

(6) *Si autē domus illa à comite, barone, vel aliis fundata fuerit.*] Having provided remedy when the king was founder, now this act provideth when a subject is founder.

23 E. 3. contr<sup>o</sup> collat. 3.

(7) *Tenementum sic alienatum.*] These words couple all that hath beene said before to this branch.

(8) *Collatum fuerit in liberam eleemosinam.*] So as of necessity the lands and tenements within the purview of this act must be given in frankalmoigne, for so be the words of the writ framed and formed by this act.

Fleta treating hereof, saith, *Alia est causa cum res detur in eleemosina, et alienetur, in quo casu provisum fuit quod breve de ingressu ad recuperandum hujusmodi tenementum alienatum in dominico.* Vide capit<sup>o</sup> Eschaetrie, Vet<sup>o</sup> Magna Charta 161.

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Regist. 238.  
F.N.B. 211. a.  
1. Part of the Institutes, sect. 136, 137.  
What Free almoigne is.  
Fleta, lib. 5. ca. 24.

(9) *Habeat, &c. breve ad recuperandum.*] This branch saith, *habeat breve*: but what if the alienation be of such a tenement or hereditament, as there lieth no writ of *contra formam collationis*? As for example, if an advowson be aliened *contra formam collationis*, the founder shall present, because he can have no writ; for when a right is given, the law with it will give a remedy, so as this act is to be understood, that his remedy shall be by writ, where a writ doth lye.

29 E. 3. Contra formam collat. 8.  
F.N.B. 211. f.  
32 E. 3. Cessavit 24. Fleta, l. 5. c. 34.  
For this writ,

After a recovery had by force of this writ against the abbot, there must be a *scire fac<sup>o</sup>* (as hath been said) against the tenant of the land, who is not concluded by any triall, &c. had against the abbot, &c.

Vide 32 E. 3. tit. Breve 291. for the form of this writ.

The heir shall have this writ for an alienation in the time of his ancestor, for the right of action once vested in the ancestor cannot dye.

This writ also lieth against the successor for an alienation made by the predecessor, notwithstanding these words in the writ, *praedictus abbas*; or the heir may have an action against the successor.

\* This action of *contra formam collationis* consisteth onely in privacy for none but onely for the founder, or donor, or his heire, and not for any stranger.

32 E. 3. Bre. 291. 17 E. 3. Contra form. collat. 1. 32 E. 3. Bre. 291. 2 H. 4. 17. F.N.B. 211. Regist. 238.  
Vet. N. B. 242. lib. intrat. Rast. 126. See the last clause of this chapter.

(10) *Eodem modo de tenemento dato pro cantaria sustinenda, vel luminari in aliqua ecclesia, seu capella, vel alia eleemosina justinenda, si tenementum sic datum alienetur.*] *Eleemosina*: see the first part of the Institutes, sect. 133, &c. et le Culumier de Norm. cap. 32. *Tenure per omosne, et le lattin com' sur ceo.*

\* 7 R. 2. Cessavit 18. F.N.B. 211.

This is a clause of reference, *eodem modo, &c.* But this clause extendeth not to the lands or tenements parcell of the foundation of the abbey, or priory; for the former branches of this act had made sufficient provision for them

7 H. 4. 20.

But this clause extendeth to lands or tenements given to any ecclesiasticall person, that is, either religious, as abbots, priors, &c. or secular, as parsons of churches, deans, &c. for the finding of a chauntery priest, or of a light, or any other charitable or almshouses, or when a chauntery is incorporated, and lands given for maintenance of the same.

10 H. 6. 5. b.

And this branch being generall, *viz. De tenemento dato pro cantaria, &c.* the same extendeth aswell to bishops, and all other secular persons, or ecclesiasticall, as religious, consisting of one sole person, or aggregate of many: and so note the diversity between this and the former branch, and the severall reasons of the same.

Regist. 238.  
F.N.B. 209. k.

18 E. 3. 5. a.  
32 E. 3. Ric. 291.  
cap. I. schact.  
Vet. Magn.  
Chart. 162.  
See the first part  
of the Institutes,  
18. sec.

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R. 2. 2. 8.  
F.N.B. 20. a. k.  
cap. I. schact.  
Vet. Magn.  
Chart. 162.  
1. part of the  
Institutes,  
sect. 137.  
7 H. 4. 20.  
F.N.B. 210. F.  
7 E. 4. 11. per  
Cateby.  
1. part of the  
Institutes,  
sect. 137.

11 R. 2.  
View 63.

1. part of the  
Institutes, sect.  
136, 137.

1. part of the  
Institutes, sect.  
137. F.N.B.  
210. E.

F.N.B. 209. k.  
Pl. Com. 58. b.  
12 H. 4. 24.  
14 H. 4. 4.

By these words [*eodem modo*] if lands were given to an abbot, *pro cantaria sustinenda, aut pro pastu pauperum*, or other such service in certain; and the abbot aliened with consent of the covent, yet the *contra formam collationis* did lye against the abbot upon this branch, by reference to the former branch.

(11) *Et si forte tenementa sic data, pro cantaria, luminari, pastu \* pauperum; vel alia elemosina sustinenda, vel facienda, non fuerit alienata, sed subtracta fuerit hujusmodi elemosina per biennium.*] By this branch is a cessavit given, where lands were given to finde a ch. plein to sing divine service, or to finde a light in such a church, &c. or to distribute certain bread and beer every day, week, or moneth to poor people, &c.

(12) *Tenementa sic data, &c.*] This branch extendeth not to a gift in tail, for the donor shall not have a cessavit within this statute.

It is holden, that this branch concerning the cessavit, extendeth not to lands or tenements given by the founder upon the foundation of the house; albeit, as it appeareth by the said charter of H. 1. the lands were generally given, not onely for celebration of divine service in the church, &c. but for sustentation of poor people, or other almes deeds, which are also adjudged in law divine service.

And this clause, that giveth the cessavit, referreth onely to the last branch concerning chauntries, lights, and other particular almes deeds, and not to the former branch concerning the foundations and dotations *in libera elemosina* in generall; for this branch extendeth not at all to lands given in free almoigne, as the first and second clauses did, for in free almoigne no certain service is to be done, and therefore for them no cessavit can lye, but lyeth onely where particular divine services are mentioned.

Note here the excellent judgement of the makers of this act, for they, for alienation of lands given in free almoigne, that is, for celebration of divine services, &c. incertain, gave a *contra formam collationis*, but gave no cessavit for cesser, because no cessavit could lye for divine service incertain; but for divine service certain, both a *contra formam collationis*, and a cessavit respectively by this act doth lye, aswell as an avowry for the same at the common law.

(13) *Competat actio donatori, aut ejus hæredi.*] In this case the heir shall upon this branch have a *cessavit pro pastu pauperum*, for the cesser done in the life of his ancestor, but so shall not the heir of the lord in a cessavit upon the statute of Glocest': and the reason of the diversity is, for that in a cessavit brought upon this branch *de pastu pauperum*, no tender of the arrerages shall be by the tenant to the demandant, because they belong to the poor, and never belonged to the demandant or his ancestor; but the rent and service upon the statute of Gloc' belonged to the lord to whom the tender was to be made, but his heir is out of that statute, because the tender of the arrerages in the life of the ancestor belonged not to him.

(14) *Sicut statutum est in statuto Gloc'.*] Although this branch hath a reference to the statute of Gloc', yet it is to be understood, to extend to such clauses of that act, as may stand with reason of law and conveniencie, as you perceive by an example before remembered, *et sic de similibus.*

## CAP. XLII.

**D**E marescallis domini regis (1) de feodo camerariis (2), custodibus hostiorum in itinere justic', et fervientibus virgam portantibus coram justic' apud Westm', qui officium illud habeant de feodo (3), et qui plus exigunt ratione feodi sui quam exigere consueverunt, secundum quod multi queruntur super eos qui statut' cur' à multo tempore viderunt et sciunt, dominus rex inquiri fecit, quem stat' prædict' ministri de feodo habere consueverunt temporibus retroactis, et per inquisitionem (4) statuit et præcepit, quod marescallus de feodo qui de novo exigit palefridum (5) de comitibus, baronibus, et aliis per partem baroniæ tenent', quando homagium fecerint, et nihilominus ad malitiam eorum alium palefridum, et de quibusdam (de quibus palefridum habere non debuit) palefridum de novo exigunt, ordinavit quod prædictus marescallus de quolibet comite et barone (integram baroniam (7) tenente) de uno palefrido sit contentus (6), vel de precio quale antiquitus percipere consuevit (8), ita quod si ad homagium, quod fecit, palefridum vel precium in forma prædicta ceperit, ad malitiam suam nihil capiat;

Et si fortè ad homagium nihil ceperit, ad malitiam suam capiat. De abbatibus et prioribus integram baroniam tenentibus, cum homagium aut fidelitatem pro baroniis suis fecerint, capiat palefridum vel precium, ut prædictum est.

Hoc idem de archiepiscopis, et episcopis observand' est. De his autem qui partem baroniæ tenent, sive sint religiosi, sive seculares, capiat secund' portionem partis baroniæ, quam tenent (9). De religiosis tenent' in liberam eleemosinam

**C**ONCERNING the king's marshals of fee, chamberlains, porters in the circuit of justices and serjeants bearing vierge before justices at Westminster, which have the same office in fee, and that ask more by reason of their fee than they have used to ask, whereupon many do complain on them, that have known and seen the order of the court of long time; our lord the king hath caused to be enquired by an inquest what the said officers of fee have used to have in times passed, and hath ordained and commanded, that a marshal of fee, which of new asketh a palfray of earls, barons, and other holding by a part of a barony when they have done homage, and nevertheless another palfray when they are made knights, and of some that ought not to give any, ask a palfray: it is in like manner ordained, that the said marshal of every earl and baron, holding by an entire barony, shall be contented with one palfray, or with the price of it, such as he hath used to have of old; so that if he took a palfray, or the price of one, at the doing of his homage in form aforesaid, he shall take nothing when he is made knight;

And if he took nothing at the doing of his homage, when he is made knight he shall take. Of abbots and priors holding an whole barony, when they do homage or fealty for their baronies, he shall take one palfray, or the price, as afore is said.

And this shall also be observed amongst archbishops and bishops. Of such as hold but a part of a barony, whether they be religious or secular, he shall take according to the portion of the part of the barony that

*elemosinam, et non per baroniam, vel partem baroniæ, nihil de cætero exigat marescallus.*

*Et concessit dominus rex, quod per hoc statutum non præcludatur marescallus suus de feodo in plus petendo, si imposterum ostendere poterit, quod jus habeat plus petendi (10).*

*Camerarii domini regis habeant de cætero de archiepiscopis (11), episcopis, abbatibus, prioribus, [ 452 ] et aliis personis ecclesiasticis, comitibus, baronibus, integram baroniam tenentibus, rationabilem fidem cum homagium aut fidelitatem pro baroniis suis fecerint. Et si per partem baroniæ teneant, capiant rationabilem finem secundum portionem ipsos contingentem. Alii vero abbates, priores, religiosi, et seculares non tenentes per baroniam, vel partem baroniæ, non distringantur ad finem faciendum (12), secundum quod de tenentibus per baroniam vel partem baroniæ dictum est, sed sit camerarius de superiori indumento contentus, vel de precio indumenti: quod plus honestè dictum est pro religiosis quam secularibus, quia honestius est, quod religiosi faciant pro superiori indumento, quam exuant.*

that they hold. Of religious men that hold in free alms; and not by a barony, nor part of a barony, the marshal from henceforth shall demand nothing.

And our lord the king hath granted, that by this statute a marshal of fee shall not be barred hereafter to demand more, if he can shew that he hath right unto more.

The king's chamberlains from henceforth shall have of archbishops, bishops, abbots, priors, and other persons spiritual, of earls and barons holding an entire barony, a reasonable fine when they do their homage or fealty; and if they hold by a part of a barony, they shall take a reasonable fine according to the portion to them belonging. Other abbots, priors, and other persons spiritual and temporal, that hold no entire barony, nor part of a barony, shall not be distrained to make fine, as it is said by them that hold by a barony, or part of a barony, but the chamberlain shall be contented with his upper garment, or with the price thereof; which is done in favour of persons religious more than of lay persons; for it is more convenient that religious men should fine for their upper garment, than to be stripped.

W. 1. cap. 40.

The mischief before this statute was, that not onely the marshal, and the chamberlein of the kings house, but some inferiour officers, as the porters, or door-keepers of the justices in eyre; and likewise the bearer of rods or staves before the justices at Westminster, did extort of the subject excessive fees, more then was due to them: whereupon many that of long time had known the kings court, and other the said courts, did greatly complain; for remedy whereof this act was made; the particular mischiefs shall be specified in their due places.

The statute of W. 1. had provided against the extortion by ferjeants, cryers, and marshals of justices in eyre, and of other justices; now this act provideth against the officers following.

Brit. fo. 1. b.

1. part of the Institutes, sect.

cap. Grand Serjeanty.

Fleta, li. 2. c. 3,

4, 5. Lib. 10.

(1) *De marescallis domini regis.*] This is intended of the marshal of the kings house. Of this officer Britton saith thus, *Et que le mareschal de nostre hostele teigne nostre lieu deins la vierge de nostre hostle, &c.* The steward of the kings house and this marshal have a court of justice, as elsewhere we have shewed.

fo. 68, &c. Lib. 6. fo. 20, 21. Lib. 7. fo. 17. Fleta, li. 2. c. 6.

(2) D.

(2) *De camerariis.*] This is also intended of the chamberlein of the kings house. The l. chamberlein of the kings household is a great officer of the kings house, so called because his office doth principally concern the chambers, that is, matters above the stairs; of his office, Fleta writeth thus, *Camerarius autem, et subministri cameræ a jurisdictione sen', et mar' exempti sunt, veluti omnes garderobarii, ut in quibusdam; non enim extendit se jurisdictione sen' ad modica d. licta camerariorum, vel garderobariorum audienda, vel terminanda, eo quod ex consuetudine hospitii sunt exempti, dum tamen illi de quibus exigi contigerit cur' coram senesch', cameris regis et reginæ, ac garderobæ assidue sint intendentes; sed coram ipsis thesaur' et camerar' audiantur querimonie de hujusmodi ministris et subditis suis, et terminabuntur, præsentem tamen clerico regis ad placita aulæ deputato; ita quod de finibus, et amerciament' ex hujusmodi placitis provenientes nihil regi depereat. Debet enim camerarius decenter disponere pro lecto regis, et ut cameræ tapetis, et banqueriis ornentur, et quod ignes sufficienter fiant in caminis, et providere ne ullus defectus inveniatur quatenus officium suum contigerit.* Observe here, what anciently belonged to the office of the chamberlein of the kings household.

Fleta, ubi supra.

(3) *De feodo.*] These words are not onely meant of them that have a fee-simple in their offices, but such as have any fixed estate, either in tail or for life, and so are these words intended throughout this act; and the office of the chamberlain of the household was never granted in fee: and some do hold, that the sense of these words [*de feodo*] are such officers as have fees due, and belonging to them.

W. 1. cap. 30.  
See hereafter in  
the next chapter  
towards the end.

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(4) *Per inquisitionem.*] Observe here, that before the king, the lords and commons made this law, the king did inquire by oath of a jury sworne of the truth and certainty of the fees hereafter in this act set downe.

(5) *Quod mareschallus de feodo qui de novo exigit palefridum, &c.*] Before this act the marshall of the kings house claimed and did take for his fee of every earle, baron, and of others holding by part of a barony, when they did their homage, his palfrey; and notwithstanding, when they were made knights, did challenge and take another palfrey; wherein he did wrong in two respects:

1. That in that case hee tooke two palfreyes where hee ought to take but one.

2. That he tooke one of them, that held by part of a barony, both which are remedied by this act.

(6) *Prædictus mareschallus de quolibet comite et barone integram baroniam tenente de uno palfrido sit contentus, &c.*] So as by this act he ought to have but one palfrey, both at his doing of homage, and at his making of knight.

(7) *Per integram baroniam.*] What a whole barony is, and of how many knights fees it consisteth, hath been before shewed, Magna Charta, cap. 2.

Mag. Chart. c. 2.

And if one had divers baronies, yet seeing that he was but one person, the marshall should have but one horse, *de uno palefrido sit contentus*: and so it is of one that is made knight, though he hath many knights fees.

(8) *Vel de precio quale antiquitus percipere consuevit.*] That we may say once for all, the ancient price of the horse of every archbishop, bishop, abbot, prior, earle, or baron holding by an entire barony is x. l.

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Also the auncient price of the horse of one that is made knight, or that doth homage, having no part of a barony, is v. marks.

4 H. 4. cap. 23.

See the statute of 4 H. 4. cap. 23.

(9) *De hiis qui partem baroniæ tenent, siue sint religiosi, siue seculares, capiat secundum portionem partis baroniæ.*] As for example, if he hold by halfe a barony, he shall pay v.l. which is halfe the price of the horse of him, that holdeth by an entire barony, and so according to rate of the value of the horse, &c.

But the marshall shall take nothing of religious or ecclesiasticall persons that hold *in liberam elemosynam, et non per baroniam, nec per partem baroniæ.*

(10) *Non præcludatur marescallus de feodo in plus petendo, si in posterum ostendere poterit quod jus habet plus petendi.*] Here is a saving for the marshall of his right of demanding other fees upon better prooffe made; but at the making of this act it appeared by the said inquisition, that no other fees were due to him, then are here expressed; but note there is no saving for the chamberlain.

(11) *Camerarii domini regis habeant de cætero de archiepiscopis.*] The kings chamberlaine, that is, the chamberlain of the kings household shall have a reasonable fine, when any ecclesiasticall or lay person, holding by an entire barony, doe his homage or fealty, and of them that hold by part of a barony a reasonable fine according to the portion which they have.

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So as nothing is due to the kings chamberlain when one is made knight, as it appeareth by the context of this.

(12) *Alii vero abbates, priores religiosi et seculares non tenentes per baroniam vel partem baroniæ non distringantur ad finem faciend.*] They which hold not by a barony, nor part of a barony shall yeeld no fine to the chamberlain, but the chamberlaine of them shall have their uppermost garment, or the price thereof; and it is more honest for the chamberlain to take the price in that case of the ecclesiasticall person, then of the secular, and the reason is there rendered, *quia honestius est, quod religiosi solvant pro superiori indumento, quam exantur.*

## C A P. XLIII.

**P**ROHIBEATUR de cætero hospitalariis et templariis (1), ne de cætero trahant aliquem in placitum coram conservatoribus privilegiorum suorum de aliqua re, cujus cognitio spectat ad forum regium (2): quod si fecerint, primo restituant damna parti gravata, et versus dominum regem graviter puniantur (3). Prohibet etiam dominus rex conservatoribus privilegiorum eorundem, ne de cætero (ad instantiam hospitaliariorum, templariorum, aut aliorum privilegiatorum) (4) concedant citationes, priusquam ex-

primatur

**B**E it prohibited from henceforth to hospitallers and templars, that hereafter they bring no man in plea before the keepers of their privileges for any matter, the knowledge whereof belongeth to the king's court; which if they do, first, they shall yeeld damages to the party grieved, and be grievously punished unto the king. The king also prohibiteth to the keepers of such privileges, that from henceforth they grant no citations at the instance of hospitallers, templars, or other persons privileged, before it be

*primatur super qua re fieri debeat citatio (5). Et si viderint hujusmodi conservatores, quod petatur citatio de aliqua re, cujus cognitio spectat ad forum regium, hujusmodi conservatores nec citationem faciant, nec cognoscant. Et si aliter fecerint (6) conservatores (7), respondeant parti læsæ de damnis, et nihilominus versus dominum regem graviter puniantur. Et quia hujusmodi privilegiati impetrant conservatores, subprios, præsentator, sacristes, religiosos, qui nihil habent (8) unde læsis, aut domino regi satisfacere possint, qui audaciores sint (9) ad lædend' dignitatem domini regis (10) quam eorum superiores, quibus per eorum temporali pœna potest infligi: caveant de cætero prælati hujusmodi obedientiariorum, ne permittant obedientarios suos assumere sibi jurisdictionem in præjudicium domini regis et coronæ suæ. Quod si fecerint, pro facto ipsorum respondeant sui superiores, ac si de proprio facto suo convicti essent (11).*

be expressed upon what matter the citation ought to be made. And if the keepers do see that a citation is required upon any matter, the knowledge whereof belongeth to the king's court, the keepers shall neither make nor knowledge the citation. And if the keepers do otherwise, they shall yield damages to the party grieved, and nevertheless shall be grievously punished by the king. And so much as such persons privileged, depute keepers, sub-priors, chantors, sextons, which be religious men, and which have nothing to satisfy the parties grieved, nor the king; which be more bold to offend the king's dignity than their superiors, to whom punishment may be assigned by their temporalities. Let the prelates of such obedientials therefore beware from henceforth, that they do not suffer their obedientials to usurp any jurisdiction in prejudice of the king and his crown; and if they do, their superiors shall be charged for their fact, as much as if they had been convict upon their proper act.

