

[STATUTES OF ENGLAND, 1547]

Anno 1^o EDWARDI, VI. A.D. 1547.

CHAPTER XIV.

AN ACTE wherby certaine Chauntries Colleges Free Chapell^f and the Possessions of the same be given to the King^f Majestie.

[1]
Superstition
of Masses for
the Dead, sup-
ported by
Chauntries,
&c.

THE King^f moste lovinge Subject^f the Lordes spirituall and temporall and the Commons in this present parliament assembled, consydering that a great part of Superstition and Errors in Christian Religion hath byn brought into the myndes and estimacion of men, by reasone of the Ignorance of their verie trewe and perfecte salvacion throughe the deathe of Jesus Christ, and by devising and phantasinge vayne opynions of Purgatorie and Masses satisfactorye to be done for them which be departed, the which doctryne and vayn opynion by nothing more is mayntayned and upholden then by the abuse of Trentall^f Chauntries and other provisions made for the contynuaunce of the saide blyndness and ignorance;

The Revenues
thereof better
applied to
Schools, Col-
leges, &c.

And further considering and understanding that the alteracion chaunge and amendement of the same, and converting to good and godlie uses, as in erecting of Gramer Scoles to the educacion of Youthe in vertewe and godlinesse, the further augmenting of the Universities and better provision for the poore and nedye, can not in this present parliament be provyded and convenyentlie doon, nor can not ne ought to anny other manner parsonne be committed then to the King^f Highnes, whose Majestie with and by thadvise of his Highnes moste prudent Counsaile can and will moste wiseleye and beneficiallie bothe for the honnor of God and the weale of this his Majestes Realme order alter convertre and dispose the same;

And calling further to their remembraunce that in the parliament holden at Westmester the xxxvijth yere of the Reigne of our late Sovereigne Lorde King Henry theight, father to our moste drad and naturall Sovereigne Lorde the King that now is, It was ordeyned enacted and established, [2] amongst other thing^f, that

Recital of
Stat. 37
H. VIII. c. 4,
for Dissolu-
tion of Colleg-
es, Chaun-
tries, &c.

all and singuler Colleges free Chappell^f Chauntres Hospitall^f Fraternities Brotherhedd^f Guyldes and other promociions, mentioned in the saide former Acte [2],

had or made to have contynuaunce in perpetu-
itie for ever, and

then being or that had or ought to be contribu-
torye or chargeable to the payment of the First
Fruict^f and Tenthes according to the Lawes
and Statut^f in that bihalfe had and made,

by what name surname degree or corporacion
theye or anny of them were founded ordeyned
established erected named called or knowen,
and

all and singuler the Mansyon howses Mannors
Orchard^f gardens landes tenement^f pastures
woodes waters rent^f revercions services com-
mons tythes pencions porcions Churches
Chappell^f advousons nominacions patronages
annuities Right^f Interest^f entrees condicions
Leetes Court^f libertyes privileges Fraun-
chesies and other heredytament^f what so ever,
then

appertayninge or belonging or that did apper-
tayne or belonge or were assigned or appointed
to anny suche College Free Chappell Chaun-
trye Hospitall Fraternitye brotherhed guyld

[1] *Statutes of the Realm* (1810–25), vol 4, part 1, pp 24–33. Abbreviations have been expanded in italics; f = “es”. Also printed in *Statutes at Large*, Pickering (1763), vol 5 pp 267–286 (long title *The act for chantries collegiate*); Ruffhead (1763), vol 2 pp 397–405 (long title *The Act for Chantries Collegiate*); Raithby (1811), vol 3 pp 499–517 (same long title as the SR above). This Act was passed (received royal assent) on 24 December 1547 but came into force on 4 November 1547, the date of commencement of the session. Given an official short title *The Dissolution of Colleges Act, 1547* by the *Statute Law Revision Act, 1948*; but also known as the Abolition of Chantries Act or simply the Chantries Act of 1547 (a more informative title would be “Expropriation of superstitious uses act”). Finally repealed by the *Charities Act, 1960*.

[2] [*The Dissolution of Colleges Act, 1545*, also called the Abolition of Chantries Act or simply the Chantries Act of 1545—an earlier version of the present act]

Stipendiarye Preist or other the saide promo-
cions, or to anny of them, or

accepted knowen or taken as *parte parcell* or
member of them or anny of them, and to the
saide Colleges Chauntries Freechappell^f Ho-
spitall^f Fraternities brotherhed guylde Sti-
pendiarye preist^f or other promoci^ons or to
anny of them unyted or annexed,

which bitwene

the iiijth daye of Februarye in the xxvijth yere of
the saide late late King^f Reigne and

the xxvth daye of Decembre in the xxxvijth of his
Graces Reigne,

by reasone of anny entree expulssyon bargayne
Sale Feoffament Fyne recoverye Lease or other
conveyance therof made were dissolved deter-
myned or relinquished by anny of the Waies
meanes or conveyances mentyoned in the saide
Acte [2] or otherwise, other than suche of them

as then were in the possession of the saide late
King, or

that were graunted or assured by his Lycence
agrement consent or *lettres patent^f* to anny *per-
son* or *persons*, or then had ben lawfullie ob-
teyned or recovered by anny parson by anny
former right or Tytle without fraude or covyne,
or by the King^f Lycence,

shoulde from thensfurthe by auctoritie of the
same former Acte [2] be adjudged and demed and
allso be in the verie actuall and reale possession
and Seasine of the saide late King and of his heires
and Successors for ever,

in as large and ample manner as the saide preist^f
Wardens masters ministers gouvernors [or] [3]
Rulers or other Incumbent^f or anny of them, or
the Patrons donors or founders of [them or] [4]
anny of them, at anny time sithens the saide
fourthe daye of Februarye in the xxvijth Yere
aforesaide, had occupied or enjoyed or then had
occupied or enjoyed the same, and

as thoughe all and singuler the saide Colleg^f
Chauntries Hospitall^f Free Chappell^f Frater-
nities Brotherhedd^f Guyldes and other the
saide promoci^ons and the saide Mannors

Landes Tenement^f heredytament^f and other the
premisses what so ever theie be and everye of
them, had ben in the saide former Acte [2] specy-
allye *particulerlye* and certaynlie rehersed
named and expressed by expresse wordes
names surnames corporations tytles and facul-
ties and in their naturall Kyndes and qualities;

The saide entrees expulsions bargaynes Sales
Fynes feoffament^f Recoveries or other as-
suraunce and conveyance what so ever they
were had or made, (excepte before in the former
Acte [2] excepted) to the contrarie notwithstand-
ing:

And where allso it was enacted and graunted to
the saide late King by the saide former Acte [2],
that the same late King during his naturall Life,
might make and directe his Commission and Com-
missions, under his greate Seale,

to enter

into all and singuler suche and as manny
Chauntries Freechappell^f Hospitall^f Colleg-
es, and other the promoci^ons mentioned in the
saide former Acte [2], and

into all and singuler suche Mannors Mansions
howses meases Landes Tenement^f pastures
Wood^f Waters Rent^f revercions Services
possessions and other heredytament^f what so
ever, or into anny *parte* or *parcell* therof, in the
name season and possession of all the here-
dytament^f

annexed unyted belonging or appertayninge
to anny Chauntrie Hospitall Free Chappell
College Fraternitey brotherhed Guyldes or
other the saide promoci^ons, or

wherof anny Preist^f Provost^f Governors
Rulers or other Incumbent^f of them or any of
them, by what name surname degree tytle
or corporacion theye and everye of them or
anny of them were founded erected ord-
eyned established named called or knowen,
then had or enjoyed or that [hereafter] [5]
shoulde have or enjoye to the saide Chaun-
tries Hospitall^f Freechappell^f Colleges
Fraternities brotherhedd^f guyldes or other
the saide promoci^ons, that then were charge-

The late King
empowered to
commission
Persons, dur-
ing his Life, to
enter into the
Possessions of
all Chaun-
tries, &c.

