

[STATUTES OF ENGLAND, 1695]

[7° &amp; 8° William III.][1]

**CAP. XXXVII.****AN ACT for the Encouragem<sup>t</sup> of Charitable Gift<sup>s</sup> and Dispositions.***Rot. Parl. 7  
& 8 Gul. III.  
p. 9. n. 6.*

**W**HEREAS it would be a great hinderance to Learning and other good and charitable Work<sup>s</sup> if p<sup>er</sup>sons well inclined may not be permitted to found Colleges or Schools for Encouragement of Learning or to augment the Revenues of Colleges or Schools already founded by granting Land<sup>s</sup> Tenement<sup>s</sup> Rent<sup>s</sup> or other Hereditament<sup>s</sup> to such Colleges or Schools or to grant Land<sup>s</sup> or other Hereditament<sup>s</sup> to other Bodies Politick or Incorporated now in being or hereafter to be incorporated for other good and publick Uses

**The King  
may grant  
Licences to  
alien, and  
hold in  
Mortmain.**

Be it therefore enacted by the King<sup>s</sup> most Excellent Majesty by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lord<sup>s</sup> Spiritual and Temporal & Com<sup>mons</sup> in this present Parliament assembled and by the Authority of the same That it shall and may be lawfull to and for the King our most gracious Sovereigne Lord and for His Heires and Successors when and as often and in such cases as His Majesty His Heires or Successors shall think fitt to grant to any Person or Persons Bodies Politick or Corporate their Heires and Successors Licence to aliene in Mortmaine and also to purchase acquire take and hold in Mortmaine in Perpetuity or otherwise any Land<sup>s</sup> Tenement<sup>s</sup> Rent<sup>s</sup> or Hereditament<sup>s</sup> whatsoever of whomsoever the same shall be holden.

**II. Lands  
so aliened  
or acquir-  
ed not for-  
feited.**

AND it is hereby declared That Land<sup>s</sup> Tenement<sup>s</sup> Rent<sup>s</sup> or Hereditament<sup>s</sup> so aliened or acquired and licensed shall not be subject to any Forfeiture for or by reason of such Alienation or Acquisition.

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[1] *Statutes of the Realm* (1810–25) vol 7 p 155; *Statutes at Large*, Pickering (1763) vol 9 pp 503–504; Ruffhead (1763) vol 3 p 636; Raithby (1811) vol 5 [unavailable]. This Act was passed (received royal assent) on 27 April 1696 but under the legal doctrine of the time it would have been deemed to have come into force retroactively on 22 November 1695, the date of commencement of the session. *Note*: Abbreviations have been expanded in italics. This act was repealed by the *Mortmain and Charitable Uses Act, 1888*, UK 51–52 Vict c 42 s 13(1) Sch; and in Ontario by *The Mortmain and Charitable Uses Act, 1902*, SO 1902 c 2 s 14 Sch.