* Albeit that *admissus* in his proper sence is, when the bishop upon examination findeth him able (that is) *idonea persona*, yet here it is taken for institution; for here is implied *ad eandem ecclesiam*, and therefore of necessity it must be here taken for institution, and the rather, for that before institution the rightfull patron is not put out of possession. And it is to be observed, that by the institution the church, as to all common persons, is *plena et consulta* as to the spirituality, that is to say, the cure of souls: for when the bishop doth institute him, he saith, *instituo te ad tale beneficium, et habere curam animarum, et accipe curam tuam et meam*; but before induction the parson hath not the temporalities belonging to his rectory.

But the church is not full against the king before induction, because in the kings case plenarty is to be intended of a full and compleat plenarty, aswell to the temporalities as to the spirituality. *Nota*, present admissions and institutions, &c. are the life of advowsons; and therefore if patrons suspect that the register of the bishop will be negligent in keeping of them, he may have a *certiorari* to the bishop, to certifie them into the chancery.

And if there be an usurpation upon the king by a compleat plenarty, the king cannot present to the church, before he hath removed the incumbent by *quare impedit*, lest contentions might grow in the church between the severall claimers of the benefice, to the disturbance or hindrance of divine service, and this was by the common law.

But in that case the king is onely put out of possession, as to the bringing of an action, but the inheritance of the advowson is not devested out of him: see in the fourth part of the Institutes, cap. Ireland; when an \* incumbent is made a bishop, either in England or Ireland, &c. who shall present.

(7) *Quam per breve de recto.*] This is to be understood where the patron that had a fee simple, and that he or some of his ancestors had presented: but if the patron claimed the fee-simple of the advowson by purchase, and had never presented, there he could have no writ of right of advowson, but before this statute had lost the advowson. And likewise if tenant in tail, or tenant for life had suffered any usurpation, they had been remediless by the common law, because they could have no writ of right.

If a bishop, abbot or prior, &c. purchase an advowson, and suffer an usurpation before they present, they and their successors are barred for ever, unlesse by force of this act the usurpation be avoided in a *quare impedit*.

Therefore

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33 H. 6. 13. Bos-  
weis case ubi sup.  
Pl. Com. fo. 528.  
lib. 4. fo. 79.  
Digby's case.  
18 Eliz. Dier.  
Giles case, lib. 9.  
fol. 132.  
Holts case.  
Regist. 286. b.  
F.N.B. 246. m.  
2 H. 4. 17. 8 H.  
4. 20. 14 H. 6  
21. 1 H. 7. 19.  
10 H. 7. 15.  
25 E. 3. cap. 3.  
13 R. 2. cap. 1.  
4 H. 4. ca. 21.  
F.N.B. 36. k.  
143. & 34. k.  
21 E. 4. 34.  
43 E. 3. 3. b.  
22 H. 6. 27.  
38 E. 2. 8, 9.  
\* Pasch. 24 E. 3.  
Coram Rege  
Cornub. Tr.  
32 E. 1. Coram  
Rege Rot. 75.  
17 E. 3. 40. 21  
E. 3. 40. 41 E. 3.  
5. 46 E. 3. 32.  
5 Eliz. Dier 228.  
25 E. 3. Quare  
Imp. 139.  
43 E. 3. 15.  
43 Aff. 21.  
5 E. 3. 60.  
F.N.B. 34.  
35 H. 6. 54, 60.  
5 E. 3. 60.  
16 H. 6. 40.



Therefore in perusing over the severall branches of this statute, it shall appear what cases be remedied by this act, and what remain at the common law.

*Per quod hæredes infra ætatem existentes per fraudem et negligentiam custodum, hæredes etiam sive majores sive minores per negligentiam, vel fraudem tenentium per legem Angliæ, vel mulierum tenentium in dotem, vel alio modo ad terminum vitæ, vel annorum, vel per feodum talliatum multotiens exhæredationem patiebantur de advocationibus illis, vel ad minus (quod eis melius fuit) ponebantur ad breve de recto, et in casu omnino exhæredati fuerunt hucusq; &c.*

Here is the preamble containing the mischief, let us therefore peruse the words of the act.

(8) *Statutum est quod hujusmodi præsentationes.*] The preamble extendeth onely to heirs in ward, *per fraudem et negligentiam custodum, &c.* and the words of the body of the act are, *quod hujusmodi præsentationes*, such presentations; but these words are to be expounded, such presentations that be in the same mischief: and therefore this act extends to heirs of advowsons, though they be out of ward.

44 E. 3. 21. lib. 11. fol. 33. Powlters case. For this word *Hujusmodi*, see ca. 4. & circumspicte agatis.

(9) *Rectis hæredibus.*] This act relieveth onely infants that have advowsons by descent; for if an infant have an advowson by purchase, he remaineth at the common law, and is not remedied by this act.

35 H. 6. 64.

And this being a law that suppresseth wrong, and advanceth right, doth binde the king, though he be not named in the act.

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35 H. 6. ubi sup. Lib. 21. fo. 72. Magd. Colledge case.

(10) *Aut illis ad quos post mortem aliquorum hujusmodi advocationes reverti debent.*] *Nota [illis] hoc est illis hæredibus*, to those heirs that have the reversion of the advowson by descent; for the preamble saith, *hæredes etiam sive majores, sive minores, &c.* And the perclose of this branch is, *qualem haberet ultimus antecessor hujusmodi hæredis, &c.* So as this statute doth help the heir of him in the reversion, and not the lessor himself, but the heir of him in the remainder is not within the purview of this act.

P. com. 58. F.N.B. 31. g. Bro. tit. Presentment at eglise 46.

(11) *Post mortem aliquorum hujusmodi.*] That is, of tenant by the courtesie, tenant in dower, or otherwise for life, or for yeers, or in fee tail.

(12) *Pro termino annorum.*] Tenant for term of half a yeer, or a yeer, and grantee of the next avoidance are within the purview and meaning of this act; tenant by statute merchant, or staple, or *elegit*, are within the purview of this statute.

34 H. 6. 30.

(13) *Vel feodum talliatum.*] Tenant in tail of a mannor, whereunto an advowson was appendant, and before this statute an estranger usurped, and then the statute of *donis condit'* and this act is made, tenant in tail dyeth, and the mannor descendeth to his issue; yet the heir in tail hath no remedy, because the advowson was severed by the usurpation: and this act extendeth not to usurpations before this act.

8 E. 2. Quare impedit. 167. 16 E. 3. ibid. 67.

But if tenant in tail suffer an usurpation after this act, and dyeth, his issue shall have remedy by *quare impedit* within the purview of this statute.

8 E. 2. ubi supra. 46 Ass. 4.

(14) *In*

16 E. 3. Quare  
imp. 67. F.N.B.  
31. b. Botwels  
case, ubi supra.

(14) *In proxima vacatione post quam hæres ad ætatem pervenerit.*] Note, albeit the heir hath the advowson by descent, yet if he suffereth an usurpation, he hath no remedy by this branch, untill after he cometh of full age; this is to be intended when the heir is in ward, for so this act putteth the case: but if the heir be out of ward, he may have his *quare impedit*, or his assise of *darrein presentment* during his minority.

(15) *Per breve de ad-vocatione possessorium.*] This is by *quare impedit*, or assise of *darrein presentment*.

(16) *Qualem haberet ultimus antecessor, &c.*] Then put case, that one purchaseth an advowson in fee, and dieth before any presentation made by him, and this descends to his heir within age, the church becomes void; if the heir be in ward, the heir may have his *quare impedit* at his full age, and if he be within age, and out of ward, he may have his *quare impedit*, and count of a presentation made by him of whom the purchase was made: but he can have no writ of right of advowson, because his ancestor, or he never presented.

Note it is not said here, *qualem habuit*, but *qualem haberet*, as the ancestor should have had if the church had become void in his time, and his title to present had accrued unto him, for there the right, or at least the possibility of action doth descend.

2 E. 3. 10, 11.

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One seised of an advowson in fee, presenteth to the church being void, and granteth the same to A. for life, and after granteth the reversion to K. and his heirs; A. tenant for life suffereth an usurpation to the church, the heir of K. having the right of this advowson by descent, shall, after the death of A. the church becoming void, present, and yet K. could not have had a *quare impedit*: but if A. had dyed before the usurpation, then might K. have had a *quare impedit*, and therefore his heir shall have at the next avoidance that remedy which by possibility he might have had; and herewith agreeth the authority of the book in 2 E. 3. for there Tond taketh this exception, but durst not demur.

(17) *Vel antequam dimissio facta fuerit ad terminum vel ad feudum talliatum.*] Hereof sufficient hath been said before.

1 E. 2. Quare  
imp. 43. 5 E. 3.  
30. 43 E. 3. 15.  
Thorp. F.N.B.  
34. s. Bro. tit.  
Presentment al  
eglise 46.

(18) *Hoc idem observetur de presentationibus factis ad ecclesias de hereditate uxorum.*] If a feme covert hath an advowson by purchase, she is not within the remedy of this act, and that for two reasons:

First, here it is said, *hoc idem observetur*; but an infant having an advowson by purchase is not holpen by this act, *et hoc idem observetur* in case of a feme covert.