[3] "or" omitted in the original

[4] in the original

[5] "therafter" in the original

able to the payment of the First Fruict^f and Tenthes, and

all Colleges that were chargeable or not chargeable to the saide payment of the First Fruict^f and Tenthes as is aforesaide, or to anny of them,

as shoulde be named expressed and appointed in the saide com^mission or com^missions, and

to seise and take the same Chauntries Hospital^f Colleges Freechappell^f Fraternities brotherhedd^f Guyldes, and other the saide promoci^ons Mannors Landes Tenement^f and other the Premises mentyoned in the saide Com^mission or Com^missions and in everye of them, and every parte parcell and membre of the same into the King^f possession and hands; To have and to holde the same to the saide late King and to his heyres and Successors for ever;

as by the saide former Acte [2] amongst other thing^f more at large apperethe:

[1.] All Colleges, free Chapels, and Chauntries existing within Five Years preceding this Parliament

It is now ordeyned and enacted by the King our Sovereigne Lorde with thassent of the Lords [6] and Commons in this present parliament assembled and by thauctoritie of the same, that

all manner of Colleges Free Chappell^f and Chauntries, having being or in esse within five Yeres next before the firste daye of this present parliament, which

and not in the actual Possession of the late or present King,

were not in actuall and reall possession of the saide late King,

nor in the actuall and reall possession of the King our Sovereigne Lorde that now is,

nor excepted in the saide former Acte [2] in forme abovesaide,

(except such as shall be altered by the King's Commission)

other than suche as by the King^f Com^missions in forme hereafter mentyoned shalbe altered transposed or chaunged, And

all Mannors Landes Tenement^f Rent^f Tythes pencions porcions and other heredytament^f and thing^f above mentioned belonging to them or anny of them, and

also all Mannors Landes Tenement^f Rent^f and other heredytament^f and thing^f above mentioned, by anny manner of assuraunce conveyance will devise or otherwise had made suf-

fired knowledged or declared, given assigned lymited or appoynted to

the fynding of anny Prieist to have contynuaunce for ever, and

wherewith or whereby anny Preist was susteyned mayntayned or founde,

within five Yeres next before the first daye of this present parliament, which

were not in the actuall and reall possession of the saide late King, nor

in the actuall and reall possession of our Sovereigne Lorde the King that now is, and

also all annuall Rent^f profitt^f and emolument^f at anny tyme within fyve yeres next before the begyninge of this present parliament employed payed or bestowed towarde or for the mayntenaunce supportacion or fynding of anny Stipendary Preist intended by anny Acte or Writing to have contynuaunce for ever,

shall by thauctoritie of this present parliament, immediately after the feast of Easter next comminge, be adjudged and demed and also be in the verie actuall and reall possession and season of the King our Sovereigne Lorde and his heires and Successors for ever;

declared to be in the actual Seisin and Possession of the present King., with all their Lands and Revenues, without any Office found, &c.

without anny Office or other Inquisicion therof to be had or founde, and

in as large and ample manner and forme as the Preist^f Wardens Masters Ministers Gouvernors Rulers or other Incumbent^f of them or anny of them at anny tyme within five Yeres next before the begininge of this present parliament had occupyed or enjoyed or now hath occupyethe or enjoyethe the same; and

as thoughe all and singuler the saide Colleges Free Chappell^f Chauntries Stipend^f Salaries of Preist^f and the saide Mannors Landes Tenement^f [7] and other the premisses what so ever theye be, and everye of them, were in this present Acte specialle particularlye and certaynely rehersed named and expressed, by expresse wordes names surnames corporacions tytles and faculties, and in their natures Kyndes and Qualities.

[6] "spirituall" in the original—struck through with a Pen.

[7] "Hereditament^f" in the original

II. AND over that be it ordeyned and enacted by thauctoritie of this *present* *parlament*, that

Lands, &c.
given to
Priests, for
Years,

where any mannors landes tenement^f tythes pencions porcions rent^f profitt^f or other heredytament^f, by anny manner of assuraunce conveyance will devise or otherwise at anny tyme heretofore had made suffred knowledged or declared, were given assigned or appointed to or for the mayntenaunce sustentacion or fynding of one preist or divers preist^f for tearme of certaine yeres yet contynuinge and

that anny preist hath byn mayntayned susteyned or founde with the same or with the Revenues or Proffitt^f thereof within Five Yeres last past,

shall be vested in the King for the Remainder of such Term of Years.

that the King from the saide feast of Easter next comminge shall have and enjoye in everie bihalfe for and during all suche tyme to come everye suche and lyke thing^f tenement^f heredytament^f profitt^f and emolument^f as the preist or preist^f ought or should have had for or towarde his or their mayntenaunce sustenaunce or fynding, and for no lengar or further tyme nor for anny other profitt advauntage or commoditie therof to be taken.

III. PROVIDED allwaies and it is ordeyned and enacted by thauctoritie of this *present* *parlament*, That when and as sone as the tyme assigned for the mayntenaunce sustentacion or fynding of the preist or preist^f shalbe expyred and runne, That then

Reversioners

it shalbe lawfull to everye parson and parsons, to whome anny mannors landes tenement^f tythes porcions pencions rent^f and other heredytament^f or anny of them shoulde have belonged or appertayned yf the saide former Acte [2] and this Acte had never byn had or made, to enter into take perceive have and enjoye the same,

may enter,

without suing Livery, &c.

without anny manner of Liverye *ouster le mayne* peticion or other suite to be made to the King;

in lyke manner forme and condic^on to all intent^f constructions and purposes as though the saide former Acte [2] and this Acte had never been had or made and

as though the King had never had anny seaseone or possession therof;

Any thing in the saide former Acte [2] or in this Acte to the contrarie in anny wise notwithstanding.

AND be it ordeyned and enacted by thauctoritie of this *present* *parlament*, that the King our Sovereigne Lorde his heyres and successors, from the saide feast of Easter next cominge, shall have holde perceive and enjoye for ever, all landes tenement^f rent^f and other heredytament^f which, by anny manner of assuraunce conveyance will devise or otherwise at anny tyme heretofore had made suffred knowledged or declared, were given assigned or appoynted to go or be employed wholie to the fynding or mayntenaunce

of anny Anniversarye or Obyte or other lyke thing intent or purpose, or

of anny light or lampe in anny Church or Chappell

to have contynuaunce for ever, which hath byn kepte or mayntayned within five Yeres next before the saide first daie of this *present* *parlament*.

AND allso that where but *part* of the Issues or Revenues of anny Mannors Landes Tenement^f Rent^f or other heredytament^f hath, by anny of the waies or meanes abovesaide, byn given assigned or appoynted to be bestowed or employed to the fynding or mayntenaunce

of anny Anniversarye or Obyte or other lyke thing intent or purpose, or

of anny light or lampe in anny Church or Chappell

and to have contynuaunce for ever, That then our saide [8] Sovereigne Lorde the King shall, from the saide feaste of Easter next comminge for ever, have perceive, and enjoye everye suche sommes of moneye that in anny one yere within five yeres next before the first daye of this *present* *parlament* hath byn expended and bestowed abowt the fynding or mayntenaunce

of anny suche Anniversarye or Obyte or other lyke thing intent or purpose, or

of anny Light or Lampe,

to him his heires and successors for ever, as a Rent charge to be payed yerelye at the feastes of

St Michell tharchaungell and

thannunciacion of our Lady St Marye the Vyrgyne,

IV. Lands given for Maintenance of perpetual Obits, vested in the King.

V. Where Part of Profits of Lands have been given for any perpetual Obit,

the King shall have an annual Rent-Charge to the Amount;

[8] "saide" omitted in the original

by even porcions

in the Kingʃ Courte of the Augmentacions and Revenues of his Crowne, or

in anny other Courte or Courtes as the King hereafter shall appointe:

with Power of Distress

And that it shalbe lawfull to our saide Sovereigne Lorde the King his heyres and successors for non payment of anny suche somme or sommes of money to distrayne in the saide Mannors Landes and Tenementʃ of the Issues and Revenues wherof the saide Anniversarye or Obyte or other lyke thing or anny suche Light or Lampe was founde susteyned, or mayntayned;

and Entry for Default of Payment.

