

Stone of Hemp
so lb.
Proviso for Cables
made for private
Use.

of e^vy such forfeiture aswell of the hempe so solde or to be solde out of the said towne borough & market contrary to the fourme aforesaid, as also the said cabels halsers ropes traces halters and other tacle made out of the said Towne cont^ry to this estatute, to be to the use of our Sovereigne Lorde the Kyng, and the other halfe to hym that wyll sue for the same by accion of dett, byll or informac^on wherin neyther wager of Lawe Essone nor Proteccion shalbe allowed. **PROVYDED** always that xx poundes weyght shalbe accompted to the Stone. **PROVYDED** also every person dwellyng within the said dystaunce may make cabels halsers ropes traces halters and other tacle for their owne use and occupacyons but in no wyse agaynst this Acte. This Acte to endure unto the next Parliament.

CHAPTER XIII.

AN ACTE that no s^puall p^{er}sons shall take to ferme of the Kinge or anye other p^{er}son any Londes or Tenites for t^{er}me of life, lyves, yeares or at will &c. And for pluralities of Benefices; and for Residence.

No Spiritual Person
shall take any
Lands, &c. to farm;

FOR the more quyte and vertuous increase and mayntenance of Dyvyne servyce, the prechyng and techyng the worde of God with godly and good example gyvyng, the better dyscharge of Curates, the mayntenance of Hospitalite the relefe of poore people, the encrease of devocyon and good oppnyon of the Lay Fee toward the s^puall persons; Be it enacted, ordeyned and established, by the Kyng our Sovereigne Lorde with the Assent of the Lordes Spyrituall and Temporall and the Comons in this p^{re}sent parliament assembled, and by the auctorite of the same, That no s^puall person seculer or regular, of what degre soever he or they be, shall frome hensforth take to ferme to hymself or to any person or persons to his use, of the Lease or Graunt of the Kyng our Sovereign Lorde nor of any other person or persons by tres patentes, Indentures, Wrytynges by Wordes or otherwyse by any maner meanes, any Maners Landes, Tenementes or other Hereditament^e for terme of lyfe, for terme of yeres or at wyll, upon payne to forfeit x. li. for e^vy moneth that he or any other to his use shall occupy any suche ferme by reason of any such lease or graunt hereafter to be made. The one halfe of which forfeiture to be to the Kyng our Sovereigne Lorde and the other half therof to e^vy suche person as wyll sue for the same by Origynall Wrytt, Byll or Playnt of dett or by any Informacyon in any of the Kynges Courtes, in which accion and sute no wager of Lawe shalbe admytted for the defendaunt ne any Esson or Proteccion allowed.

Penalty £10. per
Month.

II.
Spiritual Persons,
holding any Farm,
shall alienate the
same before
Michaelmas next.

AND be yt also enacted by the auctorite aforesaid, that all and every such Spirituall person or persons which nowe have or occupye in ferme, by them self or by any other to their use, any Maners Landes Tenementes or Heredytamentes, of the lease or graunte of the Kyng our Soverayn Lorde or any other person or p^{er}sons, for terme of lyfe or for yeres or at wyll by any wrytyng or otherwyse, or that nowe have any annuall rentes or other annuall advauntage or profyte by occasyon [of¹] colour of any suche lease or ferme, shall clerely bargeyn sell gyve or graunt away, on this syde the feest of Seynt Migchell the Archaungell next comyng, to any such Lay person or persons as they wyll at ther owne n^otiacions and appoyntement, all such lesse terme in^{te}st and p^{er}fyte as any suche s^puall person or any other to his use, now hath or have in or by reason of any such ferme; so that in no wyse any such s^puall person or persons, at any tyme after the same feest, by them self or any other to ther use by any maner of meanes fraude or male engyne, shall have use or occupy in ferme any Maners Landes Tenementes or Heredytamentes of the demyse, lesse or graunt of any person or persons heretofore made or hereafter to be made to them self or to any other to ther uses; Nor frome the said feest shall take any annuall rent or other annuall advauntage or p^{er}fyte by occasyon or colour of any suche lesse or ferme by any man^{er} of meanes, upon payne to forfeit for e^vy moneth so occupying any such ferme at any tyme after the said fest cont^ry to this p^{re}sent acte x. li; and upon payne to forfeit ten tymes as moche as any (¹) s^puall person or any to his use shall take in (¹) annuall rent and advauntage or p^{er}fyte by occasyon [of¹] colour of any such lesse at any tyme after the said feest; the one half of which forfeitures to be to the Kyng our Sovereigne Lorde and the other half to hym that wyll sue for the same by Origynall Writ, Byll or Playnt of dett or by Informacion in any of the Kynges Courtes; In whiche accion and sute no wager of lawe shalbe admytted for the Defendaunt nor any Esson or Proteccyon allowed.