Secondly, *de hereditate uxorum*, is here intended of an advowson by descent; for this word *hereditas*, see the first part of the Institutes, sect. 9.

See the first part  
of the Institutes,  
sect. 443. F.N.B.  
34. m. Br. Pre-  
sentment al  
eglise 46.  
See Marlbr. ca.  
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(19) *Viris etiam religiosis, &c.*] By this presentation and usurpation in time of vacation, albeit the free-hold and inheritance is *in abeiance in gremio legis*, yet the usurper gaineth a fee-simple in the advowson: like as if one entereth into lands during the vacation, and claim the same as his inheritance, he gaineth an inheritance by wrong; but yet as the dying seised of lands in that case during the vacation shall not take away the entry of the successor, no more shall the usurpation during the vacation take away his right of presentation, when the church becomes void, and if he be disturbed, he shall have his *quare impedit*.

(20) *Nec*



(20) *Nec tamen ita large intelligatur, &c. si cetero defenderint.*] So great regard the law hath to judgements, as this act provideth, that by any generall words of this act they shall not be avoided by pretence of feint defence: *quia judicia in curia regis reddita pro veritate accipiuntur, et judicia sunt tanquam juris dicta.*

(21) *Quia judicia in curia regis reddita.*] Here is one of the maxims of the common law.

“ *Judicia in curia regis reddita non adhibentur, sed stent in suo robore, quousque per errorem, aut attinetam adnullentur.*

“ *Nihil tam conveniens est naturali æquitati, unumquodq; dissolvi soligamine, quo ligatum est.*

“ *Interest reipub. res judicatas non rescindi.*

(22) *Et de cætero una forma placit' in brevib' ultimæ præsent' et quare impedit inter justic' observetur, quoad hoc, quod si pars rea excipiat de plenitudine ecclesiæ per suam propriam præsentationē, non propter illam plenitudinē, remaneat loquela, dummodo breve infra tempus semestre impetretur.* By the common law (as hath been said) plenarty before

Brit. fo. 234.

the writ of *quare impedit* brought was a good plea, but plenarty hanging the writ was no barre at the common law; but now by this statute, plenarty is no plea in a *quare impedit*, or *darrein presentment*, unlesse it be by the space of six moneths before the *quare impedit* brought; for if the rightfull patron bring his action within the six moneths, it is maintainable by this statute, which short parview doth remedy many mischiefs at the common law.

But this act doth not bind the king, for plenarty by the space of six moneths is no barre against him, but he may have his *quare impedit* when he will, for *nullum tempus occurrit regi.*

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But some have taken a diversity, when the king claimeth the advowson in his owne right *in jure coronæ*, and when he claimeth it in the right of a subject; for then he shall not be in better case then the subject was: as where the king was intitled to present in the right of a ward, and one did usurp, and the church was full by the space of six moneths, and it was adjudged within twelve yeares after the making of this act, that the king by this plenarty was barred of his *quare impedit*. But since that time the law hath been otherwise taken.

Mich. 25 E. 1.  
rot. 148. in banco.  
co. 3 H. 6. tit.  
coron. simil.  
18 E. 3. 2.

Plenarty by six moneths against the queen is a good plea, albeit she claime the advowson by the kings indowment.

8 E. 3. 38. 43 E.  
3. 13. 25 E. 3.  
54. 4 E. 3. 1.  
18 E. 3. 2.  
24 E. 3. 76.

And yet in all cases plenarty by six moneths is no plea in a *quare impedit*. If an advowson be aliened in mortmain, and the church become void, and a stranger usurp, and his clerke is in by six moneths, yet the immediate lord shall have a *quare impedit* within the yeare, for the statute of 7 E. 1. *de religiosis*, giveth him a yeare, and the immediate lord halfe a yeare after, &c. and for that cause also no descent of lands in the meane time shall take away his entry.

(23) *Infra tempus semestre.*] *i. infra sex menses.* And because this computation doth concerne the church, it is great reason that it shall be made according to the computation of the church, which church-men do best know; and therefore the computation shall be made according to the kalender for one halfe year, and not accounting 28 daies to the moneth, and so was it resolved in the court of common pleas, *temps E. 2.* and *temps H. 8.* as in the said case it appeareth.

Lib. 6. f. 61, 62.  
Catesbies case.

Ante



Bract. li. 4. fo.  
247. nu. 5.  
Flet. lib. 5. c. 14.  
Extr. suppl.  
prælat. negl. 3.  
& 4. de conc'  
præb. ca. 5. &c.  
Cap. unico. § 1.  
de jure patrona-  
tus. Mich. 3. E.  
1. in banco 105.  
Stafford. prior  
de Lauda.

Mich. 5. E. 1. rot.  
100. in banco  
Lincoln. Nota.  
\* Rot. pat. 27 E.  
3. pars 1. m. 18.  
The councill  
bound not the  
prerogative of  
the king.

\* Concilium  
Lateran.

Regist. 42. b.  
Nota per lapsum,  
&c. est secundum  
legem & consue-  
tudinem An-  
glie. Pasch. 9 E.  
1. in banco rot.  
58. Southt' the  
Bishop of Can-  
terburies case per  
tempus semestre.  
19 E. 2. brev.  
842. Regist. fo.  
98. nota.

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22 E. 3. 9. 30 E.  
3. quare imp. 49.  
43 E. 3. 35.  
F.N.B. 36. c.

*Ante concilium Lateranense nullum currebat tempus contra presentantes,* but the bishop was to provide one to serve the cure in the meane time, and the patron might present when he would. Britton fo. 225. a. calleth it the councill of Lyons in France, for the councill of Lateran in Rome. This councill of Lateran was holden under pope Alexander the third, *anno domini* 1179. 25 H. 2. But our lapse is not according to the times and persons expressed in the canons; for they do give foure moneths to a lay patron, and six moneths to an ecclesiasticall, &c. neither hath therein the king any supreme title by them to conferre by lapse. And by the councill, *tempus semestre* is to be accounted *per dies, et non per menses anni*: and therefore we hold, that the time and title to present by lapse, is *per legem Angliæ*, occasioned and established it may be by reason of the said generall councill. See lib. 6. fol. 62. in Catesbyes case.

\* In the reigne of Ed. 3. the clergy pretended that lapse should incurre against the king, whereupon it was thus resolved and published, *Rex ad agnitionem veritatis, et ad tollendum dubitationis scrupulum, quam quidem prærogativarum et jurium coronæ suæ, nescii hæredicuntur, omn' patr' voluit notitiæ, quod ab exordio nascente ecclesia in Anglia. Reges Angliæ ad omnia ecclesiastica beneficia qualitercunque vacantia, ad eorum collationem, &c. spectantia, quandocunq; placeret eis, jure suo regio præsentarunt, &c. sui que præsentati, &c. admissi fuerunt, &c. non obstantibus aliquibus curriculum temporum, seu \* constitutionibus de præsentationibus hujusmodi infra certum tempus fact' in contrarium edit' &c.*

But see the Register, *rex venerabili in Christo patri R. episcopo London, &c. Quia secundum legem et consuetudinem regni nostri Angliæ, episcopi, seu alii diocesani ecclesias, seu alia beneficia de quorumcunque patronatu existunt, infra diocesariam suam vacantia per lapsum temporis ante sex menses à tempore vacationis earundem transactas conferre non debent, &c.*

And albeit if the lapse were established by authority of some act of parliament now (as many others be in like cases) not extant, yet the writ may serve *secundum legem et consuetudinem Angliæ*, as our bookes doe warrant.

It was well and graciously done of king James, in his generall pardon at his parliament holden *in anno* 21. of his reigne, he pardoned all titles and actions of *quare impedit*, as his majesty had or might, by reason of laps incurre above three yeares then past. A necessary branch to be contained in every generall pardon. For we have known an incumbent turned out of his benefice after 40 yeares quiet possession, by pretence of a laps upon the statute of 21 H. 8. ca. 13. yet after so long possession *omnia præsumi debent sollemniter esse acta.*

(24) *Et cum aliquando inter plures clamantes advocacionem alicujus ecclesiæ pax fuerit formata inter partes quod unus primo præsentet, &c.]* This clause extendeth as well to strangers of blood, as to coparceners that are privie in blood, and if one of the parties or his heires, or any stranger usurp in the turne of another, the party wronged is not driven to his *quare impedit*; for so it may be, that the *quare impedit*, or assise of *darren presentment* may faile, and yet he may have remedy by this branch of the act, for albeit there be a plenarty by six moneths, yet the party may have a *scire facias* upon the roll or fine, and therein recover the presentation and damages.

(25) E.



(25) *Et cum contingat, &c. utrum perquirere velit breve de quare impedit, vel ultimæ præsentationis.*] Upon this branch two conclusions are to be observed.

1. First, that the heire in reversion is provided for in this case, and not the lessor himselve, for here it is said, *verus hæres.*

2. That albeit tenant by the curtesie, tenant in dower, tenant for life or tenant in taile presented last, yet the heire, to whom the reversion falleth in possession, shall have by this branch an assise of *darren* presentment, albeit the heire or his ancestor did not immediately present before.