And that for lacke of sufficyent distresse in or uppon anny of the premisses wherof anny of the saide yerelye Rentʃ or Sommes of Monye shoulde be payed by the space of one monethe next after that anny of the saide Rentʃ shoulde be payed and be not payed within the saide moneth, That then it shalbe lawfull to and for our Sovereigne Lorde the King his heires and successors by vertewe of this present Acte

to entre into and to have and possede

as muche of the Landes Tenementʃ and Hereditamentʃ, wherof the saide Rent or Rentis that [9] shoulde be levyed or payed

as the Rent or Rentʃ that shoulde be levyed or paide owt of the same dothe or shall amounte or come to in yerelie valewe, and

the same Landes Tenementʃ and Heredytamentʃ to holde and kepe and to have to our saide Sovereigne Lord the King his heyres and assignes,

for ever, or

for suche estate as our Sovereigne Lorde the King his heires or successors had or ought to have had of or in the saide Rent or Rentes.

VI.

AND it is also ordeyned and enacted by the auctoritie of this present parliament, that our Sovereigne Lorde the King shall, from the saide feaste of Easter nexte comminge, have perceive and enjoye all and singuler suche sommes of moneye profitʃ commodities and emolumentʃ

All Sums of Money

which, by vertewe of anny manner of assuraunce conveyance composicion will devise or otherwise heretofore, have byn given assigned lymited or appointed to have contynuaunce for ever,

which in anny one Yere within five Yeres nexte before the begynninge of this present parliament have byn payed bestowed or employed

payable by

by anny manner of corporacions guyldes fraternities companies or fellowshipʃ or mysteryes or craftes or anny of them, being in Englande Wales and other the Kingʃ dominions, or

Corporations for

by the Maisters Wardens Gouvernors or other Officers or Ministers or by the Maister Warden Gouvernor or other Officer or Minister of them or anny of them,

towarde or abowte the fynding mayntenaunce, or sustentacion of anny preist or preistʃ, of anny Anniversarye or Obyte, lampe light or lightes or other lyke thing as is aforesaide,

Priests, Obits, &c.

to our saide Sovereigne Lorde the King his heires and successors for ever; to be payed yerelye as a Rent charge at the feastes of

vested in the King as Rent-Charges;

St Michell tharchaungell and

thannunciacion of our Ladye

by even porcions

in the Kingʃ Courte of the Augmentacions and Revenues of his Crowne or

in anny other Courte or Courtes as the King hereafter shall appointe:

And that it shalbe lawfull to our saide Sovereigne Lorde the King his heires and successors, for non payment of anny suche sommes or somme of moneye profitʃ commoditie or emolument or for non payment of anny of them, to distreyne in all the Mannors Landes and Tenementʃ of everye suche craftes corporacions guyldse fraternities companies or fellowshipʃ of misteryes or craftes or anny of them, by whome or by the Maisters Wardens Governors or other Officers or Ministers or Maister Warden Gouvernor or Minister of the which anny suche sommes or somme of moneye proffitt commoditie or emolument have or hath byn payed bestowed or employed;

with Power of Distress on all the Lands of the Corporations:

[9] "that" omitted in the original

without Office found.

And that all and everye of the saide sommes of moneye proffitt^f commodities and emolument^f shall, from the feaste of Easter next comminge, withowt anny manner of Inquisicⁱon or Office to be had or founde be judged and demed to be in the actuall and reall possession of our saide Sovereigne Lorde the King, in lyke manner and forme to all intent^f constructions and purposes, as yf the same had byn particulerlye and specialy^e mentyoned in this present Acte.

VII.
All Brotherhoods or Guilds, and their Possessions,

AND furthermore be it ordeyned and enacted by thauctoritie aforesaide, that the King our Sovereigne Lorde shall from the saide feaste of Easter next comminge have and enjoye to him his heires and successors for ever, all fraternities brotherhedd^f and guyldes being within the Realme of Englande and Wales and other the King^f Dominions, and all Manors Landes Tenement^f and other heredytament^f belonging to them or any of them, other then suche corporacions guyldes fraternities companies and felowshipp^f of misteryes or craftes and the Mannors Landes Tenement^f and other heredytament^f perteyning to the saide corporacions guyldes fraternities companies and felowshipp^f of misteries or craftes above mentyoned, and shall by vertewe of this Acte be judged and demed in actuall and real possession of our saide Sovereigne Lorde the King his heires and successors from the saide feaste of Easter next comminge for ever, withowt anny inquisicions or office therof to be had or founde.

except Companies of Trade,

vested in the King.

VIII.
Commissioners to be appointed

under the Great Seal;
with Power

AND also be it ordeyned and enacted by thauctoritie aforesaide, That our saide Sovereigne Lorde the King his heires and successors, at his and their will and pleasure, may directe his and their Commission and Commissions under the Greate Seale of Englande to suche parsons as it shall please him, and that the same Commissioners, or twoo of them at the least, shall have full power and auctoritie by vertewe of this Acte and of the saide Commission,

to survey

aswell to survey

all Lay Corporations, and

all and singuler Laye corporacions guyldes fraternities companies and felowshipp^f of Misteries or Craftes incorporate and everye of them,

as all other the saide fraternities brotherhedd^f and guyldes within the Lymitt^f of their Commission to them directed, and

all the evydences composicⁱons book^f of accomptes and other writing^f of everye of them,

to the Intent therby to knowe what moneye and other thing^f was payed or bestowed to the fynding or maynten^aunce of anny Preist or Preist^f Anniversarye or obyte or other lyke thing, Light or Lampe, by them or anny of them;

to enquire of the Revenues applicable to Priests, Obits, &c.;

as allso to enquire searche and trye, by all suche wayes and meanes as to them shalbe thought mete and convenyent, what Mannors Landes Tenement^f Rent^f and other heredytament^f proffitt^f commodities emolument^f and other thing^f be geven lymited or appoynted to our saide Sovereigne Lorde the King by this Acte, within the lymitt^f of their Commissyon:

and of Lands, &c. vested in the King by this Act;

And allso that the same Commissyoners or twoo of them at the least, by vertewe of this Acte and of the Commissyon to them directed, shall have full power and auctoritie

and to assign Lands applicable to Grammar Schools;

to assigne and shall appoynte, in everye suche place where guylde fraternitye the Preist or Incumbent of anny Chauntry in Esse the first daie of this present parlament by the foundation or dynaunce [the] [10] first Institucion therof shoulde or ought to have kepte a gramer scoole or a preacher, and so hath doon sithen the feaste of St Michell Tharchaungell last past, Landes Tenement^f and other heredytament^f of everye suche Chauntrye guyld and fraternitye to remayne and contynue in Succession to a Scoole Maister or preacher for ever, for and towarde the kepinge of a Gramer Scoole or preaching, and for suche godlye intent^f and purposes and in suche manner and forme as the same Commyssyoners or twoo of them at the least shall assigne or appoynte: And

allso to make and ordeyne a vycar to have perpetuitye for ever in everye parishe Churche, the first daye of this present parlament being a Colledge free Chappell or Chauntrye or appropriated and annexed or united to anny Colledge free Chappell or Chauntrye that shall come to the King^f handes by vertewe of this Acte, and to

and to appoint and endow Vicars;