(Regist. 39.)

(1) *Probibeatur de cætero hospitalariis et templariis.*] The hospitallers and templars had divers great liberties and priviledges, and amongst the rest they held an ecclesiasticall court before a canonist or some of the clergy whom they termed *conservator privilegiorum suorum*, which judge having in deed more authority then was convenient, yet did he dayly in respect of the height and greatnesse of these two orders, and at their instance and direction, inroach and hold plea of matters determinable by the common law, for *cui plus licet quam par est, plus vult quam licet*; and this was one great mischief.

Another mischief was that this judge likewise at their instance in cases, wherein he had jurisdiction, would make generall citations, as *pro salute animæ*, and the like, without expressing the matter, whereupon the citation was made, which also was against law, and tended to the grievous vexation of the subject, both which mischiefs, or rather abuses are remedied by this act.

(2) *Cujus cognitio spectat ad forum regium.*] This branch is in affirmance of the common law.

(3) *Quod si fecerint, primo restituant damna parti gravatæ, et versus dominum regem graviter puniantur.*] By this branch the

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hospitallers and templers are to yeeld damages to the party griev- ed, and to be grievously fined to the king, if they draw any man in plea before the conservator of their priviledges of any thing de- terminable in the kings courts.

(4) *Ad instantiam hospit' templar' aut aliorū privilegiorū.]* Hereby it appeareth that their jurisdiction extended respectively, not onely to the hospitallers and templers, but to persons privi- ledged, or within their priviledges, and for that caute the judge was termed *conservator privilegiorum*.

Linwood de foro  
compet. cap. 2.

(5) *Prohibet dominus rex conservatoribus, &c. ne de cætero, &c. concedant citationes priusquam exprimat super qua re fieri debet ci- tatio.]* This branch is in affirmance of the common law, as before in this chapter it hath appeared; and this agreeth with Linwood, who taketh a citation *in foro ecclesiastico* to be, as the writ *in foro seculari*, for so it is by him defined. *Breve idem importat quod præ- ceptum vel citatio, et in eo continetur gravamen, super quo procedit actio ipsius agentis seu prosequentis.*

(6) *Et si aliter fecerint conservatores, &c.]* By this branch the party grieved shall recover his damages also against the said judge, if he graunt any citation, or hold any plea of or for any matter determinable in the kings court, so as the party grieved shall have double remedy, both against the hospitallers and templers, and also against their judge, and the king to have a double fine in re- spect of the wrong done to his crown, and dignity, and the unjust vexation of his subjects.

(7) *Conservatores.]* For this word see hereafter cap. 47.

Also if the judge did graunt a generall citation without expres- sing the cause, by colour whereof the party was troubled, he should yeeld to the party damages, and be grievously fined to the king.

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(8) *Et quia hujusmodi privilegiati impetrant conservatores, sub- priores, præsentatores, sacristas, religiosos, qui nihil habent.]* Before this act there was another mischief or abuse, and that was, that these hospitallers and templers, to defeat the remedy that was given to the party grieved against the judge in the cases abovesaid by the common law, did constitute subpriors, chaunters, sextens, and other religious men, which had nothing to satisfie the party griev- ed, nor the king (whereby it appeareth that the party grieved in the cases abovesaid had remedy by the common law) were more bold to offend against the kings crown and dignity then their su- periors, &c. for this mischiete, or rather abuse, remedy is here provided.

(9) *Qui audaciores sint.]* The wisdom of the common law was ever, that men of ability and sufficient meanes to live should be called to offices, and judiciaill places for three causes:

1. First, for that they would feare to offend; for men that are in place of judicature, and without meanes, are, as here it ap- peareth, boldest to offend.

2. They to maintaine their countenances are pronest to bribe and extort.

3. That if they offend, they may be able to satisfie the party grieved, and the king his fine: which three causes doe appeare by this branch.

(10) *Ad lædendum dignitatem regis.]* Here it appeareth that in- croachment of jurisdiction by ecclesiasticall judges contrary to the kings lawes is *crimen læsæ dignitatis regis*: which appeareth by these



these words, and hereafter it is in this branch said, *in præjudicium domini regis et coronæ suæ.*

(11) *Quod si fecerint, pro facto ipsorum respondeant sui superiores, ac si de proprio facto suo convicti essent.*] Here is the remedy provided for the last mentioned mischief or abuse, *viz.* that the superiors, that is, those that appoint such judges (as are not sufficient to satisfy the party grieved his damages, and the king his fine) shall out of their temporalties satisfy the same according to the rule of *respondeat superior.*

And by the common law, if the coroner be insufficient, the whole county, who made election and choyce of him, shall *tanquam doctor et superior* answer for him, and so shall the officer answer for his deputy.

Hil. 14 E. 3. ex pte remem. regis in Scac' Rot. 9. Herlizans case. 39 H. 6. 32.

Fleta, li. 6. c. 36.  
respondeat superior. 52 H. 3.  
Stat. de Scac'  
W. 2. c. 2. & 11.  
44 E. 3. 13.  
41 Ass. 10.  
50 E. 3. 5.  
39 H. 6. 32.  
2 H. 6. ca. 10.  
l. 11. fo. 92.  
The carle of Devonshires case.

## C A P. XLIV.

**D**E custodibus hostiorum in itineribus, virgam portantibus (1) coram justic' de banco: ordinatum est, quod de qualibet assisa et jurata quam custodiunt, capiant decem denarios tantum, de chirographis nihil. De his qui recuperant demandas suas versus plures per defaultam, redditionem, vel alio modo per iudicium sine assisa, vel jurat', nihil. De his qui recedunt sine die per defaultam petentis vel querentis, nihil capiant. Et si quis recuperaverit demandam suam versus plures (2) p. r. unum breve, et per recognitionem assisæ vel jurat' de quatuor denariis sint contenti. Et similiter si plures in uno brevi nominati per recognitionem assisæ vel juratæ recuperaverint demandam, de quatuor denariis sint contenti. De his qui faciunt homagium in banco, de superiori panno sint contenti. De magnis assisis, attinētis, juratis, et duello peracto xii. d. tantum capiant. De his qui vocati sunt coram justic' ad sequend', vel defendend' placitum suum, nihil capiant pro egressu vel ingressu. Ad placita coronæ de qualibet duodena xii. d. tantum capiantur. De quolibet p. sonario deliberato iv. d. tantum capiantur. De quolibet cuius pax proclamata

**C**ONCERNING porters bearing verge before justices of the bench in the circuit; it is provided, that of every assise and jury that they keep they shall take x. d. only, and for the bills nothing. Of such as recover their demands by default, confession, or otherwise by judgement without assise and jury, they shall take nothing. Of such as go without day by default of the demandant or plaintiff, they shall take nothing. And if any recover his demand against many by one writ, and by recognizance of assise or jury, they shall be content with iv. d. And likewise if many named in one writ do recover by recognizance of assise or jury, they shall be content with iv. d. Of such as do homage in the bench, they shall be content with their upper garment. Of great assises, attainments, juries, and battle waged, they shall take xii. d. only. Of such as be called before justices to sue or to defend their pleas, they shall take nothing for their coming in or forth. At the pleas of the crown, for every dozen xii. d. only shall be taken. Of every prisoner delivered iv. d. shall be taken. Of every one whose peace is proclaimed

*clamata fuerit xii. d. tantum capiatur. De inventoribus occisorum, et aliis attachiat' vill', iv. d. De decennariis hominibus, al', de quatuor hominibus et proposito ac decenariis nihil capiatur. De chirographariis pro chirographo faciendo statutum est, quod de quatuor scilicet sint contenti (3). De clericis scribentibus brevia originalia et judicialia statutum est, quod pro uno brevi de uno denario sint contenti. Et injungit dominus rex omnibus et singulis justiciariis suis in fide et sacramento quibus ei tenentur (4), quod si hujusmodi ministri contra præd' statutum in aliquo articulo venerint, et querimonia ad eos perveneat, pœnam eis infligant rationabilem. Et si iterum deliquerint majorem pœnam eis infligant, qua castigari merito debeant. Et si tertio deliquerint, et super hoc convicti fuerint (5), si sint ministri de feodo (6), amittant feodum suum, et si alii sint, amittant curiam regis, nec redeant sine ipsius regis speciali præcepto aut gratia.*

claimed xii. d. only shall be taken. Of the finders of men slain, and others of a town attached, iv. d. Of tythingmen nothing shall be taken. Of cyrographers, for making a cyrografe, it is ordained, that they shall be contented with iv. s. Of clerks writing writs original and judicial, it is ordained, that for one writ they shall take but i. d. And the king chargeth all his justices, upon their faith and oath that they owe him, that if such manner of officers offend in any article against this statute, and complaint come to them thereof, they shall execute on them reasonable punishment; and if they offend the second time, they shall award greater punishment, that they may be duly corrected: and if they offend the third time, and be thereupon convicted, if they be officers of the fee, they shall leese their fee; and if they be other, they shall void the king's court, and shall not be received again, without the special grace and licence of the king himself.

See W. 1. cap. 26, 27. 29. (2 H. 4. c. 8.)

(1) *De custodibus hostiorum in itineribus virgam portantibus, &c.]* This noble and wise king, knowing that extortion was a grievous burthen to his subjects, and having provided against the same by many laws, as before hath appeared: in this chapter he setteth down in particular, as an addition to his former acts, what fees the porters bearing vierge before the justices of the common pleas in their circuit, the chirographers, and clerks writing writs original or judicial should take, which were the due fees before this act; but yet it was thought necessary that the same should be set down, and published by act of parliament for three causes.

1. That all the subjects of the realm might take notice, and know in what cases to give, and in what not.

2. In cases where they ought to give, what they were to give in certainty.

3. That the officers or ministers take no more then is here prescribed, under pretence of expedition, or other pretext whatsoever, nor to take any thing where nothing is due to them, under the pains hereby inflicted.

(2) *Et*

(2) *Et si quis recuperaverit demandam suam versus plures, &c.]*

Where there were many tenants or defendants, 4. d. was before this act extorted for every tenant or defendant upon a recovery against them, where (they all being but as one tenant or defendant) there ought to be given but one 4. d. as it is declared by this act. 26 Aff. 47.

(3) *De chirographariis pro chirographo faciendo statutum est*

*quod de 4. s. sint contenti.]* Chirographarius cometh of the Greek word *χειρογραφεῖν*, which is as much to say, as a hand writing, so called, because he writeth the chirographs, that is, the indentures of the fine, one for the buyer, another for the seller: and the fine is said to be ingrossed, when the chirographer maketh the indentures, and delivers them. F.N.B. 147. a.

By the statute of 2 Henry 4. cap. 8. it is provided, that the chirographer shall take but the said summe of 4. s. mentioned in this act for a fine levied. 2 H. 4. cap. 8.

(4) *Et injungit dominus rex omnibus, et singulis justiciariis*

*suis in fide, et sacramento quibus ei tenentur, &c.]* By this great injunction, and commandment of so high a nature to the justices, the odiousnes of extortion appeareth, and what an high offence it is, for that most commonly it is accompanied with perjury, and that it hath a consuming quality; whereof the prophet David speaking against the enemies of Almighty GOD, saith, Let the extortioner consume that he hath, and let the stranger spoil his labour.

(5) *Et si tertio deliquerint, et super hoc convicti fuerint.]* Convicti fuerint is here taken for *adjudicati fuerint.* Sec W. 2. cap. 4.

Though this branch saith, *et super hoc convicti fuer'*, and may seem to refer to the third offence, yet cannot he be convicted of the third before he be convicted of the second, nor of the second before he be convicted of the first; and the second offence must be committed after the first conviction, and the third after the second conviction, and severall judgements thereupon given: for so it is to be understood in other acts of parliament, where there be degrees of punishment inflicted, for the first, second, and third offence, &c. there must be severall convictions, that is to say, judgements given upon legall proceeding for every severall offence, for it appeareth to be no offence untill judgement by proceeding of law be given against him.

(6) *Si sint ministri de feodo.]* This is understood of officers that have any fixed estate, although it be not in fee-simple, as in the 42. chapter is shewed; for the largest estate of any of the ministeriall offices specified in this act that ever was granted, was for term of life; and this appeareth by the diversity of punishments imposed by this act; for if they have their offices *de feodo*, that is, of a fixed estate, for the third offence *amittant feodum*, that is, *officium suum*; and if they have no fixed estate, but at pleasure, *amittant curiam regis*, that is, be forjudged the kings court.

See before, cap. 2, the sense of these words, *de feodo*.

## CAP. XLV.

**Q**UIA de his quæ recordata sunt (1) coram cancellario domini regis, et ejus justic' qui recordum habent, et in eorum rotulis irrotulatur, non debet fieri processus placiti per summonitiones, attachiamenta (2), essonium (3), visus terræ, et alias solemnitates curiæ (4), sicut fieri consuevit de contractibus et conventionibus factis extra cur': observandum est de cætero, quod ea quæ inveniuntur irrotulat' coram his, qui recordum habent, vel in finibus (5) content', sive sint contractus, sive conventiones, sive obligationes, sive servitia, aut consuetudines, recognita, sive alia quæcunque irrotulata, quibus curia domini regis (sine juris et consuetudinis offensa) auctoritatem præstare potest, talem de cætero habeant vigor' quod non sit necesse in posterum de his placitare (6), sed cum venerit conquerens ad cur' domini regis, si recens sit cognitio, vel finis levat', viz. infra annum, statim habeat breve de executione (7) illius recognitionis factæ. Et si forte à majore tempore transactio facta fuerit illa recognitio, vel finis levatus, præcipiatur vicecom' quod scire faciat parti, de qua sit querimonia, quod sit ad certum diem coram justic', ostendens (si quid sciat dicere) quare hujusmodi irrotulat', vel in fine content' executionem habere non debeant (8). Et si ad diem non venerit (9), vel fortè venerit, et nihil sciat dicere, quare executio fieri non debeat, præcipiatur vicecom', quod rem irrotulatam, vel in fine content' exequi faciat. Eodem modo mandetur ordinario in suo casu (10), observetur nihilominus quod [W. 2. cap. 9.] supradict' est de medio, qui per recognition' aut judicium obligatus est ad acquietandum (11). [13 E. 1. Mercato-ribus.]

**B**ECAUSE that of such things as be recorded before the chancellor and the justices of the king that have record, and be inrolled in their rolls, process of plea ought not to be made by summons, attachments, esson, view of land, and other solemnities of the court, as hath been used to be done of bargains and covenants made out of the court; from henceforth it is to be observed, that those things which are found inrolled before them that have record, or contained in fines, whether they be contracts, covenants, obligations, services, or customs knowledged, or other things whatsoever inrolled, wherein the king's court, without offence of the law and custom, may execute their authority, from henceforth they shall have such vigour, that hereafter it shall not need to plead for them. But when the plaintiff cometh to the king's court, if the recognisance or fine levied be fresh, that is to say, levied within the year, he shall forthwith have a writ of execution of the same recognisance made. And if the recognisance were made, or the fine levied of a further time passed, the sheriff shall be commanded, that he give knowledge to the party of whom it is complained, that he be afore the justices at a certain day, to shew if he have any thing to say why such matters inrolled or contained in the fine ought not to have execution. And if he do not come at the day, or peradventure do come, and can say nothing why execution ought not to be done, the sheriff shall be commanded to cause the thing inrolled or contained in the fine to be executed. In like manner, an ordinary shall be commanded in his

his case, observing nevertheless as before is said of a mean, which by recognifance or judgement is bound to acquit.

(Fleta, 2. c. 13. p. 76. sect. 9. 1 Inst. 131. a. Bro. Debt, 10. Bro. Parl. 29. Fitz. Scire fac' 1, 2, 3. S. 12, &c. Fitz. Execut. 18. 35 57. 96. 100. Cio. El. 164. 13 Ed. 1. stat. 1. c. 9.)

Some diversity of opinion hath been, whether there was a *scire fac'* at the common law before this act; and the doubt grew for want of distinguishing between personall actions, and reall actions; for true it is, that in personall actions, if the plaintife after judgement given, or recognifance knowledged, sued out no proceffe of execution within the yeer, he could have no *scire fac'*; but the plaintife or conufee was driven to his originall, which is to be intended upon the judgement or recognifance) as in actions of debt, writs of annuity, or other personall actions, wherein debts or damages were recovered, or upon recognifances.

But in reall actions, or upon a fine levied, though the demandant or conufee sued out no execution within the yeer after the judgement given, or fine \* levyed, the demandant or conufee of the fine after the yeer might have had a *scire fac'* for the land &c. because he could not have any new originall, either upon the judgement or fine, as he might have in the other cases. Now this act giveth a *scire facias* in personall actions in lieu of a new originall.

And in reall actions, two things are remedied by this act, that is, first, the tedious proceffe, which was at the common law, is hereby abridged; and secondly, the great delays used therein are outted, as views of the land, and other solemnities used in reall actions.

And the distinction abovesaid appeareth (if it be well observed) in our books, and therefore the old rule is hereby verified, *Qui bene distinguit, bene docet.*

And thus much being spoken for the cause of the making of this act, let us now peruse the words.

(1) *Quia de hiis quæ recordata sunt.*] Regularly upon this act, a *scire fac'* cannot be granted but upon a record; but in many cases a *scire fac'* is granted, partly upon a record, and partly upon such a suggestion, without which no proceeding could be upon the record.

(2) *Non debet fieri processus placiti per summon', attachiament', effon', vijus terræ et alias solemnitates curiæ.*] Here be four things particularly named to be outted, viz. proceffe of summons, proceffe of attachment, effoins, view of the land, and then generall words, other solemnities of courts.

(3) *Effon'.*] The effoin of the tenant or defendant is not onely restrained by this act, but of the pree in aid, who is a stranger to the writ, is also restrained.

And the plaintife in the *scire fac'* shall not be effoined, although it is his own delay.

(4) *Et alias solemnitates curiæ.*] It hath been resolved, that a protection is within these words, and that it should not be allowed in a *scire facias*.

And divers authorities are against it.

Vide devant. ca. 18. Hil. 13 E. 2. f. 74. b. in libro meo. Adjudge. al common ley. 8 E. 3. 28, 29. 44. 21 E. 3. 55. 40 E. 3. 10. L. 3. 3. f. 12. Sir William Herberts case, lib. 6. fol. 88. Garnons case. 19 H. 6. 5. 20 H. 6. 20. F.N.B. 265. g. Regit. 298, 299. 1. Part of the Institutes, sect. 505, 506 690. 18 E. 3. 33, 34. Nota dictum Wilby. 21 E. 4. 19. b. 1 H. 5. 4. \* [ 470 ]

*Regula.*

2 E. 3. 7, 8. 46 E. 3. Scire fac. 134. 16 E. 3. Bre. 651. 15 E. 3. Scire fac. 115. 19 R. 2. ibid. 154. 17 E. 3. 36. 21 E. 3. 1. 4. 16. 14 H. 7. 6, 7. Hil. 13 E. 2. fo. 74. b. in libro meo le case del Mr. Hospital de T. 2 H. 7. 10 & 11. Hill. 13 E. 2. ubi supra. 10 E. 3. 30. 12 H. 6. 8. 21 E. 4. 19.

40 E. 3. 18. 47 E. 3. 3. 37. 1. 6. 32. 15 H. 7. 8.

Aid,

\* 17 E. 3. 46.  
18 E. 3. 32.  
40 E. 3. 18.  
37 H. 6. 32.

13 E. 3. Scire  
fac. 118. W. 2.  
cap. 5.

36 H. 6. 32.  
21 E. 4. 23. b.

\* 8 E. 3. 56. 15  
E 3. Age 43. 95.  
10 R. 2. Fauxer  
de recovery 47.  
3 H. 6. 34. b.  
7 H. 6. 39. 10 H.  
6. 5. 7 H. 7. 13.  
12 H. 8. 8.

† 1. Part of the  
Institutes, § 505.

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For receipts see  
Bract. 1. 5. f. 377.  
21 E. 3. 22. b.  
21 E. 3. ubi su-  
pra.