F.N.B. 31. g. i.  
Glanv. l. 13. ca.  
19 Bract. l. b. 4.  
240, 241. &c.  
Brit. ca. 62. fol.  
224.  
Fol. lib. 5 c. 11.  
20 ff. 3 Darr.  
present. 13.

*Et de cætero in brevibus ultimæ præsentationis, et quare impedit, adjudicentur damna, viz. si tempus semestre transierit per impedimentū alicujus, ita quod episcopus ecclesiam conterat, et verus patronus ea vice præsentationem suam amittat, adjudicentur damna, ad valorem ecclesiæ de duobus annis.*

(26) *Adjudicentur damna.*] Before the making of this act, the plaintife in a *quare impedit* recovered no damages, lest any profit the patron should take should favour of simony, which the common law did so detest: and this is the cause that the king in a *quare impedit* recovereth no damages, because he could recover none by the common law, and the king is not within the purview of this act, for the causes shewed in Botwels case.

Lib. 5. f. 58, 59.  
Speccer's case.  
Lib. 6. f. 49. 51.  
Botwels case.  
14 E. 3 quare  
imped. 54.  
Temps E. 1. ibid.  
181. 3 H. 6. da-  
mag 17. 34 H. 6.  
51 18 E. 1 co-  
rain rege & con-  
cilio ad parlia-  
ment. fol. 2.  
inter dominum  
regem & epis-  
copum Winton.  
pro custod.  
hospit. South.  
27 H. 6. 10.  
9 H. 6. 30. 32.  
13 E. 4. 3.

And forasmuch as no damages were in a *quare impedit* at the common law, and this act after the statute of Gloucester giveth damages only, the plaintife shall recover no costs.

In a *quare impedit* against a prior patron, and incumbent, the prior plead in barre, and the incumbent plead the same plea, whereupon issues are joyned, the prior dyeth, the issue is found for the incumbent, he shall not recover damages by this act, for he cannot have a writ to the bishop, and he continued in possession.

(27) *Si tempus semestre.*] If upon the foundation of a chauntry the composition be, that if the patron present not within a moneth, the ordinary shall collate in a *quare impedit* brought for this chauntry, if the moneth be past, the plaintife shall recover damages for two yeares within the equity of this statute, for that the patron in this case loseth the presentation, although the words of the statute be *per tempus semestre*. and this is *per tempus mensis tantum*.

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(28) *Ita quod episcopus ecclesiam conferat, &c.*] Here *conferat* is to be taken for *legitimè conferat*

11 H. 4 80. lib.  
9. fo. 26. Strat.  
mercella.  
43 E. 3. 11.

Albeit the bishop hath not collated, yet if he hath *jus conferendi*, the plaintife shall, if he will, recover double damages within the meaning of this act.

But albeit the six moneths be past, so as the bishop hath a just title to present by lapse, yet if the church doth remaine void, the plaintife at his perill may pray a writ to the bishop: but then he shall not recover double damages but for halfe a yeare only; because in that case he shall recover his presentation, so as it is in the plaintifes election in that case, either to lose his presentation, and have double damages, or to have his presentation, and single damages.

8 E. 35. quare  
imped. 24. 39 E.  
3. 15. 46 E. 3.  
15. 13 E. 3. en-  
quest 43. 11 H.  
4. 40. 13 E. 4. 3.  
Dyer 3. El. 15.  
7 El. 241.

The plaintife in a *quare impedit* after appearance was non-suit, whereupon the court awarded a writ to the bishop for the defendant, and a writ to the sherife to enquire when the church became

27 E. 3. damages  
106.



void, the yearly value thereof, and whether the church were full, &c. the sheriffe returned the time of the voidance, the yearly value, and that the bishop had collated by lapse, whereby it appeared *tempore semestre* was past before the writ could be served, yet seeing the judgement was given within the six moneths, he could recover the damages but for halfe a yeare.

And it is to be observed, that albeit the bishop doth collate, yet if his incumbent be removed by judgement within the six moneths, or after, the plaintife shall recover the damages but for halfe a yeare, for the words of this branch are, *et verus patronus ea vice presentationem suam amittat*, so as if he lose not his presentation, the collation of the bishop is not materiall.

24 E. 3. 35. 39 E.  
3. 15 Regist. 50.  
54. F.N. B. 52.  
46 E. 3. 15 b.

(29) *Ad valorem ecclesie.*] This shall be accounted according to the very true value, as the same may be letten.

(30) *Et si impeditor, &c.*] No damages by this act are to be recovered but against him that is *impeditor*, a disturber.

In a *quare impedit* against the patron and incumbent, the plaintife recovers the advowson *post semestre tempus*, and because the incumbent was *impeditor*, for that he had counterpleaded the title of the plaintife, therefore he recovered the value for two yeares as well against the incumbent as the patron.

Trin. 23. H. 3.  
rot. 15 inturri.  
Braet. lib. 4. fol.  
241. b. B. it. fol.  
226. b. Flet. li. 5.  
ca. 14. 14 H. 3.  
quare imped.  
183. 34 E. 1.  
ibid. 187. 47 E.  
3. 4. 8 H. 6.  
32. 24 E. 3.  
ibid. 26. 45 E.  
3. ibid. 128.  
14 H. 4. 11.  
Inter brevia 28  
Maii, anno regis  
E. 1. 11. 6 E. 3. 5.  
59. Braet. li. 4. f.  
240, 241.  
Regist. 31. a.  
19 H. 3. Dar.  
presentment, pl.  
ult. Vid. Rot.  
claus.  
18 H. 3. m. 3.  
\* [ 364 ]  
47 E. 3. 4.  
8 H. 6. 32.

(31) *Et de cætero concedantur brevia de capellis, præbendis, vicariis, hospitalibus, abbatibus, prioratibus, et aliis domibus quæ sunt de advocationibus aliorum, quæ prius concedi non consueverunt.*] *Ecclesia, capella.* When the question was, whether it were *ecclesia, aut capella pertinet ad matricem ecclesiam*, the issue was, whether it had *baptisterium et sepulturam*: for if it had the administration of sacraments and sepulture, it was in law judged a church, Trin. 20. E. 1. *in banco* Rot. 177. *in quare imped.* Ric' de Smithes case. Mich. 21. E. 1. *in banco* Rot. 1. Hertf. Prior de Elies case. Hill. 8 E. 1. *in banco*, Roger de Bigod, & Counte de Norff. case, Hill. 8 E. 2. *coram rege Cornub. pro capella sancti Brione. A capella venit capellanie* Rot. Cart. 26. Nov. an. 28 H. 3. *in cart' fact' Will. Oxon' episcopi et capellan' ut patet*, Mich. 32. E. 1. *coram rege Gloc' capellania Sancti Oswaldi, prioratus Sancti Oswaldi de Gloc' quæ est de libera capellanie nostra.*

It appeareth here, and by 6 E. 3. that before this act writs did not lye *de capellis, præbendis, &c.* and yet it is adjudged in 14 H. 3. which was long before this statute, that a *quare impedit* did lye of a chappell, and it was resolved in parliament, Hill. 19 H. 3. *Quod nulla assisa ultimæ presentationis capiatur de \* ecclesiis præbendatis, nec de præbendis*: but now this act hath made it cleare, and the writ shall be *ad capellam, &c.*

If a patron of a chappell present unto it by the name of a church and the clerke be instituted and inducted thereunto, &c. it hath lost the name of a chappell.

(32) *Brevia.*] That is, writs of right of advowson, *quare impedit*, and assise of *derren* presentment, which in this act had been named before.

*Et cum per breve de indicavit impeditur rector alicujus ecclesie ad petendum decimas in vicina parochia, habeat patronus rectoris sic impediti breve ad petendam advocationem decimarum petitarum. Et cum distractum fuerit, procedat postmodum placitum*



*citum in curia christianitatis, quatenus distracionatum fuerit in curia regis.*

(33) *Indicavit.*] Hereby, and by the Register, and F. N. B. it appeareth where the writ of *indicavit* doth lye, and it properly appertaineth to another treatise.

Regist. 35, 36.

But this is an ancient writ by the common law of England, the forme whereof appeareth in Glanvile, and other ancient authors.

Glanvile, lib. 4. ca. 13. Braet. li. 5. fol. 402. b. Brit. fo. 260.

(34) \* *Ad petendum decimas.*] By the common law, if the incumbent of one patron demanded tithes against the incumbent of another patron, the writ of *indicavit* did lye, for that the right of the patronage should come in question, for by the presentation of the patron, his incumbent is to have the tithes, which are the profits of the church; and in a writ of right of advowson the patron shall alledge the esplees in his incumbent in taking of the great and small tithes: and therefore if the right of tithes came in question, that concerned the right of advowson, the writ of *indicavit* did lye, and this appeareth by the writ it selfe.

31 H. 6. 14. b. Mich. 2 E. 1. in banco rot. 52. Leic' indicavit de 4. part. \* 4 E. 3. 27. 7 E. 3. 42. 31 H. 6. 14. 38 H. 6. 20, 21. 12 E. 4. 13. 2 H. 7. 12.