[10] "or" in the original

endowe everye suche Vycar sufficyentlie, having respecte to his cure and charge; the same endowment to be to everye suche Vycar and to his successor^s for ever without anny other lycence or graunte of the King the Bishopp or other Officers of the Diocesse:

and to assign Lands for Maintenance of additional Priests in any Parish;

And also the saide Com^missioners or twoo of them at the least shall have auctoritie, by force of this Acte,

to assigne in everye greate Towne or *parishe* where theye shall thincke necessarye to have more Preist^f then one for the ministering of the Sacrament^f within the same Towne or *parishe*, Landes and Tenement^f belonging to anny Chaunterye Chappell or Stipendarye Preist being within the same Town or *parishe* the first daye of this *present* *parlament*, to be to suche parsonne and parsons as the saide Com^missioners or twoo of them at the least shall assigne or appointe, to contynue in successyon for ever, for and towarde the sufficyent fynding and mayntenaunce of one or more Preist^f within the same Towne or *parishe* as by the saide Com^missioners or two of them shalbe thought necessarye or convenient; and

and to make Rules for Priests and Schoolmasters;

as well to make ordynaunces and rules concerning the service user and demeanors of everye suche Preist and Scoole Maister, as is aforesaide to be appoynted, as also by what name or names he and theye shall from hensfurthe be named and called:

and to assign yearly Pensions for Life to

And also that the saide Com^missioners or twoo of them at the least shall have full power and auctoritie, by vertewe of this Acte and of the saide Com^mission to them directed, to assigne aswell

Deans,

to every Deane Maister Warden Provost and other Incumbent and Minister of anny of the saide Colleges free Chappell^f or Chauntries being within the lymitt^f of their Com^mission which hereafter shalbe dissolved or determyned by vertewe of this Acte,

Priests, or

as to everye Stipendarye Preist and other Preist whose Salarye the King shalbe entytuled unto by this Acte,

poor Persons dependent on dissolved Colleges, &c.;

as to everye fellowe and poore person having yerelie relief owt of anny of the saide Colleges Free Chappell^f or Chauntries

being within the lymitt^f of their Com^mission, suche severall yerelie annuities pensions or other recompenses during their severall Lifes as to the same Com^missioners or twoo of them shalbe thought mete and convenient:

And over that the saide Com^missioners, or twoo of them at the least, shall have full power and auctoritie, by vertewe of this Acte and of the Com^mission to them directed

and to enquire of perpetual Allowances to poor People,

to enquire and trye by suche wayes and meanes as they shall thincke mete and convenient, what moneye proffit and benefite anny poore parsonne or persons, by vertewe of anny conveyance assurance composicion will devise or otherwise heretofore had or made intended or ment to have continuaunce for ever, had or enjoyed within five yeres next before the begynninge of this *present* *parlament*, owt of anny College Free Chappell or Chauntrye and other the premises given lymited or appoynted to the King by this Acte, being within the lymitt^f of their Com^mission, and

thereuppon to make assignement^f and orders, in suche manner and forme as all and singuler suche saide moneye proffit and commoditie shalbe payed to poore people for ever, according to suche saide assurance composicion will devise or other thing had or made for the same, and

and make Assignments for Payment thereof;

to assigne and appoynte Landes Tenement^f or other heredytament^f *parcell* of the premises for the mayntenaunce and continuaunce of the same for ever; and

also to appoynte to Fraternities brotherhedd^f and gylde, Landes Tenement^f and heredytament^f *parcell* of the premisses towardes and for the mayntenaunce of Piers Jutties Wall^f or banck^f against the rages of the Sea havens and Crikes.

and also to apply Lands for Piers, Seabanks, &c.

And that all and singuler annuities pensions and other recompences shalbe halfe yerelie payde to the parsons to whom the same ought to be payde, by the King^f Receyvor for the tyme being of his Landes commonlie called the suppressed Landes, or other his Revenues lying in the Countie or Citie where suche College Free Chappell or Chauntrye or other the premisses given lymited or appointed to the King by this Acte the first daye of this

Annuities, Pensions, &c. so allowed shall be paid Half-yearly by the King's Receivers, &c.

present parliament were or remayned, without anny Fee or rewarde therfore to be payed; The first payment to begynne at the feast of St Michell Tharchaungell next comminge:

And that everye suche receivor uppon his accompte shall have full and dewe allowance of all suche annuities pensions and other recompences by him payed by vertewe of anny suche assignement to be made by the saide Commissioners or twoo of them at the leaste.

IX. Commissioners shall make all Assignments of such Pensions, &c. favourably:

AND it is ordeyned and enacted by thauctoritie of this *present* parliament, that the saide Commissioners and everye of them that shall take uppon him the execucion of anny of the saide Commissions, shalbe bownde, as he will answer before God, to execute the Commission to him and other directed beneficyallye towards the deanes maistres wardens provostf and other incumbentf and ministers aforesaide, and towards the poore people concerninge the said assignmentf, and also towards the mayntenaunce of piers jutties walles and banckf against the rages of the Sea, Havons and Creekes:

All Assignments and Rules made by Commissioners declared valid.

And that all manner of assignmentf and Ordynances, to be made by the saide Commissioners or two of them at the least and certefyed under their Seales or the Seales of twoo of them at the least into the Kingf Courte of the Augmentacions and Revenues of his Crowne, or to anny other Courte or Courtes by the Kings Majeste to be made or assigned, shall by vertewe of this Acte and of the saide Commissions be as good and effectuell in the Lawe to all intentf constructions and purposes as thoughe the same had byn assigned and ordeyned by auctoritie of this *present* parliament by expresse and apte wordes termes and sentences.

X. Pensions, &c. shall not exceed annual Amount of former Advantages.

PROVIDED also that such annuities pensions or other recompences, that the saide Commissioners or anny of them shall assigne or appointe to be payed yerelye to anny suche dean maister warden gouvernor or other incumbent fellowe or minister, shall not extende to anny more clere yerelye vallew then suche deane maister warden provost gouvernor or other incumbent fellowe or minister or his predecessor lawfullye had or enjoyed, in moneye meate drynck livereye or allowaunce

of the same yerelye, within five yeres next before the begynninge of this *present* parliament.

PROVIDED also that yf any of the saide maisters wardens provostf gouvernors or other incumbentf fellowe or ministers shall at anny tyme hereafter, during his life be promoted by the King to anny benefice or other spiritual promocion, being of a better clere yerelye vallew then his saide annuite or pencion or other recompence shalbe of, that then the annuite pencion or other recompence that anny suche deane maister warden gouvernor provost or other incumbent fellowe minister that so shalbe promoted shall have, shall immediatlye after suche promotyon had cease and utterlye determyne.

XI. Pensions, &c. shall cease, on Promotion of the Parties.

AND be it ordeyned and enacted by thauctoritie of this *present* parliament, That the saide Commissioners or twoo of them at the least, to whome anny Commission by vertewe or meane of this Acte shalbe directed and delyvered, shalbe bownden, uppon the forfeiture everye of them of a hundrethe powndes, to make [11] certificate under their Seales or the Seales of twoo of them at the least into the saide Courte of the Augmentacions and Revenues of the Kingf Crowne, or into anny other Courte as is aforesaid, within one Yere next after the Commission to them directed, of all Mannors Landes Tenementf Rentf Tyths portions pensions heredytamentf and recompensf by the same Commissioners or twoo of them assigned or appoynted to anny of the uses intentf or purposes above mentyoned.

XII. Commissioners shall, within One Year, make Certificate of all Lands, &c. assigned by them under this Act.

AND also be it ordeyned and enacted by thauctoritye of this *present* parliament that our Sovereigne Lorde the King shall have and enjoye all suche goodf cattellf jewellf plate ornamentf and other moveables, as were or be the common goodf of everye suche Colledge Chauntrye Freechappell or Stipendarye Priest belonging or annexed to the furniture or service of their severall foundacions, or abused of anny of the saide incorporacions in the abuses aforesaide, the propertye wherof was not altered nor chaunged before the viij daye of Decembre in the yere of our Lorde God 1547.