Penalty £10. per
Month and Ten
times the Profits.

III.
Leases made to or
for the Use of
Spiritual Persons
declared void.

AND BE YT also enacted that all such Lessees made or hereafter to be made unto any such s^puall parson or p^{er}sons or to any other to their use for t^{er}me of lyfe terme of yeres or at wyll, of any Maners Landes Tenementes or Hereditamentes wherof they or any of them shall take any p^{er}fyte or medelyng, by them self or by any to ther use, after the (¹) feest of Seynt Mighell by colour of any suche lesse or graunt, and nat by them bargayned graunted and solde away before the said feest as is before lymytte, shall frome thensforth be utterly voyde and of non effecte, aswell agaynst the lessour or lessours grantour and grantours their heires and assignes and agaynst e^vy of them, as agaynst the lesse or lessees and ther Executours and Assignes and e^vy (¹) them.

IV.
Exception; for
the Spiritualities of
Bishops, &c.

PROVYDED alwey that this p^{re}sent Acte shall nat extend to any S^puall person or p^{er}sons, in and for takyng to ferme any Temporaltes duryng the tyme of Vacacions of any Archibysshoppryk^e Byssshoprik^e Abbeys Priores or other Collegiall Cathedrall or Conventuall Churches; nor to any s^puall person or persons that shall tende or make any traverse upon any Offyces or Office con^{du}nyng his or ther Freholde.

V.
Spiritual Persons
shall not buy any
Merchandise, &c.
to sell again.

AND be yt also enacted by the auctorite aforesaid that no s^puall person or persons Seculer or Regular of what estate or degre so ever they be, shall from hensforth, by hym self nor by any other for hym nor to his use, bargayne and bye, to sell agayne for any lucre gayne or profyte in any markettes fayres or other places any maner of catels

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Cornes Lede Tyn [Hybes¹] Lether Tallowe Fyssh Wolle Woode or any maner of Vyttell or Mchandyse, what kynde so ever yt be of, upon payne to forfeit treble the value of every thyng by them or by any to ther use bargayned and bought to sell agayne contrary to this present Acte: And that every suche bargayne and contracte hereafter to be made by them or by any to ther use contrary to this acte shalbe utterly voyde and of none effecte: And the one halfe of every suche forfeiture to be to the Kyng our Sovereigne Lorde and the other half to hym that wyll sue for the same by orygynall Wryt of dett Byll Playnt or Informaçon in any of the Kynges Courtes, in which accion or sute no wager of lawe for the defendaunt shalbe admitted nor any Esson nor Proteccion allowed.

Penalty.
Treble Value, &c.

PROVYDED alway that yf any suche spūall person or persons shall happen hereafter without fraude or covyn to bye any Horses Mares or Mules, to the only intent to occupie for hym selfe or his servautes to ryde to and froo upon his necessary busynes, or any other cattels or goodes, to the onely intent and purpose at the byenge therof to be employed and put in and about his necessary apparell of his owne house or of his person and servautes, or in for and about the onely occupyeng, manuryng or tyllage of his owne Glebe or Demeane Landes annexed to his Church, or for the necessarie expences of his owne household keyng, And after the byeng of (¹) such horses cattels or goodes or exercyse of them or any of them happeneth to myslyke any of them, that they shulde not be good pfytable nor convenyent for any of the purposes abovesaid for the whiche they were bought, that then evy such spūall person or persons may lauffully bargayne and put away suche thynges soo by hym bought without fraude or covyn for any of the purposes abovesaid at his pleasure and advauntage: This Acte or any thyng therin conteyned natwithstandyng.