But for subtraction of tithes against an inhabitant within the parish of the rector claiming from one patron, where the right of the advowson of the tithes never come in question, the court christian hath jurisdiction.

Braet. li. 5. 402. Brit. fol. 33. 28 E. 3. 97.

The mitchiefe before this statute was, that seeing the right of tithes could not be tried between the two persons after the *indicavit* granted, the person prohibited was without remedie for tryall of the right of tithes; and therefore this act doth give the patron, whose clerke is prohibited, a writ of right *de advocacione decimarum*, the forme of which writ appeareth in the Register, and if the right be trved for the demandant, the cause shall be remaunded into the court christian.

4 E. 3. 27. 31 H. 6. 14. 38 H. 6. 20, 21.

But what if the patron hath but an estate in taile, or an estate for life, &c. so as he cannot have this writ of right of advowson, what remedie shall be had for tryall of the right of tithes in this case? It seemeth that by construction of this statute, the defendant in the *indicavit* appearing upon the attachment shall plead to the right of the tithes in the kings court, or otherwise he shall be without remedie. And this standeth well with the words of the writ of *indicavit*, *viz. Vobis prohibemus, ne placitum illud teneatis, donec diffusum fuerit in curia nostra, ad quem illorum pertineat ejusdem ecclesie advocatio, &c.*

By this branch it appeareth, that the value of the tithes at the making of this act was not materiall; for of whatsoever value they were of, the right of tithes could not be determined in court christian; but by the statute of *artic' cleri*, cap. 2. the tithes must amount to a fourth part of the value of the church in that case, or otherwise the writ of *indicavit* doth not lye, but the king may have a writ of a lesser part, for he is not bound by that act.

See Art. cleri ca. 2 9 E. 2. Braet. li. 5. 402, 403. 38 H. 6. 20.

Also by this act a writ of *indicavit* was maintainable *ante litem contestatam*, that \* is, when the party hath libelled in court christian, and the adverse party hath answered thereunto, but this is remedied by the statute of *conjunctio feoffatis*.

Regist. 29. F.N.B. 45. b. \* [ 365 ]

A writ of *indicavit* must be brought by the patron before sentence given in court christian, as it appeareth by the words of the writ;

An. 31. E. 1. 31 H. 6. 14. F.N.B. 45. b. 12 E. 4. 13.



for it is but a *superfeda' donec, &c. ne placitum illud teneatis, donec discussum fuerit, &c.* and this act saith, *procedat postmodum placitum in curia christianitatis*, which could not be after sentence.

28 E. 3. 13. 2.  
4 E. 3. 28.  
F.N.B. 45. Doct.  
22 Strd. ca. 25.  
fol. 108.  
Rot. Parliament.  
50 E. 3. 22. 203.

And albeit this statute doth give the writ of right of advowson of tithes, yet a writ may be brought *de decimis et oblationibus*; for oblations be *in consimili casu*.

This writ of *indicavit* is against the canonicall sanction, and yet hath been ever obeyed; for all forraine sanctions or canons against the law or custome of the realme are of no force, and binde not here, as elsewhere hath been spoke more at large.

F.N.B. 45. d.

The writ of *indicavit* shall not mention that the tithes, &c. in suit amount to a fourth part of the church, but it shall be pleaded by the other party to have a consultation.

31 H. 6. 74.  
38 H. 6. 26.  
F.N.B. 45. c.

If an abbot be parson in-parsonie of the church of D. and another abbot is parson in-parsonie of the church of E. so as there be (in respect of the appropriations) but two parsons, yet for that each party is both patron and incumbent, an *indicavit* lyeth between them.

13 E. 2. quare  
Imo. 276. 11 E.  
2. ibid. 177. 19  
E. 3. ibid. 50. 31  
E. 3. ibid. 7. 20  
E. 3. ibid. 63, 64.  
7 E. 3. 20. 45 E.  
3. 12. 11 H. 4.  
54. 5 H. 5. 10.  
22 H. 6. 47. 34  
H. 6. 40. 35 H.  
6. 19. 38 H. 6.  
8. 2. 2 H. 7. 4.  
5 H. 7. 8. 11. 8.  
50. 22. Walkers  
case. F.N.B. 36.  
d. 13 E. 3. Darr.  
present. 71.  
20 E. 4. 94.  
33 E. 3. quare  
imp. d. 146. 30  
E. 3. Statham  
quare imp. d.  
21 E. 3. 22. 13  
E. 3. quare im-  
ped. 58. 2 E. 3.  
39. 22. 7 E. 3.  
2. 21. 15. 13.  
Darr. present.  
11. 20 E. 3.  
monst' de facta  
70. 33 E. 3.  
quare imp. d. 53.  
17 E. 3. 30. 37.  
20 E. 3. 37.  
11 H. 4. 34. 27  
H. 8. 11. 36 H.  
8. 11. present.  
Bie. Brist.  
lib. 4. fol. 238.  
243. Brit. fol.  
224.

(35) *Cum advocatio descendat participibus, licet unus bis presentet, et usurpet super ceteris, non propter hoc exclusus sit ille in toto qui fuit negligens, sed alias habeat turnum suum presentandi, cum acciderit.*

By the common law, if an advowson descended to divers coparceners, if they cannot agree to present, the eldest sister shall have the first turne, and the second the second turne, *et sic de ceteris*, every one in turne according to seniority: and this priviledge extends not onely to their heires, but to the severall assignees of every coparcener, whether he hath the estate of them by conveyance, or by act in law, as tenant by the curtesie, hee shall have the same priviledge by presenting in turne as the sisters had: therefore albeit the coparceners do make composition to present by turne, this being no more then the law doth appoint, *expressio eorum que tacite injunt nihil operatur*: therefore they remaine coparceners of the advowson, and the inheritance of the advowson is not divided, and notwithstanding this composition they may joyne in a *quare impedit*, if any estranger usurp in the turne of any of them: and the sole presentation out of her turne did not put her sister out of possession in respect of the privity of estate, no more then if one coparcener taketh the whole profits. If one joyntenant present alone, this doth not put the other out of possession, in respect of the unity of the title, but the ordinary might have refused his presentee, as he might the presentee of one tenant in common, in respect of some varying opinions in old bookes: therefore this act doth declare the law, as here it appeareth.

This law doth extend to usurpations by one coparcener upon another, as well before partition, as after.



## CAP. VI.

*CUM* quis petat tenementum versus alium, et implacitatus vocaverit ad warrantum, et warrantus dedicat warrantiam, et diu pendeat placitum inter tenentem et warrantum, cum ad ultimum convincatur, quod vocatus ad warrantum warrantizare tenetur per legem et consuetudinem usitatam, non fuit antea alia poena inflictâ vocato, qui warrantiam dedixit, nisi tamen quod warrantizaret, et esset in misericordia, quia prius non warrantizavit, quod durum fuit petenti, quia multoties per collusionem inter tenentem et warrantum magnas sustinuit dilationes. Propter quod dominus rex statuit, quod sicut tenens amitteret tenementum petitum, si vocasset ad warrantum, et warrantus se posset devolvere de warrantia: eodem modo amittat warrantus si warrantiam dedicat (1), et convincatur quod warrantizare debeat. Et si inquisitio pendeat inter tenentem et warrantum, et petens petat per breve ad faciendum venire juratum, concedatur ei, &c. (2).

**WHEN** any demandeth land against another, and the party that is impleaded voucheth to warranty, and the warrantor denieth his warranty, and the plea hangeth long between the tenant and the warrantor; and at length, when it is tried, that the vouchee is bound to warranty: by the law and custom of the realm hitherto used there was none other punishment assigned for the vouchee that denieth his warranty, but only that he should warrantize, and should be amerced, because he did not warrant before, which was prejudicial unto the demandant, because he suffered oftentimes great delays by collusion between the tenant and the warrantor. Wherefore our lord the king hath ordained, that like as the tenant should leese the land being in demand, in case where he vouched, and the vouchee could discharge himself of the warranty, in the same wise shall the warrantor leese in case where he denieth his warranty, and it be tried against him that he is bounden to warranty. And if an inquest be depending between the tenant and the warrantor, and the demandant will require a writ to cause the jury to come, it shall be granted him.

(45 Ed. 3. 16. Rast. 352. 637, &c.)

Albeit the Mirror saith of this act, *L'estatute de garranties nest jusque revocation de error usque a droit ley*, yet the tenant, according as it is here recited in the preamble of this act, after the warranty tryed, could have no other judgement, but that the vouchee should warrant the land, according to the voucher of the tenant, but this was many times in great delay of the demandant by collusion or agreement between the tenant and the vouchee, for remedy whereof this statute was made.

*Propter quod dominus rex statuit quod sicut tenens amitteret tenementum petitum, si vocasset ad warrantum, et warrantus se posset devolvere de warrantia, eodem modo amittat warrantus,*



*si warrantiam dedicat, et convincatur quod warrantizare debeat.*

Lib. 6. cap. 23.