10 E. 2. exec.  
137. 16 E. 2.  
ibid. 138. 16 E.  
3. Scire fac' 4.  
21 E. 3. exec'  
Statham.

3 E. 3. 44. F.N.B.  
266. c. 267. b.

\* Aid, age, and receipt shall be granted in a *scire facias*; for *solemnitates curiæ* are properly delays in respect of the solemn judicial proceedings of court, and these words extend not to the right of the party to have his age, or to be received, or to have aid of another.

(5) *In finibus.*] Upon a *fine sur grant et render* of an advowson, a *scire facias* shall be granted, for this is a judicial, and no original writ, for *de advocat' non sunt nisi tria brevia originalia*.

And though fines be here named, yet recoveries in real actions are within the purview of this act.

(6) *Quod non sit necesse in posterum de hiis placitare.*] This branch is thus to be understood, that the tenant or defendant, though he be a stranger to the recovery, shall not plead against the recovery any thing that proveth it erroneous or voidable; but he may plead matter that proveth the recovery, void, as that it was had *coram non judice*, or the like.

\* Neither shall he in a *scire fac'* plead any thing against the title or matter of the recovery, where he may have an action, and therein falsifie the same.

† But the tenant or defendant may plead divers matters after the judgement given, to barre the plaintife of execution, as outlawry, or a release of actions, &c.

(7) *Si recens fit cognitio, vel finis levat infra annum, statim habeat breve de executione.*] It hath been ruled that these words have relation to the teste of the recognisance, and not to the day of payment, and therefore if a recognisance be knowledged to pay a summe a year and halfe after, a *scire facias* lieth, and no *feri facias*.

But I take that rule to be against law, and that *recens cognitio* is as much as *recens solutio cognitionis*; for the words be *statim habeat breve de executione*, which he cannot have before the day of payment be past.

If a judgement be given in a writ of annuity, the plaintiffe shall have execution within the yeare after every day of payment by *feri fac'*, or *elegit*, though it be many yeares after the judgement; and so if a man be bound by recognisance in C. l. to pay it yearly at five severall dayes 20l. now immediately after the first day of payment he may have an *elegit*, or *feri facias* for the 20l. and so at the second day passed, &c. and yet in both these cases there is above a yeare after the judgement given or recognisance knowledged, therefore these words *recens fit cognitio* shall relate to the day of payment of the money, which is the effect of the recognisance, and not to the teste of the recognisance, which is but the assurance for payment of the money.

And this word *recens* importeth, when the party may sue for the same, which he cannot doe before the day of payment be past, but this is to be understood, when the severall dayes of payment are contained in the recognisance it selfe, for if there be a day of payment expressed in the recognisance, and a condition or defeasance there of the same limiting other dayes of payment, there, these words *recens fit cognitio, &c.* shall relate to the day of payment expressed in the recognisance, and not to the condition or defeasance, and if there be no day of payment in the recognisance, then these words *recens cognitio, &c.* doe relate to the teste of the recognisance.

And

And albeit the plaintiffe cannot have execution within the yeare, according to the letter of this statute, yet if he come within a yeare of the payment, it sufficeth.

8 E. 3. 44.

If lands be granted and rendred by fine, and in the fine it be mentioned that W. holdeth the same for 26 yeares after the terme ended, he shall have a *scire facias* albeit he could have no writ of execution within the yeare; and so it is if a reversion expectant upon an estate for life be graunted by fine, and after tenant for life liveth many yeares and dieth, the conusee shall have a *scire facias*, and yet could he not have a writ of execution within the yeare.

If the demandant or plaintiffe taketh his proces of execution within the yeare, though it be not served within the yeare, yet if he continue the same, he may have proces of execution at any time after the yeare.

One that is not party to the record, recognifance, fine, or judgement, as the heire, executor, or administrator, though they be privy, and though it be within the yeare, shall have no writ of execution, but are to have a *scire facias* to enable themselves to the suit; and so likewise of the tenant or defendants part, for the alteration of person altereth the process; otherwise it is in case of a statute staple, or merchant, &c. because the proces is given by other acts of parliament.

F.N.B. 267. d.  
2 R. 3. 8.  
14 H. 7. 16. b.

But if a judgement be given in the court of common pleas, and within the yeare the judgement is affirmed in a writ of error in the kings bench, the alteration of the court worketh no alteration of the proces, but he may have his writ of execution within the yeare, and not be driven to his *scire facias*, though it hath been otherwise holden, but now the common experience and later resolutions are to the contrary.

21 Aff. p. 14.  
14 H. 7. 15.  
15 H. 7. 5.  
Lib. 5. fo. 88.  
Garnons case.

(8) *Et si forte á maiori tempore transacto facta fuerit illa recognitio, vel finis levatus, præcipiatur vic' quod scire faciat parti de qua sit querimon', &c. quare executionem habere non debeat.*] Upon these words, *scire faciat parti*, in a *scire fac'* upon a recognifance out of the common pleas, the conusee must name all the terre-tenants at his perill, but in other courts the writ is generall against all terre-tenants.

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20 E. 3. Scir' fac' 121. 39 E. 3. 15. 46 E. 3. 29. b.  
8 H. 6. 17.  
21 E. 4. 19.

The point of the writ is *quare executionem habere non debet*, and therefore the tenant shall not vowch.

This statute is in the affirmative, and therefore it restraineth not the common law, but the party may waive the benefit of the *scire facias* given by this act, and take his originall action of debt by the common law.

39 H. 6. 2.  
\* 27 H. 6. 2.  
35 H. 6. 24.  
30 H. 6. 5.  
19 H. 6. 49.  
44 E. 3. 11. 20 E. 3. Scir' fac' 121. 46 E. 3. 29.  
10 H. 4. 2, 3.  
† 30 E. 3. 25.  
17 E. 3. 74. 76,  
77. Sir William Herberts case, ubi supra.  
\* 18 E. 3. exec. 57. 33 H. 6. 42.  
10 H. 6. 12. 2 H. 7. 3. 1. 5 E. 4. 1.  
4 H. 7. 7. Li. 5. fo. 32.  
Peiters case.

The formes of *scire fac'* upon \* recognifances, &c. and likewise upon † fines and recoveries appeare in our books.

And seeing the words of the *scire fac'* be, *quare executionem habere non debet*, the tenant or defendant may plead any thing in barre of execution, as hath been said before.

(9) *Et si ad diem non venerit.*] \* The party must either be warned, or regularly two *nibils* returned, and then by default execution shall be granted, and how the warning is to be made, it appeareth in our books.

The course of the court of common pleas is, that upon a recovery the plaintiffe shall have execution upon one *nihil* returned.

(10) *Eodem*

(10) *Eodem modo mandetur ordinario in suo casu.*] This branch is to be thus intended, that if a *scire facias* be brought upon a recognisance, or upon a judgement in a writ of annuity, and the sheriff return that the defendant is *clericus et beneficiatus nullum habens laicum feodum, &c.* the plaintiffe shall have a writ to the bishop of the same diocese to warne the defendant, and upon warning, or two *nibils* returned, and default made, or if he appeareth, and shew no matter, wherefore execution should not be graunted, then a writ shall be awarded to the bishop to levy execution *de bonis ecclesiasticis*.

Regit. judic'  
fol. 22. 26.

W. 2. cap. 9.

(11) *Observatur nihilominus quod supradictū est de medio, qui per recognitionem aut judicium obligatus est ad acquietandū.*] This clause was added *in majorem rei cautelam*, that the provision before made at this parliament cap. 9. in case that in a writ of mesne, *postquam medius venerit in curiam et cognoverit, quod acquietare debet tenentem suum, vel adjudicetur ad acquietandum, si post hujusmodi cognitionem aut judicium querimonia perveniat, quod medius non acquietavit tenentem suum, tunc exeat breve de judicio, quod vic' distringat medium ad acquietandum tenentem*: whereupon fore-judger is given; now if the plaintiffe in the writ of mesne should onely take his *scire facias*, then no fore-judger should follow thereupon, therefore this clause was added, that the former generall words of this act, *si ve alia quacunque irrotulata, &c.* should not take away the benefit of the former act concerning the fore-judger in a writ of mesne, but, as hath been said, this act being in the affirmative taketh not away neither the common law, nor the benefit of the former act concerning the said fore-judger; for the plaintiffe may take advantage either of the one or other, at his election; wherein it is to be observed that an act of parliament cannot be made too plaine: but note the fore-judger is given onely against him that made the acknowledgement, or against whom judgement was given, and not against his heire, and therefore this act is an addition declarative to the former, *viz.* that a *sci' fac'* may in those cases lie against the heire.

14 E. 3. mesne 9.  
46 E. 3. 31. see  
W. 2. c. 9. more  
of this matter.

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C A P. XLVI.

**CUM** in statuto edito apud Merton, concessum fuerit, quod domini vastorum, boscorum, et pasturarum appruare se possint (1) *de vastis, boscis, et pasturis illis, non obstante contradictione tenentium suorum, dummodo tenentes ipsi haberent sufficientem pasturam ad tenementa sua, cum libero ingressu et egressu ad eadem. Et pro eo quod nulla fiebat mentio inter vicinum et vicinum, multi domini vastorum, boscorum, et pasturarum hucusque impediti extiterint per contradictionem vicinorum (2) sufficientem pasturam habentium,*

**WHEREAS** in a statute made at Merton, it was granted that lords of wastes, woods, and pastures, might approve the said wastes, woods, and pastures, notwithstanding the contradiction of their tenants, so that the tenants had sufficient pasture to their tenements with free egress and regress to the same: and forasmuch as no mention was made between neighbours and neighbours, many lords of wastes, woods, and pastures, have been hindered heretofore by the contradiction of neighbours having sufficient



*bentium. Et quia forinseci tenentes non habent majus jus communicandi in bosco, vasto, aut pastur' alicujus domini, quam proprii tenentes ipsius domini: statutum est de cætero, quod statutum apud Merton provisum inter dominum et tenentes suos, locum habeat de cætero inter dominos vastorum, boscorum, et pasturarum et vicinos (3), ita quod domini hujusmodi vastorum, boscorum, et pastur' salva sufficienti pastura hominibus suis et vicinis, approuare sibi possint de residuo. Et hoc observetur de his qui clamant pastur' tanquam pertinentem ad tenementum suum. Sed si quis clamat communiam pastur' per speciale feoffamentum, vel concessionem ad certum numerum averiorum, vel alio modo (4), quam de jure communi habere deberet, cum conventio legi deroget, habeat suum recuperare, quale habere deberet per formam concessionis sibi factæ. Occasione molendini ventritici, bercariæ (5), vaccariæ (7), necessarii (8), augmentationis cur', aut curtilagii de cætero non gravetur quis per assisam (5) novæ disseisinæ de communia pastur'. Et cum contingat aliquando, quod aliquis jus habens approuare, fossatum aut sepem levaverit, et aliqui noctant, vel alio tali tempore quo non credant factum eorum sciri, fossatum aut sepem prostraverint (9), nec sciri poterit per veredictum assisæ, aut juratæ, qui fossatum aut sepem prostraverint, nec velint homines de villatis vicinis indicitare (10) de hujusmodi facto culpabiles, distringantur propinquæ villatæ circum adjacentes, levare fossatum aut sepem, ad costum proprium, et damna restituere (11). Et cum aliquis jus non habens communicandi usurpet communiam (12) tempore quo hæredes infra ætatem extiterint, vel uxores sub potestate viro- rum suorum existentes; vel pastura sit in manu tenentium in dotem, per legem Angliæ, vel aliter ad terminum vitæ, vel annorum, vel per feodum talliatum, et pastura illa diu fuerint usi; multi*

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sufficient pasture: and because foreign tenants have no more right to common in the wastes, woods, or pastures of any lord than the lord's own tenants; it is ordained, that the statute of Merton, provided between the lord and his tenants, from henceforth shall hold place between lords of wastes, woods, and pastures, and their neighbours, saving sufficient pasture to their tenants and neighbours, so that the lords of such wastes, woods, and pastures, may make improvement of the residue. And this shall be observed for such as claim pasture as appurtenant to their tenements. But if any do claim common by special feoffment or grant for a certain number of beasts, or otherwise which he ought to have of common right, whereas covenant barreth the law, he shall have such recovery as he ought to have had by form of the grant made unto him. By occasion of a windmill, sheepcote, deyry, enlarging of a court necessary, or courtelage, from henceforth no man shall be grieved by assise of novel disseisin for common of pasture. And where sometime it chanceth, that one having right to approve, doth then levy a dyke or an hedge, and some by night, or at another season, when they suppose not to be espied, do overthrow the hedge or dyke, and it cannot be known by verdict of the assise or jury, who did overthrow the hedge or dyke, and men of the towns near will not indict such as be guilty of the fact. The towns near adjoyning shall be distrained to levy the hedge or dyke at their own cost, and to yield damages. And where one, having no right to common, usurpeth common what time an heir is within age, or a woman is covert, or whilst the pasture is in the hands of tenants in dower, by the courtesy, or otherwise for term of life, or years, or in fee-tail, and have long time used the pasture,

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*sunt in opinione quod hujusmodi pasturæ debent dici pertinere ad liberum ten', et quod hujusmodi possessori competere debet actio per breve nov. disseis. si ab hujusmodi pastur' deforceantur: sed de cætero tenendum est, quod habentes hujusmodi ingressum à tempore quo currit breve mortis antecessoris (13), si antea communiam non habuerunt, non habeant recuperare per breve no. diff. si fuerint deforciati.*

many hold opinion, that such pastures ought to be said to belong to the freehold, and that the possessor ought to have action by a writ of novel disseisin, if he be deforced of such pasture; but from henceforth this must be holden, that such as have entred within the time that an assise of mortdauncestor hath lien, if they had no common before, shall have no recovery by a writ of novel disseisin, if they be deforced.

(1 Roll 365. 20 H. 3. c. 4. 11 Rep. 74. 4 Rep. 38. 13 H. 7. f. 13. Dyer, 47. 316. 339. Cro. Car. 281. 440 580. Enforced by 3 & 4 Ed. 6. c. 3. 7 H. 4. f. 38. Skinner, 93. By 6 Geor. 1. c. 16. sect. 1. the remedy of the act is extended to the destroyers of trees, &c. by night or day, &c. 1 Lutw. 141. 156. 1 Geo. 1. stat. 2. c. 48.)

(1) *Cum in statuto edito apud Merton, concessum fuerit, quod domini vastorum, boscorum, et pasturarum approuare se possint, &c.]* Here is the statute of Merton recited, and because in that act no mention was made between neighbour and neighbour, the doubt was, whether that statute extended onely between lord and tenant, and therefore many lords of wastes, woods, and pastures have been letted to make approvement by the contradiction of neighbours, though they had sufficient pasture; for remedy whereof this statute was made.

6 H. 3. Common 26.  
12 H. 3. ibid. 25.

(2) *Per contradictionem vicinorum.]* Note it is not said that the lord could not improve against a neighbour, but that the lords were letted by the contradiction of the neighbours; for by the common law the lord might improve against any that had common appendant, but not against a commoner by grant.

(3) *Statutum est de cætero, quod statutum apud Merton provisum inter dominos, et tenentes suos, locum habeat de cætero inter dominos vastorum, &c. et vicinos.]* This branch is from the making of this act an exposition of the statute of Merton, so as now the statute of Merton doth extend *inter vicinum et vicinum*; but though it be an act of exposition of a former act, yet this exposition shall take effect but *de cætero*, that is, from the making of this act of exposition. And the reason that this act had a retrospect to the statute of Merton was, *quia forinseci tenentes non habent majus jus communicandi in bosco, vasto, aut pastura alicujus domini, quam proprii tenentes ipsius domini.*

Brit. f. 144. 147.  
13 Ass. Pl. 4.  
18 E. 3. 43.  
13 H. 7. 13.  
32 H. 8. Dier  
47. b. 14 Eliz.  
Dier 13. 16.

*Vicinus* is properly *qui una in eodem vico est*, but here it is taken for a neighbour, though he dwell in another town, so the towns and commons be adjoining together; and if the lord hath common in the tenants ground, the tenant may improve within this act, for there the lord is in this case *vicinus*.

*Ad assisas capt' apud Penreth in com' Cumbriæ, coram Roberto de Hereford et sociis suis, &c. die Veneris in crast' inventionis sanctæ crucis, an. regis Ed. 1. 30.* Which record we have seen. In an assise brought by John of Rowbery, and Isabel his wife, against Matild of Multon, and others, of 20 acres of pasture and wood in O. the case appeareth by the verdict of the recognitors of assise, *viz.*

Note this prescription.  
 Vide 3 E. 3. 3.  
 8 E. 3. 37.  
 46 E. 3. 13. 23.  
 Similia.

Quod prædict' Matild, & similiter omnes antecess' sui domini de Gillefland à tempore quo Waren' de Gillefland devenit ad manus antec' suorum usi sunt hujusmodi libertate, quod nullus libere tenens infra baron' illam, se appruire possit de vasto suo, sine licentia, & voluntate præd' Matild, & antecess' suorum, nec aliquis temporibus retroactis in aliquo de vasto se appruavit nisi satisfecerit præd' Matild, seu antecess' suis; & quæsi si præd' Matild habent communiam in ten' de quo, &c. dicunt quod sic ratione mancrii sui de Cuquyntyngton, quod quidem maner' distat à ten' circit' per unam leucam; quæsi si præd' Matild habeat sufficientem communiam extra ten' præd' cum libero ingressu & egressu, dicunt quod sic; dies datus est eis de audo' judo' suo apud Westm', a die Sancti Michaelis in xv. dies, &c. Postea à die Sancti Hilar' in xv. dies, anno regni domini regis nunc vicesimo venerunt præd' Walterus, & Isab' per attorneyatum ipsius Isab', & similiter præd' Matild per baiivum suum, et petunt recordum, &c. Et quia conjunctum est per assisam istam, quod à tempore quo Waren' præd' devenit in seifina præd' Matild, ipsi antec' & similiter ipsa Matild tali libertate usi sunt, quod nullus libere tenens infra baroniam illam, se possit appruiar' de vasto suo sine licent', & voluntate præd' Matild, & antecess' suorum, nec aliquis temporibus retroactis in aliquo de vasto se appruavit nisi prius satisfecerit præd' Matild, seu suis antecessoribus. Et ten' quod nec provisio de Merton', nec statut' domini regis nunc de appruament' fact', seu faciend' &c. non operat' in casu proposito, cum illud de Merton' habeat locum inter dominum appruant', et tenentem communiam clamantem. Et statutum regis nunc inter vicinum appruantem, et vicinum communiam clamantem, et hoc de communia pertinet ad liberum ten', et casus propositus est inter dominam comm' clamantem, et tenent' appruantem, et \* hoc de communia non pertinet ad ten', imo usitata in baron' præd' per præd' Matild, & antecessores suos ratione domini sui in eadem baronia, à tempore præd'. Consid' est quod præd' Matild, & alii inde sine die. Et quod præd' Walterus, & Isab' nihil capiant per assisam, set sint in misericordia pro falso clamor', &c.

\* Nota hoc.

This judgement, being given in the same kings time that the said statute of W. 2. was made, both in respect of the said prescription, together with the common reserved at the time of the creation of the tenancie, as by the record it appeareth, standeth well with the books of 18 E. 3. and 18 Ass. for there was no such prescription; and there it is holden, that if the lord had the common by reservation at the time of the first feoffment, then no approvement could be made by his tenant against him: and note the quality of the common mentioned in the judgement,

(4) Et hoc observetur de hiis qui clamant pasturam tanquam pertinentem ad tenementum suum. Sed si quis clamat communiam pasturæ per speciale feoffamentum, vel concessionem ad certum numerum averiorum, vel alio modo, &c.] So here it is to be observed, that neither this statute, nor the statute of Merton doth extend to any common, but to common appendant, or appurtenant to his tenement, and not to a common in gresse to a certain number.

12 H. 3. ubi supra. 3 E. 2. Common 21. See the Exposition upon the Stat. of Merton.

(5) Occasione molendini ventritici, bercariae, vaccariae, necessarii, augmentationis curiae, aut curtilagii de cætero non gravetur quis per assisam, &c.] Here be five kinds of improvements expressed, that both between lord and tenant, and neighbour and neighbour, may be done without leaving sufficient common to them that have it (any thing either herein, or in the statute of Merton to the contrary notwithstanding) and these five are put but for examples; for the

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7 H. 4. 38.

lord may erect a house for the dwelling of a beast-keeper for the safe custody of the beasts aswell of the lord, as of the commoners depasturing there in that soil; and yet it is not within the letter of this law.

Domesday, tit.  
Sudsex Piccam,  
&c.