XIII. Goods, Plate, &c. of suppressed Colleges, given to the King.

[11] "a" in the original

XIV.
Debts of such
Colleges, &c.
shall be paid
by the King.

AND allso it is ordeyned and enacted by thauctorityte of this *present* *parlament*, that all suche debtes and *sommes* of moneye as ought or shoulde without fraude or covyne hereafter be payed of the moneye or good^f of anny of the saide Colleges, dewe or payable by reasone of anny contracte specialtye or promes had or made before the same vijijth daye, shall trulie and fullye be payed by the Treasurer of the King^f Courte of Thaugmentacions and Revenues of his Crowne, or by the Treasurer or Receivor of anny other Courte to which anny of the premisses shalbe appoynted, of the King^f Treasure being in his or theire handes with as convenyent spede as the same maye be payed.

XV.
Act shall not
extend

PROVIDED allwayes and be it ordeyned and enacted by thauctoritie aforesaide, That this Acte or anny artycle clawse or matter conteyned in the same, shall not in anny wise extende

to Colleges in
Cambridgeor
Oxford;

to anny College Hostell or Hall being within either of the Universities of Cambrydge and Oxforde;

nor to St. George's Chapel,
Windsor

nor to anny Chaunterye founded in anny of the Colleges Hostell^f or Hall^f being in the same Universities;

nor to Winchester and

nor to the Free Chappell of St George the Martyr scituate in the Castell of Wyndesor;

Eton;

nor to the Colledge called St Marye Colledge of Winchester besydes Winchester of the foundation of Bishopp Wikeham;

nor to Chapel in the Sea, in Ely;

nor to the College of Eton;

nor to Parochial Chapels of Ease;

nor to the *parishe* Church *commonlye* called the Chappell in the Sea in Newton within the Isle of Elye in the Countye of Cambrydge;

nor to any Cathedrals, or their Lands, &c.

nor to anny Mannors Landes Tenement^f or heredytament^f to them or anny of them *pertayninge* or belonging;

nor to any Chappell made or ordeyned for the ease of the people dwelling distaunt from the *parishe* church or suche lyke Chappell, wherunto no more Landes or Tenement^f then the Church Yarde or a lytle Howse or close dothe belonge or *pertain*;

nor to anny Cathedrall Church or Colledge where a Bishopp^f Sea is within this Realme of Englande or Wales, nor to the Mannours

Landes Tenement^f or other heredytament^f of anny of them, other then

to suche Chauntries Obytes lightes and lampes or anny of them, as at anny tyme within five yeres next before the begynninge of this *present* *parlament* have ben had used or mayntayned within the saide Cathedrall Churches or within anny of them, or

of the Issues Revenues or Proffitt^f of anny of the saide Cathedrall Churches; to which Chaunteryes Obytes Lightes and Lampes, it is enacted by the auctorityte aforesaide that this Acte shall extende.

except
Chantries
there, existing
within Five
Years.

AND it is ordeyned and enacted by thauctoritie aforesaide, that *our* Sovereigne Lorde the King at anny tyme during his Life (which God longe preserve) maye at his Will and Pleasure alter and chaunge the name or names of all and singular Chaunterys, and the foundacions of the same, being in any of the Colleges hostell^f or hall^f of anny of the saide Universities according as to his godlie wisdoms shalbe thought mete and convenyent.

SAVING to all and everye parsons and parsons bodies politique and Corporate their heir^f and Successors and the heyres and successors of everye of them,

other then the maisters wardens ministers gouvernors Rulers Preist^f Incumbent^f fellows and brethren of the saide Colleges Chaunteryes Free Chappell^f and other the premisses given lymited or appoynted to the King by this Acte and the Successors of them and everye of them, and

other then suche as be or pretende to be founders patrons or donors of the premisses or anny of them, or of anny *parte* or *parcell* therof and the heires successor^s and assignes of everye or anny of them, and

other then suche as be or were Feoffees [recoveries] [12] conisies [grauntes] [13] or devisees of anny of the premisses

to or for any of the uses purposes or Intent^f above mentyoned, or

XVI. The
King may
alter Chant-
ries in the
Universities.
And see
§ XXXIII.

XVII. Gener-
al Saving of
Rights of
Strangers.

[12] "recoverers" in the original

[13] "graunteez" in the original

to thuse of anny of the saide Colleges Free Chappell^f Chaunteryes or other the premisses given lymited or appointed by this Acte to the King, or

to the Intent to employe the Rent^f or Proffitt^f therof to thuse of [14] Maisters rulers incumben^t^f or ministers of them or anny of them, and

other then suche parsone and parsons and bodies politike and corporate their heires Successors and assignes as clayme or pretende to have [15] Estate right tyle interest use possession or condicⁱon of in or to the premisses or anny parte or parcell therof, by reasone of anny Feoffament fyne bargayne and sale or by anny other wayes meanes or conveyance to them made of anny estate of Inherytaunce,

withowt the saide late King^f lycence assent consent or agrement and

withowt the lycence assent or agrement of the King^f Majeste that now is,

by anny of the saide deanes maisters wardens ministers gouvernor^s rulers preist^f or incumben^t^f or by the Founders donor^s or patrons of them or of anny of them,

All suche right tyle clayme possession interest rent^f annuities commodities commons offices fees leasses liveries living^f pentyons porcions debtes dewties and other proffitt^f, which theye or anny of them lawfullie have or of right ought to have or might have had in of or to anny of the premisses, or in of or to any parte or parcell therof; in suche lyke manner forme and condicⁱon to all Intent^f respect^f constructions and purposes as yf this Acte had never been had nor made, and as thoughe the saide Chauntries Colleg^f and other the saide promocions had still contynued and remayned in their full being:

And saving to all and everye patrone donor founder or [governor] [16] of anny suche College Chaunterye, Free Chapell Stipendarye Preist^f and other the Premisses given lymited or appointed to the King by this Acte, and the donnor feoffer and giver of the aforesaide Landes Tenement^f or

heredytament^f to them or anny of them, or to anny uses or purposes before mentioned,

all suche rent^f services rent^f secke rent^f charge fees annuities proffitt^f and offices, and allso all Leasses for tearme of Life Lifes and Yeres whereuppon the accustomed Rent or more is reserved,

as theye or anny of them lawfullie had perceived and enjoyed in owt or of anny of the saide promocions, or owt of anny of the saide Landes Tenement^f or heredytament^f before the first daye of this present parlament.

AND over that it is ordeyned and enacted by thauctoritie of this present parlament, that all and everye person and parsons being in Life which have or hath, for anny somme of moneye to him or them payed, bargayned or solde any Mannors landes Tenement^f or other heredytament^f aforesaide, whereunto the King our Sovereigne Lorde is intytuled by vertewe of this Acte, shall repaye to suche parsone as so bought anny of the saide Mannors Landes Tenement^f or other heredytament^f or to his executor^s or assignes uppon a request therfor made, or within three monethes then next ensuinge the same request, as muche moneye as he or theye received for the Sale of [anny] [17] thing so by him or them solde:

And for non payment therof suche parsone and parsons as purchaced or bought the saide Landes Tenement^f and other the premisses or anny parcell therof, and their executor^s and administrators, shalbe enhabled by the auctoritie of this present parlament to sue and mayntayne an action of debte at the Common Lawes of this Realme, against suche parsone and parsons as so bargayned or solde to him or them or to their testatour anny of the premisses belonging to anny College Chaunterie Free Chappell or other promocion spirituall,

in which actyon of debte none essoyne protection or Wager of Lawe shall be admitted or allowed.

AND be it further enacted by thauctoritie aforesaide, that all and everye of the saide Chaunteryes Colleges and Free Chappell^f and other the premisses given lymited or appoynted to the King by

XVIII.
Persons having sold Lands, vested in the King by this Act, shall repay the Money, to the Buyers;

which shall be recoverable by Action of Debt.