Which Fleta rendreth in these words:

*Si is qui ad warrantiam tenetur warrantizare falso contradixerit, provisum sit, quod si tenens amitteret tenementum, si vocasset ad warrantum, et warrantus se posset devolvere de warrantia, eodem modo amittat warrantus warrantizare dedicens, si convincatur quod warrantizare debeat.*

Mich. 16 E. 7. in  
banco rot. 44.  
Reg. de Mow-  
bray case. 5 E. 3.  
Voucher 249.  
Paris case. 30 E.  
3. 6. Simeons  
case. Luter plac'  
R. 1. 352. 614.  
6 H. 4. 3, 4.

(1) *Si warrantiam dedicat.*] This is not to be understood onely where the vouchee denieth the deed, or other cause of the warrantie, and thereupon issue is taken, and found against the vouchee: and where the vouchee entereth into the warranty, and demands of the tenant what he hath to bind him to warranty, and the tenant sheweth speciall matter to bind him to warranty, and the vouchee demurreth in law upon the lien, this is within the remedy of this act; for the words subsequent be, *si convincatur quod warrantizare debeat*, which the vouchee is in this case; and this act being made to oust delays, which are odious in law, is to be interpreted favourably.

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And it is to be observed, that here is *sicut*, which is an adverb of similitude, *viz. Sicut tenens amitteret, si vocasset ad warrantum, et warrantus se posset devolvere de warrantia.* Under which words are included, if the vouchee can devolve him of the warranty by demurrer, or any issue whatsoever, *eodem modo* (saith this act) *amittat warrantus, &c.* which fortifieth the former exposition that hath been made; and to be short, wheresoever the judgement at the common law should have been against the vouchee upon false plea, or demurrer, &c. *quod warrantizaret*, all these cases are within the provision of this act.

(2) *Et si inquisitio pendeat inter tenentem et warrantum, et petens petat breve ad fac' venire juratum, concedatur ei.*] Here is further remedy given for the demandants expedition, that he may sue out the *venire fac'* for the tryall of any issue between the tenant and vouchee.

These things are necessary to be knowne; for at this day vouchers are most commonly used for delay.

## C A P. VII.

**C**USTODI (1) *de cætero concedatur breve de admesuratione dotis. vic per secta custe it, si fide et p. collusionem sequatur* (2) *versus mulierem tenentem in dotem, præcludatur hæres cum ad ætatem pervenerit ad dotem admesurandam, secundum quod per legem Angliæ fuit admesuranda. Et tam in isto brevi, quam in brevi de admesuratione pasturæ, celerior quam prius de cætero sit processus* (3), *ita quod*

**A** Writ of admeasurement of dower shall be from henceforth granted to a guardian; neither shall the heir, when he cometh to full age, be barred by the suit of such a guardian, that sueth against the tenant in dower feignedly, and by collusion, but that he may admeasure the dower after, as it ought to be admeasured by the law of England. And as well in this writ, as in a writ of admeasurement of pasture,

*quod cum peruentum fuerit ad magnam  
distinctionem, dentur dies, infra quos  
duo comit. teneantur (4), ad quos pub-  
lica fiat proclamatio, quod defendens  
veniat ad diem in brevi contentum  
querenti responsurus. Ad quem diem  
si venerit, procedat placitum inter eos,  
et si non venerit, et proclamatio supra-  
dicta modo per vicecomitem testificata  
fuerit, procedatur per defaultam ad ad-  
mensurationem faciendam.*

ture, more speedy process shall be  
awarded than hath been used hitherto;  
so that when it is come unto the great  
distress, days shall be given, within  
which two counties may be holden,  
at the which open proclamation shall  
be made, that the defendant shall come  
in at the day contained in the writ, to  
answer to the plaintiff; at which day,  
if he come in, the plea shall pass be-  
tween them; and if he do not come,  
and the proclamation be testified by  
the sheriff in manner abovesaid, upon  
his default they shall make admeasure-  
ment.

Vide Mich. 10 E. 1. in banco rot. 105. Northt. Pasc. 18 E. 1. in banco rot. 15. Laurence de  
Oyfileurs case. (Fitz. Admesur. 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, 13, 17, 7 Ed. 4, 22, 18 Ed. 3, 30. Regist. 171,  
297.)

Before this act, if the heire within age, before the garden in  
chivalry enter into the land, had assigned dower to the wife more  
then she ought to have, the garden had been without remedy: for  
no writ of admeasurement of dower being a reall action lay for the  
garden at the common law implied by *de cetero*.

Brit. cap. 113.  
fol. 263.

(1) *Custodi.*] Garden *in droit* or *in fait* shall have this writ by  
this act, if the assignement of dower be made in his owne time; but  
if the assignement be made by the heire in time of garden *in droit*,  
and after the garden *in droit* assigneth his interest over, the assignee  
shall not have a writ of admeasurement, for that the garden *in droit*  
had but a chose in action; but if the assignement had been made in  
the time of the garden *in fait*, he should have had a writ of ad-  
measurement of dower by this act.

7 R. 2. tit. ad-  
measurement 4.  
F.N.B. 149. a.

But this is to be understood (though the statute be generall) when  
the heire within age assigneth dower, as is aforesaid, or when dower  
is assigned in the right of the heire, or the garden assigneth more  
dower then he ought, the heire after his full age shall have a writ of  
admeasurement of dower by the common law, and he cannot have  
it before, because the interest of the garden (which he may give  
away) endureth untill that time; but if the heire within age be  
out of ward, and assigneth more dower then he ought within  
age, he may have an admeasurement of dower within age, for enter  
he cannot.

If the garden assigneth more dower than he ought, and the  
heire dyeth, his heire shall have a writ of admeasurement of  
dower.

\* And so if the heire within age assigne dower, and dyeth,  
his heire shall have the like writ; but if the ancestor of full age,  
being tenant in fee-simple, assigneth dower more then he ought, his  
heire shall never avoid it, because he had full power to assigne as  
much as he would.

The king is intituled by false office to the wardship of the body  
and lands of the heire of J. S. being within age, dower is assigned  
to

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Glanv. li. 6. ca.  
13. Bract. li. 2.  
fo. 93. lib. 4.  
314, 315. Flet.  
li. 5. c. 22. & 33.  
Brit. fo. 263.  
Mirror, c. 5. § 5.  
7 E. 4. 22. b.  
7 E. 2. admea-  
sur. 13. 7 R. 2.  
ibid. 4. 21 H 7.  
43.  
\* Brit. c. 113.  
fo. 263. b. 6 H.  
3. admesur. 8.  
7 R. 2. tit. ad-  
mesur. 4. le  
Countee de  
Devons case.



17 E. 3. 71.  
F.N.B. 149.

to the wife more then she ought, the garden in chivalry traverseth the office, and avoideth it, this garden shall by this act have a writ of admeasurement of dower of the assignment made by the king, having but a defeasible title to the wardship.

By the like reason, if tenant by knight service dyeth, his heire within age an estranger abate, and endoweth the wife of more then she ought, the garden seisseth the ward, he shall by this act have a writ of admeasurement of dower: and so if J. S. seised of lands in fee taketh wife, and is disseised and dyeth, the disseisor assigneth more in dower than she ought, the heir entreteth into the residue, he shall have a writ of admeasurement by the common law, and this well agreeth with the words of the writ, *viz. Quod C. quæ fuit uxor prædicti B. plus habet in dotem de lib ro tenimento, quod fuit prædicti B quondam viri sui in N. quam habere debet, et ad ipsam pertinet habendam.*

14 H. 3. admea-  
sur. 10. F.N.B.  
149. c.

And albeit the words of the writ be in the present time, *plus habet in dotem, &c.* yet it is to be taken, that she had more in value at the time of the assignment of dower; for if by her industry and policie it be made of greater value afterward, no writ of admeasurement lyeth for this improvement.

(2) *Nec per secliam custodis si fieri per collusionem sequatur, &c.]* Hereby is remedy given to the heire at his full age, if the garden prosecute feynly, or by collusion against the wife, so as the heire shall not be barred in his writ of admeasurement against the tenant in dower.

11 H. 4. 3.  
Plow. com. 55.  
9 H. 6. 5.

The heire shall not be driven to shew the manner of the feint pleading, but to alledge the same generally,

The tenant in a *precipe* doth plead, that an estranger hath recovered against him by verdict in an assise, the plaintife against this verdict cannot generally averre, that this was by covin, but must shew some speciall matter.

Regist 171. Vet.  
N.B. 9. & 10.  
F.N.B. 148. h.

(3) *Et tam in isto brevi, quam in breve de admesuratione pasturae, celerior quam prius de cætero fiat processus.]* Whereas by the common law the processe in both these writs were summons, attachment, and distrasse infinite, by this act a more speedy proceeding is provided.

34 E. 3. damag.  
2. 4. l. 3. 19.  
Regist. 171.

There is great affinity between these two writs, as hereby it appeareth: amongst others there is one difference, that in a writ of admeasurement of dower the demandant shall recover damages, if the tenant appeare not the first day, and yeeld to admeasurement for the issues in the meane time: but in admeasurement of pasture no damages shall be recovered at all.

