

SUMMARY: The document below is the private Act of Parliament passed on 13 April 1552 described as 'An Act concerning the Limitation of the Lands of Edward Duke of Somerset'. Its primary purpose was to repeal the private Act passed in April 1540 (32 Henry VIII, c. 78) described in *Letters and Papers, Foreign and Domestic, Henry VIII*, Volume 15: 1540 (1896), pp. 209-251 as follows:

C. 78 [o. n. 74]. Grant to the earl of Hertford that the lands he now holds in fee simple may descend as follows:—The manors of Mochelney, Drayton, Westhover, Yerneshill, Camell, Downehed, Kylcombe, and Fyffec, Soms., to the heirs male of himself and lady Anne, his wife, or any future wife he may have; with contingent remainders in tail male to Edward Seymour, his son by his late wife, Katharine, dec., one of the daughters of Sir Wm. Fylolle, dec., to Henry Seymour, brother of the Earl, and to Sir Thos. Seymour, youngest brother of the Earl; with remainder to heirs female of the Earl's body; with remainder to the right heirs of the said Edward Seymour. All other his possessions which he has or hereafter may hold to be judged to descend in the same manner. Provision for alienation, &c.

As the description above indicates, the effect of this private Act in April 1540 was not only to entail the lands Somerset (then Earl of Hertford) owned at the time of its passage, but to secretly entail to Somerset and his heirs all lands which came to him after April 1540, thereby disinheriting both the young King Edward VI and 'divers persons', including the 16th Earl of Oxford. The repeal of the private Act of April 1540 via the private Act of 13 April 1552 below thus restored rights of inheritance to King Edward VI himself, and to all other persons whose inheritances had been affected by the private Act of April 1540, including the 16th Earl of Oxford. However, before the passage of this private Act on 13 April 1552, another private Act had been passed on 22 or 23 January 1552 in which the private Act of April 1540 was specifically declared not to apply to the 16th Earl's indenture of 1 February 1548 or to the fine levied on 10 February and 15 April 1548 by the 16th Earl in favour of Somerset

And be it further enacted by the said authority that the said Act of Parliament made in the said 32nd year of the reign of [+our] said late Sovereign Lord King Henry the Eight nor any branch, sentence, article or word comprised, mentioned, declared or contained in the same Act shall in any wise extend to any honours, castles, manors, lands, tenements or hereditaments named, mentioned, contained or comprised in the said fine & indenture or in any of them, nor to any part, parcel or member of them or any of them, but that the said Act made in the said 32nd year of the reign of our said late Sovereign Lord as touching or concerning only the said honours, castles, manors, lands, tenements & hereditaments & every of them & every part & parcel of them, & every of them comprised & mentioned in the said indenture & fine or any of them, shall be utterly void to all intents, constructions & purposes as if the said honours, castles, manors, lands, tenements & hereditaments & every parcel of them & every of them had been clearly & utterly excepted & forprised out of the said Act made in the said 32nd year of the reign of our said late Sovereign Lord King Henry the Eight;

Had the private Act of 22 or 23 January 1552 by which the 16th Earl's lands were restored to him after Somerset's extortion been passed after the passage of the private Act of 13 April 1552 below, the foregoing provision would have been unnecessary. However Somerset's extortion against the 16th Earl was of so egregious and wide-ranging a nature that its rectification required a separate private Act of Parliament, and although the two bills apparently began their passage through Parliament at about the same time, the difficulties involved in obtaining passage of the bill repealing the private Act of April 1540 delayed its passage until 13 April 1552, while the bill involving the restoration of the 16th Earl's lands was granted passage three months earlier, thus necessitating the inclusion in it of the foregoing provision excluding the operation of the private Act of April 1540, an Act which was repealed three months later but which was still in full effect on 22 and 23 January 1552.

The difficulties which the Act below encountered in its passage through Parliament are summarized in Jordan, W.K., *Edward VI: The Threshold of Power* (London: Allen & Unwin, 1970), p. 337:

Serious and revealing difficulties were also experienced by the government in driving through a private bill, to which the royal assent had been gained in advance, to repeal the entail of 32 Henry VIII against the Duke of Somerset's first marriage, procured, it was stated, 'by the power of his second wife over him'. The bill was first challenged by the Lords, who feared that such a measure might unsettle all land tenures, and was then re-drafted by the Commons who also declined to pass a supplementary bill confirming ex post facto the attainder of the Duke. Still another amendment dissolving the contract for the marriage of Somerset's son to the daughter of the Earl of Oxford was lost by a vote of 69 to 68, while the bill for striking down the entail remained belaboured until the very end of the session when it was passed, carrying with it the forfeiture of much of the Duke's estate to the crown.