XIX.
Lands, &c. vested in the King by this Act,

Saving of Rents, Duties, &c. reserved by Patrons or Founders, &c. of Colleges, &c. suppressed.

[14] "the" in the original

[15] "any" in the original

[16] "gyvor" in the original

[17] "the" in the original

this Acte, and all the Mansyon howses Mannors Landes Tenement^f possessions and heredytament^f and other the premisses what so ever theye be given lymited and appoynted to the King by this Acte, and every *parte* and *parcell* of them which by auctoritie and vertewe of this Acte bene vested adjudged and demed or shalbe in the King^f Majestes possession and handes, or which the King shalbe entytled unto by vertewe of this Acte,

shall be under the Survey of Court of the Augmentations, &c.

shalbe in the order surveye and gouvernaunce of our Sovereigne Lorde the King^f Courte of the Augmentacions and Revenues of his Crowne or in suche other Courte as the King at anny tyme hereafter shall assigne name or appoint; and

so shall and maye be graunted letten and setto ferme, by the Chauncelor officers and ministers of the same Courte or of anny other Courte so to be appointed, in suche manner and forme as other Mannors landes tenement^f, appointed to the same Courte of Augmentacions and Revenues of his Graces Crowne or other Courte so to be appointed, bene to be graunted or letten.

And that all Fermes issues revenues and profit^f cominge and growing of the same premisses and of everye *parte* thereof, shalbe taken and receyved to the King^f use by the officers and ministers of the same Courte or Courtes, in suche manner and forme as is used and had of other Mannors landes and tenement^f and of the Issues revenues and profit^f of the same, committed to thorder rule surveye and gouvernaunce of the saide Courte of Thaugmentacions and Revenues of the King^f Crowne or anny other Courte so to be appointed; anny Acte statute ordynaunce custome or use heretofore had made or used to the contrarye notwithstanding.

XX. Leases by Officers of suppressed Chantries, &c.

AND it is further enacted by thauctoritie aforesaide, that yf anny of the saide Maisters wardens ministres rulers gouvernors preist^f incumbent^f or owners of any suche College Chaunterye Free Chappell, or of anny the premisses given lymited or appointed to the King by this Acte, or of anny of them, sithens the xxiiijth daye of Novembre in the xxxviijth yere of the Reigne of the saide late King,

have made anny lease, under his or their Common Seale or otherwise for tearme of Yeres Life or Lifes,

of their saide Colleges Chauntries Free Chappell^f or of other the same premisses, or

of anny *parte* therof, or of anny Mannors landes tenement^f possessions or heredytament^f what so ever theye be to them or anny of them united or annexed belonging or appertayninge,

uppon the which Leasses the usuall and olde Rent^f and Fermes accustomed to be yelden and reserved or more by the Space of twentie yeres next before the saide xxiiijth daye of Novembre not reserved and yelden,

not reserving the old Rent,

shalbe utterlye voyde and of none effecte:

declared void.

And that all other Leasses and Graunt^f heretofore made, of anny the *premisses* given lymited or appointed to the King by this Acte, shalbe as good and avaylable and effectuell in the Lawe to all Intent^f constructions and purposes as yf this Acte had never bene had or made; Anny thing in this Acte or anny other Acte heretofore had or made to the contrarye therof in anny wise notwithstanding.

All other Leases declared valid.

PROVIDED allwaies and be it further ordeyned and enacted by thauctoritie aforesaide, that this Acte, or anny thing therin conteyned,

XXI.

shall not extende to anny Mannors landes tenement^f possessions or heredytament^f,

Act shall not extend to private Lands or Possessions

which the saide Maisters Wardens Ministers Chauntrie Preist^f Incumbent^f, or other the saide Gouvernours Officers Ministers or Rulers of the Premisses or of anny of them, hath or is or hereafter shall have or be possessed or seased of in fee symple fee tayle generall or specyall for tearme of life tearme of yeres or otherwise to his or their owne propre uses, by inherytaunce or purchase, and

of Officers of Chantries, &c.

not being at anny tyme unyted or annexed to his or their saide Colleges Free Chappell^f Chauntries or other the premisses given lymited or appointed to the King by this Acte;

suppressed;

nor shall extende to anny Mannours landes tenement^f possessions rent^f annuities or yerely pension or pentyons or to anny yerelye some or somes of moneye,

nor to Lands or Pensions

being not united or *parcell* of anny of the saide Colleges and other the Premises aforesaide or of anny of them,

granted to them by the King

heretofore

given or graunted by the saide late King, or given or graunted or hereafter to be given or graunted by the King our Sovereigne Lorde to anny of the saide Deanes Maisters Wardens Ministers Chauntrye Preistf Incumbentf Gouvernor^s or Rulers of the p^remisses or of anny of them, for tearme of Life onelye,

for Life.

under his greate Seale of Englande or under the Seale of the Courte of the Augmentacions and Revenues of the Kingf Crowne or anny other of the Kingf Seales of anny of his Courtes;

Anny thing conteyned in this Acte to the contrarye in anny wise notwithstanding.

XXII.

PROVIDED allwaye and be it enacted by thauctoritie aforesaid, that

Patrons and others

aswell all and everye patrone donor founder and giver of anny of the saide promotions or premisses, or giver donor, or [feoffer] [18] of anny their Lands tenementf possessions or other heredytamentf,

as all and everye persone and persons bodies politike and corporate,

which before the making of this Acte lawfullie withowt fraude or covyn had or enjoyed anny manner of Rent or other yerelye proffittf, to be taken p^erceived or had

of anny Chaunteries Colleges Freechappellf or other the premisses given lymited or appoynted to the King by this Acte, or

owt of anny Mannors landes tenementf or other possessions of them or anny of them,

shall enjoy their yearly reserved Rents, &c.

shall have and enjoye the same in lyke manner and forme as theye shoulde and ought to have doon, yf the saide Colleges Chauntries Freechappellf and other the premisses given lymited or appointed to the King by this Acte had still remayned and continued in esse and full being; Anny thing in this Acte mentioned to the contrarye in anny wise notwithstanding.

PROVIDED allso and be it enacted by thauctoritie aforesaide, that yf anny suche Gouvernor Ruler Warden Maister Incumbent Minister or other, having anny of the saide spirituall promotions or [Incumbentf] [19] have or shall compownde for the first fructf of anny suche spirituall promotions according to the Lawes and Statutes of this Realme, and the dayes of payment of anny parte therof not expired before the first daye of this parliament, that all sommes of monye so to be dewe and payable sithens the saide first daye of this parliament shall cease and not be payed asked or demaunded: Anny bonde recognisaunce suretye or other thing had or made to the contrarye notwithstanding.

XXIII.

Arrears of First Fruits shall not be payable on suppressed Promotions.

PROVIDED allwayes and be it enacted by thauctoritie aforesaide, that all suche Rentf services issues proffittf and other sommes of monye payable owt of or for anny of the premisses or anny of them in the Kingf Courte of his Exchequer, shall contynue and be contynuallye and yerelie levyed charged or payed in the same Courte in suche manner and forme as heretofore hath byn used; Anny Lawe custome unitye of possession in the Kingf Highnes or other thing to the contrarye notwithstanding, And as thoughe the saide promotions mannor^s landes tenementf and other the premisses had not come to the Kingf handes or possession.

XXIV.

Exchequer Rents shall continue payable, notwithstanding Unity of Possession in the Crown.