VI.
Proviso for Re-sale
of Goods bought
for Private Use.

PROVYDED alway that all Abbottes Priores Abbesses Priorisses Provostes, Presydenes Masters of Colleges and Hospitalles and all other spūall Governours and Governesses of any spūall Monasteries or Houses of Relygyon, by what name or names so ever they be called, havynge Maners Landes and Tenementes Hereditamentes and other yerely profytes in the right of their Monasteries or Houses of the yerely Value of viij hundred markes or under and nat above, may use and occupy as moche and as many of their Demeane landes Fee fermes and Fermes, to their moste advauntage comodyte and profyt to and for the only mauntenaunce of their houtholdes and hospitalities, in as ample and as large maner as they or any of them or their Predecessours or the p̄decessours of any of them at any tyme by the space of one C yeres last past before the making of this p̄sent acte, have don used and occupied; any thyng in this present acte to the contrary notwithstanding.

VII.
Proviso as to the
demeane Lands for
Maintenance of
Religious Houses,
of 800 Markes
per Annum.
[See § 23. post.]

PROVYDED also that every other spirituall person and persons, nat havynge sufficient Glebe or Demeane Landes in ther owne handes in the right of their Churches Monasteries and Houses for Pasturage of Catalles or for increse of cornes, to and for the only expences of their Housholders and for [the Cariage¹] and Journeys, may take in ferme other landes and bye and sell corne and cattell for the only manuraunce tyllage and pasturage of suche ferme; so that the increse therof be alwayes employed and put to and for the onely expences in their houtholdes and hospitalytes, and nat in any wyse to bye and sell agayne, for any other comodyte lucre or advauntage, any corne or cattell renewyng comyng or growyng in and upon any such ferme or otherwise, but only the remayne and overplus above their expences of their Housholdes yf any suche shall happen of the breed and encrease therof without fraude or covyn: any thyng in this p̄sent acte to the contrary herof natwithstandyng.

VIII.
Proviso for such
Spiritual Persons
as may not have
sufficient Glebe.

AND BE YT enacted by the auctorite aforesaid that yf any person or persons havynge one Benefyce with cure of Soule, beyng of the yerely value of viij poundes or above, accept and take any other with cure of Soule, and be instituted and inducted in possession of the same, that than and immediatly after such possessyon had therof, the fyrst benefyce shalbe adjudged in the lawe to be voyde; And that yt shalbe lawfull to every Patrone havynge the Avouson therof to p̄sent another, and the p̄sentee to have the benefyte of the same in such lyke maner and forme as though the Incumbent had dyed or resygned; any lycence unyon or other dispensacion to the contrary herof opteyned natwithstandyng; And that evy such lycence unyon or dispensacion had or hereafter to be opteyned contrary to this p̄sent Acte of what name or names qualitie or qualitees so ever they be, shall be utterly voyde and of none effecte. And yf any person or persons at any tyme after the fyrst day of Aprell in the yere of our Lorde God M. v. C and xxx contrary to this p̄sent acte procure and opteyne at the Court of Rome or els where, any lycence or lycences, unyon, tolleracion (²) dyspensacion to receyve and take any mo Benefyces with cure than is above lymyted, or els at any tyme after the said day put in execucion any suche licence tolleracion (¹) dispensacion before that opteyned contrary to this Acte, that then evy such person or persons so after the said day suying for hym self or receyvynge and takyng such Benefyce by force of such lycence or lycences unyon tolleracion or dispensacion, that is to say the same person or persons only and non other, shall for evy suche defaute incurre the daunger payne and penaltie of twenty poundes stlyng; And also lose the hole p̄fytes of evy such Benefyce or Benefices as he receyveth or taketh byforce of any suche lycence or lycences unyon tolleracion or dyspensacion: The one halfe of which forfeiture to be to the Kyng our Sovereigne Lorde and the other half to hym that wyll sue for the same by Origynall Wrytt, Byll, Pleynt of dett or Informacion in any of the Kynges Courtes; In which accion and sute no wager of Lawe, Esson, or Protecçõn for the defendaunt shalbe admitted or allowed.

IX.
If Persons having
one Benefice, above
£8. per Annum,
take another, the
first shall be void,
and the Patron may
thereupon present:

Dispensacion, &c.
to the contrary
declared void.