Mirror, c. 5. § 5.

More shall be said of the processe, and proceeding in this writ of admeasurement of dower in the exposition of the next chapter, onely to remember by the way what the Mirror saith, *Le'statute de admesurement est reprovable in plusors points quant as proclamations, de sicome admesurement, et surcharge sont feasibles per juries de office.*

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(4) *Ita qd' cum perventum fuerit ad magnam districtionem, dentur dies, infra quos duo comitatus teneantur, &c.]* By reason of these words, *cum perventum fuerit ad magnam districtum* the very writ of distrasse shall containe, *et interim in duobus plenis comitatibus tuis publice proclamatus fuerit, quod prædicti A. quæ fuit uxor T. veniat coram præfatis iusticiariis ad respondendum, &c. si voluerit, et ad audiendum iudicium suum pro pluribus defaultis.*

And

And yet I find, that after the grand distresse returned, the plain-  
tife prayed a proclamation, and there it is taken, that he had not  
succeeded his time, but it was granted. 4 E. 3. admeas-  
sur. 12.

See more of admeasurement of dower in the next chapter fol-  
lowing.

## C A P. VIII.

*CUM* per placitum motum per breve  
de admensuratione pasturæ, pastura  
fuerit admensurata aliquando coram  
justic', aliquando in com' coram vice-  
com', multotiens contingit, quod post  
hujusmodi admensurat' actam, iterum  
ponit ille, qui primo superoneravit pas-  
turam, plura animalia quam ad ipsum  
pertinet habend', nec super hoc hucus-  
que provisum fuisset (1) remedium:  
statutum est, quod de secunda superone-  
ratione fiat remedium conquerenti sub  
hac forma, quod conquerens habeat  
breve de iudicio, si coram justic' ad-  
mensurata fuerit pastura (2) quod  
vic' in præsentia partium præmonita-  
rum (si interesse voierint) inquiret  
de secunda superoneratione. Quæ si  
inventa fuerit, mandetur justic' sub  
sigilo vic', et sigillis juratorum, et  
justic' adjudicent conquerenti damna,  
et ponant in extractis valorem anima-  
lium quæ superonerat' post admensura-  
tionem factam posuit in pastura, ultra  
quod debuit, et extractas liberent baro-  
nibus de scaccario, ut inde respondeant  
domino regi. Si in com' facta fuerit  
admensuratio, tunc ad instantiam que-  
rentis exeat breve de cancellaria (3)  
quod vic' inquiret super hujusmodi su-  
peronerat', et de averiis positis in pas-  
turam ultra debitum numerum, vel de  
prelio dom' regi ad scaccar' suum re-  
spondeat. Et ne vic' fraudem faciat  
domino regi (5) in isto casu, concordatum  
est, quod omnia hujusmodi brevibus de se-  
cunda superonerat' (4), quæ exeunt de  
cancel' irrotulentur, et in fine anni  
mittantur transcripta ad scaccar', sub  
sigillo cancellarii, ut videant thesau-  
rarius

**WHEREAS** by a plea moved  
upon a writ of admeasurement  
of pasture, the pasture was sometime ad-  
measured before the justices, sometime  
before the sheriff in the county, and it  
chanced many times, after such admea-  
surement made, the pasture to be over-  
charged again by him that first did it,  
with more beasts than he ought to  
keep, whereupon no remedy hath been  
yet provided; it is ordained, that upon  
the second overcharge, the plaintiff  
shall have remedy in this manner:  
if the admeasurement were before the  
justices, the plaintiff shall have a writ  
judicial, that the sheriff in presence of  
the parties being summoned (if they  
will come) shall inquire upon the se-  
cond overcharge; which if it be  
found, it shall be returned before the  
justices, under the seals of the sheriff,  
and the seals of the jurors; and the  
justices shall award the plaintiff da-  
mages, and shall put in the extreats  
the value of the beasts which were  
put into the pasture after such admea-  
surement more than he ought, and  
shall deliver the extreats unto the ba-  
rons of the exchequer, whereof they  
shall answer unto the king. If such  
admeasurement were made in the  
county, then, at the request of the  
plaintiff, a writ shall go out of the  
chancery, that the sheriff shall inquire  
of such overcharge; and for the  
beasts put in the pasture above the  
due number, or for the value of them,  
he shall answer to the king at the ex-  
chequer. And lest the sheriff might  
defraud the king in this case, it is  
agreed,



*rius et barones de scaccar' qualiter vic' respondeat de exitibus hujusmodi brevium. Eodem modo irrotulentur brevia de redisseisina, et mittantur ad scaccarium in fine anni.*

agreed, that all such writs *de secunda superoneratione*, that pass out of the chancery, shall be inrolled, and at the year's end the transcripts shall be sent into the exchequer under the chancellor's seal, that the treasurer and barons of the exchequer may see how the sheriff doth answer of the issues of such writs. In the same wise writs of redisseisin shall be inrolled and sent into the exchequer at the year's end.

Glanv. li. 12. c. 13. BraSt. li. 4. fo. 229. Brit. fo. 138. Flet. lib. 4. cap. 23. Mirr. cap. 5. § 5. (Rast. 22. Regist. 157.)

7 E. 4. 22.  
F.N.B. 225 h.  
& 148. f. 8.

It is to be observed, that the writs of admeasurement of pasture and of dower are vicountell, and are not returnable, and the parties may thereupon plead before the sheriffe in the county.

44 E. 3. 10.

Both these pleas may be removed out of the county court by *proce* at the suit of the plaintife, without shewing cause in the writ, but at the suit of the defendant he ought to shew cause.

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Now where this statute saith, *aliquando coram justiciariis*, that is, when the plea is removed before the justices, there upon pleading, or confession before them after admeasurement made and returned, judgement shall be given by the justices; but if the plea be not removed, the admeasurement shall be enquired of, and made before the sheriffe, and so be these words (*aliquando in comit' coram vicecom'*) to be understood.

Regist. judic. fo.  
36. b. & 40. a.

See the judiciall writ of admeasurement of pasture granted by the court of common pleas for making of admeasurement, which writ is returnable before the justices.

Regist. judic.  
ubi supra.

Anno 11 H. 3.  
In archivis turris  
London.

(1) *Nec super hoc hucusque provisum fuisset.*] Yet I have seen a record in 11 H. 3. where a writ *de secunda superoneratione* was granted.

Regist. 157. Re-  
gist. judic. 36.  
F.N.B. 126.  
Flet. li. 4. c. 23.  
7 E. 4. 22. Vet.  
N. B. fol. 72.

(2) *Statutum est, quod de secunda superoneratione fiat remedium querenti sub hac forma, quod conquerens habeat breve de iudicio, si coram justiciariis admensurata fuerit pastura.*] The effect of which judiciall writ is, that the sherife in the presence of the parties, if they will be present, being warned, shall enquire by a jury of the second surcharge, and what cattell secondly surcharged, and the value of them, which if it be found, and returned under the seale of the sherife, and the scales of the jurors, the justices shall adjudge damages to the party, and the cattell which surcharged after the admeasurement made shall be forfeited to the king, and the value of them shall be estreated into the exchequer, that thereof the king may be answered.

Regist. 157.

(3) *Si in com' fact' fuerit admensuratio, tunc ad instantiam querentis exeat breve de cancellaria.*] Which writ you may find in the Register.

Temps E. 6. ad-  
measurement  
15. 18 E. 3. 30.  
7 E. 4. 23.  
8 H. 6. 26.  
F.N.B. 126. i.

(4) *De secunda superoneratione.*] And here it is to be knowne that a writ *de secunda superoneratione* lyeth not against any that surchargeth after a former admeasurement, but onely against them against whom the writ was brought, and which were particularly charged

charged with surcharge in the writ; for all the commoners, as well those which surcharged not, as those which surcharged, are to be admeasured; and therefore it appeareth not who surcharged, but onely they that are charged therewith, and so found: hereupon it followeth, that a writ *de secunda superoneratione* lyeth not against any but against them that were named, and thereof convicted in the first writ; for he cannot be charged with a second, that was not culpable of the first: and therefore none but such as were named in the former writ shall forfeit their cattell, &c. or yeeld damages.

(5, *Et ne vicecomes fraudem fac' domino regi.*) Here is provision made to prevent the fraud of sherifes, lest by their fraud they should prevent the king of his duty.