AND be it further enacted by thauctoritie aforesaide, that all and everye lettres patentf made by the saide late King Henry theight, or by the Kingf Majeste that now is, or hereafter to be made by his Highnes to anny parson^e or parsons or to anny Archebishopp or Bishopp of anny the saide Colleges Chaunteries Free chappellf or other the premises or anny parte or parcell of them, or of anny Landes tenementf or heredytamentf belonging or appertayning or that did belonge or appertayne to them or to anny of them, And all Fynes giftes grauntf feoffamentf recouveryes and all other assuraunces and conveyances therof had or made by the assent consent or lycence under the greate Seale of Englande of the saide late King Henry theight or of the Kingf Majeste that now is, to anny parson^e or parsons bodies

XXV.

Gifts of Colleges, &c. or their Lands, &c. made to any Persons by King Henry VIII. or King Edw. VI. or by their Licence,

[18] "feoffer" in the original

[19] "Incumbencies" in the original

politique [and] [20] corporate by anny Chaunterye Preist Maister Warden Minister Ruler Gouvernor or other having anny of the saide promociõs of anny of the saide Colleges Chaunteries Freechappellʒ or other the premisses or of anny of them, or of anny parte parcell or membre of the same,

confirmed
and

shall stande and be in their forces and effectʒ and shalbe good and effectuall in the Lawe, for such Estates and Interestʒ given graunted lymited or appointed in anny of the gyftes grauntʒ assuraunces or conveyauces therof had or made, according to their purportʒ forme and matter, and

declared
valid.

according to the true Intent and meaninge of the same assuraunces; and

shalbe by thauctoritie of this Acte good perfect and avaylable,

aswell against the King his heires and successors

as against the saide Chauntrie Preistʒ Wardens Maisters Rulers Gouvenors and other having anny of the saide promociõs and their Successors and the Successors of everye of them,

as allso against the founders donors and patrons of the same, and the Ordinarye of them and everye of them, and the heirs and successors of everie of them:

Anny Lawe statute ordenaunce or other thing to the contrarie therof notwithstanding.

XXVI.

AND where

divers and sondrie Bisshoppʒ deanes archedeacons treasurers prebendaryes chauntrie preistʒ maisters provostʒ rulers gouvernors of anny Deaneries archedeanerries treasourorshippʒ prebendes free chappellʒ Chaunteries or Colleges within this Realme of Englande and other the Kingʒ Majestes dominions, or

anny of the Patrons founders donors of anny of the Bishopprichs treasourorshippʒ deaneryes chaunteryes freechappellʒ or other the saide spirituall promotions,

of their voluntarye willʒ or myndes, for divers good and reasonable cawses and consideracions, by dede or dedes enrolled or by other writingʒ or conveyhaunces [21] heretofore given and graunted to the late King of famous memorye Henry theight late King of England and to his heires, or to our Sovereigne Lorde the King that now is and to his heirs,

Gifts and
Grants by
Deans, &c.

divers of their Deaneries archedeanerries treasourorshippʒ prebendes chappellʒ chaunteries and colleges or anny other ecclesiasticall or spirituall promotions last before remembred, And

of their
Spiritual Pro-
motions,

all or some parte of the Mannors landes tene-mentʒ tythes pentiones annuities rentʒ revercions and other revenues heredytamentʒ possessions emolumentʒ and proffittʒ, to the same Bishoppriches deaneries archedeaconries treasourorshippʒ prebendʒ chappellʒ chauntries colleges and other like promotions benefices offices and dignities or to anny of them

and the
Possessions
thereof, made
to King
Henry VIII.
and King
Edw. VI;

belonging appertayninge united or annexed, or

which the saide Bisshoppʒ deanes archedeacons treasourors chauntrie preistʒ maisters provostʒ rulers gouvernors and other ecclesiasticall or spirituall officers or ministers, or anny of the saide Patrons donors or founders or anny of them had or enjoyed in the right or by reasone of anny of the same Promociõs offices or dignities:

Be it enacted by thauctoritie aforesaide, that all and everye giftes and grauntʒ heretofore made to the saide late King and to his heires, or to our Sovereigne Lorde the King that now is and to his heires,

All such Gifts
and Grants

by anny Archebishopp bisshopp deane archedeacon treasurer prebendarye maister provost gouvernor or other the saide ecclesiasticall or spirituall persone or persones, or

by anny patrons donor or founder

of anny of the saide deaneryes chaunteries or other the saide spirituall or ecclesiasticall promotions, or

[20] "or" in the original

[21] "have" in the original

of all or anny of the Mannors landes tenement^s tythes rent^f revercions pentions porcions annuities or other heredytament^f revenues emolument^f profit^f or commodities, to anny of the saide Benefices offices prebend^f promotions or dignities

belonging appertayning united or annexed, or

which anny of the same Archbisshopp^f bishopp^f deanes archdeacons treasurers maisters provost^f prebendaries rulers gouvernor^s officers or ministers patrons founders or donor^s had or enjoyed or have or enjoye or ought to have or enjoye, in the right or by reasone or meanes of anny of the same promotions offices or dignities,

shalbe good and effectuell in the lawe to all Intent^f and purposes.

declared valid.

XXVII.
General
Saving of
Rights of
others on
such Gifts
and Grants.

SAVING to all and everye parson and parsones and bodies politike and corporate their heires successor^s and assignes, and to the heires successors and assignes of everye of them,

other then the Archebisshopp^f bisshopp^f deanes archdeacons treasurers prebendaries rulers gouvernor^s wardens provost^f givers and grauntors of anny of the premisses and their heires successor^s and assignes, and

other then suche ecclesiasticall or spirituall parson bodies politike or corporate as ar or pretende to be founders donor^s patrons or ordynaries of the premisses or any of them,

all suche Rightes tytles interest^f claymes entrees rent^f revercions remaynders fees offices annuities landes tenement^s heredytament^f profit^f commodities and emolument^f, as theye or anny of them have or shoulde or ought to have had of in or to the premisses next above mentioned or anny parte thereof, as yf this Acte had never ben had or made; anny thing in this Acte to the contrarye in anny wise notwithstanding.

XXVIII.
Not to extend
to Parsons,
Vicars, &c.

PROVIDED allwayes that this Acte or anny thing therein conteyned, shall not in anny wise extende to make good or effectuell anny Gyfte graunte bargayn sale or alyenation made by anny parson or vycar of their parsonages or vycarages or of

anny parte or parcell therof or of anny thing to them or anny of them belonging or appertayning.

PROVIDED also that this Acte or anny thing therein conteyned shall not in anny wise extende to hynder or prejudice George Brooke Knight Lord Cobham his heires or assignes, for or concerninge the late Colledge of Cobham in the Countie of Kent or the Mannors landes tenement^f or possessions therof; anny thing above mentioned to the contrarye in anny wise notwithstanding.

XXIX. Proviso for Lord Cobham.

PROVIDED also and be it enacted by thauctoritie aforesaid that this present Acte or anny thing therein conteyned

XXX. Proviso for Corporations.

shall in anny wise extende or be prejudicyall or hurtefull to the generall corporation of anny Citie Boroughe or Towne within this Realme or anny other the King^f Dominions;

ne shall extende to anny the Landes or heredytament^f of them or anny of them;

anny thing herin conteyned to the contrarye in any wise notwithstanding.

PROVIDED also and be it enacted by thauctoritie aforesaide, that all suche of the saide Colleges free chappell^f chaunteries and other the premisses, being appointed and given to the King^f Hignes by thauctorite of this Act as be within the Duchie of Lancaster, and all Mannors landes tenement^f and heredytament^f perteyninge or belonging to the same Colleges freechappell^f and chaunteries, shall after the saide feaste of Easter next comeinge be within the Surveye and order of the Courte of the Duchie of Lancaster, in suche manner and forme as other the premisses be assigned or appointed by auctoritie of this Acte to be in the Surveye and Order of the Courte of the Augmentacions and Revenues of the King^f Crowne, or other Courte to the King to be assigned;

XXXI. Lands of Chantries, &c. suppressed within the Duchy of Lancaster, shall be under Survey of the Duchy Court, &c.

And that all Commissions that hereafter shalbe awarded by vertewe and force of this Acte concerninge suche Colleges Freechappell^f Chaunteries and other the premisses as be within the saide Duchie of Lancaster, shalbe awarded under the greate Seale of Englande, and shalbe certified into the saide Courte of the Duchie of Lancaster, anny thing abovesaide to the contrarie in anny wise notwithstanding.