Penalty on obtain-
ing such Dispensa-
tions, £20, and the
whole Profits of
such Benefice.

PROVYDED always that this Acte concernyng the nat keyng of mo Benefyces with cure of soule than one, extende ne be prejudiciall to eny person or persons which at any tyme before the said fyrst daye of Apryll in the yere of our Lorde God M.v.C and xxx shalbe really entytled and possessed of any such benyfites with cure of soule, as concernyng or touchyng any of the same benefyces wherof they shall than be allredy really intytled or possessed before

X.
Persons having
several Benefices
before the Acte,
may retain Four.

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the said day to or under the nombre of foure and nat above; And yf any such s^{ma}ll p^{er}one or persons so beyng entyld or possessed of mo benefices with cure of soule than foure, do nat by the said fyrst day of Apryll clerely and without yerely penycon, resigne or otherwyse gyve up all and every suche Benefices and Benefyce as he shalbe so entyld and possessed of above the said Nombre, that than yt shalbe lefull for every patron havynge the avouson of any such Benefyce over the nombre aforsaid to p^{re}sent another, and the presentee to have the benefyte of the same in lyke maner and forme as though it had be voyde by deth or resignacion of the Incombent; any lycence unyon or other dyspensacion to the cont^{ry} herof opteyned nat withstandyng: And this Clause of presentacyon to be taken and understonden in and of such benefices with cure of soule as were gyve to any suche Spiritual person after the said nombre of foure benefices with cure furnysshed and fulfilled.

XI.
Dispensacions for
Ecclesiastics of the
Council;
and for Chaplains of
the Royal Family;
of Archbishops and
Dukes;

of Marquesses and
Earls;
of Viscounts and
Bishops;

of the Chancellor,
Barons, and Knights
of the Garter;
of Duchesses, &c.

of the Treasurer,
&c. of the House-
hold;
of the Chief Justice,
&c.

Brothers of Peers,
Knights, &c.

PROVYDED ALSO that all s^{ma}ll men nowe beyng or which hereafter shalbe of the Kynges Counsell may purchase lycence or dispensacion [and take and receive and kepe¹] three personages or benefices with cure of Soule; and that all other beyng the Kynges Chapleyns and nat sworne of his counsell, the Chapleyns of the Quene, Prynce or Pryncesse, or of any of the Kynges children bretherne systers uncles, (¹) may semblably purchase lycence or dispensacion and receive and kepe two personages or benefices with cure of soule: and in lykewyse that e^{er}y Archbysshop and Duke may have vj Chapleyns wherof [one²] shall and may purchase lycence or dispensacion and take receive and kepe two personages or Benefices with cure of soule: And that e^{er}y Markes and Erle may have fyve chapleyns wherof every one may purchase lycence or dispensacion and take receive and kepe two personages or benefices with cure of soule. And that e^{er}y Vycecount and other Bysshop may have foure Chapleyns wherof e^{er}y one may purchase lycence and receive have and kepe two personages or Benefices with cure of soule as is aforsaid: And that the Chauncellour of England for the tyme beyng and every Baron and Knyght of the Garter may have three Chapleyns, wherof every one shall nowe purchase lycence or dispensacion and receive have and kepe two parsonages or Benefices with cure of soule: And that e^{er}y Duches, Markes, Countesse and Baronnesse beyng Wydowes may have two Chapleyns, wherof every one of them may purchase lycence or dispensacion to receive have and kepe two Benefices with cure of soule: And that the Treasurer and Controller of the Kynges house, the Kynges Secretary, and Deane of his Chapell, the Kynges Amner, and the Master of the Rolles may have e^{er}y of them two Chapleyns; And the Chefe Justice of the Kynges Benche, One Chapleyn; and the Warden of the fyve Portes for the tyme beyng one Chapleyn, whereof e^{er}y one may purchase lycence and receive have and kepe two parsonages or Benefices with cure of soule. And that the bretherne and sones of all Temporall Lordes which are borne in wedlocke may every of them purchase lycence or dispensacion and receive have and kepe as many personages or benefices with cure as the Chapleyns of a Duke or an Archbysshop: And lyke wyse the bretherne and sones borne in wedlock of e^{er}y Knyght may every of them purchase lycence or dispensacion, and receive take and kepe two personages or Benefices with cure of soule.