## C A P. IX.

**C**UM capitales domini distringunt feodum suum pro consuetudinibus et servitiis (1) sibi debitibus, et medius sit (2) qui tenentem acquietare debeat (3), cum non jaceat in ore tenentis, postquam distractionem replegiaverit, deducere demanda capitalis domini sui, qui advocat in curia regis justam distractionem fieri super tenentem suum, viz. super medium: multi per hujusmodi distractiones hucusque [ 371 ] gravati extiterunt, per hoc quod medius (licet haberet per quod distringi posset) magnas fecit dilationes antequam ad curiam venerit ad respondendum hujusmodi tenentibus suis ad breve de medio: per hoc etiam quod durius fuit in casu quando medius nihil habuit, in casu etiam cum tenens paratus esset facere capitali domino servitia et consuetudines exactas, et capitalis dominus servitia, et consuet. sibi debitas veniebat percipere per manum alterius, quam per manum proximi tenentis sui (4), et sic amiserunt hujusmodi tenentes in dominico proficuum terrarum suarum aliquando ad tempus, aliquando toto tempore suo, nec fuit antea aliquod remedium in hoc casu provisum. Ordinatum est et provisum in hoc casu remedium in posterum, sub hac forma, quod quam cito hujusmodi tenens in dominico, habens medium inter ipsum et capitalem dominum, distringitur,

**W**HEN chief lords distrain in their fee for customs and services to them due, and there is a mean which ought to acquit the tenant, sithence it lieth not in the mouth of the tenant, after that he hath replevied the distress, to deny the demand of the chief lord, which avoweth in the king's court, that the distress is lawfully taken upon his tenant, which is upon the mean; and many have been heretofore sore grieved by such distresses, in so much as the mean (notwithstanding that he hath whereby he may be distrained) doth make long delays before he will come into the court to answer for his tenant unto the writ of mean; and further, the case was most hard when the mean had nothing: in case also when the tenant was ready to do his services and customs unto his lord, and the chief lord would refuse to take such services and customs by the hands of any other than of his next tenant, and so such tenants in demean lost somewhiles the profits of their lands for a time, and somewhiles for their whole time, and hitherto no remedy hath been provided in this case; a remedy is provided and ordained hereafter in this form, that so soon as such tenant in demean (having a mean between him and the chief lord) is distrained, incontinent the



*tringitur, statim perquirat sibi tenens breve de medio. Et si medius habens terram in eodem comitatu (6) diffugerit usque ad magnam distractionem (5), detur querenti in brevi suo de magna districtione talis dies, ante cuius adventum duo comitatus teneantur, et præcipiatur vicecomiti, quod distringat medium per magnam distractionem, prout in brevi continetur. Et nihilominus vicecomes in duobus plenius comitatibus solemniter proclamare faciat, quod huiusmodi medius veniat ad diem in brevi contento, responsurus tenenti suo. Ad quem diem si venerit, procedat placitum inter eos modo conjuncto. Et si non venerit huiusmodi medius, amittat servitium tenentis sui, et à modo non respondeat (7) ei tenens in aliquo, sed (omisso illo medio) respondeat capitali domino de eisdem servitiis et consuetudinibus, quæ prius facere debuit prædictus medius. Nec habeat capitalis dominus potestatem distringendi tenentis in dominico, dum prædictus tenens offerat ei servitia debita et consuetudina (8). Et si capitalis dominus exegerit plus quam medius ei facere deberet, habeat tenens in hoc casu exceptionem versus dominum quam haberet medius (9). Si vero medius nihil habuerit in potestate regis (10), nihilominus perquirat tenens breve suum de medio ad vicecomitem illius comitatus in quo distringitur. Et si vicecomes mandaverit, quod medius nihil habet unde potest summoneri, nihilominus sequatur breve de attachiamento. Et si vicecomes mandaverit, quod nihil habet per quod potest attachiari, nihilominus sequatur breve*

[ 372 ] *de magna districtione, et fiat proclamatio in forma prædicta. Si vero medius non habeat terram in comitatu in quo fit districtione, sed habeat terram in alio comitatu (11) tunc exeat breve originale ad summonendum medium ad vicecomitem illius comitatus in quo fit districtione. Et cum iustificatum fuerit per illum vicecomitem, quod nihil habet in comitatu suo, exeat*

the tenant shall purchase his writ of mean. And if the mean, having land in the same county, absent himself until the great distress awarded, the plaintiff shall have such day given him in his writ of great distress, afore the coming whereof two counties may be holden, and the sheriff shall be commanded to distrain the mean by the great distress, like as it is contained in the writ, and nevertheless the sheriff in two full counties shall cause to be proclaimed solemnly, that the mean do come at a day contained in the writ, to answer his tenant: at which day, if he come, the plea shall pass between them after the common usage; and if he do not come, then such mesne shall loie the services of his tenant, and from thenceforth the tenant shall not answer him in any thing; but the same mean being excluded, he shall answer unto the chief lord for such services and customs as before he ought to have done to the same mean; neither shall the chief lord have power to distrain, so long as the aforesaid tenant doth offer him the services and customs due. And if the chief lord exact more than the mean ought to do, the tenant in such case shall have such exceptions as the mean should. And if the mean have nothing within the king's dominion; the tenant shall nevertheless purchase his writ of mean to the sheriff of the same shire wherein he is distrained. And if the sheriff return, that he hath nothing whereby he may be summoned, then shall the tenant sue his writ of attachment. And if the sheriff return, that he hath nothing to be attached by, he shall nevertheless sue his writ of great distress, and proclamation shall be made in form aforesaid. And if the mean have no land in the shire where the distress is taken, but hath land in some other shire, then a writ original shall issue to summon the mean unto the sheriff of the same shire



*exeat breve de iudicio ad summonend' medium ad vicecomitem illius comitatus in quo testificatum fuerit quod habet tenem', et fiat sc̄cta in illo comitatu, quousq; perveniatur ad magnam distinctionem, et proclamationem, sicut dictum est supra de medio habente terram in eodem comitatu in quo sit aistrictio. Et nihilominus fiat sc̄cta in comitatu in quo nihil habet (sicut dictum est supra de medio nihil habente) quousq; perveniatur ad magnam distinctionem et proclamationem, et sic post proclamationem in utroque comitatu factam adjudicetur medius de feodo et servitio suo (12). Et cum aliquando contingat, quod tenens in domino sc̄offatus est ad tenendum de medio per minus servitium, quam medius facere debuit capitali domino, cum post huiusmodi proclamationem attornatus sit tenens capitali domino, medio c̄misso, necesse habet tenens respondere capitali domino de servitiis et cons. quæ medius ei prius facere debuit, et postquam medius venerit in curiam, et cognoverit, quod acquietare debet tenentem suum, vel adjudicetur ad acquietandum, si post huiusmodi cognitionem aut iudicium queremonia perveniat, quod medius non acquietat tenentem (13), tunc exeat breve de iudicio, quod vicecomes distringat medium ad acquietandum tenentem, et ad essendum coram iusticiariis ad certum diem, ad ostendendum quare prius cum non acquietavit. Et cum per distinctionem venerit, audiatur querens. Et si querens verificare poterit, quod ipsum non acquietavit, satisfaciat de damnis, et per iudicium recedat (14) tenens quietus de suo medio, et attornetur capitali domino. Et si ad primam distinctionem non venerit, exeat breve de alia distinctione, et fiat proclamatio, et postquam testificatum fuerit, procedatur ad iudicium, sicut superius dictum est. Et sciendum est, quod per hoc statutum non excluduntur tenentes, quin habeant warrantiam (15), si de tenementis suis implacitentur, super medios suos,*

shire where the distress is taken, and when it is returned by the sheriff that he hath nothing in his shire, a writ judicial shall issue to summon the mean unto the sheriff of the same shire, in which it shall be testified that he hath land, and suit shall be made in the same shire until they have passed unto the great distress and proclamation, as above is said in the mean having land in the same shire in which the distress is taken. And nevertheless suit shall be made in the same shire where he hath nothing, as above is said of the mean that hath nothing, until the process come to the great distress and proclamation; and and so after proclamation made in both counties, the mean shall be fore-judged of his fee and service. And where it happeneth sometimes, that the tenant in demean is infeoffed to hold by less service than the mean ought to do unto the chief lord, when after such proclamation the tenant hath attorned to the chief lord, and the mean being excluded, the tenant must of necessity answer unto the chief lord for all such services and customs as the mean was wont to do to him. And after that the mean is come into the court, and hath confessed that he ought to acquit his tenant, or be compelled by judgement to acquit, if after such confession or judgement it is complained that the mean doth not acquit his tenant, then shall issue a writ judicial, that the sheriff shall distrain the mean to acquit the tenant, and to be at a certain day before the justicers, for to shew why he hath not acquitted him before; and when they have proceeded unto the great distress, the plaintiff shall be heard; and if the plaintiff can prove that he hath not acquitted him; he shall yield damages, and by award of the court the tenant shall go quit from the mean, and shall attorn unto the chief lord, And if he come not at the first distress,



*suos, et eorum hæredes, secundum quod prius habuerunt, nec etiam excluduntur tenentes (16), quin sequi possunt versus meliores suos, secundum consuetudinem prius usitatam, si viderint quod processus eorum plus valeat \* per antiquam consuetudinem, quam per istud statutum. Et sciendum est, quod per istud statutum non providetur remedium quibuscunque mediis, sed solummodo in casu cum sit unus medius (17) tantum inter dominum distringentem et tenentem, et in casu quando medius ille est plenæ ætatis (18), et in casu quando tenens, sine præjudicio alterius (19) quam medii, attornare se potest capitali domino, quod dictum est pro mulieribus tenentibus in dotem, et tenentibus per legem Angliæ, vel aliter ad terminum vitæ, vel per feodum talliatum, quibus pro aliquibus causis nondum est provisum remedium: sed (Deo dante) alias providebitur.*

trefs, a writ shall go forth to distrain him again, and proclamation shall be made, and as soon as it is returned, they shall proceed in judgement, as before is said. And it is to be understood, that by this statute tenants are not excluded, but they shall have a warranty of the means and their heirs, if they be impleaded of their lands, as they have had before; nor the tenants shall be excluded, but that they may sue against their means, as they used heretofore, if they see that their process may be more available by the old custom, than by this statute. And it is to wit, that by this statute no remedy is provided to any means, but only in case where there is but one onely mean between the lord that distraineth and the tenant; and in case where that mean is of full age; and in case where the tenant may attorn unto the chief lord without prejudice of any other than of the mean, which is spoken for women tenants in dower, and tenants by the courtesie, or otherwise for term of life, or in fee-tail, unto whom for certain causes remedy is not yet provided, but (God willing) there shall be at another time.