The bill had been carefully prepared in advance and seems to have been introduced on the first day of the session. The Henrician parliamentary action in settling the inheritance on the children of Somerset's second marriage was declared repealed and John Seymour the eldest surviving son of the first marriage, was restored in blood and inheritance. The earlier act was declared to have been procured by 'corrupt and sinister labour', and, contrary to the usage of private bills, neither the King's signature nor stamp having been added. Such property as Somerset had before the passage of the act of 32 Henry VIII was to pass to John Seymour or his heirs; all acquired since was to pass to the King as a consequence of the Duke's treason, subject to the payment of his debts, the support of the children of the second marriage, and compensation for those cheated by Somerset.

The bill, as originally drafted, likewise confirmed the attainders of Somerset, Arundell, Stanhope, Vane, and Partridge, the estates and titles to be forfeited to the King. The bill, as amended, was passed by Parliament on April 13 (S.P. Dom., Edward VI, XIV, 20 (a long document covering 32 sides); C.J., I, 19, 20, 23; Burnet, Reformation, II, 328; Jordan, Edward VI, 46.)

In summary, the effect of Somerset's private Act of April 1540 was to secretly entail lands to himself and his heirs, thereby depriving King Edward VI and other persons, including the 16th Earl of Oxford, of their rights of inheritance. After Somerset's execution on 22 January 1552, these flagrant injustices were rectified, both by the private Act of 13 April 1552 (see below) which repealed the private Act of April 1540, and by the earlier private Act of 22 or 23 January 1552 which restored the 16th Earl's lands to him (see HL/PO/PB/1/1551/5E6n35).

Soit baille aux Segneurs [=Let it be sent to the Lords]

A ceste bille Les Seigneurs sont accordes avec ladi{c}t{e}x(?) proui siontam{e}nex(?)
[=To this bill the Lords have agreed, with the said provisos(?)]

Le roy le veult [=The King wills it]

Where at a Parliament holden at Westminster in the 32nd year of the reign of the late King of famous memory, King Henry th' Eight, father unto our Sovereign Lord the King's Majesty that now is, it was enacted by th' authority of the same Parliament that all the manors, lands, tenements and other hereditaments in the said Act mentioned might by the authority of the same Parliament be limited and appointed to be, come, descend and remain to Edward, late Duke of Somerset, by the name of Edward, Earl of Hertford, in such manner and form as is by the same Act limited and declared, that is to say, the manor of Muchelney, Drayton, Westhover, Yernshal, Camel, Downhead, Hilcombe and Fiffed with their appurtenances in the county of Somerset, with all and singular lands, tenements, rents, reversions and other hereditaments whereof the said Duke was at the time of the making of the said Act seised of an estate of inheritance in fee simple in Muchelney, Drayton, Westhover, Yerneshal, Camel, Downhead, Hilcombe and Fiffede with their appurtenances in the said county of Somerset, might and should from thenceforth by virtue of the same Act be to the said late Duke and to the Lady Anne, then his wife, and to the heirs males of the body of the same Duke between him and the said Lady Anne lawfully begotten or after that to be begotten, and for lack of such issue to the heirs males of the body of the said Duke thereafter to be begotten upon the body of any other such his wife or wives as he, the same Duke, should after that time fortune to marry;

And where also it was enacted by the same Act that all and singular other his manors, lands, tenements and hereditaments with all and singular their appurtenances wherein the said Duke then had any estate of inheritance in fee simple might and should be from thenceforth by authority of the said Act be to the said Duke and to the said heirs males of his body between him and the said Lady Anne lawfully begotten or to be begotten, and for lack of such issue to the heirs males of the said late Duke to be begotten of any other such his wife or wives as he, the same late Duke, should after that same time fortune to marry;