XII.
Certificates for
such Chaplains.

PROVYDED alway that the said Chapleyns so purchasyng takyng receyvynge and keyng Benefices with cure of soule as is aforsaid shalbe bounde to have and exhibite where nede shalbe, Letters under the sygne and seale of the Kyng or other their Lorde and Mayster testyfieng whose Chapleyns they be; And else nat to enjoye any such pluralite [or³] Benefices by such Chapeleyn; any thinge in this Acte natwithstandyng.

Dispensacions for
Doctours of
Divinity, &c.

Effect of all
Dispensacions.

BE YT also provyded that all Doctours and Bachelers of Dyvynyte, Doctours of Lawe and Bachelers of the Lawe Canon, and e^{er}y of them which shalbe admtytted to any of the said Degrees by any of the Unyversitees of this Realme, and nat by Grace onely, may purchase lycence and take have and kepe two Personages or Benefices with cure of soule. So that always the said lybtie by any of the provysions before said gyven to any of the said Councelers Chapleyns and other p^{er}sons before specyfyed to purchase lycence or dispensacion, and take receive and kepe more benefices than one after the maner and forme aforsaid, be taken and understonden to extende in nombre to no mo benefices with cure of soule than ys above lymytted; accomptyng in the same and as parell therof suche Benefices with cure of soule as any of the said parsons shall have in [ryall⁴] title or in their possession at the said first day of Apryll in the yere of our Lord God M CCCC xxx.

XIII.
Two additional
Chaplains for
Archbishops, &c.

PROVYDED also that e^{er}y Archbysshop by cause he muste occupye viij Chapeleyns at Consecracions of Bysshops, and every Bysshop by cause he must occupye vj Chapeleyns at gyvynge of Orders and consecracyon of Churches, may every of them have two Chapleyns over and above the nombre above lymytted unto them, wherof every one may purchase Lycence and Dyspensacion and take receive and kepe as many personages and benefices with cure of Soule as is before assigned to such Chapeleyns.

XIV.
The Number of
Chaplains shall
not be exceeded.

PROVYDED also be it enacted by the Auctorite aforsaid that no person or persons to whom any nombre of Chapeleyns or any Chapeleyn by any of the provysions aforsaid is lymytted, shall in any wyse by colour of any of the same provysions avaunse any s^{ma}ll person or persons above the nombre to them appoynted, to receive or kepe any mo Benefices with cure of soule than is above lymytted by this Acte, any thyng specyfyed in the said p^{ro}visyons natwithstandyng; and yf they do than e^{er}y such s^{ma}ll person & persons so avaunced above the said nombre to incurre to the payne and penaltie conteyned in this Acte.

XV.
Spiritual Persons
shall reside upon
their Benefices.

BE YT ALSO furthermore enacted by the Auctorite aforsaid that as well e^{er}y S^{ma}ll person, nowe beyng promoted to any Archdeaconry Deanry or Dignitie in any Monastery or Cathedrall Church or other Church Coventuall or Collegyall, or beyng beneficed with any Personage or Vycarage, as all and every S^{ma}ll person and persons whiche hereafter shalbe promoted to any of the said Dygnities, or beneficed with any personage or Vycarage from the feast of Seynt Mighell the Archaungell next comyng, shalbe personally resydent and abydyng in at and upon his said Dygnitie

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Prebende or Benefice, or at one of them at the leest: And in case any suche Spūall person at any tyme after the said feest kepe nat Resydenche at one of his said Dignyties Prebende or Benefices as is aforsaid, but absent hymself wilfully by the space of one moneth together or by the space of two monethes to be accompted at severall tymes in any one yere, and make his resydenche and abydyng in any other places by suche tyme, that than he shall forfeit for every suche default ten poundes sterlyng; the one halfe therof to the Kyng our Sovereigne Lorde, and the other halfe of the same to the partie that wyl sue for the same, in any of the Kynges Courtes by originall writt of dett Byll Playnt or Informacion; In whiche accion and sute the defendaunt shall nat wage his lawe nor have any Esson, or Proteccion allowed.

Penalty upon
Non-Residence
£10. per Month, &c.