(6) *Bercariæ.*] *Bercaria* signifieth a sheep-house, and is derived from the French word *bergerie*, which also signifieth a sheep-house; and by turning *g* into *c*, the legall word is made *bercaria*, and so it is taken in this act: in Domesday it is called *berquarium*; it signifieth also a tanne-house, derived of the Saxon word *berc*. For this, see the first part of the Institutes, sect. 1. *verbo bercaria*.

(7) *Vaccariæ.*] *Vaccaria* is derived à *vacca*, and signifieth *stibulum vaccarum*, a cow-house, as *vaccheria* doth in Italian.

Fleta betweene *bercariæ* and *vaccariæ*, hath *dayerye*; this word I finde not in the printed books, but in ancient manuscripts, and it signifieth a dayery or milk-house; in Latine, *lactarium*.

32 Ass. 5.

(8) *Necessarii.*] Is to be applyed to *curtilagii*, both in congruity and by our books, and necessary shall not be taken according to the quantity of the free-hold he hath there, but according to his person, estate or degree, and for his necessary dwelling and abode; for if he hath no free-hold there in that town, but his house onely, yet may he make a necessary enlargement of his curtilage.

(9) *Et cum contingat aliquando, quod aliquis jus habens appruare, fossatum aut sepem levaverit, et aliqui noctanter, vel alio tali tempore quo non credant factum eorum sciri, fossatum aut sepem prostraverint, &c.]* Forasmuch as the lord, (as hath been said in the exposition upon the statute of Merton) ought to divide the parts improved, by the hedge, ditch, or other defence: now this branch provideth, that if persons unknown, either in the night or otherwise, so secretly prostrate the ditches, hedges, or other fences, as the lord cannot know against whom to bring his assise or other action; and the men of the towns next adjoyning thereunto round about do not indict the misdoers of the fact, those next towns round about shall be distrained to make the hedge or ditch at their own cost, and yeeld damages to the lord; *sed certè opus est interprete*.

See the first part  
of the Institutes,  
sect. 69.

(10) *Indictare.*] That is, to indict them at the kings suit, either of a ryot, force, or trespass: but here it is demanded, what time have the next towns round about adjoyning to indict the misdoers, seeing here is no time appointed? and the answer is, that seeing no time is appointed, the law doth appoint (as in many cases it doth) a yeer and a day for the indicting of the misdoers; and by the indictment, the lord shall know against whom to bring his action.

(11) *Distringantur propinquæ villatæ circum adjacentes levare fossatū aut sepem, ad costū proprium, et damna restituere.]* For, *vicini vicinorum facta præsumuntur scire*: if the bordering towns do not within a yeer and a day indict the misdoers, then shall the lord or other party grieved bring his action upon this branch against the towns bordering round about the town wherein the fact was done, and judgement shall be given, that they shall at their proper costs make the ditch or hedge, &c. and yeeld damages; and after judgement given, they shall be distrained to make the hedge or ditch, &c.

and so it was holden in the star-chamber, Hilar. 14 Jac. in Sir William Mallories case.

Hil. 14 Jac. in Camera stellata.

At the parliament holden the eight day of October in 13 E. 1. at Winchester, remedy it given to the party robbed, upon hue and cry, (if the men of the hundred where the robbery was done, take not the offender) against the men of that hundred: and there is speciall provision made, that the country shall have no longer space then forty dayes, &c. which prevented the time limited by the law.

13 E. 1. stat. de Winchester. Lib. 7. fo. 6, 7. Milborns case. 27 Eliz. cap. 13. 3 E. 3. Coron. 299. Simile.

(12) *Et cum aliquis jus non habens communicandi usurpet communiam, &c.*] This branch is in affirmance of the common law, for no man can have either common appendant or in grosse by prescription, but by usage time out of minde, which is well expounded by Littleton, section 170.

1. Part of the Institutes, § 170.

And here is to be observed, that usurpations of commons in the times of infants, feme coverts, tenant in dower, tenant by the courtesie, or otherwise for life or yeers, or tenant in tail, shall not binde, though there be long possession.

(13) *A tempore brevis mortis antecessoris.*] That is, a coronatione regis H. 3. which was in the first yeer of his raigh, and between the coronation of H. 3. and this act, there was about 69 yeers, but yet that possession by that time, as here it appeareth, maketh no title in law to the common, if the commencement thereof can be shewed since the time of the raigh of R. 1. but the said long possession is great evidence, and a strong presumption of the right of the common, and *stabitur præsumptioni, donec probetur in contrarium.*

C A P. XLVII.

**P**ROVISUM est, quod aquæ de Humber, Ouse, Trent, Doue, Arre, Derwent, Wharff, Nidd, Yore, Swale, Tese, Tyne, Eden, et omnes aliæ aquæ in regno in quibus salmones capiuntur, ponantur in defenso (1), quo ad salmones capiendos, à die nativitatis beatæ Mariæ (2), usque ad diem Sancti Martini (3). Et similiter quod salmunculi (4) non capiantur, nec destruantur per retia, nec per alia ingenia ad stagna melendinorum, a medio Aprilis usque ad nativitatem sancti Johannis Baptistæ (5). Et in partibus ubi hujusmodi ripariæ fuerint (6), assignentur conservatores (8) istius statuti (7), qui ad hoc jurati (10) sæpius videant et inquirent (9) de hujusmodi transgressione, et in prima transgr. puniantur per combustionem retium (11), et ingeniorum suorum. Et si

**I**T is provided, that the waters of Humber, Owse, Trent, Done, Arre, Derwent, Wherfe, Nid, Yore, Swale, Tese, Tine, Eden, and all other waters (wherein salmons be taken) shall be in defence for taking salmons from the nativity of our lady unto St. Martin's day; and that likewise young salmons shall not be taken nor destroyed by nets, nor by other engines at milpools, from the midst of April unto the nativity of St. John Baptist. And in places whereas fresh waters be, there shall be assigned overseers of this statute, which being sworn, shall oftentimes see and inquire of the offenders; and for the first trespass, they shall be punished by burning of their nets and engines; and for the second time, they shall have

*si iterato deliquerint, puniantur per prisonam quarterii anni. Et si tertio deliquerint, puniantur per prisonam unius anni. Et sic multiplicata transgressione, crescat pœnæ inflictio* (12).

have imprisonment for a quarter of a year; and for the third trespass, they shall be imprisoned a whole year; and as their trespass increaseth, so shall the punishment.

(13 R. 2. stat. 1. c. 19. 17 R. 2. c. 9. 22 Ed. 4. c. 2. 23 H. S. c. 18. 25 H. 8. c. 7. 1 El. c. 17. 3 Jac. 1. c. 12. 30 Car. 2. stat. 1. c. 9. 4 & 5 W. & M. c. 23. 4 Ann. c. 21. 9 Ann. c. 26. 1 Geo. 1. stat. 2. c. 18.)

Before the making of this act, fishermen for a little lucre did very much harm, and destroy the increase of salmons by fishing for them in unseasonable times, which were between the beginning of September, and about the midst of November; and likewise for young salmons, or salmon peals, between the midst of April, and towards the end of June: against both which, provision is made by this act.

17 R. 2. cap. 9.  
W. 2. c. 41. li. 2.  
46. the B. of  
Sant. case.

Herein the Thames, *Thamesis nobilis illud flumen* is not named, and it was holden, that the generall words extended not to inferior rivers, and therefore the Thames is added by another act in the first place.

(1) *Ponantur in defensione.*] That is, that by this act it is prohibited that salmons, or yong salmons shall be taken between the times mentioned in this act.

(2) *A die natiuitatis beatæ Mariæ.*] Which is on the eight day of September.

(3) *Usque ad diem Sancti Martini.*] Which is the eleventh day of November.

And note, that the day of Saint Martin, and the feast of Saint Martin is all one, and the feast in legall understanding beginneth and endeth with the day.

13 R. 2. ca. 19.  
17 R. 2. ca. 9.

(4) *Salmunculi.*] That is, yong salmons, or salmon peals, or salmon smelts; for so this act is expounded by another statute: they are also called salmon sews, or salmon issues.

(5) *Usque natiuitatem Sancti Iohannis Baptistæ.*] This is not taken literally for the nativity of Saint John Baptist, for that is long since past; but it is taken according to the intention of the makers, untill the day or feast of his nativity.

And such construction shall be made of covenants, or bonds to pay money, or doe any act; for example, at the annunciation of our lady, it shall be taken for the feast of the annunciation, as here the nativity, &c. is taken for the day of the nativity.

(6) *Ubi ripariæ fuerint.*] *Ripariæ* is a word derived from *ripa*, and here it signifieth the water, or river running between the banks, be it fresh or salt; and thereupon *riparius* is taken for a fisherman.

Regist. 123. 125.  
64. 138. 88, &c.  
F.N.B. 110,  
111, 112, 113.  
18 E. 3. ca. 1. 4.  
Stat. 1. Rot.  
Parliam. 5 H. 4.  
nu. 36. 2 H. 4.  
Rot. Parl. nu.  
22. Dier 1 El.  
Scrogs case.

(7) *Assignentur conservatores istius statuti.*] And this assignation must be by commission under the great seal, and such a commission could not have been made without warrant by authority of parliament; for legall commissions have their due forms, aswell as originall writs, and none can be newly framed without act of parliament, how necessary soever they seem to be: as in this case it was necessary that such a commission should be granted for preservation of salmons and of their yong, and for avoiding of the destruction of the

the same, being victuall of great and precious account; and what is more necessary then increase of victuall? yet could it not be newly raised without act of parliament; but commissions of new inquiries, &c. and of new invention, have been condemned by authority of parliament, and by the common law.

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(8) *Conservatores.*] See this word before, cap. 43.

(9) *Qui ad hoc jurati sepius videant, et inquirent.*] Execution of the law is the life of the law, and therefore here is provision made for the continuall, due, and speedy execution of the law.

(10) *Jurati.*] A new oath cannot be imposed upon any judge, commissioner, or any other subject without authority of parliament, as here it was; but the giving of every oath must be warranted by act of parliament, or by the common law time out of minde.

Stat. de 20 E. 3.  
4 H. 4. c. 18.  
2 H. 5. ca. 6.  
17 E. 4. ca. 2.  
1 R. 3. c. 6. 5 R.  
2. c. 13. 32 H. 8.  
ca. 46. 21 H. 8.  
c. 16. 1 Eliz. c. 1.  
28 Eliz. ca. 4.  
43 Eliz. ca. 12.  
Stat. de 20 E. 3.  
ubi supra.

The oath of the counsellors, judges, sheriffes, under-sherifes, escheators, attorneys, maiors, and bailifes are established by act of parliament.

(11) *Et in prima transgressione puniatur, per combustionem retium.*] This ought to be by indictment at the suit of the king, and the punishment cannot be inflicted upon the delinquent before upon due conviction, *secundum legem et consuetudinem Angliæ*, judgement be given.

And, as hath been said in the like case, he cannot be punished for the second offence, before he be adjudged for the first, and that second offence must be committed after the judgement given for the first; nor for the third, before he be adjudged for the second, and that third must be committed after the judgement for the second; for *quod non apparet non est, et non apparet judicialiter in isto casu ante judicium.*

See W. 2. ca. 44.

(12) *Multiplicata transgressione, crescat pœne inflictio.*] This is a

Regula.

*Ex frequenti delicto arguetur pœna:  
Crescente malitia crescere debet & pœna.*

Regula.

C A P. XLVIII.

**D**E visu terræ ordinatum est et statutum, quod de cætero non concedatur visus, nisi in casu quando visus est necessarius (1): sicut si aliquis amittat tenementum per defaultam: et ille qui amisit suscitet aliud breve ad petendum idem tenementum (3). Et in casu quando aliquis per exceptionem dilatoriam (2) cassat breve post visum terræ (4), sicut per non tenuram, vel male nominando villam, vel hujusmodi (5), si suscitet aliud breve, in hac casu et in superiori (6) de cætero non concedatur visus, dummodo visum habuerit

**F**OR view of land it is ordained and provided, that from henceforth view shall not be granted but in case when view of land is necessary: as if one lose land by default, and he that loseth, moveth a writ to demand the same land. And in case when one by an exception dilatory abateth a writ after the view of the land, as by non-tenure, or misnaming of the town, or such like, if he purchase another writ, in this case, and in the case before mentioned, from henceforth the view shall not be granted,

*in prioribus brevibus. In brevi de dote cum petatur dos de tenemento, quod vir uxoris alienavit tenenti aut ejus antecessori (7), cum ignorare non debeat tenens, quale ten' vir uxoris alienavit\* (8) sibi, vel antecessori suo licet vir non obiit seifitus, nihilominus tenenti de cetero non erit visus concedendus. In brevi etiam de ingressu cassato per hoc (9) quod petens nominavit male ingressum, si petens suscitet aliud breve de alio ingressu, si tenens in priori brevi visum habuerit, in secundo non habebit. In omnibus etiam brevibus per que ten' petunt (11) ratione dimissionis (14), quam petens vel ejus antecessor fecit tenenti, et non ejus antecessori, sicut quod ei dimisit, dum fuit infra etatem, non compos mentis (10), in prisona (13), et consimilibus (12), non jaceat de cetero visus, sed si dimissio facta fuerit antecessori jaceat visus sicut prius.*

granted, if he had view in the first writs. In a writ of dower, where the dower in demand is of land that the husband aliened to the tenant or his ancestors, where the tenant ought not to be ignorant what land the husband did aliene to him or his ancestor, though the husband died not seifed, yet from henceforth view shall not be granted to the tenant. In a writ of entre also, that is abated because the demandant misnamed the entre, if the demandant purchase another writ of entre, if the tenant had view in the first writ, he shall not have it in the second. In all writs also where lands be demanded by reason of a lease made by the demandant, or his ancestor, unto the tenant, and not to his ancestor, as that which he leased to him, being within age, not whole of mind, being in prison, and such like, view shall not be granted hereafter; but if the demise were made to his ancestor, the view shall lie as it hath done before.

Glanv. li. 2. ca. 1. (Fitz. View. 50, 51. 57. 129. 118. Fitz. View. 1, 2. 5. 24. 41. 49. 69. 102. 118, 119. 10 H. 7. f. 8.)

(1) *De visa terra ordinatum est et statut', quod de cetero non concedatur visus, nisi in casu quando visus est necessarius.]* There be divers books in law, whercin this maxime is cited.  
 (2) *Per exceptionem dilatoriam.]* The writ must be abated by exception, and therefore if the demandant be nonsuit, the tenant shall have the view again.  
 If the writ doth abate by conusans of the demandant, and not by the plea and exception of the defendant, the tenant shall have the view in the new writ.  
 If the tenant hath the view, and the demandant discontinue his suit, in a new action the tenant shall have the view.

(3) *Sicut si aliquis amittat tenementum per defaultam: et ille qui amisit suscitet aliud breve ad petendum idem ten'.]* This branch is not to be understood according to the letter, for if one lose by default in an assise, and the tenant bring a writ of right of the same lands against the recoveror, he shall have the view; but this branch is to be understood of a *quod ei deforceat* upon the recovery by default, which writ is grounded upon the former record, so as the tenant hath sufficient notice thereby; and therefore neither party privie nor estranger shall have view in this writ: but otherwise it is in the former case of the writ of right, for that is not grounded upon the record.

(4) *Et*

3 E. 3. 55. 38 E.  
 3. 1. 39 E. 3. 33.  
 21 B. 46 E. 3.  
 16, 17. 21 H. 6.  
 42. 3 E. 3. View  
 135. 12 E. 3.  
 ibid. 79. 13 E. 2.  
 ibid. 81. 24 E. 3.  
 ibid. 95. 22 E. 3.  
 9. 29 E. 3. 46.  
 21 H. 6. 72.

7 E. 3. 36.  
 41 E. 3. 8. 30.  
 44 E. 3. 43.  
 46 E. 3. 34.  
 50 E. 3. 25.



(4) *Et in casu quando aliquis per exceptionem dilatoriam cassat breve post visum terræ.*] Here be two examples set down of dilatorie pleas in particular, that is to say, non-tenure, and misnaming of the town where the lands do lye, both which exceptions do rise upon the view.

A præcipe is brought against a feme, who abateth the writ for misnaming of the town, the wife taketh husband, in a new writ against husband and wife they shall have the view; for albeit it be the act of the wife to take husband, yet for that the husband was not party to the first writ, they shall have the view in the second.

(5) *Vel hujusmodi.*] These generall words, or the like, are thus to be expounded, that the writ must abate for such a plea dilatory, as doth rise upon the view, as the two particular examples of non-tenure, and misnaming of the towne doe; but when the writ abate for some dilatories which rise not upon the view, then in a new writ the view shall be graunted; as where the writ is abated for joyntenancy, and the new writ is brought against them both they shall have the view, because in the new writ another person is joyned; and so it is if any more or lesse land be contained in the new writ: but if the first writ after the view abated for default of forme, or for false Latin, or by taking of husband, in a new writ the tenant shall have the view againe, for these cases are not within this word *hujusmodi*; for they rise not upon the view, as the two examples herein expressed doe.

And besides the first was no sufficient writ, and an insufficient writ and no writ is all one; so it is if one of the tenants after the view dieth, in a new writ the surviving tenant shall have the view againe, albeit the feme came in as a feme sole by receipt, and the husband died, for this did not rise upon the view, but by the act of God.

But if the first writ were brought in K. and the tenant plead that part of the lands extend in L. in a new writ for the lands in K. and L. though a new town be added, yet because the new town was added by force of the plea of the tenant himselfe, he was oulted of the view.

It is not required by this act that the second writ should be brought freshly by Journers accounts, though it be so pleaded in many books.

(6) *In hoc casu et in superiori.*] This branch extendeth not to the clause of the recovery by default, for in the *quod ei deforceat*, the writ being grounded directly upon the former record, wherein the tenant in the *quod ei deforceat* recovered in the former writ, he hath sufficient notice thereof, and therefore, as hath been said, shall not have the view.

And therefore these words [*in hoc casu*] are to be referred to the last generall words, *viz.* [*vel hujusmodi*] and these words [*et in superiori*] are to be referred to the two examples dilatory of non-tenure, and misnaming of the towne.

(7) *In brevi de dote cum petatur dos de tenemento quod vir uxoris alienavit tenenti aut ejus antecessori, &c.*] This branch extendeth not to a writ of dower, *unde nihil habet*, for therein no view did lie at the common law, but extendeth to other writs of dower, whether for dower at the common law, or *ex assensu patris, ad hostium ecclesiæ*, &c. or by custome.

30 E. 3. 8.

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See Circum-  
specte agatis,  
simile. W. 2. c. 5.  
simile. Lib. 11.  
fo. 33. the Poul-  
ters case.

8 E. 3. 55. 18 E.

3. 31. 21 H. 6.

42. 6 E. 3. 15.

17 E. 3. 39. 40.

18 E. 3. 41. 38 E.

3. 1. 19 E. 3.

view 111. 33 E.

3. ib. 184. 30 E.

3. 8. 21 H. 6. 42.

34 H. 6. 10. 42

E. 3. 23. 43 E. 3.

35. 29 E. 3. 17.

45. 38 E. 3. 1.

39 E. 3. 27. 6 E.

2. view 163. 5 R.

2. ibid. 63. 20 E.

2. ibid. 112.

26 H. 6. ibid. 14.

21 H. 6. 42.

21 H. 6. 55.

2 H. 6. 14.

17 E. 3. 41. b.

22 E. 3. 9.

41 E. 3. 8. 30.

44 E. 3. 43.

50 E. 3. 25.

45 E. 3. 17.

Temps E. 1.

view 172.

20 E. 3. ib. 113.

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22 E. 3. 9. 3 E.  
3. 16. 8 E. 3. 55.  
2 H. 4. 20.  
5 H. 5. 4.  
34 H. 6. 3.  
35 H. 6. 59.  
Braet. l. 5. f. 377.  
18 E. 3. 55.

At the common law if the husband died seised of the land of estate of inheritance, whereof dower is demaunded, the heire or any claiming under him should not have the view, because it was presumed that the heire was conusant what lands his auncestor had at the time of his death, and herewith agreeth Bracton who wrote before this statute; *Item denegatur visus in placito dotis de terra et tenemento de quibus vir mulieris nuper obiit seistus, quia habet tenens quod tantumdem valet.*

But where the husband aliened, there at the common law view was granted, which was a delay to the demandant in dower (whose life did spend) and is taken away by this act.

30 E. 3. fo. 8.

If the baron demise to a feme and dieth, the feme taketh husband, in dower against them they shall have the view; for the alienation was not made to the husband, but to the wife, and the act saith *tenenti*.

2 H. 4. 1. 7 H. 4.  
18. 5 E. 3. 6.  
18 E. 3. 55. 30  
E. 3. 3. 26 E. 3.  
59.

(8) *Alienavit.*] If the tenant disseised the husband of the demandant in a writ of dower, he shall have the view, for this is no alienation, and therefore remain at the common law.