And if it happened the said late Duke to die without heirs males of his body begotten between him and the said Lady Anne or any other such wife or wives which the said late Duke should after fortune to marry as is aforesaid, that then as well the said manors of Muchelney, Drayton, Westhover, Yerneshal, Camel, Downhead, Hilcombe and Ffiffed and all other the premises before by the said Act appointed and limited unto the said late Duke and Lady Anne, his wife, as is aforesaid with their appurtenances, after the death of the said late Duke and Lady Anne and the longest liver of them, as also all other manors, lands, tenements and hereditaments of the said late Duke whatsoever they were wherein the said late Duke had at the time of the making of the said Act any estate of inheritance in fee simple, after the death of the said late Duke should by th' authority of the said Act wholly remain, come and be unto Edward Seymour, esquire, second son to the said Duke begotten of the body of the Lady Katherine, his first wife, and to the heirs males of the body of the same Edward lawfully begotten, and for lack of such issue the remainder thereof to Henry Seymour, esquire, brother to the said late Duke and to the heirs males of the body of the same Henry lawfully begotten, and for lack of such issue the remainder thereof to Sir Thomas Seymour, knight, younger brother to the said late Duke, and to the heirs males of the body of the said Sir Thomas Seymour lawfully begotten, and for lack of such issue the remainder thereof to th' heirs females of the body of the said Duke lawfully begotten, and for lack of such issue the remainder thereof to the right heirs of the said Edward Seymour, second son of the said late Duke, forever;

And it was further enacted by the same Act that all other manors, lands, tenements and hereditaments with th' appurtenances which after the making of the same former Act should happen to come to the said late Duke and his heirs in fee simple in possession, reversion or remainder by descent, gift, purchase or otherwise should by virtue of the said Act be deemed and judged in and to the said late Duke and his heirs males lawfully begotten upon the body of the said Lady Anne, then his wife, or any other such his wife or wives which he, the said Duke, should after that fortune to marry, with like remainders thereof over for lack of such issue to the persons before named and to their heirs males in such like manner and form as been before limited and declared to be enacted, limited and appointed by the said Act, as by the same Act more at large it doth and may appear;

SITHENCE THE MAKING of which said Act as well the said late King as the King's Majesty that now is have towards th' advancement and preferment of the said late Duke by several letters patents given and granted to the said late Duke & to his heirs divers manors lands, tenements and hereditaments within this his Highness' realm, contrary to the words and tenor of the which letters patents the said late Duke, by force of the said former Act, was seised of and in the said manors, lands, tenements and hereditaments of an estate in tail to him and to the heirs males of his body upon the body of the said Lady Anne lawfully begotten, and for lack of such issue to the said late Duke and to the heirs males of his body begotten upon the body of any other such wife or wives as the said late Duke should after that marry or take to his wife or wives, and for default of such issue the remainder thereof to the said Edward Seymour, second son to the said late Duke of the body of the said Katherine lawfully begotten and to th' heirs males of the body of the same Edward lawfully begotten, and for default of such issue the remainder thereof to the said Henry Seymour and to the heirs males of his body lawfully begotten, and for default

of such issue the remainder thereof to the said Thomas Seymour, knight, and to the heirs males of his body lawfully begotten, and for lack of such issue the remainder thereof to the heirs females of the body of the said late Duke lawfully begotten, And for lack of such issue the remainder thereof to the right heirs of the said Edward Seymour, second son to the said late Duke, forever;

By reason of which former Act the estates contained in the said several letters patents are clearly changed and altered, contrary to the tenor and words expressed in the said letters patents, and the King's Majesty that was inheritable by the same, traduced and put off to farther degrees from his inheritance in that the heirs of the half blood are by the said Act without consideration preferred to th' inheritance before his Highness, being of the whole blood;

And forasmuch as upon examination it hath been proved that the said Act was by corrupt and sinister labour of the said Duke obtained and gotten, and that contrary to the usage of all private bills neither the King's sign or stamp was thereunto added;

And forasmuch also as by the said Act much hurt and disherison hath ensued to divers persons within this realm which upon confidence and trust have enfeoffed the said Duke in their lands and tenements to their uses, by reason that, contrary to their feoffments, by operation of the said statute the said confidence and trust hath been defrauded, and the Duke thereof seised to his own use;