Commissions as to Colleges, &c. within the Duchy shall be certified into the Duchy Court.

XXXII.
Proviso for
College or
Chantry of
Attleborough
in Norfolk.

PROVIDED allwaies and be it enacted by thauctoritie aforesaide, that this Acte ne anny thing therin conteyned shall extende to the Colledge or Chauntry of Attilbourgh in the Countie of Norfolk, which the saide late King Henry theight gave to Robert late Earle of Sussex and to his heires;

but that Henry now Earle of Sussex soonne and heire to the saide late Earle, his heires and assignes shall and maye, by thauctoritie of this Acte, have and enjoye the saide Colledge and Chaunterye and all Mannors landes tenementf advousons tythes pencions porcions and other heredytamentf therunto belonging or appertayninge; Anny thing in this Acte to the contrarye in anny wise notwithstanding.

XXXIII.
The King may

[22] PROVIDED allwayes and by thauctoritie aforesaide be it enacted, that the Kingf Majeste at anny tyme when it shall seme to him good maye give auctoritie to certaine his Graces Commissions

alter Obits,

to alter the nature and condic'ion of all manner [23] Obytes,

aswell within the Universities of Cambrydge and Oxforde

as in anny other place within this his Graces Realme of Englande and Wales,

being not suppressed ne adnichilate by vertewe of this present Acte, and

and apply
them to poor
Students, &c.
[See § XVI.]

the same Obytes so altered to dispose to a better use, as to the relief of somme poore men being Studentf or otherwise.

XXXIV.

[22] PROVIDED also and be it enacted by thauctoritie aforesaide, That it shall not be lefull to anny persone or persons bodies polityke or corporate, by reasone of anny remaynder use or condic'ion, to enter into clayme or chalenge anny Landes tenementf or heredytamentf, for the non doing not naminge or none fyndinge of anny suche preist or preistf or poore folkes as is aforesaide, obyte anniversary light or lampe from hensfurthe to be founden or done; Anny thing herin conteyned to the contrarye [24] notwithstanding.

[22] PROVIDED allwaies that this Acte nor anny thing therin conteyned,

shall in anny wise extende to anny Landes tenementf possessions or heredytamentf what so ever, that anny Maister Deane Prebendarye Warden or Chaunterye or anny Stipendarye Preist of anny College Chaunterye prebende fraternitye guylde or anny other corporacions have or holde of anny parson or parsons by Coppie [or] [25] Courte Roll or at Will according to the Custome of anny manor or manors;

nor give or graunte anny coppieholde landes to the Kingf Highnes;

And also provyded that the Kingf Highnes his Heires or Successors shall not in anny wise have holde enjoye or take, by vertewe of this Acte or anny artycle therin conteyned, anny manner of coppie hold Landes tenementf possessions or heredytamentf what so ever theye be:

But that all and everye of the saide parsons and incumbentf shall have holde and enjoye the same during their lifes towards their pentyon and yelye living, paying the Rentf and doing their customes and services therof dewe and accustomed; Anny thing in this Acte to the contrary notwithstanding.

[22] PROVIDED that this Acte shall not extende to anny Landes tenementf or heredytamentf, assigned appoynted or intended for the fynding or mayntenance of anny Chaunterye preist or stipendarye preist,

which by anny former right and good tytle withowt fraude or covyn were lafuliye recovered from the possession of anny suche Chaunterye preist or stipendarye preist before the first daye of October in the saide xxxvijth yere of the reigne of the saide late King Henry theight,

which Landes tenementf and heredytamentf were not charged nor chargeable to the payment of the perpetuall Tenthe, anny thing in this Acte to the contrarie herof notwithstanding.

XXXV. Act
shall not

vest Copy-
hold Lands in
the King;

but they shall
remain to the
Possessors for
their Mainte-
nance,

XXXVI.
Proviso for
Lands bonâ
fide recovered
against any
Chantry, &c.

[22] The Five following Provisoos are annexed to the Original Act in Five separate Schedules.

[23] "of" in the original

[24] "in any wyse" in the original

[25] "of" in the original

XXXVII. [22] PROVIDED allwayes and be it enacted by thautoritie aforesaide, That

All Grants, Licences, Confirmations, and Patents of Chantries, &c. made to any Persons by King Henry VIII. or Edw. VI.

all and singuler graunt^f licences confirmations and *lettres* patent^f, which *our* late Sovereigne Lorde King Henry theight or *our* Sovereigne Lorde the King that now is have made under the Greate Seale of England, to anny parson^e or *par*sons bodies politike or corporate

of anny College Chappell or Chaunterye now being in *esse* or standing, or now not being in *esse* or not standing, or

of anny Lordeshipp^f manno^{rs} landes tenement^f and heredytament^f annexed united belonging or appertayninge to anny College chappell or chaunterye, now being in *esse* or standing or now not being in *esse* or not standing, or

of anny other thing or thing^f mentioned or expressed in this Acte, and

and all and everye matter and thing mentyoned expressed or conteyned in anny suche graunte lycence confirmation or *lettres* patent^f,

confirmed and declared valid.

shall from hensfurthe be demed taken expounded and adjudged good and effectuall in the Lawe, according to the Wordes sentences meaning^f intent^f forme and effect^f of the same graunt^f lycences confirmacions and *lettres* patent^f, to all Intent^f constructions and purposes as yf this Acte and the saide Acte [2] made in the saide xxxvijth yere of the saide late King Henry the eight had never byn had nor made:

This Act, or Stat. 37 H. VIII. c. 4.

And that this Acte or the saide Acte [2] made in the saide xxxvijth yere of the Reigne of *our* saide late Sovereigne Lorde King Henry the eight or anny clawse artycle sentence or other thing therin conteyned,

shall not extend to Chantries, &c. so granted;

shall not extende

to anny Colleges chappell^f chauntries or other thinge or thing^f mentioned in this Acte, now being in *esse* or standing or now not being in *esse* or not standing, or

to anny Mannors landes tenement^f possessions revenues or heredytament^f annexed united belonging or appertayninge to anny College chappell chaunterye or other thing mentioned in this Acte, now being in *esse* or standing or now not being in *esse* or not standing, or

to anny other thing or thing^f mentioned or expressed in this Acte,

which anny parson^e or parsons bodies politike or corporate have had or opteyned by the assent lycence confirmation graunte or *lettres* patent^f of the saide late King or of the King^f *Majeste* that now is;

nor shall extende to anny Mannors landes tenement^f revenues possessions heredytament^f or other thing or thing^f mentioned expressed or conteyned in anny suche Lycence confirmation graunte or *lettres* patent^f:

But that everye suche parson^e and parsons bodies politike and corporate, their heires and successor^s and assignes and the heires successor^s and assignes of everye of them, shall have holde and enjoye

but Grantees shall hold the same under their Grants.

all and everye the same Colleges chappell^f chauntries manors landes tenement^f revenues possessions and heredytament^f, and

all and everye other thing and thing^f what so ever

so by them had or opteyned, by the assent lycence confirmacion graunte or *lettres* patent^f of the saide late King or of the King^f *Majeste* that now is, according to the Wordes sentences forme effecte meaninge and intent of the same licences confirmacions graunt^f and *lettres* patent^f; This Acte or the saide Acte [2] made in the saide xxxvijth yere of the Reigne of the saide late King Henry theight, or any clawse artycle sentence matter or thing mentyoned expressed or conteyned in anny of the same Actes to the contrarye therof in anny wise notwithstanding.