(Regist. 160. Fitz. Mesne, 1. 3. 7. 11. 12. 15. 16. 17. 19. 20. 21. 24. 56. 58. Fitz. Proclamat. 20. 21. 1 Inst. 100. a. Fitz. Mesne, 3. 18. 47. 57. 66. 67. 70. Fitz. Mesne, 1. 53. Fitz. Avowry, 146. 168. Fitz. Mesne, 28. 29. Fitz. Process, 153. Fitz. Mesne, 20. 24. 38. 59. 68. 70. Fitz. Mesne, 88. 25. 35. 79. Rast. 433, &c.)

50 E. 3. 23.

One mischief here first mentioned before the making of this statute was, the great delays which were used in the writs of mesne, in which the process at the common law was summons, attachment, and distress infinite; and yet the tenant in default of the mesne was presently distrained by the lord paramount, which mischief appeareth by the preamble of this act: for remedy whereof a more speedy proceeding is given by this act in a writ of mesne.

Another mischief was, when the mesne had nothing within the same county; for there the tenant was without remedy, and though the mesne had sufficient in another county, the common law extended not thereunto, in both which cases remedy is given by this act.

4 E. 3. 42.

R.N.B. 137. a.

(1) *Pro consuetudinibus et servitiis, &c.*] The distress must be taken for the customs or services which the mesne by reason of his tenure ought to do to the lord, within which, sute service to a hundred

hundred is comprehended, but not sute reall, that is, by resiancie either to hundred, leet, or tourne, for that is not by reason of his tenure.

But if the tenant be distrained for the reliefe of the mesne, or for reasonable aide, albeit they are rather improvements of services then services, yet the tenant shall have a writ of mesne, because they grow by reason of the tenure.

(2) *Et medius sit.*] If there be A. lord, B. mesne, C. mesne, D. tenant *per availe*, A. the lord paramount distrein D. for services, &c. he bringeth a writ of mesne against C. and recovereth damages against him, whereupon C. the mesne may have a writ of mesne against B. but if B. plead *nient distrein de son default*, the speciall matter must be shewed, and not to take the generall issue, and so every mesne shall have his writ against his mesne.

(3) *Qui tenentem acquietare debeat.*] There be two kinds of acquittals; one expresse, and the other implied: expresse, three manner of waies:

First, by fine or deed, either at the creation of the tenure, or after: secondly, by acknowledgement of acquittall: thirdly, by prescription.

Implied, five manner of waies:

First, by owelty of services; secondly, by tenure in frankalmoigne; thirdly, in frankmarriage; fourthly, by homage aunces-trell; and fifthly, in dower.

(4) *In casu etiam cum tenens paratus esset facere capitali domino ser-vitia et consuetudines exactas, et capitalis dominus servitia et consue-tudines sibi debitas renuebat percipere per manum alterius, quam per manum proximi tenentis sui, &c.*] By the common law the lord para-mount might have refused his services by the \* hands of the tenant *per avails*, or by the hands of tenant for life, where the reversion was over, because the mesne or he in reversion was his very tenant in privity, for the which remedy is given by this act.

(5) *Ujque ad magnam distinctionem.*] This must be understood of a writ of mesne returnable into the court of common pleas, and not of a writ of mesne that is vicountell, and not returnable.

And although a writ of mesne be depending between the tenant and the mesne, yet the lord paramount may proceed, &c. for he shall not tarry till the matter be tried in the writ of mesne.

But it appeareth by Fleta, *Si medius sit paratus ipsum tenentem acquietare de servitiis, quod capitalis dominus ab eo exigit, tunc secundum acquietatem juris subvenietur tenenti per breve, viz. quod capitalis dominus esset*, and there the writ in that case appeareth.

(6) *Et si medius habens terram in eodem comitatu, &c.*] Here is provided a more speedy proceeding in the writ of mesne, if the mesne had land in the same county.

(7) *Et si non venerit hujusmodi medius, amittat servitium tenentis sui, et à modo non respondeat, &c.*] If the mesne appeare not at the grand distresse, he shall be fore-judged, that is to say, that the mesne shall lose the services of his tenant of the tenements before holden. And that the mesne being omitted, the tenant from thenceforth shall be *attendens et respondens* to the chiefe lord by the same services, as the mesne holdeth by.

But it is to be observed, that the immediate chiefe lord must be named in the fore-judger; for albeit he be a stranger to the writ, and by his death the writ of mesne shall not abate: yet in the judgement

5 E. 3. 49.  
10 H. 6. 26.  
39 H. 6. 31. a.  
9 E. 4. 27.  
F.N.B. 136. m.  
18 E. 3. 19.  
29 E. 3. 34.  
39 E. 3. 19.  
39 H. 6. 31. b.

31 E. 1. mesn.  
55. 7 E. 2. ibid.  
66. 20 E. 2.  
ibid. 59. 8 E. 3.  
49. 39 E. 3. 19.  
38 E. 3. 10.  
F.N.B. 136.

Lib. 6. 58. Bre-dimans case, lib. 9. fol. 110, 111.  
21 E. 3. 49.  
2 H. 6. 3. 8 H. 6. 16.

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F.N.B. 136. d.

Flet. li. 2. cap. 43. Brit fol. 58. b.

Brit. ubi supra.

Flet. lib. 2. ca. 43. Brit. fol. 58. 10 H. 6. 26.

21 E. 3. mesn. 48. 10 H. 6. fol. 26. 4 H. 6. 28.



judgement he that is then immediate lord paramount must be particularly named.

(8) *Nec habeat capitalis dominus potestatem distringendi tenentes in dominico, dum prædictus tenens offerat ei servitia debita, et consuetu.*] Here three things are to be observed.

1. That the tenant must offer and tender the rent or service due upon the land, and not be ready only, by reason of the word (*offerat.*)

2. This must be done at the time, when the lord comes to distraine.

3. That this act is to be understood of services, and customes which the tenant may doe, as payment of rents, delivery of heriot-service, or the like; but extendeth not to personall services annexed to the person of the mesne, as homage, fealty, &c. for he cannot say, I become your man: nor sweare to him fealty, &c. But after fore judger, then the tenant shall doe all manner of services which the mesne ought to have done, for then the mesnalty is extinct; but as long as the mesnalty remaines, the personall services remaine with the mesne, *servitia personalia sequuntur personam.*

(9) *Et si capitalis dominus exegerit plus, quam medius ei facere deberet, habeat tenens in hoc casu exceptionem versus dominum quam haberet medius.*] Hereby provision is made for the tenant to take any advantage that the mesne might do, if the chiefe lord demand other services then the mesne ought to doe, albeit he be a stranger to the avowry.

(10) *Si vero medius nihil habuerit in potestate regis.*] Here *sub potestate regis* is taken for the power of the king to administer justice to his subjects by his writs, *potestas regia est facere justitiam.* See the first part of the Institutes, text. 199.

And by this branch remedy is given to the tenant where the mesne had nothing, where he had no remedy by the common law,

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(11) *Si vero medius non habeat terram in comitatu in quo fit districtio, sed habeat terram in alio comitatu, &c.*] Here is remedy given to the tenant, where the mesne hath land in a forraigne county.

(12) *Adjudicetur medius de feodo et servitio suo.*] Here also fore-judger is given in the cases here mentioned, which is a better and speedier remedy then the common law gave.

(13) *Et postquam medius, &c. cognoverit, &c. vel adjudicetur ad acquietandum. &c. si post, &c. medius non acquietavit tenentem.*] Medius, the heire of the mesne shall not be fore-judged within this statute, for that this act speaketh of the mesne onely, and not of the mesne and his heires.

(14) *Satisfaciat de damnis, et per judicium recedat, &c.*] This branch of the statute giveth damages and fore-judger, and the plaintife cannot take damages, and leave the fore-judger, but he must either take both according to this branch, or neither of them.

(15) *Et sciendum est, quod per hoc stat' non excluduntur tenentes, quin habeant warrantiam.*] By this clause the warranty of the tenant (which was ever much esteemed in law) is saved and preserved, and many deeds comprehended both warranty and acquittall.

(16) *Nec*

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