And forasmuch also as John Seymour, eldest son and heir of the said Duke, hath made his humble suit unto this court to be restored as well unto such lands as were Katherine Filiol's, his mother's, late wife to the said late Duke, being sold by the said Duke without her assent, as to all other lands of his mother's whereof the said Duke received recompense, and not only the said John Seymour, but also like suit hath been made on the behalf of divers other which seem to have suffered great oppression and injury at the said Duke's hands;

FOR REFORMATION whereof be it enacted by the King our Sovereign Lord, the Lords Spiritual and Temporal and the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same in manner and form as hereafter ensueth, that is to say, that the said statute made in the said 32nd year concerning all such manors, lands, tenements and hereditaments whereof the said Duke at the time of making thereof was seised in fee simple is and shall be by authority of this present Parliament ratified and confirmed;

AND furthermore the said Commons humbly beseech the King's Highness that he will be contented and pleased that it be enacted by the authority aforesaid, that forasmuch as the said Duke hath sold and exchanged some part of the manors, lands and tenements that he had at the time of making of the said Act made in the said 32nd year, that the heir begotten on the body of the Lady Anne, wife unto the said late Duke, and all other to whom the remainder or remainders in the said Act are limited and appointed shall be fully recompensed of as much of the lands of the said Duke as shall amount to the value of the manors, lands or tenements so sold, aliened or exchanged;

To have and to hold the same of such like estate as is expressed in the said Act made in the said 32nd year, the said manors, lands, tenements and hereditaments so to be recompensed as is aforesaid to be set forth, limited, assigned and appointed by the Master of the King's Wards and Liveries for the time being within one year next after the making hereof, or else that it shall be leeful unto the said heir begotten on the body of the said Lady Anne at his full age, or any to whom the said remainder or remainders are limited and appointed as is aforesaid, when the said remainders shall fall to enter into as much other manors, lands & tenements of the said Duke's coming into the King's hands by authority of this Act as shall amount to a full recompense of the said manors, lands or tenements so aliened, sold or exchanged by the said Duke and whereof no limitation, assignment or appointment shall be made by the said Master of the Wards or Liveries as is aforesaid, and he or they by the said entry to have like estate therein as he or they should have had in the manors, lands and tenements so aliened, sold or exchanged, any law, statute or custom to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding;

PROVIDED always and be it enacted by the authority aforesaid that the above-named John Seymour be by th' order of the King's Majesty, or such as shall be his Highness' commissioner thereunto appointed, restored out of the manors, lands and tenements that th' heir begotten on the body of the said Lady Anne hath or shall have, either by th' authority of this Act or by th' Act made in the said 32nd year, as much thereof as shall amount to recompense the said John Seymour of all such manors, lands and tenements as were Katherine Filiol's, his mother's, in possession and whereof the said Duke was seised in her right & made sale without her assent, or that was given unto the said Duke, then her husband, and to the said Katherine in special tail to them and to the heirs of their two bodies lawfully begotten or to any other person or persons to the use of the said Duke and Katherine and the heirs of their two bodies lawfully begotten, and sold by the said Duke without her assent, or whereof the said Duke hath received any recompense in money according to the value of the said recompense;

TO HAVE and to hold the same unto the said John Seymour of like estate as he should have had in the said manors, lands and tenements that were the said Katherine Filiol's in case no sale or recompense thereof had been by the said Duke had or taken;

AND furthermore be it enacted by the authority aforesaid that the said Act made in the said 32nd year concerning all manors, lands, tenements and hereditaments with their appurtenances which after the said Act should happen to come to the said Duke, then being Earl as is aforesaid, is and shall be by authority of this Parliament utterly repealed, made void and of none effect, and that all manors, lands, tenements and hereditaments that are come unto the said Duke since the time of the said Act made in the said 32nd year be only deemed, adjudged and taken to stand and be in such sort and manner as they should have been in case the said Act in the said 32nd year had never been had or made, and shall stand and be according to such estate[s] as are limited and expressed in the letters patents or other writings made thereof unto the said Duke solely or to him with other jointly, and not according to such estate as is limited in the said Act made in the said 32nd year, and that all such lands whereof any estate in fee simple was limited or

expressed in any letters patents or writings unto the said Duke, and whereof the said Duke was seised at the time of his death, other than such as are by this present Act permitted or given or shall be limited unto the heir begotten of the body of the said Lady Anne with remainders over as is aforesaid, shall be and remain by authority hereof wholly unto the King's Majesty and to his heirs and to none other person or persons of whosoever the said lands or tenements are holden, any law, statute or custom to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding;