AND YF ANY Person or Persons procure or obteyne, at the Court of Rome or els where, any maner of lycence or dispensacion to be none resydent at ther said Dygnyties Prebende or Benefices cont'ry to this Acte, that than every suche person or persons puttyng in execucion any such dyspensation or licence for hym selfe frome the said fyrst day of Apryll in the yere of our Lorde God M. v. C and xxx shall ren and incurre in the penaltie damage and payne of twenty poundes sterlyng for ev'ry tyme soo doynge, to be forfeit and recovered as is abovesaid: and such licence or dispensacion so procured or to be put in execucion, to be voyde and of none effecte.

XVI.
Dispensations for
Non-residence void;
Penalty £20, &c.

PROVYDED alwas that this Acte of none resydenche shall not in any wyse extende ne be pjudiciall to any such spūall pson as shall chaunce to be in the Kynges servyce beyonde the See, nor to any person or persons goyng to any pylgrymage or holy place beyonde the See, duryng the tyme that they shall so be in the Kynges Vyvye or in their pylgrymages goyng and retornyng home; nor to any scoler or scolers beyng conversant and abydyng for study without fraude or covyn at any Universitie within this realme or without; nor to any of the Chapeleyns of the Kyng or Quene dayly or quarterly attendyng and abydyng in the Kynges or Quenes most honorable houtholdes; Nor to any of the Chapeleyns of the Prynce or Prynces or any of the Kynges or Quenes children bretherne or susterne attendyng dayly in their honorable houtholdes, duryng so longe as they shall attende in any of ther said houtholdes; Nor to any Chapeleyne of any Archbysshop or Bysshop, or of any spūall or temporall Lordes of the Parliament dayly attendyng abydyng and remainyng in any of their honorable houtholdes; Nor to any Chapeleyne of any Duches Marques Countesse Vycountesse or Baronesse attendyng dayly and abydyng in any of their honorable houtholdes; Nor to any Chapeleyne of the Lorde Chauncellour or Tresorer of England, the Kynges Chamberleyne or Steward of his houtholde for the tyme beyng, the Treasurer and Countroller of the Kynges moost honorable houtholde for the tyme beyng attendyng dayly in any their honorable houtholdes; Nor to any Chapeleyne of any of the Knyghtes of the Honorable Ordre of the Garter or of the Chefe Justice of the Kynges Benche, Wardeyne of the Portes, or also the Master of the Rolles: Nor to any Chapeleyne of the Kynges Secretary and Deane of the Chapell or Amner for the tyme beyng dayly attendyng and dwelling in any their houtholdes, duryng the tyme that any such Chapeleyne or Chapeleyns shall abyde and dwell without fraude or covyn in any of the said honorable houtholdes; Nor to any Mayster of the Rolles or Deane of the Arches; Nor to any Chauncellour or Cōmissarie of any Archbysshop or Bysshop, nor to as many of the xij Maysters of the Chauncery and xij Advocates of the Arches as be or hereafter shalbe Spūall Men, duryng so longe tyme as they shall occupye their said romes and offices: Nor to any such Spūall persons as shall happen by Injuncion of the Lorde Chancellour or the Kynges Councell to be bounde to any dayly apparaunce and attendaunce to answer to the Lawe, duryng the tyme of suche Injuncione.

XVII.
Proviso as to
Non-residence;
of Pilgrims, Persons
in the King's
Service, &c.
Scholars in
Universities;
Chaplains of the
Royal Family;
of Archbishops,
Bishops, Peers, &c.

Master of the Rolles,
Twelve Masters
in Chancery, &c.

PROVYDED also that yt shalbe lefull to every Spūall person or persons beyng Chapeleynes to the Kyng our Sovereigne Lorde, to whom it shall please his Highnes to gyve any benefices or promocyons Spūall to what nombre so ever it be, to accepte and take the same without incurryng the daunger penaltie and forfeiture in this statute comprysed: And that also yt shalbe lefull to the Kynges Highnes to gyve lycence to every of his owne Chapeleyns for none resydenche upon their benefices; any thyng in this present Acte conteyned to the contrary natwithstanding.