2 E. 4. 17.  
9 E. 4. 6.

The best pleading to counterplead the view in case of alienation is, that the tenant entred by her husband, though the word of the act is aliened.

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44 E. 3. 31. 18 E.  
3. 55. 14 H. 4.  
32. 3 H. 4. 18.  
19 E. 2. view 76.  
13 E. 3. ib. 103,  
104. 14 E. 3.  
ibid. 93. 19 E.  
3. ibid. 106.

In dower of a rent the tenant shall not have the view of the land, if the husband died seised of the rent, nor the tenant of the land have view thereof, if he had the rent by the release of her husband.

20 E. 2. view  
166. 20 E. 3. 32.  
2 E. 2. view 137.

Tenant in dower of two acres, the demandant to counterplead the view said, that the tenant entred by her husband, the jury found, that she entred into one acre by her husband, and into the other acre by another, the demandant recovered her dower in the one acre, and the tenant had the view for the other.

43 E. 3. 31.  
46 E. 3. 34.  
35 H. 6. 59.

(9) *In brevi etiam de ingressu cassato per hoc, &c.*] A *cui in vita* is taken within this branch, and so is a *sur cui in vita*.

29 E. 3. 30.  
view 155.  
46 E. 3. 29.

(10) *In omnibus brevibus per quæ tenementa petuntur ratione dimissionis, quam petens vel antecessor fecerit tenenti et non ejus antecessori, sicut quod ei dimisit dum fuit infra ætatem, dum non fuit compos mentis, &c.*] This branch speaketh particularly of three examples, *viz.* of the *dum fuit infra ætatem, et non compos mentis*, and *in prijona*, and generally *in consimilibus*.

This branch extends not to these writs brought in the *per et cui*, for that is a degree further then this branch provideth for.

(11) *Per quæ tenementa petuntur.*] Yet if any of these writs be brought of a rent, if the tenant demaund the view of the land, though it be of another thing, then is demanded, the tenant shall be ousted of the view.

Circumspecte  
agatis, simile.  
Temps E. 1.  
view 171. 6 E. 2.  
ibid. 152.  
36 H. 6. view 30.

(12) *Et consimilibus.*] By these words the predecessor of a bishop, or the like is taken where this branch speaketh *de antecessore* and not *de prædecessore*.

It is to be observed that the two examples here put are of a *dum fuit infra ætatem*, and *non compos mentis*, and when the heire brings either of these writs of the demise of his auncestor from whom he claimes the land as heire [*et consimilibus*] shall be intended of writs of like nature; and therefore if a *sur cui in vita* be brought supposing that the tenant had not entred but by one D. late husband of E. mother to the demandant, whose heire he is, the tenant shall

shall have the view, for he claimeth not as heire to him that made the demise, and therefore it is not *actio consimilis*.

(13) *In prisona.*] At this time, *viz.* in 13 E. 1. as hereby it appeareth there lay a writ of an alienation made by dures, *dum fuit in prisona*, and the writ of *dum fuit infra etatem*, and this writ of *dum fuit in prisona* did lie for the party himselfe that made the alienation, but so doth not the other writ of *non compos mentis*, for that lieth not for the party himselfe, but for his heire.

*In prisona*; every restraint of the liberty of a freeman is an imprisonment, although he be not within the wals of any common prison.

If a man be imprisoned by order of law, the plaintiffe may take a feoffment of him or a bond for his satisfaction, and for the deliverance of the defendant, notwithstanding that imprisonment, for this is not by dures of imprisonment, because he was in prison by course of law; for it is not accounted in law dures of imprisonment, but where either the imprisonment or the dures that is offered in the prison, or at large is torcious and unlawfull, for *executio juris non habet injuriam*.

But now albeit the writ mentioned in this act is antiquated and gone in *desuetudinem*, yet may good use be made of this part of this branch, *dum fuit in prisona*, such excellent learning may be drawn out of these auncient fountains.

It may be gathered upon this act that the feoffment made by one by dures of imprisonment is not void, but voidable; for if it were void, then no *præcipe* could have been maintained upon a void alienation, and this branch saith, *in omnibus brevibus in quibus tenementa petuntur ratione dimissionis, &c. dum fuit in prisona*. And so it is in the case of the infant, with whom he is paralleled in this branch, and whose cases are very like in many respects: for as in the case of an infant, if he seal and deliver a deed, he cannot plead *non est factum*, but must avoid it by plea of infancie; so it is in the case of a bond made by dures of imprisonment: and as it is in the case of the infant, that a feoffment by livery of seisin made by his own hand is voidable by entry, or action and not void; so it is in the case of a feoffment made by one by dures of imprisonment, and livery made by his own hand, as by this branch it appeareth: and as in the case of an infant, a feoffment made by letter of attorney is void, and the feoffee is a disseisor; so it is in the case of a man that maketh it in the same manner by dures of imprisonment.

And as none shall avoid the feoffment of the infant when livery is made by his own hand, but onely he himself or his heirs, which are privies in blood inheritable, and neither privies in law, nor privies in estate: so it is in case of a feoffment made in like manner by dures of imprisonment, it is onely voidable by privies in blood inheritable, and not by privies in law or estate.

And by these resemblances and diversities this act is understood, and our books that seem *prima facie* are well reconciled: the *dures per minas, aut causa metus*, belongeth not properly to be treated of here; for this branch speaketh onely *dum fuit in prisona*; onely for affinity sake it is to be known, that a man shall avoid his deed for manuas of imprisonment, albeit he were never imprisoned: for a man shall avoid his own act for manuas in four cases, *viz.* 1. for fear of losse of life, 2. of losse of member, 3. of mayhem, and 4. of imprisonment;

Braët. l. 2. fo.  
16. b. Brit. f. 19.  
Flet. li. 2. ca. 54.  
l. 3. ca. 7. l. 6.  
ca. 6. 7. & 14.  
First part of the  
Inst. § 437, 438.  
First part of the  
Inst. sect. 406.

15 H. 3. dures  
15. 2 E. 2. ibid.  
18. 8 E. 3. 57.  
8 Aff. 25.  
43 E. 3. 6. 10.  
6 R. 2. dures 12.  
11 H. 4. 6. 4 E. 4.  
17. 12 E. 4. 7.

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Lib. 5. fo. 119.  
Whelpdales case.  
1 H. 7. 15.

Lib. 8. fo. 42,  
43, &c. Whit-  
tingams case.  
14 Aff. p. 20.  
39 E. 3. 28.  
41 E. 3. 9. Feoff-  
ment & Faits 49.  
9 H. 6. 6. 38 H.  
6. 27. 2 E. 4. 21.  
Whittingams  
case, ubi supra.

39 E. 3. 28.  
11 R. 2. Duces  
21. 35 H. 6. 17.  
38 H. 6. 21. 27.  
39 H. 6. 5.  
7 E. 4. 21.

imprisonment; otherwise it is for fear of battery, which may be very light, or for burning of his houses, or taking away, or destroying of his goods, or the like, for there he may have satisfaction by recovery of damages.

Bract. 1. 2. fo.  
16. b.

This fear, by reason of manuas, is well described by Bracton, *Metus autem est presentis, vel futuri periculi causa, mentis trepidatio, et presentem debemus accipere metum, non suspicionem inferendi ejus, vel cujuscumque vani et meticulosi hominis, sed talem qui cadere possit in virum constantem; talis enim debet esse metus, qui in se continet mortis periculum, et corporis cruciatum.*

13 H. 4. Dures  
20. 1. Part of the  
Institutes, § 419.

But there is a great diversity between the making of a continual claim, or entry into lands, and the avoiding of a mans own act; for, fear of battery is a good cause to make a claim as near the land as he dare for fear of battery (for the recontinuance of an ancient right is favoured in law) but it is no cause to avoid his own act; wherein it is observable, how fear of imprisonment (which is a manner of captivity) is more grievous and odious in law, then the fear of battery.

\* See the stat. de modo levand.

Fines.

Li. 4. f. 127, &c.  
Beverlies case.

Rot. Parliam.

50 E. 3. nu. 127.

6 E. 3. 39. 17 E.

3. 76. 17 Aff. 17.

13 E. 3. Audita

querela 26. 20 E.

3. ibid. 27. 18 E.

3. 29. 21 E. 3.

24. 27 Aff. 53.

8 H. 6. 30. 15 E.

4. 5. 1 H. 7. 15.

16 H. 7. 5. b.

6 H. 8. Saver

def. Br. 50.

F.N.B. 104. k. 1.

16 Eliz. Dier.

3 H. 6. 10.

7 H. 6. 38.

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And such conveyances, or other acts of record knowledged, or made by an infant, are also unavoidable, unlesse he doth avoid them by writ of error, or *audita querela*, during his minority; and therefore this branch is to be understood of alienations made *in pais*, and not by matter of record.

A recovery by default against an infant is erroneous, and so is a recovery by default against a man in prison, though he be lawfully imprisoned; but the infant must reverse it by writ of error during his minority, because his infancie must be tryed by inspection, but the man in prison may reverse it when he will.

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Institutes, § 433.

## C A P. XLIX.

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land,

*per done, ne per achate, ne a ferm', ne a champerty, ne en auter maner, tanque come le chose est en ples devant nous, ou devant ull' de nous ministr', ne nul lower ent soit pris. Et qui encounter cest chose face, ou per luy ou per auter, ou nul [bargeine ent] face, soit punie a la volunt le roy (2), auxi-bien celuy qui le purchasera, come celuy qui le fra (3).* 11 E. 1. Champertie  
1. Articuli super Chartas, cap. 11.

land, nor tenement in fee, by gift, nor by purchase, nor to farm, nor by champerty, nor otherwise, so long as the thing is in plea before us, or before any of our officers; nor shall take no reward thereof. And he that doth contrary to this act, either himself, or by another, or make any bargain, shall be punished at the king's pleasure, as well he that purchaseth, as he that doth sell.

(Fitz. Champerty, 1. 5, 6. 8. 12. 14, 15. Hob. 117. 3 Ed. 1. c. 25. 28 Ed. 1. c. 11. Regist. 182, 183. Raft. 119. 33 Ed. 1. stat. 2 & 3.)

(1) *Chancellor, treasurer, justices, ne nul de councel, &c.*] This is a law of addition and explanation for the statute of W. 1. cap. 25. *Pur-veiant que nul minister le roy, &c.* It was doubted, whether the chancellour, treasurer, justices, and those of the kings counsell, being persons of such eminencie, were within these words [*nul minister le roy,*] and therefore this act by way of addition and explanation doth adde, *chancellor, treasurer, justices, et counsell le roy.*

Also this act is an addition to W. 1. cap. 28. for that extendeth but to the clerks of the king, or of the justices; this act addeth, clerks of the chancery, and of the exchequer, and of any other officer; it addeth also those of the kings house, be they of the clergie or laity; and also that they shall take no reward, &c.

And it is to be observed, that neither the chancellor, treasurer, any of the justices, or any of the kings counsell, nor any clerk herein mentioned, nor any of the kings house of the clergie or laity shall (hanging the plea) receive any advowson, land or tenement, by gift, purchase or fearm, either for champerty or otherwise; so as none of these persons here prohibited can acquire any advowson, land, or tenement, depending the plea, though it be *bona fide*, and not for champerty or maintenance; partly in respect of their greatness, and partly in respect of their places, both in the kings court, and in the courts of justice; so as the very countenance and places of these men, when they become interessed in the land (*eo ipso*) are apparent hinderances of the due and indifferent proceeding of law and justice. An excellent law and worthy to be known, and most necessary to be put in execution; so as true it is, that if any other person purchase *bona fide*, depending the suit, he is not in danger of champerty: but these persons here prohibited cannot purchase at all, neither for champerty nor otherwise, depending the plea. But these persons here prohibited must be charged upon this act, and not for champerty, unlesse they maintain.

And this is a great addition to the statute of W. 1. cap. 25. which extended onely where the purchaser (*pendente placito*) did maintain.

And in these cases prohibited by this law, the childe cannot in-feoffe the father, nor the father his childe, or the like, as they may do upon the other statutes.

50 Aff. p. 3. 32  
E. 3. Champerty  
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4 E 2. ibid. 12,  
&c. F.N.B.  
172. E. 22 E. 3.  
10. 8 E. 4. 1.  
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6 F. 3. 33.  
F.N.B. 172.  
Pl. Com. 38.

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Beverlies case.

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8 H. 6. 30. 15 E.

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16 H. 7. 5. b.

6 H. 8. Saver

def. Br. 50.

F.N.B. 104. k. l.

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(Fitz. Champerty, 1. 5, 6. 8. 12. 14, 15. Hob. 117. 3 Ed. 1. c. 25. 28 Ed. 1. c. 11. Regist. 182, 183. Rast. 119. 33 Ed. 1. stat. 2 & 3.)

(1) *Chancellor, treasurer, justices, ne nul de council, &c.]* This is a law of addition and explanation for the statute of W. 1. cap. 25. *Purveiant que nul minister le roy, &c.* It was doubted, whether the chancellour, treasurer, justices, and those of the kings council, being persons of such eminencie, were within these words [*nul minister le roy,*] and therefore this act by way of addition and explanation doth adde, *chancellor, treasurer, justices, et council le roy.*

Also this act is an addition to W. 1. cap. 28. for that extendeth but to the clerks of the king, or of the justices; this act addeth, clerks of the chancery, and of the exchequer, and of any other officer; it addeth also those of the kings house, be they of the clergie or laity; and also that they shall take no reward, &c.

And it is to be observed, that neither the chancellor, treasurer, any of the justices, or any of the kings council, nor any clerk herein mentioned, nor any of the kings house of the clergie or laity shall (hanging the plea) receive any advowson, land or tenement, by gift, purchase or farm, either for champerty or otherwise; so as none of these persons here prohibited can acquire any advowson, land, or tenement, depending the plea, though it be *bona fide*, and not for champerty or maintenance; partly in respect of their greatness, and partly in respect of their places, both in the kings court, and in the courts of justice; so as the very countenance and places of these men, when they become interested in the land (*eo ipso*) are apparent hinderances of the due and indifferent proceeding of law and justice. An excellent law and worthy to be known, and most necessary to be put in execution; so as true it is, that if any other person purchase *bona fide*, depending the suit, he is not in danger of champerty: but these persons here prohibited cannot purchase at all, neither for champerty nor otherwise, depending the plea. But these persons here prohibited must be charged upon this act, and not for champerty, unlesse they maintain.

And this is a great addition to the statute of W. 1. cap. 25. which extended onely where the purchaser (*pendente placito*) did maintain.

And in these cases prohibited by this law, the childe cannot infeoffe the father, nor the father his childe, or the like, as they may do upon the other statutes.

50 Ass. p. 3. 32  
E. 3. Champerty 6. where the cases were of some of these persons, otherwise they could not be law.  
4 E. 2. ibid. 12, &c. F.N.B.  
172. E. 22 E. 3.  
10. 8 E. 4. 1.

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6 E. 3. 33.  
F.N.B. 172.  
Pl. Com. 88.

And

And the prohibition here for taking of rewards is very remarkable.

(2) *Soit punie a la volunt le roy.*] These words are expounded before upon W. 1. cap. 25.

See the statute  
of Conspiracie,  
Simile. 33 E. 1.  
32 H. 8. cap. 9.  
Simile.

W. 1. ca. 25. 28.  
28 E. 1. ca. 11.  
32 H. 8. ca. 9.

And where both the said statutes conclude in effect concerning the punishment, *Et que le fra*; this act addeth, *auxibien celuy que le purchasera, come celuy que le fra*, that is, both the giver, and the taker.

See the statute of W. 1. cap. 25. & 28. and the statute of 28 E. 1. cap. 11. and lastly, the statute of 32 H. 8. cap. 9. whereby all former statutes concerning maintenance, champerty, and imbracery are confirmed, and commanded to be put in due execution, and by that statute excellent provisions are made concerning the same.

31 E. 3. Cham-  
perty 5.  
See the statute  
of 11 E. 3. Vet.  
Magna Chart.  
stat. de Cham-  
perty.

(3) *Auxibien celuy que le purchasera, come celuy que le fra.*] And yet the party grieved may have his action against the purchaser onely, if he will.

We have been the more brief in exposition hereof, because we have treated of this subject before in the exposition of the statute of W. 1. cap. 25. & 28. and shall have more occasion to speak hereof when we come to the said act of 28 E. 1. cap. 11.

The cause wherefore this chapter was published in French, was, for that the said two chapters of W. 1. whereunto this act maketh additions, were likewise published in French.

See *articuli super chartas*, cap. 11.

## C A P. L.

**O**MNIA prædicta statuta incipiant conservari (1) ad festum Sancti Michaelis (2) proximo venturum, ita quod occasione aliquorum delictorum contra aliquod prædictorum statutorum citra prædictum festum perpetratorum, pœna delinquentibus, de quibus mentio fit in statutis, non infligatur. Super vero statutis in defectum legis, et ad remedia editis, ne diutius quærentes cum ad curiam regis venerint recedant de remedio (4) desperati, habeant breviam suam in suo casu provisa (3), sed non placitent usq; post festum Sancti Michaelis suprædictum.

**A**LL the said statutes shall take effect at the feast of St. Michael next coming, so that by occasion of any offence done on this side the said feast, contrary to any of these statutes, no punishment (mention whereof is made within these statutes) shall be executed upon the offenders. Moreover, concerning the statutes provided where the law faileth, and for remedies, lest suitors coming to the king's court should depart from thence without remedy, they shall have writs provided in their cases, but they shall not be pleaded until the feast of St. Michael aforesaid.

(1) *Omnia prædicta statuta incipiant conservari, &c.*] This was very justly added, to the intent that all men dwelling far or near might be well informed of these laws before they were punished by them; the parliament begun *post Pasch.* and hereby day was given untill the feast of Saint Michael.

(2) *Ad*



(2) *Ad festum Sancti Michaelis.*] Albeit there be two feasts of Saint Michael, Saint Michael the Archangel, and Saint Michael *de monte tumba*, commonly called, Saint Michaels in the mount in Cornwall; yet that feast \* that is most notorious and of greatest account is to be taken, and that is the feast of Saint Michael th'archangell celebrated on the 29 day of September, and not the feast celebrated the 16 day of November.

5 E. 3. 6. 20 H.  
6 23. 3 H. 7.  
Enclitment 22.  
1. Part of the  
Institutes, § 99.

Note, that both were the feasts of Saint Michael th'archangel, but the feast of Saint Michael the 29 of September is the most notorious, both in legall proceedings, as *octabis Michaelis*, &c. and never *octabis Michaelis arch'*; and common estimation for payment of rents, beginning and ending of leases, and the like.

Cambden Brit,  
136, 137.

(3) *Super vero statutis in defectum legis et ad remedia editis, ne diutius querentes, cum ad curiam regis venerint, recedant de remedio desperati, habeant brevia sua in suo casu provisum.*] *Ad remedia*; that is when any the statutes made at this parliament provide remedy for the party grieved, he shall have an action grounded upon this act for his relief therein; and these words [*ad remedia*] do distinguish them from those acts which give the penalty to the king alone. And hereupon they are called in ancient authors, *breve remedialia*, which are to be framed upon these acts by learned men, whereof Fleta speaking of the masters of the chancery, saith, *Ipsi autem col-* Fleta, li. 1. c. 12,  
*laterales et socii cancellarii esse; dicuntur præceptores eo quod brevia* Braet. li, 5. fo.  
*(causis examinatis) remedialia fieri præcipiunt.* And sometimes they are called, *brevia magistralia*, because (being out of course) it is a 413.  
matters piece to frame them as they ought,

(4) *Recedant de remedio.*] See before in the exposition upon the 24 chapter of W. 2. the like clause.

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## STATUTUM de CIRCUMSPECTE AGATIS.