AND the said Commons also beseech the King's Highness that he will be contented and pleased that it be further enacted by th' authority aforesaid that of the said manors, lands and tenements given unto his Majesty by authority of this Act the debts of the said Duke be paid, all his children sustained during his Highness' pleasure, and all other whose lands or tenements the said Duke hath obtained by extort power or contrary to justice or equity shall be restored to the said lands and tenements or to the value thereof by his Highness' commission to be granted within one year next after the cession of this Parliament unto certain persons to be named by his Majesty, as well for the hearing and determining of all and every the premises as for the awarding and seeing full execution and accomplishment thereof in all things as appertaineth;

AND furthermore be it declared and enacted by th' authority hereof that all such manors, lands, tenements and hereditaments as have been given since the said Act made in the said 32nd year unto the said Duke solely or to the said Duke and others jointly to other men's uses shall be taken and expounded by this Act to have been in the said Duke but only of such state and states as were limited in the conveyance thereof to him made to the same use and uses, and to none other uses and intents than to such uses and intents only as the said manors, lands, tenements and hereditaments were given unto him, anything in the said Act made in the said 32nd year to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding;

AND WHERE by this Act the King's Majesty is to be entitled to a great part of the ground lying without Temple Bar in the county of Middlesex whereupon Somerset Place is builded, by reason it was gotten and obtained by the said Duke since the Act made in the said 32nd year, which were not meet to be severed or dismembered from the said place, be it therefore enacted by the authority aforesaid that the King's Majesty shall have to him and to his heirs the said place called Somerset Place with all the edifices, buildings, circuits, precinct, gardens, orchards and ground thereunto belonging, with all and singular their appurtenances, together with all the houses, tenements or rents with their appurtenances set, lying and being without the Temple Bar commonly called Somerset rents, in recompense whereof the said Commons beseech his Highness to be contented and pleased that it be enacted by th' authority aforesaid that the heir begotten on the body of the said Lady Anne shall of the residue of the lands and tenements of the said Duke remaining in his Majesty's hands have to the value thereof to the same value, to be assigned, limited and appointed unto the said heir in such manner and form as is before of the other lands to be assigned, limited and appointed;

To have and to hold the said lands to be received in value of like estate with the same remainders over as the said heir before the making of this Act had in the said Somerset Place or any part thereof;

SAVING to all and every person and persons, bodies politic and corporate, their heirs and successors, and to the heirs and successors of every of them (other than the heirs begotten on the body of the said Lady Anne and their heirs claiming only by the said Act made in the said 32nd year or any to whom the remainder or remainders are limited by the said Act made in the said 32nd year and their heirs) all such right, title, interest, possession, entry, action, claim, reversion, remainder, lease, leases, terms, re-entries, conditions, rents, services, fees, offices, annuities, rents-charges, rents, sects, commodities, profits, liberties and franchises which they or any of them hath, have or ought to have in or to any of the said manors, lands, tenements and other the premises in such manner, form, quality and condition to all intents, constructions and purposes as though this Act had never been had ne made, anything in this Act contained or mentioned to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding;

PROVIDED always, and be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, that in all the manors, lands and tenements which the said heir male of the bodies of the said Duke and Lady Anne, or any in the remainder or remainders abovesaid shall receive by the appointment or assignment of the Master of the Wards and Liveries as is aforesaid, the King's Majesty shall have like benefit of wardship, livery and primer seisin in the same to all intents, constructions and purposes as he should or might have had before the making of this Act in any the lands entailed by the said Act made in the said 32nd year, anything herein contained to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding;

