

[STATUTES OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND, 1800] [1]

**[ANNO TRICESIMO NONO & QUADRAGESIMO
GEORGII III REGIS.]**

CAP. XCIII.

An Act to restrain all Trusts and Directions in Deeds or Wills, whereby the Profits or Produce of Real or Personal Estate shall be accumulated, and the beneficial Enjoyment thereof postponed beyond the Time therein limited.

[28th July 1800.]

[1.] **Preamble.**

WHEREAS it is expedient that all Dispositions of Real or Personal Estates, whereby the Profits and Produce thereof are directed to be accumulated, and the beneficial Enjoyment thereof is postponed, should be made subject to the Restrictions herein-after contained:

May it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted; and be it enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That no Person or Persons shall, after the passing of this Act, by any Deed or Deeds, Surrender or Surrenders, Will, Codicil, or otherwise howsoever, settle or dispose of any Real or Personal Property, so and in such Manner that the Rents, Issues, Profits, or Produce thereof, shall be wholly or partially accumulated for any longer Term than

the Life or Lives of any such Grantor or Grantors, Settler or Settlers, or

the Term of Twenty-one Years from the Death of any such Grantor, Settler, Devisor, or Testator, or

during the Minority or respective Minorities of any Person or Persons who shall be living, or in *ventre sa mère* at the Time of the Death of such Grantor, Devisor, or Testator, or

during the Minority or respective Minorities only of any Person or Persons who, under the Usages or Trusts of the Deed, Surrender, Will, or other Assurances, directing such Accumulations, would, for the Time being, if of full Age, be entitled unto the Rents, Issues, and Profits, or the Interest, Dividends, or annual Produce so directed to be accumulated;

and in every Case where any Accumulation shall be directed otherwise than as aforesaid, and any other Direction

such Direction shall be null and void, and shall be void, and the Rents, Issues, Profits, and Produce of such Property so directed to be accumulated, shall, so long as the same shall be directed to be accumulated contrary to the Provisions of this Act, go to and be received by such Person or Persons as would have been entitled thereto if such Accumulation had not been directed.

[1.] **No Person, by Deed or Will, &c. shall settle or dispose of any Real or Personal Property, in such Manner that the Rents or Produce shall be accumulated for a longer Term than herein mentioned,**

[1] [Source: a copy of the original officially printed Act. Also, Raithby's *Statutes at Large*, vol 20, pp 545-546. Given the short title *The Accumulations Act, 1800* by the *Short Titles Act, 1896*; but sometimes called the Thellusson Act because it was responding to the result in the case of *Thellusson v Woodford* (20 April 1799), 4 Ves Jun 227, 31 ER 117, which allowed Peter Thellusson's will to postpone inheritance for many generations. (This act did not apply to that case, and that result was affirmed (25 June 1805), 11 Ves Jun 112, 32 ER 1030.)

**Nothing here-
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any Provision
for Payment
of Debts**

II. Provided always, and be it enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend

to any Provision for Payment of Debts of any Grantor, Settler or Devisor, or other Person or Persons, or

to any Provision for raising Portions for any Child or Children of any Grantor, Settler, or Devisor, or any Child or Children of any Person taking any Interest under any such Conveyance, Settlement or Devise, or

**or for raising
Portions for
Children,
or touching
the Produce
of Timber:**

to any Direction touching the Produce of Timber or Wood upon any Lands or Tenements; but that all such Provisions and Directions shall and may be made and given as if this Act had not passed.

**Nor to any
Disposition of
Heritable
Property in
Scotland.**

III. Provided also, and be it enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend to any Disposition respecting Heritable Property within that Part of *Great Britain* called *Scotland*.

**When Restric-
tions shall
take Effect
with respect
to Wills made
before the
passing of this
Act.**

IV. Provided also, and be it enacted, That the Restrictions in this Act contained shall take Effect and be in force with respect to Wills and Testaments made and executed before the passing of this Act, in such Cases only where the Devisor or Testator shall be living, and of sound and disposing Mind, after the Expiration of Twelve Calendar Months from the passing of this Act.

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