*Editum Anno 13 Edw. 1.*

**R**EX talibus iudicibus salutem.  
*Circumspecte agatis (1) de negotiis tangentibus episcopum Norwicensem (2), et eius clericum, non puniend' eos si placitum tenuerint in curia Christianitatis (3) de his que mere sunt spiritualia (4), viz. de correctionibus quas prelati faciunt pro mortali peccato, viz. pro fornicatione, adulterio (5) et huiusmodi (6); pro quibus aliquando infligitur pena corporalis, aliquando pecuniaria (7), maxime si convictus fuerit de huiusmodi liber homo. Item si prelatus puniat pro cimiterio non clauso, ecclesia discooperta (8), vel non decenter*

**T**HE king to his judges fendeth greeting. Use yourselves circumspectly in all matters concerning the bishop of Norwich and his clergy, not punishing them if they hold plea in court christian of such things as be meer spiritual, that is to wit, of penance enjoined by prelates for deadly sin, as fornication, adultery, and such like, for the which sometimes corporal penance, and sometime pecuniary is enjoined, specially if a freeman be convict of such things. Also if prelates do punish for leaving the church-yard unclosed, or for that the

*decenter ornata (8), in quibus casibus alia pœna non potest infligi quam pecuniaria. Item si rector petat versus parochianos oblationes (10) et decimas (11) debitas vel consuetas (12), vel si rector agat contra rectorem de decimis majoribus, vel minoribus, dummodo non petatur quarta pars (13) valoris ecclesie. Item si rector petat mortuarium (14) in partibus ubi mortuarium auri consuevit. Item si prælatus alicujus ecclesie, vel advocatus petat à rectore pensionem (15) sibi debitam, omnes hujusmodi petitiones sunt faciendæ in foro ecclesiastico. De violentia manuum iniectione in clericum (16), et in causa diffamationis concessum fuit alias (17), quod placitum inde teneatur in curia christianitatis, cum non petatur pecunia, sed agatur ad correctionem peccati, et similiter pro fidei læsione (18). In omnibus prædictis casibus habet judex ecclesiasticus cognoscere regia prohibitione non obstante.*

the church is uncovered, or not conveniently decked, in which cases none other penance can be enjoined but pecuniary. Item, if a parson demand of his parishioners oblations or tithes due and accustomed, or if any parson do sue against another parson for tithes greater or smaller, so that the fourth part of the value of the benefice be not demanded. Item, if a parson demand mortuaries in places where a mortuary hath been used to be given. Item, if a prelate of a church, or of a patron, demand of a parson a pension due to him, all such demands are to be made in a spiritual court. And for laying violent hands on a clerk, and in cause of defamation, it hath been granted already, that it shall be tried in a spiritual court, when money is not demanded, but a thing done for punishment of sin, and likewise for breaking an oath. In all cases afore rehearsed, the spiritual judge shall have power to take knowledge, notwithstanding the king's prohibition.

(13 Rep. 41. 7 Rep. 44. 5 Rep. 67. 8 Ed. 4. 13. Fitz. Prohibition, 18. 20. 4 Rep. 20. Kel. 39. 22 Ed. 4. f. 20. Bro. Prohibition, 18. 21. Bro. Act. sur le case, 115. 38 H. 6. f. 29. 11 H. 4. f. 88. Regist. 36. 45. 50, 51. 57, &c. Raft. pla. 483. 9 Ed. 2. stat. 1. c. 1.

Rot. Parl. 25 E.  
3. Stat. 3. nu. 62.  
19 E. 3. jurisd.  
28. 27 Aff. p. 7.  
10 H. 4. 1.  
12 H. 7. 23.  
Pl. Com. 30. b.  
2 E. 6. c. 13.  
versus sinera.  
1. 4. f. 1. 47. inter  
Palmer & Thorp.  
1. 5. fol. 67. 1. 7.  
fol. 44. Pl. Com.  
36. b.

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Glanv. 1. 17. c. 1.  
21. Bact. 1. 5.  
fo. 463. &  
lege alibi.  
Whitton 226.  
& sepe alibi.  
Fleta lib. 6. ca.  
41. Regist. 339.  
W. 2. cap. 5.  
A. E. 3. 27.  
Smith de rep.  
Anglo um. 1. 3  
ca. 9.

(1) *Circumspecte agatis.*] There was also at this parliament holden at Westm' anno 13 E. 1. a writ devised, called *circumspecte agatis de negotiis tangentibus episcopum Norwicensem, et ejus clerum.*

Though some have said that this was no statute, but made by the prelates themselves, yet that this is an act of parliament, it is proved not onely by our books, but also by an act of parliament.

(2) *De negotiis tangentibus episcopum Norwicensem.*]

The bishop of Norwich is here put but for example, but it extendeth to all the bishops within this realme.

(3) *In curia christianitatis.*] So called, because as in the secular courts the kings lawes doe sway and decide causes, so in ecclesiasticall courts the lawes of Christ should rule and direct, for which cause the judges in those courts are divines, as archbishops, bishops, archdeacons, &c. Linwoods words are these, *In curia christianitatis, i. ecclesie, in qua servantur leges Christi, cum tamen in foro regio servantur leges mundi.* In libro rubeo in scaccar' inter leges H. 1. thus it is contained, *Sicut antiqua fuerat institutione formatum salutari regis imperio vera nuper est recordatione formatum generalia comitatuum placita certis locis et vicibus, &c. intersint autem episcopi, comites, vicedomini, vicarii, centenarii, aldermani, praesentibus*

*præpoſiti, barones, vavaſores, tingrevii, et cæteri terrarum domini diligenter intendentes, ne malorum impunitas, aut gravionum pravitas, vel judicum ſubverſio ſolita miſeros laceratione conſuſiant. Agantur primo debita veræ chriſtianitatis jura, ſecundo regis placita, poſtremo cauſæ ſingulorum dignis ſatiſfactionibus expleantur.*

And if any deſire to look before the conqueſt concerning this matter, he may read amongſt the laws publiſhed by king Edgar, *Celeberrimus autem ex omni ſatrapia conventus bis quotannis agitor, cui quidem illius dioceſis epiſcopus et aldermanus interſunto, quorum alter jura divina, alter humana populum edoceto.*

Thus much by reaſon of this word [*chriſtianitatis*] having been ſaid, let us return to our act.

(4) *Mere ſpiritualia.*] *Sic dicta, quia non habent mixturam temporalium:* they are here called meere ſpiritual, for that they have no mixture of the temporalities, and becauſe they are corrections *pro ſalute animæ.*

Britton ſaith, *Que ſeint eſgliſe eyt conſarce de juger de pure ſpiritualite;* hereſie, ſchiſmes, holy orders, and the like are mere ſpiritual things; note it appeareth by the conſtitution of John Stratford, archbiſhop of Canterbury in a ſynod in London *anno domini 1380. §. quidam etiam, &c.* that adminiſtration of the goods of a man dying inteſtate, was granted to ordinaries, *conſenſu regis et magnatum regni Angliæ tanquam pro jure et eccleſiaſtica libertate ab olim extiterit ordinatum.* And Linwood ſaith, that probate of teſtaments, *de conſuetudine Angliæ, et non de jure communi,* belong to court chriſtian: which I have added for three cauſes.

1. That theſe things being temporal, and not meere ſpiritual, as our act ſpeaketh, belonged *not ab initio* to the court chriſtian.

2. That the eccleſiaſtical judges derive their juriſdiction therein by parliament, and the cuſtome of the realme, and not from any foreign power.

3. And laſtly, that herewith our records and books doe accord and agree.

(5) *Pro mortali peccato, viz. fornicatione, adulterio, &c.*] There be two examples put in particular of meere ſpirituality for correction of theſe offences.

In ancient time the kings courts, and ſpecially the leets had power to enquire of, and puniſh fornication and adultery by the name of Letherwite, and it appeareth often in the book of Domeſday that the king had the fines aſſeſſed for thoſe offences which were aſſeſſed in the kings courts, and could not be inflicted *in curia chriſtianitatis.*

(6) *Et hujusmodi.*] Theſe are to be taken for offences of like nature, as the two offences here particularly expreſſed be, as ſolicitation of any womans chaſtity, which is leſſer then theſe, and for inceſt, which is greater; and herewith agreeth Linwood, who expounding this act ſaith, *Non intelligas de omni mortali peccato, ſed de tali, cujus punitio de ſua natura ſpeçtat ad forum eccleſiaſticum; nam ſi de ratione cujuſlibet peccati mortalis cognoſceret eccleſia, ſic periret temporalis gladii juriſdictio.*

(7) *Pro quibus aliquando infligitur pœna corporalis, aliquando pecuniaria.*] Here *pœna pecuniaria* muſt be intended by way of commutation of penance, as it is clearly expounded by the ſtatute of *Articuli Cleri; item ſi prælatus imponat pœnam pecuniariam alicui*

F. N. B. 41, &c.  
Linwood de foro  
compet. cap.  
Circumſpecte  
agatis, fol. 71.  
Liber rub. in  
cuſtod. rem.  
regis. cap. 48.  
fol. 41.

Int' leges Regis  
Edgari cap. 5.  
Lamb. verbo Se-  
nator, Alder-  
man, or Elder-  
man. i.  
Senator, which  
ſignifieth the  
Sherive, i. Præ-  
poſitus, ſeu cuſ-  
tos comitatus.

Britton fol. 11. b.  
Bracton l. 5. fol.  
403, &c.  
Fleta l. 2. cap.  
53. l. 6. ca. 36.  
&c. Linwood  
cap. de foro  
compet. fol. 7.  
li. 7. fo. 44.  
Kennes Cale.  
See hereafter in  
this Chapter  
verbo Mortuary.  
Linwood ubi ſup.

2 R. 2. tit.  
Teſtam. 4.  
12 H. 7. 12. b.  
See hereafter  
verbo Mortuary.

Linwood ubi ſup.  
Kennes caſe ubi  
ſupra.

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Art. Cleri,  
cap. 2.  
Britton 11. b.  
F. N. B. 53. a.

*alicui pro peccato, et repetat illam, regia prohibitio locum habeat: and so doth Britton take it.*

Vet. Mag. Chart.

*Vide artic' contra prohibet' regiam Vet' Magna Charta, pro cæmeterio non clauso.*

Regist'.

Brit. fo. 11.  
lib. 5. fo. 67.  
Jeffreys case.]

The parishioners ought to repaire the inclosure of the church-yard, because the bodies of the more common sort are buried there, and for the preservation of the burials of those, that were, or should have been whiles they lived the temples of the Holy Ghost; and *cæmeterium* is derived of the Greek verb *κοιμάω*, that is, *dormio*, and therefore *cæmeterium est quasi dormitorium, quia mortui dormire dicuntur usque ad resurrectionem*. And also if the church-yard be not decently inclosed, the church which is *domus Dei* cannot decently be kept, and therefore this the parishioners ought to doe *per consuetudinem notoriam et approbatam*, and the consens thereof is allowed by this act.

Regist. 44. b.

(8) *Ecclesia discooperta, vel non decenter ornata.*] In the same manner the parishioners by this act ought to repaire the church, for that it is the place where divine service is celebrated, and the bodies of the parishioners of the best quality are buried; in respect whereof this law doth allow the ecclesiasticall court to have consens thereof, and for the providing of decent ornaments for the celebration of divine service.

Regist' ubi  
supra.

F. N. B. 50. n.  
Britton fol. 11.

(9) *Ecclesia discooperta.*] This is intended not onely of the body of the church, which is parochiall, but also of any publique chappell annexed to it; but it extendeth not to the private chappell of any, though it be fixed to the church, for that must be repaired by him that hath the proper use of it; for *qui sentit commodum, sentire debet et onus*; and this the parishioners ought to doe *per consuetudinem notoriam et approbatam*, and the consens thereof is allowed to them by this act, but the chauncell is to be repaired by the parson, &c.

Regist' 44. b.

(10) *Oblationes, decimas debitas, vel consuetas.*] Oblationes in the canon law are thus defined:

Art' contra  
proh. regiam  
Vet. Mag. Chart.  
Art. Cleri cap.  
1, 2. 2 E. 6.  
cap. 13.

Cap. Cler.  
quest. 13.  
Regist. fol. 29.  
& 35. F. N. B.  
50. b.

† 18 E. 3. cap. 7.  
F. N. B. 30. g.  
4 E. 3. 27.  
38 E. 3. 13.  
38. H. 6. 20.

Bract. li. 5. fo.  
401.

Brit. ubi supra.  
† Inq' leges Edw.  
Regis, cap. 8.  
fol. 128. having  
spoken of tithes,  
it is said, *Hec  
prædicavit beatus  
Augustinus et  
concessa sunt à  
rege baronibus  
et populo.*

*Oblationes dicuntur quæcunque à piis fidelibusq; Christianis offeruntur Deo et ecclesiæ, sive res solid', sive mobiles.*

(11) *Decimæ.*] It appeareth by the auncient writ, *de recto de advocacione decimarum*, and by the like auncient writ of *indicavit*, whereof you may reade before in W. 2. cap. 5. *versus finem*, that the right of tithes was tried in the kings court.

† And this appeareth by an act of parliament in anno 18 E. 3. cap. 7. and it is agreed in 4 E. 3. that before the statute (meaning W. 2. cap. 5.) every parson was ousted to demand tithes in court Christian.

Bracton lib. 5. fol. 401. saith, *quod decimæ sunt spiritualitati annexæ*; and Britton, who was bishop of Hereford, and learned in the lawes of this realme, treating of what things the church hath consens, omitteth tithes.

Hereby it appeareth that the recitall in the statute of 1 R. 2. that pursuit for tithes of right ought, and of ancient time did pertaine to the spirituall court, must bee intended by force of former acts of † parliament, (as things annexed to the spirituality) as of W. 2. of this act made in \* 13 E. 1. *articuli cleri*, cap. 1. &c. 18 E. 3. cap. 1. and is confirmed by later acts of parliament, as 27 H. 8. cap. 20. 32 H. 8. cap. 7. and 2 E. 6. cap. 13. Now

Now of tithes there be three kindes, prediall, personall, and mixt, and this act extendeth to them all, and for personall tithes see the statute of 2 E. 6. cap. 13.

And true it is, that of auncient time the parsons did sue for subtraction of tithes in court christian, but if the right of tithes had come in question, it should have been tried by the common law; and therefore *in libro rubeo inter leges Henr. 1.* speaking of pursute for tithes in court christian, it is said, *si rex patiatur*; but at this day it is without question, as hath been said, that for subtraction of tithes the conusans by force of divers acts of parliament doth belong to the ecclesiasticall court.

(12) *Vel consuetas.* By this act *modus decimandi*, reall composition, or by prescription, or custome is established, for hereby are tithes divided into two parts, *in decimas debitas*, and that is *quota pars*, the tenth part, and into *decimas consuetas*, and that is a duty personall due by custome and usage to the parson, &c. in satisfaction of tithes; as a yearely summe of money, or other duty, and these are here called *decimæ consuetæ*, and for this *modus decimandi* the parson, &c. may sue in court christian, and is warranted by this act.

There is also a reall satisfaction for tithes, as if of ancient time land hath been given by the consent of the patron and ordinary to the parson and his successors in satisfaction of tithes out of other lands, this is also a good discharge of tithes, but for this or the like reall satisfaction he cannot sue in court christian, but at the common law: of this reall satisfaction you may reade a notable record in 25 H. 3. which was before the making of this act, and the effect thereof is this:

Sampson Foliot brought a prohibition against Thomas parson of Swindon, *quare secutus est in curia christianitatis de laico feodo ipsius Sampson in Draicot, &c.* the defendant pleaded that *non est secutus placitum, &c. de laico feodo, sed verum vult dicere, et dicit quod revera coram iudicibus delegatis petiit ab eodem decimas feni de quodam prato in Walcot infra parochiam suam de Walcot, &c. et nihil petiit in parochia de Draicot, &c. Et Sampson dicit quod antecessores sui antiquitus dederunt 2. acras prati ecclesiæ de Draicot, pro decima feni, quam prædictus Thomas petit, et in eodem prato, quas eadem ecclesia adhuc habet, et semper hucusque habuit, unde videtur quod illud quod prædictus Thomas petit decimas est in laico feodo, et quod pratum illud de quo idem Thomas petit decimas est in Draicot sicut breve dicit et non in Walcot, et de hoc ponit se super patriam, &c.* Whereupon severall issues being joined, the jury gave this verdict, that the said Thomas pursued his plea *in curia christianitatis de laico feodo prædicti Sampson, &c. pretendo ab eo decimas feni*, of the said meadow of the said Sampson in Draicot, *unde antecessores sui dederunt ecclesiæ de Draicot duas acras prati pro decima feni quam prædictus Thomas modo petit, et quas eadem ecclesia adhuc habet, et semper hucusque habuit.* And found that the said meadow, &c. did lie in Draicot, &c. and thereupon judgement is given for the plaintiffe in the prohibition, and that he should recover 20. marks damages, &c. Which record, both for the antiquity thereof, and for that it agreeth with our books, being a leading case, I have recited the more at large.

A man seised of 8. acres of meadow, and one of pasture, for the tithes whereof he hath been paid time out of mind v. s. iv. d. afterwards the owner builds a cornmill upon the same, he shall pay no tithes for the cornmill, because the land was discharged *per modum*

See the act of  
2 E. 6. cap. 13.  
39 E. 3. jurif.  
8 E. 4. 14.  
7 E. 6. 79.  
Doct. & Stud.  
166, 167.

8 E. 4. ubi  
supra.  
F. N. B. 41, 43.

Mich. 25 H. 3,  
Coram Rege  
Rot. 5.  
Wiltesh.

See the Register  
fo. 34. and  
Glanv. li. 12.  
cap. 21. for this  
forme of writ.

See the like  
ground of pro-  
hibition, Regist.  
fol. 38.  
8 H. 6. 14.  
8 E. 4. 14.  
F. N. B. 41. g.  
& 43. k.

That bounds of  
parishes are to be  
tried by the com-  
mon law.

29 E. 3. 23.  
14 H. 4. 17.  
5 H. 5. 18.  
34 H. 6. 10, 11.  
22 E. 4. 24.  
12 H. 7. 22.

Mich. 26 and 27  
El. in Commu.  
Banc. Rot 2617.  
Lords case  
adjudged.

45 E. 3. c.  
31 H. 8. cap.  
2 E. 6. ca. 13.  
9 H. 5. fol 9.  
50 E. 3. 10.  
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M. 9 E. 1. Incip.  
10. in com' banc.  
Rot. 63. So-  
merfet.

See W. 2. c. 5.

Brit. fol. 11. b.  
Artic. Cler. c. 1.  
10 H. 4. 1.

2 H. 5. 10.  
21 H. 8. cap. 6.

21 H. 8. cap. 6.

Inter communia  
Hil. 2 E. 2. in  
Seacc. post mort.  
epif. Bath &  
Wel. Tr. 36 E. 3.  
ib. post mortem  
epif. Cirecest.  
Hil. 5 E. 4. ib.  
Rot. 47. post  
mortem archiep.  
Ebor.

\* *Muta* cometh  
of the French  
word, *Mente de*  
*cbiens*.  
Lib. Mathei Par-  
ker, published  
anno dom. 1573.  
Rot. claus.  
7 H. 3. m. 16.  
Rot. Pat.  
36 H. 3. m. 1.  
Tit. de consuet.  
cap. nullus. f. 19.  
See before in this  
chapter, verbo  
*mere spiritualia*.

Regist. fol. 47.  
F.N.B. 52. b.

*modum decimandi*: what things be indecimable by the law, and ought not to pay tithes, vide lib. 11. fol. 48, 49. F. N. B. 53. g. &c. see the statute of 45 E. 3. 31 H. 8. cap. and 2 E. 6. cap. 13. for discharge of tithes. I have read of an ancient concord *de modo decimandi*, which is worthy to be read at large, whereof we will give you the effect, *Concordia fact' inter Willum Mallet, et rectorem ecclesie de Aure, Heyton, Batbon' et Wellen' dioces' ex una parte, et nobilem virum Johannem de Acton militem ex altera, de modo decimandi omnia in parochia de Aure per consensum episcopi, et capituli Batbon' et Wellen', unde placitum fuit prius in cur' captum.*

(13) *Dummodo non petatur 4. pars.*] So as at this day in case when one person of the presentation of one patron demand tithes against another person of the presentation of another patron in court christian, amounting to a fourth part, &c. the right of tithes at this day is to be tryed at the common law.

(14) *Mortuarie.*] Or, *a corse present.* *Mortuarium* is a gift left by a man at his death, *pro recompensatione subtractionis decimarū personalium, et oblationū.*

In 2 H. 5. the opinion was against the mortuaries, because they were not contained in the statute (meaning *Artic' Cleri.*)

There is no mortuary due by law, but onely by custome, which is proved by the words of this act, *viz. ubi mortuarium dari consuevit.* And this act alloweth the conusans thereof to court christian.

See the statute of 21 H. 8. cap. 6. where mortuaries ought to be paid, for what persons, and how much, and in what case none is due.