AND BE IT FURTHER enacted that the said Duke and his heirs, and his heirs males begotten upon the body of the said Lady Anne, forever shall by authority of this Act lose and forfeit unto your Highness, your heirs and successors, forever, and also be deprived from henceforth forever as well of the names of Viscount Beauchamp, Earl of Hertford, and Duke of Somerset and every of them as also of all and every other his and their honour or honours, degrees, dignities, estates, pre-eminences and styles by whatsoever name or names he, the same Duke, hath been called, named or created by any letters patents, writs or otherwise, and that our said Sovereign Lord and his heirs, by authority of this Act, shall from henceforth be taken, judged and deemed to all intents, constructions and purposes in actual and real possession of and in all and singular the castles, manors, lands, tenements and hereditaments late the said Duke's, of what name, nature or quality soever they be named or called, which by this Act are in any wise given, limited or appointed to his Highness, in as ample, large and the same manner and form as though good and perfect offices and due inquisitions thereof had been had, found, taken, prosecuted and certified of the same and every part thereof according to the due order and course of the law of this realm, any law or statute thereof had or made to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding;

AND WHERE the said Duke and also Sir Thomas Arundel, Sir Michael Stanhope, Sir Ralph Fane and Sir Miles Partridge, knights, for their several felonies by them and every

of them severally committed and done, were severally lawfully attainted of felony, as by the several records thereof had more plainly doth and may appear;

BE IT ENACTED by th' authority aforesaid that the said attainders and every of them had against the said Duke, Sir Thomas Arundel, Sir Michael Stanhope, Sir Ralph Fane and Sir Miles Partridge shall be good and effectual in the law against them and every of them and their heirs and the heirs of every of them to all intents, constructions and purposes;

AND BE IT further enacted by th' authority aforesaid that the said Sir Thomas Arundel, Sir Michael Stanhope, Sir Ralph Fane and Sir Miles Partridge and every of them and their heirs and th' heirs of every of them shall forfeit and lose forever to your Highness and to your heirs all and every their castles, manors, lordships, lands, tenements, hereditaments, franchises, liberties, pre-eminences, jurisdictions, hundreds, advowsons, nominations, presentations, knights' fees, rents, reversions, services, remainders, offices, authorities, parsonages, tithes, pensions, portions, annuities, commons, rights, titles, possessions, interests, conditions and all other profits and commodities of whatsoever nature or quality soever they be, which they, the said Sir Thomas Arundel, Sir Michael Stanhope, Sir Ralph Fane and Sir Miles Partridge or any of them or any other person or persons in any their rights or to any of their uses had or ought to have had of any estate of inheritance in fee simple the day and days of their several felonies by them or any of them committed or done and mentioned in the said several indictments whereof they were attainted as is aforesaid;

AND THAT the said Duke, Sir Thomas Arundel, Sir Michael Stanhope, Sir Ralph Fane and Sir Miles Partridge shall lose and forfeit to your Highness, your heirs and successors, as well all and all manner of interest for years of, in and to all manors, lands, tenements, rents, offices, fees, annuities, parsonages, tithes, hereditaments and all other their goods, chattels and debts which they, the said Edward, Duke of Somerset, Sir Thomas Arundel, Sir Michael Stanhope, Sir Ralph Fane and Sir Miles Partridge or any of them had at the several days of their several attainders or at any time sithence;

SAVING TO ALL and every person and persons, and the heirs in tail of the four persons last before-named and attainted or of any of them, bodies politic and corporate, their heirs, assigns and successors, and to the heirs, executors, assigns and successors of every of them (other than the said Sir Thomas Arundel, Sir Michael Stanhope, Sir Ralph Fane and Sir Miles Partridge and the heirs of them and every of them, and other than all and every such person and persons claiming any interest by or from the said Duke, Sir Thomas Arundel, Sir Michael Stanhope, Sir Ralph Fane, Sir Miles Partridge or from any of them sithence the said felonies committed or done), all such right, title, use, interest, possession, reversion, remainder, condition, fees, offices, rents, annuities, commons, pensions, portions and all other profits, commodities and hereditaments whatsoever they or any of them might, should or ought to have had if this Act had never been had or made;

AND FORASMUCH as it requireth a long time and great costs and charges to have inquisitions or offices found of all and singular the said manors, lands, tenements, hereditaments and other the premises which were the said Sir Thomas Arundel's, Sir Michael Stanhope's, Sir Ralph Fane's and Sir Miles Partridge's or any of them whereby the King's Majesty may or shall be lawfully entitled to have the escheat of all the same manors, lands, tenements and hereditaments holden of him immediately by knight's service or in socage, and the year, day and waste of all other the manors lands, tenements and hereditaments of the said Sir Thomas Arundel, Sir Michael Stanhope, Sir Ralph Fane and Sir Miles Partridge holden of any other common person by knight's service or in socage;