Some have said, that the king hath a mortuary after the deceases of every archbishop and bishop; true it is, that the king after their deceases hath six things, *viz.* (to use the words of the records)  
1. *Optimum equum sive palefridum ipsius episcopi cum cella, et freno.*  
2. *Unam chlamydem sive cloacam cum capella.* 3. *Unum ciphum cum coopertorio.* 4. *Unum pelvem cum lavatorio sive aquar'.* 5. *Unum annulum aureum.* 6. *Necnon \* mutam canum, quæ* (saith the record) *ad dominum regem ratione prerogative sue spectant, et pertinent.*

And there is a speciall writ that issueth out of the exchequer, after the decease of the bishop, for answering of the same. And in the records this is called, *multa episcopi*, or *multura episcopi*, derived à *multa*, for that it was a fine, or finall satisfaction given to the king, that they might have power to make their last wills and testaments, and to have the probate of other mens testaments, and the granting of administrations: for true it is that is said, *Nullā habebant episcopi auctoritatem præter eam quam à rege acceptam referebant, jus testamenta probandi non habebant, administrationis potestatem cuiquam delegare non poterant, nec ipsi quidem testamenta facere de jure communi, dum id illis regnante Henrico 3. concessum erat, et confirmatum vivente Edw. 1. &c.*

Linwood, who wrote in the raiga of H. 6. saith, *Beneficiatus non potest testari de communi jure, sed de consuetudine in Anglia.*

So as this duty, which the king hath after the death of archbishops and bishops, is not any mortuary.

(15) *Si prælatus alicujus ecclesie, vel ejus advocatus petat à rectore pensionem.*] This act giveth conusans of suit for a pension, when

when a prelate or a prior demand a pension of a parson of a church.

But this must be intended of a pension which had his essence by some ordinance made by the ordinary upon a controversie for tithes, or the like; by which ordinance the tithes are to be enjoined by the one, and he is to pay a pension for the same to the other: for this pension, because it beginneth by an ecclesiasticall act, and by an ecclesiasticall judge, he may take his remedy by force of this act in the ecclesiasticall court; but if a pension be claimed by prescription, there, seeing a writ of annuity doth lye, and that prescriptions must be tryed by the common law, because the common and the canon law do therein differ, they cannot sue for such a pension in the ecclesiasticall court, no more then if a pension be granted by deed by a parson with the consent of the prior and ordinary.

A writ of annuity must be brought therefore at the common law: and all this doth notably appear by a judgment in the next yeer after the making of this statute, where the case was, that the abbot and covent of Leicester did by their deed under their covent seal, bearing date *anno* 25 H. 3. grant to the abbot of Saint Ebrulfe and his successors a yeerly rent or annuity, for certain tithes granted by the abbot and covent of Saint Ebrulfe to the abbot of Leicester and his successors; for which annuity or yeerly rent (being granted out of no lands) the abbot of Saint Ebrulfe brought a writ of annuity against the abbot of Leicester: wherein the judgement was, *Et quia cognitio placiti petendi annuū redditum directe secundum consuetudinem regni spectat ad curiam domini regis, et in ea debet hujusmodi placitari, et prædictus abbas de sancto Ebr. petit quendam annual' redd' sibi debitum per præd' contractum in præd' scriptis contentum inter prædecessorem suum, et prædec' præd' abbatis Leicest', et non aliquas decimas. Considerat' est, quod prædictus abbas de sancto Ebr' recuperet de cætero præd' annuum redditum versus præd' abbate de Leic', et similiter arreragia sua de tempore istius abbatis de sancto Ebr', quæ taxantur per justic' ad lx. l. et abbas de Leicest' in misericordia, &c. Postea venit prædict' abbas de Leicest', et satisfacit præd' abbati de sancto Ebr' de lx. l. ad tres vices, et etiam de aliis arreragiis præd' redditus usq; ad hunc diem a tempore impetrationis brevis, de tempore præd' abbatis de sancto Ebrulpho, &c.*

And upon this diversity this statute is well explained, and all our books reconciled.

See the statute of 21 H. 8. ca. 6. where mortuaries ought to be paid, for what persons, and how much, and in what cases none is due.

(16) *De violenta manuum injectione in clericum.*] Note a diversity between a spirituall man of the church consecrated to the service of God, and goods dedicated to divine service, or meerly ecclesiasticall: for laying of violent hands upon the person of any, *infra sacros ordines*, the ecclesiasticall court hath conusans; but for the violent taking away, or consuming of the ornaments of the church, or goods dedicated to divine service, that court hath no conusans, for that is not given to them; as for taking away of the bible, the book of divine service, the chalice, and the like, or for the taking away of an image out of the church; but remedy must be taken for these at the common law.

3 E. 3. 17. 6 E. 3.  
54, 55. 7 E. 3.  
40, 41. 17 E. 3.  
32. 19 E. 3.  
Prescription 98.  
31 E. 3. ib. 26.  
31 E. 3. Jurisd.  
26. 16 E. 3.  
Annuity 24.  
40 E. 3. 3. b.  
Regist. 38. a.  
11 H. 4. 68.  
8 H. 6. 23. 7 E. 6.  
Dier, 79.

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Pasch. 14 E. 1.  
in Banc. Rot. 69.  
Leicest.

7 H. 3. Prohibition 30.  
5 H. 3. Prohibition 29. 31 E. 3.  
B. 258. M.  
37 E. 3. Rot. 23.  
Coram rege casus prioris sancti crucis juxta turrim London.  
8 R. 2. Monstr. des faits 184.

Tr. 4 E. 3.  
Rot. 100.  
Coram rege  
Essex. Braet.  
li. 5. fo. 401, &c.  
Brit. 11. b. Re-  
gist. 34.

Artic. contra  
Prohib. Regiam  
Vet. Magna  
Charta. Artic.  
Cleri. cap. 1. 3.  
11 H. 4. 81.  
18 H. 6. 6.  
20 E. 4. 10. b.  
Regist. 49 b.  
F.N.B. 41. 51. k.  
52. f. 53.  
\* Hil. 7 H. 3.  
Prohib. 30.  
Regi. 49. a.  
Vide supra verbo  
Mortuary. Ar-  
tic. cont. Pro-  
hibit. Regiam.  
Vet. Mag. Chart.  
Regist. 46, 47,  
&c. 54. F.N.B.  
51. l. K. 52.  
d. m. 53. a. f.  
18 E. 4. 6.  
22 E. 4. 20.  
33 E. 3. Bre.  
912. 12 H. 7.  
22. Lib. 4. fol.  
20. Inter Palmer  
& Thorp. Artic.  
Cleri, cap. 4.

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Tr. 19 H. 8. Co-  
ram rege Spilm.  
Report.

30 H. 8. Br.  
Action sur le  
case 104. M.  
22 H. 8.  
Coram rege  
Spilm. 23 E. 3.  
Stat. de La-  
bourers.  
Vide stat. de La-  
bourers. 23 E. 3.  
22 Ass. p. 7.  
2 H. 4. 10.  
11 H. 4. 88.  
38 H. 6. 29.  
20 E. 4. 10. b.  
Kelw. 39.  
Braet. lib. 5. fol.  
401. & 406. b.

And I finde a record that William de Brinckle recovered at the common law by verdict, against Otho parson of the church of Beston, x.l. *pro subtractione unius bullæ papalis de ordinibus, alterius bullæ de legitimatione, et tertiæ bullæ de veniam exorantibus pro animabus antecessorum suorum.* And yet these were accounted in those dayes spirituall; but by the ancient common law they have jurisdiction of no goods or chattels, but such as be *de testamento et matrimonio.*

And for laying violent hands upon one of the clergie, the end of that suit is onely *pro salute animæ*, by excommunication, or corporall penance: but if a clergie-man be arrested by proesse of law, he cannot for this sue in the ecclesiasticall court. And if the clerk sue in court christian for damages for the battery, he is in case of *premunire*, for in that case the ecclesiasticall judge ought to proceed *ex officio*, onely to correct the sin.

(17) *In causa defamationis concessum fuit alias.*] Where it is said here, *concessum fuit alias*, by it appeareth that the conusans of defamation that concerneth meer spirituality, was granted by act of parliament; implied by this word [*concessum*] for otherwise it could not be granted.

Defamations granted to the conusans of ecclesiasticall judges ought to have their incidents; first, that it concerns matter meerly spirituall, as to call him heretike, schismatike, or the like: 2. That it concerns meer spirituall matter onely, and not mixt with any matter determinable at the common law. 3. \* Although the defamation be meerly and onely spirituall, yet he that is defamed cannot sue there for amends or damages, but the suit there ought to be for correction of the sin, *pro salute animæ*, and they must expresse in particular the defamation in their libell in court christian.

If a man give evidence to an inquest to indict one, he cannot sue for this defamation in court christian.

The prior of Laund libelled in the spirituall court against Robert Lee, and John Lee, for calling the prior churls son, rotten churl, and cankerd churl, and a prohibition was granted, for the words concerned no spirituall matter, and therefore he could not sue for them in the ecclesiasticall court, neither could he have any action for them at the common law.

If a man call one a perjured man, he must take his remedy at the common law.

A sute was in the ecclesiasticall court for calling one false knave; and for the same cause a prohibition was granted, and knave *ab initio* was no word of reproach, but signified a man servant, and a knave-childe a man-childe; and this case was between March and Bele of Kent.

(18) *Pro læsione fidei.*] This is to be understood where the thing to be done is meer spirituall, and neither temporall, nor mixt with the temporalty, be it reall or personall, because the ecclesiasticall court cannot hold plea of the principall: and where they cannot hold plea of the principall, they cannot hold plea of the accessory; *Quia cujus juris (i. jurisdictionis) est principale, ejusdem juris erit accessorium.*

And again, *Jurisdictionem non mutat fidei interpositio, sacramentum præstitum, nec spontanea renunciatio partium, &c. Et illud idem dicendum erit de debitis, et catallis quæ non sunt de testamento, vel matrimonio.*



More shall be said of these matters when we come to the statute of Artic. Cleri, anno 9 E. 2. Vide R. book of Entries, 444. Vide Vet. Magn' Chart', part 2, fol. 70. *Prohibitio formata de stat. Articuli Cleri.*

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## STATUTUM DE QUO WARRANTO,

Editum anno 18 Edw. I.

*Statutum de quo Warranto novum anno 18 E. 1. qualiter brevia de quo Warranto debent terminari, et de cætero terminari.*

**Q**UIA brevia de quo warranto et etiam judicia super placita eorundem reddend' diutinam ceperunt dilationem, eo quod justiciarii in judiciis illis reddendis de voluntate domini regis non fuerunt hucusque certiorati: idem dominus rex ad parliamentum suum post Pasch. apud Westm', anno regni sui xviii. de gratia sua speciali (1), et propter affectionem quam habet erga prælatos, comites, et barones, et ceteros de regno suo concessit, quod omnes de regno suo quicumque fuerint, tam religiosi, quam alii, qui per bonam inquisitionem patriæ aut alio modo verificare poterunt (2), quod ipsi et antecessores eorum vel prædecessores usi fuerint libertatibus quibuscunq; (3) de quibus per brevia prædicta fuerint implacitati ante tempus regis Rich' consanguinei sui aut toto tempore suo (4), et hucusque continuerint: ita quod libertatibus illis non sunt abusi (5), quod partes adjornentur ulterius usque certum diem rationabilem coram eisdem justiciariis: infra quem dominum regem adire possint cum recordo (6) justic' sigillo suo signat' et redire. Et dominus rex confirmabit (7) per litteras suas patentes statum eorum. Et illi

**F**ORASMUCH as writs of quo warranto, and also judgements given upon pleas of the same, were greatly delayed, because the justices in giving judgement were not certified of the king' pleasure therein; our lord the king, at his parliament holden at Westminster, after the feast of Easter, the eighteenth year of his reign, of his special grace, and for the affection that he beareth unto his prelates, earls, and barons, and other of his realm, hath granted, that all under his allegiance, whatsoever they be, as well spiritual as other, which can verify by good enquest of the country, or otherwise, that they and their ancestors or predecessors have used any manner of liberties, whereof they were impleaded by the said writs, before the time of king Richard our cousin, or in all his time, and have continued hitherto (so that they have not misused such liberties) that the parties shall be adjourned further unto a certain day reasonable before the same justices, within the which they may go to our lord the king with the record of the justices, signed with their seal, and also

*illi qui non poterunt seisinam antecessorum seu prædecessorum verificare eodem modo, quo prædictum est, deducantur et judicentur secundum legem et consuet' regni (8). Et illi qui habent chartas regales secundum chartas illas judicentur (9). Præterea dominus rex de gratia sua speciali concessit, quod omnia judicia quæ reddenda sunt in placitis de quo warranto per justic' suos apud Westm' post Pasch' prædictum, et pro ipso domino rege si partes quæ amiserunt ad ipsum dominum regem revenire voluerint, tale habebunt remedium de gratia domini regis sicut superius scriptum\* est (10). Concessit etiam idem dominus rex ad parcend' misis et expensis populi de regno suo: quod placita de quo warranto de cætero placitentur et terminentur in itinere justic' (11), et quod placita adhuc pendentia readjornentur in singulis com' suis usque adventum justiciar' in partibus illis.*

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also return; and our lord the king, by his letters patents, shall confirm their estate. And they that cannot prove the seisin of their ancestors or predecessors in such manner as is before declared, shall be ordered and judged after the law and custom of the realm; and such as have the king's charter shall be judged according to their charters. Moreover, the king of his special grace hath granted, that all judgements that are to be given in pleas of *quo warranto*, by his justices at Westminster, after the foresaid Easter, for our lord the king himself, if the parties grieved will come again before the king, he of his grace shall give them such remedy as before is mentioned. Also our said lord the king hath granted, for sparing of the costs and expences of the people of his realm, that pleas of *quo warranto* from henceforth shall be pleaded and determined in the circuit of the justices, and that all pleas now depending shall be adjourned into their own shires, until the coming of the justices into those parts.

(Fitz. Brief, 886. Kelw. 137, &c. Bro. Quo Warranto, 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 11. Bro. Prescription, 10, 14, 18, 32, 33, 34, 52, 54, 64, 65, 73, 83, 98, 107, 108. Bro. Franchise, 4, 10, 14, 22, 26, 37. Fitz. Conuſance, 16, 19, 21, 26, 30, 31, 36, 39, 46, 51, 54, 57, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64. Rast. 540.)

The mischief before this statute, as here it is rehearsed, was that there had been [*diutina dilatio*] in writs of *quo warranto*, because the judges would not proceed to judgement (the same being small) without being certified *de voluntate regis* by the writ *de libertatibus allocandis*, which was not onely a great delay, but a great charge to the subject: but the truth is, that this kings officers to get thanks of the king by filling of his cofers, caused very many writs of *quo warranto* for liberties to be brought; for where it is said in our chronicles, that those writs of *quo warranto* were for lands and tenements, therein they are mistaken, for it appeareth that after, that is to say, in the 31 yeare of his raigne the king did bring a *quo warranto* against the lady of S. to know by what warrant she claimed to hold the manor of C. which belonged to his crown, as that which of ancient time was ancient demefne; and there it is affirmed and not denied, that this was the first writ that ever was seen to be brought for lands: but certaine it is, that there were an exceeding number of writs of *quo warranto* brought as well against the prelates and other of the clergy, as against the nobles and others of the

31 E. 1. bré: 886.  
Vide Bract. l. 5.  
367. Polydor,  
Trivet. Abing-  
don. Hollingsf.  
pag. 280. a. b.

the realme for their liberties, franchises, and priviledges, for that partly by length and proces of time, and partly during the troublesome times and civill broiles and wars in the raignes of king John and H. 3. many of their charters, records of allowances, and other evidences and muniments were destroyed, wasted or made away; amongst others a *quo warranto* was brought against John Warren earle of Surrey, who appearing before the justices spake boldly and stoutly against this kinde of proceeding, as our histories doe testifie.

Certaine it is, that as well the lords spirituall and temporall, as the commons assembled in this parliament did complain hereof to the king, and besought him that he would be pleased of his grace and favour, for it was a legall course which was attempted and profecuted in the kings name, but a matter of great rigour and extremity invented and eagerly followed by his officers, to the generall di taste and grieffe of the whole realme.

The noble and wise king knowing that *summum jus was summa injuria*, and not intending to take advantage of the extremity of his laws in so hard a case did of his grace and favour (for so the act speaketh) *ex speciali gratia et etiam propter affectionem quam habet erga praelatos, comites, barones, et caeteros de regno suo*, provide by this act remedy for the said mischiefe.

Braeton and Fleta treating of a *quo warranto*, both of them almost *totidem verbis* sayen, *Esi etiam alia actio, quæ dicitur duplex, in uno brevi, et ubi duæ concurrunt actiones, scilicet in personam, et in rem: primo in personam, quod quis sit ad respondendum quo warranto teneat aliquam libertatem seu aliam rem. In rem, cum præterea addatur in fine quam rex clamat ut jus et hæreditatem suam vel eschaetam suam, vel de antiquo dominico coronæ suæ, vel hujusmodi, vel quam talis clamat in N. contra coronam et dignitatem regis.*

Braet. l. 5. fo. 367. Fleta, l. 5. cap. 9.

(1) *De gratia sua speciali.*] This, as hath been said, is an act of grace, for it bindeth the king in this particular of his prerogative, *quod nullum tempus occurrit regi*, for by this act continuance of possession of liberties from the beginning of the raigne of R. 1. till this act, which was under an hundred yeares, should be a barre to the crowne, if so it were found by inquisition, which was the time of prescription that bound the subject in case of prescription.

Acts of grace. Mag. Chart. c. 8. W. 2. ca. 10. 29. 2 E. 3. fo. 28, 29.

(2) *Qui per bonam inquisitionem patriæ, vel aliquo alio modo verificare poterint, &c.*] This is as much to say, as to prove by inquisition, or verdict of the country, who are to enquire of the fact, that is, of the possession by the time aforesaid, or to prove by matter of record (whereof juries are not to enquire) that is, by allowance before justices in eyre, &c. implied necessarily in these words [*vel aliquo alio modo*] that must be *alio modo*, then by matter in *fait* inquirable by the country; so as albeit it be said, that a possession of liberties warranted also by allowance is within this statute, that doth not exclude, but that a possession found by inquisition is within the expresse letter and meaning of this act.

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First part of the Instit. sect. 190. 2 E. 3. 28, 29. Roger Mortimers case upon this branch.

(3) *Libertatibus quibuscunque.*] This extends to all liberties, as well to those that lie in point of charter, as conufans of pleas, felons goods, and the like; as to those that may be claimed by prescription, as waife and stray, and the like.

2 E. 3. ubi supra

The remedy is conformable to the mischiefe, for the mischiefe was, as hath been said, concerning liberties, and not concerning lands; and the *quo warranto* was framed for franchises which belong

31 E. 1. bre. 886. Braet. ubi supra. Tr. 29 E. 1. coram rege. Rot. 57. the bishop of Durhams case.

long to the crown, and such as the subject hath, are derived from the crown, *Libertates regales ad coronam spectantes ex concessione regum à coronæ exierunt.*

(4) *Ante tempus consanguinei sui Ric. aut toto tempore sui.*] This is king Richard the first, and here is called *consanguineus*, because the king derived not lineally from him, for he was elder brother to king John, who was grandfather to king Edw. 1. Note here this disjunctive [*aut*] so as the time of prescription, as hath been said, in the case of a subject is the time limited by this act.

(5) *Ita quod libertatibus illis non sunt abusi.*] This clause extendeth not onely to misuser, disuser, and non-user of liberties, but to *faux claime* of them, and the like.

(6) *Regem adire possint cum recordo.*] Here is an excellent pattern, that the king be informed by the judges, and by the record it self, before he make any graunt or confirmation thereof; so carefull were they in those dayes, that the king, before he passed any thing, might bee truly informed.

(7) *Et dominus rex statum eorum affirmabit.*] In those dayes, such faith were given to verdicts of twelve men, as they were *vere dicta*, and *dicta veritatis*, so as upon one inquisition, &c. the king by this act was to affirme the liberties according to the verdict, &c.

(8) *Deducantur et judicentur secundum legem communem.*] That is according to the kings prerogative of *nullum tempus occurrit regi*. Hereby it appeares that the kings prerogative is part of the law of England, and comprehended within the same.

(9) *Et illi qui habent chartas regales secundum chartas illas et earundem plenitudinem judicentur.*] Here is an excellent rule for construction of the kings letters patents, not only of liberties but of lands, tenements, and other things which he may lawfully grant, that they have no strict or narrow interpretation for the overthrowing of them, *sed secundum earundem plenitudinem judicentur*, that is, to have a liberall and favourable construction for the making of them available in law, *usq; ad plenitudinem*, for the honor of the king.

Also hereby is implied that they are to be construed *secundū earū plenitudinem*, that is, as fully and beneficially as the law was taken at that time when they were made: and certainly these auncient laws were directions to the sages of the law, for the construction of the kings charters, and letters patents, as it appeareth in our books.

(10) *Præterea dominus rex de gratia sua speciali concessit, quod omnia judicia que reddenda sunt in placitis de quo warranto per justic' apud Westm' post Pasch' prædict', et pro ipso domino rege, si partes quæ amiserunt ad ipsum dominum regem revenire voluerint, tale habebunt remedium de gratia domini regis, sicut superius est concessum.*] This was a speciall grace indeed of the king, that though judgements had been given in any of his courts at Westminster since the feast of Easter in pleas of *quo warranto* for him against any of his subjects (which judgements in law against the subjects were finall) yet, those judgements notwithstanding, the parties grieved should be within the remedy of this act.

(11) *Concessit etiam idem dominus rex ad parcend' missis et expensis populi de regno, quod placita de quo warranto de cætero et placitentur et terminentur in itineribus justiciar'.*] The costs, charges, and expences of the subjects in these cases were excessive, and therefore,

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Lib. 6. fol. 5, 6.  
Sir John Molins  
case.

6 E. 3. 54, 55.  
7 E. 3. 40, 41.  
18 E. 3. conusans  
39. 34 Aff. 14.  
40 Aff. 23.  
12 H. 4. 12.  
14 H. 6. 12.  
33 H. 6. 22.  
35 H. 6. 54.  
9 H. 7. 11.  
10 H. 7. 13, 14.  
16 H. 7. 9.

to meet with this mischief, and that the subject might receive justice in his own country, as it were at his owne doores, it is likewise of the kings speciall grace that pleas of *quo warranto* should be heard and determined in the eyres of the justices.

Of this branch we finde a notable case in our books, and I will cite the case as I finde it of record, and as it may be gathered in our books. The archbishop of York was in possession of prisage of wines in the port of Hull, and in the raigne of E. 2. in the time of John archbishop, the same franchise was seised into the kings hands; after the decease of John archbishop, William archbishop his successor sued in parliament in the raigne of E. 3. by petition of right to be restored to the said franchise; and afterward by parliament the petitioner was restored to the possession of the said franchise, and by the same award it was adjudged that the said William archbishop the petitioner should answer the king, when and where he pleased; and the like award was made upon the petition of the said William archbishop in the parliament the morrow after the feast of S. Catherine in the fourth yeare of the same king; whereupon the king brought a writ of *quo warranto* against the said William archbishop returnable in the court of common pleas, to know by what warrant he claimed to have prisage of wines in the port of Hull; Parning that famous serjant (who after was chiefe justice, and after that lord treasurer of England, and lastly lord chauncellor of England) of councill with the archbishop, pleaded to the jurisdiction of the court, and demanded judgement, if the archbishop ought to make any answer there, for that king Edward, grandfather of E. 3. made a statute (intending this statute of 18 E. 1.) which provided, that the pleas of *quo warranto* should be pleaded before justices in eyre in the counties, and that it was ordained by a statute made in the time of king E. 3. at his parliament at Northampton (which was in 2 E. 3.) that by a writ under the great, or privy seale, no disturbance should be that common right should not be done to all, and wee intend not (saith hee) that against the said statute, which is a law common to all, that wee ought to answer in this court. The matter concerning this act of 18 E. 1. was not denied, but sir William Herle chiefe justice, that gave the rule, relying upon the award in parliament, that the archbishop should answer the king when and where hee would, and there it is said, that the award of parliament was the highest law that could bee, and thereupon serjant Parning answered over.

Now when justices in eyre ceased, then this branch for the ease of the subject, and for saving of their costs, charges, and expences, lost his effect, for with justices of eyre this branch lived, and with them it died.

Some have supposed that Henry the second, did first institute justices in eyre, whereof one saith, *Justiciarii itinerantes constituti per H. 2. 1. Qui divisit regnum suum in sex partes, per quarum singulas tres justiciarios itinerantes constituit; and they likewise agree, quod hoc institutum sub Edwardo 3. evanuit.*

Wherein how men otherwise learned, but not skilfull in legall antiquities have mistaken both these points, we shall in a word or two satisfie the learned reader.

These justices itinerants, were also called *perlustrantes*; they were first instituted *ad dilaciones amputandas, et ad subditorum labores, sump-*

5 E. 3. 65.  
6 E. 3. 5. &c.

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Rog. Hovenden  
post. p'te anna-  
lium, fol. 313.  
Mat. Paris.  
Camden Brit.  
129.

Lucubr. Ock-  
ham.

Mirror, c. 2.  
§ 15.

Bract. 1. 3. fo.  
108. 115, 116.  
&c. Brit. fo. 127,  
&c. Fleta, l. 1.  
c. 15, &c. 2 E. 3.  
27. 4 E. 3. 41.  
6 E. 3. 55.  
23 E. 3. 21.  
6 E. 2. Aff. b.  
496. 14 H. 7.  
21. 15 H. 7. 5.

Mirror, c. 4.  
§ Le office des  
justices in eire.  
ca. 5. § 1. The  
books above said,  
ubi supra.

Sam. c. 7.  
ver. 16.

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Rot. Parliam.  
an. 6 R. 2.  
nu. 35. 16 R. 2.  
nu. 12.

It appeareth by the Mirror, who had seene the old rolls in the raignes of ancient kings, and namely of king Alfred, and wrote of the lawes from the time of king Arthur, who saith, *Que auncientment soloient les royes en proper persons eroer de pais in pais pur inquierer, oier et terminer les peches, et pur redresser de torts, et ceux queux ne sont my attaine en tielz eires des personel trespasses faitz avant veimeint al judgement de Dieu. Et puis pur multiplication de peches ne purront my les royes tous faire per eux mesmes et pur ceo ilz envoieront leur commissaries, que sont ore appels justices errants, que nount power de oier et terminer nul personel trespassse forsque pur chose attaine, et nient termine in le darraine eire ou puis fait* (which agreeth with our books) and further saith, *Estoiet auncient ordein que les royes per eux, ou per leur chiefe justices, ou per justices generals a tous pleas oier et terminer errassent de 7. ans, in 7. ans per my tous counties pur recevoir les rolles de tous justices assignes, des coroners de inquieries, des escheators, de viscounts, de hundreders, de bailies, et de tous seneschals, &c.* And again, *Chefcun pais soloiet destre garnie per 40. jours per generall summons, &c.* All which agreeth with our books; and after he saith, *Abusion est que justices et leur ministers, que occient le gent per faux judgement, ne sont distreints al fere de autres homicides, que fist le roy Alfred que fist pender 44. justices in un anne tant come homicides pur leur faux judgements:* and there he nameth those corrupt justices, which is to be intended of justices itinerant, for there were not so many resident.

And the institution of justices itinerant, and the circuit of justices in the countries had his ground from holy scripture, for there it is said, *Judicabat quoque Samuel Israelem cunctis diebus vite sue, et ibat per singulos annos circuiens Bethel, et Galgala, et Masphatti; et judicabat Israelem in supradietis locis, re-vertebaturque in Ramatha; ibi enim erat domus ejus, et ibi judicabat Israelem.*

As to the second point, that justices in eyre should cease in the raigne of Edward the third, they have not onely erred *in fonte*, but *in fine* also, for they ceased not in the raigne of king Edward the third, for it is enacted by act of parliament after that kings raigne, (in respect of the troubles and foreine affaires) that no eyes should be holden during two yeers; and after in 16 R. 2. that no eyre should be holden till the next parliament; but thus much in a case so evident shall suffice. We have added thus much, not of curiosity, nor of a spirit of contradiction, but for two respects; the one, that when our historians do meddle with any legall point, or matter concerning the law, we would advise them, that they would before they write, consult with those that be learned, and apprised in the laws of this realm: the other, that truth might be manifested, and prevail.

But hereof more largely shall be spoken in the treatise concerning the jurisdiction of courts.

## STATUT. DE WESTMINSTER 3.

Edictum Anno 18 Edw. 1. Ad Parliamentum  
post Festum Hil. et Paschæ.

*In the Parliament Roll it is intituled,*

Statutum Regis de Terris vendendis et emendis.

IT is called the statute of Westm. 3. because two notable parliaments had been before holden at Westminster, the one called Westm. 1. and the other called Westm. 2. In respect whereof, and of the excellencie of it, this parliament being holden at Westminster, is called Westm. 3. 1 part of the Institutes, sect. 140.

## CAP. I.

**Q**UIA emptores terrarum (1) et tenementorum de feodis magnatum et aliorum dominorum in præjudicium eorundem, temporibus retroactis, multoties in feodis suis sunt ingressi, quibus libere tenentes eorundem magnatum et aliorum terras et ten' sua vendiderunt, tenend' infcod' sibi et hæredibus suis de feoffatoribus [et hæredibus] suis, et non de capitalibus dom' feodorum, per quod iidem capitales domini eschaetas, maritagia, et custodias terrarum et tenement' de feodis suis existentium sæpius amiserunt: quod quidem eisdem magnatibus et aliis dominis quam plurimum durum et difficile videbatur, et [sic] in hoc casu exhereditatio manifesta. Dominus rex in parlamento suo apud Westmon' post Pasch. anno regni sui 18. videlicet in quindena Sancti Joh. Bapt. ad instantiam magnatum regni sui, concessit, providit, et statuit, quod de cætero liceat unicuique libero homini (4), terras suas, seu tenementa sua, seu partem inde ad voluntatem suam (2) vendere (3), ita tamen quod feoffatus teneat terram illam, seu tenement' illud

**F**ORASMUCH as purchasers of lands and tenements of the fees of great men and other lords, have many times heretofore entered into their fees, to the prejudice of the lords, to whom the freeholders of such great men have sold their lands and tenements to be holden in fee of their feoffors, and not of the chief lords of the fees, whereby the same chief lords have many times lost their escheats, marriages, and wardships of lands and tenements belonging to their fees; which thing seemed very hard and extream unto those lords and other great men, and moreover in this case manifest disinheritance: Our lord the king, in his parliament at Westminster, after Easter, the eighteenth year of his reign, that is to wit, in the quinzime of Saint John Baptist, at the instance of the great men of the realm, granted, provided, and ordained, that from henceforth it shall be lawfull to every freeman to sell at his own pleasure his lands and tenements, or part of them, so that the feoffee shall hold the same lands

*lud de capitali domino* (6) *feodi illius* lands or tenements of the chief lord  
 (5) *per eadem servitia et consuetudines* of the same fee, by such service  
 (8), *per quæ feoffator suus illa prius* and customs as his feoffor held  
*tenuit* (7). before.

(1 Roll, 106. Fitz. Avowry, 108. 185. 255. 12 Car. 2. c. 24.)

Lib. 3. fol. 23,  
24. Walkers case.

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Mag. Char. c. 32.

31 Aff. p. 30.  
2 E. 3. 33.  
49 E. 3. 10.

(1) *Quia emptores terrarum, &c.*] The cause of the making of this statute, appeareth by the preamble, and by that which hath been said upon the exposition of the 32. chapter of the statute of Magna Charta; where also the principall parts of this act are explained, yet some things are thereunto necessarily to be added.

At the common law, if A. had made a feoffment in fee to B. *reddend' inde, sive tenend' de se et hæredibus suis per 6. d. pro omnibus servitiis, et fac' capitalibus dominis feodi pro prædict' A. et hæredibus suis omnia servitia debita, &c.*

In this case by the first *reddend'* or *tenend'* the land had been holden of the feoffor, and all the services due shall be done to him; for to do service for a man, is to do it to him; *qui pro me aliquid facit, mihi fecisse videtur.*

3 Aff. 8. 33 E. 3.  
Annuity 52.  
22 Aff. 53.  
45 E. 3. 15. b.  
4 H. 6. 20.

49 E. 3. 10.

If the tenant had made a feoffment in fee before this statute generally, without reservation of any tenure, the feoffee should have holden of the feoffor, as he had held over; for example, if he had holden by knights service, the feoffee by creation of law had holden by knights service of the feoffor, in respect of the tenure over by him; and therefore if the lord had confirmed the estate of the feoffor, *viz.* the mesne, to hold by fealty onely (which was socage) the tenure between the tenant and the feoffor should be socage also, because the tenure created by law followeth the tenure, in respect whereof it was created.

33 E. 3. Avowry  
255. 4 H. 6. 20.  
12 E. 4. 16.  
Lib. 3. fol. 23.  
Walkers case.

Mag. Chart.  
c. 32.

(2) *Quod de cætero liceat unicuique libero homini, terras suas, seu tenementa sua, seu partem inde ad voluntatem suam vendere.*] By the common law, the tenant might have made a feoffment in fee of the whole tenancie to be holden of the chief lord; but notwithstanding the lord might, during the life of the feoffor, take him for his tenant, and avow upon him (in respect of the former fealty, service, and privity) albeit the feoffee gave notice, and tendred him all the arrerages, which now this statute hath altred.

See the exposition upon the 32. chapter of Magna Charta.

(3) *Vendere.*] Is here not onely taken for a sale, but for any alienation by gift, feoffment, fine, or otherwise: but sale was the most common assurance.

(4) *Libero homini.*] *i. Libere tenenti;* to every free-holder. Hereby are excluded not onely *nativi*, but also *nativè tenentes*, copy-holders, or tenants at will, according to the custome of the manour.

4 H. 6. 20.  
8 E. 4. 12.

Mag. Chart.  
c. 32.

(5) *Ita tamen quod feoffatus teneat terram illam, seu tenementum illud de capitali domino feodi illius.*] The generall words of this act take not away necessary incidents, as that the feoffee of all, or of part, shall give notice, and tender the arrerages before the lord shall be compelled to avow upon him: neither do these, or the former words [*de cætero liceat*] take away the fine for license of alienation, &c. of lands holden of the king *in capite*, for that belongeth to the king by the said statute of Magna Charta. See Magna Charta, cap. 32.

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These generall words have a tacite exception, viz. unlesse all the lords mediate and immediate do assent thereunto; for, *quilibet renunciare potest benefic' juris pro se introduct'*.

27 H. 8. 26.  
2 E. 2. Avowry  
185.

(6) *Capitalis dominus.*] Is here taken for the next immediate lord, and so by degrees upward to every lord paramount, albeit the act speaketh in the singular number: and it is to be known, that all the lands and tenements in England are holden either mediately or immediately of the king, and therefore he is *summus dominus supra omnes.*

\* If the king be lord, A. mesne, C. mesne, and tenant, the tenancie commeth to the hands of the king by forfeiture or conveyance, the king granteth the lands to another in fee [*tenend' de capitali domino per servitia debita, et consuetata*] † this grant shall revive not onely the immediate tenure of C. but of A. and of the king also, albeit the *tenend' de capitali domino* be in the singular number (as here the statute speaketh) yet is it as much as *capitalibus dominus.*

\* 33 H. 6. 7.  
8 E. 3. 283.  
17 E. 3. 59.  
46 E. 3. Petition 19. lib. 6. fol. 5, 6.  
Sir John Molyns case. Eodem libr. fol. 130, 131.  
Bewlies case.

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(7) *Per eadem servitia et consuetudines, per quæ feoffator suus illa prius tenuit.*] A. holdeth lands by knights service, and giveth the same to B. in tail, to hold of him in socage; B. maketh a feoffment in fee, the feoffee shall not hold of the lord in socage, as the feoffor held, but by knights service, as A. the donor held: for by the feoffment the reversion in fee holden by knights service is drawn out of the donor, and passeth to the feoffee; and the feoffee in this case cannot hold of the donor: and this case is not against the letter of the law, but within the intent and meaning thereof; for the meaning of this law was, that the feoffee should hold of the lord, as the feoffor did when the feoffee held of the same lord; and this act was made for the advantage of the lords; and therefore in construction the feoffee shall hold, not as the feoffor, but as the donor held.

2 E. 2. Avowry  
181. 10 E. 3. 26.  
18 E. 3. 7.  
31 E. 3. Gard  
116. 48 E. 3. 8.  
1 H. 5. 5 E. 4. 8.  
15 E. 4. 13.  
Tr. 18 Eliz. in communi banco, in Wyats case. Per cur' which I heard and observed.

If the husband seised of land in the right of his wife make a feoffment in fee, the feoffee shall hold as the wife held, for the husband had nothing but in her right.

Also if the tenant that holds by priority make a feoffment in fee, the feoffee shall not hold by priority; for this act saith, *per eadem servitia*, by the same services, and not according to every collateral quality.

If tenant in frank almoign alien in fee, that feoffee shall not hold of the lord *per eadem servitia*, albeit he be a man of the church; but he shall hold of the lord by fealty onely: for by the first words of this act he shall hold of the lord, but he cannot hold of the lord *per eadem servitia*, because it is against the nature of the tenure in frank almoign, to hold of any but of the donor or his heirs; and generall words of an act shall not be taken to work any thing against the nature of the thing, or the rule of law; but he shall hold by fealty onely, which was as free a tenure, and as near to the former, as can be, and therefore by construction [*eadem servitia*] the same services shall be taken as near the same services as may be.

1. part of the Institutes, sect. 139. Lib. 9. fol. 123. Anth. Lows case.

And this act extendeth to lands holden by fee farm.

(8) *Consuetudines.*] Is here taken for services, as in the writ *de consuetudinibus et servitiis*, and not for customes.

If the mesne release to the tenant, the tenant shall hold *per eadem servitia et consuetudines*, as the mesne did; and so if the tenant

45 E. 3. 15. Mag. Chart. cap. 30. verb. Consuetud. 22 E. 3. Dower 131. 38 Aff. 17. 2 E. 4. 6. 7 E. 4. 12.

tenant infeoffe the mesne, the mesne shall hold *per eadem servitia*, as he did before: and so it is if the tenancie come to the mesnalty by act in law, as by escheat or descent, the mesne shall hold *per eadem servitia consuetudines*, as he held before; for albeit the tenure between the tenant and the mesne in these cases be extinct, yet the feignory paramount, which also was issuing out of the tenancie, remaineth still.

10 Aff. p. 29.  
W. 2. cap. 9.  
I.e. case de For-  
judger.

If there be lord mesne, mesne, and tenant, and the first mesne dyeth without heir, and the mesnalty escheat to the second mesne; or if the mesne grant the mesnalty to the mesne, the mesnalty that which is neereſt to the tenancie doth drown the more remote mesnalty, and the tenant shall hold *per eadem servitia et consuetudines*, as he held before: but the second mesne shall hold of the lord paramount *per eadem servitia et consuetudines*, as he held before the extinguishment of his mesnalty for the cause aforesaid.

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## C A P. II.

**E**T si partem aliquam eorumdem terrarum, seu tenementorum alicui vendiderit, feoffatus illam teneat immediate de capitali domino (1), et oneretur statim de servitiis quantum pertineat sive pertinere debet eidem capitali domino pro particula illa (2) secundum quantitatem terræ (3) seu ten' sic vendit'. Et sic in hoc casu decidat capitali domino ipsa pars servitii per manus feoffati capiend', ex quo feoffatus debet eidem capitali domino juxta quantitatem terræ seu ten' venditi, de particula illius servitii sic debiti esse intendens et respondens.

**A**ND if he sell any part of such lands or tenements to any, the feoffee shall immediately hold it of the chief lord, and shall be forthwith charged with the services, for so much as pertaineth, or ought to pertain to the said chief lord for the same parcel, according to the quantity of the land or tenement so sold. And so in this case the same part of the service shall remain to the lord, to be taken by the hands of the feoffee, for the which he ought to be attendant and answerable to the same chief lord, according to the quantity of the land or tenement sold for the parcel of the service so due.

(Dyer, 299. Fitz. Avowry, 101. 108. 218. Fitz. Herriot, 1. Bro. Tenures, 2. 65. 6 Rep. 1. 8 Rep. 105. 27 H. 8. f. 26. 40 Ed. 3. f. 40.)

29 H. 8. tenures  
Br. 64. 17 E. 3.  
15.

(1) *Feoffatus ille partem illam teneat immediate de capitali domino pro particula illa.*] [*Particula illa*] is understood of a part in severalty, and not in common, and therefore it is holden that if the tenant make a feoffment in fee of the moiety or third part, &c. of the tenancy, that such a feoffee is not within the purview of this statute; for a moiety or a third part, &c. *pro indiviso* is not *particula*, for that word implieth a part in severalty.

27 E. 3. 15.

And this branch by reason of this word [*feoffatus*] is understood when part of the tenancy *per vaile* is aliened, and not when part of the mesnalty.

Lib. 6. f. 1. Bru-  
erton's case. Li.  
2. fo. 105, 106.

(2) *Pro particula illa.*] Is understood of services divisible and apportionable, and not of entire services, be they annual or not annual.