BE IT THEREFORE further enacted by th' authority aforesaid that all the said castles, lordships, manors, lands, tenements, hereditaments, franchises, liberties, pre-eminences, jurisdictions, hundreds, advowsons, presentations, knights' fees, offices and authorities, rents, reversions, services, remainders, pensions, portions, annuities, rights, possessions, interests, conditions and all other profits, commodities and all and singular the premises of what name, nature or quality soever they be named or called whereof the said Sir Thomas Arundel, Sir Michael Stanhope, Sir Ralph Fane and Sir Miles Partridge or any of them were at the day of the said several felonies by them committed or done as is aforesaid seised in fee simple, shall from henceforth be judged, deemed and taken to be in the actual and real possession of the King and his heirs forever to all intents, constructions and purposes and in the same manner, sort, form and effect as though good and perfect offices and inquisitions had been had, found, taken, prosecuted and certified of the premises and of every part thereof according to the due order and course of the laws of this realm;

PROVIDED always, and be it enacted by th' authority aforesaid, that this Act in anything therein contained shall [+not] in any wise extend or be prejudicial or hurtful to the mean lords of the fee of whom the said Sir Thomas Arundel, Sir Michael Stanhope, Sir Ralph Fane and Sir Miles Partridge or any of them hold any manors, lands, tenements, hereditaments and other the premises or any part thereof immediately by knight's service or in socage and were the said day and days of the said felonies by them or any of them committed or done seised thereof in their demesne as of fee, but that after the year, day and waste had, proved and taken by the King and his heirs of and in the said premises, the same lords of the fee and every of them shall and may have and enjoy by way of escheat the premises holden of them by any the services aforesaid, anything in this Act contained to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

Soit baille' aux Com{m}u{n}ez [=Let it be sent to the Commons]

A ceste addic{i}on auesq{ue} le prouis{o} Ouex(?) lez Com{m}u{n}ez sont assentuz [=To this addition with the proviso [Ouex?] the Commons have assented]

PROVIDED always and be it enacted by th authority aforesaid that William, Lord Willoughby of Parham, his heirs and assigns, shall and may have, hold, perceive, take

and enjoy one annual and yearly rent of thirty pounds to be paid yearly out of the manor of Cheddar in the said county of Somerset at the feasts of th' Annunciation of Our Lady and St. Michael th' Archangel by even portions according to the true meaning of one pair of indentures dated the 20th day of December in the second year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord the King that now is, and made between the said Duke on the one party, and the said Lord Willoughby and Sir Thomas Heneage on thother party, and that for default of payment of the said rent it shall be leeful to the said Lord Willoughby, his heirs and assigns, to distrain in and upon the same manor of Cheddar at all times hereafter for non-payment of the same rent or any part thereof;

AND BE IT FURTHER enacted by th' authority aforesaid that the heirs of the said Duke, or the heirs of the said Duke upon the body of the Lady Anne, his wife, lawfully begotten, shall at all times hereafter from time to time, according to the true meaning of the said indentures and of the covenants upon the part of the said Duke contained in the said indentures, acquit, discharge and save harmless as well the said Lord Willoughby, his heirs and assigns, as the manor of Stwo [=Stow] in the county of Lincoln which the said Lord Willoughby had of the demise or grant of the said Duke of and from the payment of all and every annuity and yearly rent, fee or other charge heretofore granted to Anthony Foster and Thomas Smith by any the owners of the said manor of Stwo [=Stow], anything mentioned in this Act to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding

Soit ballie' aux Com{m}un{e}s [=Let it be sent to the Commons]

Soit Balle aux Segniers [[=Let it be sent to the Lords]

A ceste prouiso Les Seigneurs sont accordes [=To this proviso the Lords have agreed]

Provided always and be it enacted by authority aforesaid that this present Act or anything therein contained shall not in any wise be prejudicial or hurtful to any woman or women for or concerning any such right, interest or title of dower or jointure whereunto they or any of them were lawfully entitled before the making of this present Act.