XVIII.
The King's Licence
to his Chaplains for
Pluralities and
Non-residence.

AND BE YT furthermore enacted by the Auctoritie aforsaid that no spūall person secular or regular, beneficed with cure as is afore rehersed, from the feest of Seynt Michell the Archaungell next comyng by auctorite of any maner lycence dispensacion or otherwise, shall take any particuler stypende or salary to syng for any soule; nor have or occupie by hymselfe or by any other to his use any personage or Vicarage in ferme of the lease or graunt of any person or persons, nor take any profyte or rent out of any (') ferme, upon payne to forfeit xls. for every suche weke that he or any to hys use shall occupye or have any such stypende or ferme contrary to this p'sent Acte, and upon payne to lose ten tymes the value of suche profyte or rent as he shall take out of any such ferme after the said feest; the one halfe of such forfeitures to be to the Kyng our Sovereigne Lorde, and the other moyte to hym that wyl sue for the same by originall Writt Byll Playnt of det or Infromacion in any of the Kynges Courtes, in which sute and accion no Wager of Lawe shalbe admtyted for the Defendaunt nor any Esson or Proteccion allowed.

XIX.
No Spiritual Per-
son shall take any
Stipend to sing for
any Soul; nor shall
farm any Benefice,
&c.
Penalty 40 s. per
Week.

PROVYDED alway that noo Deanery, Archdeaconry, Chauncellershīp, Tresourershīp, Chauntershīp or Prebende in any Cathedrall or Collegyall Church, nor Personage that hath a Vycar indueed, nor any Benefyce ppetually appropriate, be taken or comprehended under the name of Benefyce havyng cure of soule in any Article afore specyfyed.

XX.
Proviso as to
Deaneries.

PROVYDED also and be yt enacted by the auctoritie aforsaid that no spirituall person or persons regular or secular, of what estate degre or condicion so ever he or they be, frome the fyrst day of Apryll next comyng have use or kepe by hym or them selfe or by any person or persons to his or ther use or cōmoditye, any maner Tanhouse or Tanhouses to be used or occupyed to hys or their owne use cōmoditye or behofe; nor frome the said first day of Apryll next comyng shall have use or kepe any maner of Brewhous or Brewhouses to any other use intent or behofe than only to be spent and

XXI.
No Spiritual
Person shall keep
any Tan House
or Brewery;

¹ such Printed Copies.

Pensaly xl o. per
Month.

occupied in his or ther owne houses; upon payne to forfeyte for every moneth so usyng and occupyng any of the said mysteries or occupacions ten poundes; the one moyte therof to the Kyng, our Sovereigne Lorde and the other moyte to hym that wyll sue for the same by originall writt byll playnt of dett or Informacion in any of the Kynges Courtes: In which accion and sute no wager of Lawe shalbe admytted for the Defendaunt ne any Esson nor Proteccion allowed.

XXII.
Proviso as to
Chaplains of
Peeres married
to Commoners.

PROVYDED always that every Duchesse Marques Countesse Baronesse Wydowes which have taken or that hereafter shall take any Husbandes under the degre of a Baron, may take such nombre of Chapeleyns as is above lymytted to them beyng Wydowes; And that every such Chapeleyn may purchase lycence to have and take such nombre of Benefices with cure of soule, and have lyke libertie of none resydence, in maner and fourme as they myght have done yf their said Ladies and Maystresses had kepte them self Wydowes; any thyng in this present Acte conteyned to the contrary natwithstandyng.

XXIII.
Proviso for
Religious Houses
having above 800
Marks per Annum.
[See ante § 7.]

PROVYDED alwey that every Spūall person or persons havyng landes teitēs or other possessions in the right of their Houses above the Yerely Value of viij hundredth markes, may kepe and retyne in ther occupacion and manurance as moche as their said landes and tenementes and other possessions as shalbe necessary and suffycient for pasturage of their cattels and for tyllage of cornes, to be employed and spent for the only mayntenance sustentacion and keypyng of his or their houtholdes and hospitalities withoute fraude or covyn; any thyng in this p̄sent Acte to the contrary theirow natwithstandyng.

XXIV.
Spiritual Persons
may take Habita-
tions in Towns.

PROVYDED alway that yt may be leful to evy Spūall person and persons to take in ferme any Meases Mansyons or Dwellyng Houses havynge but onely Orchardes or Gardeyns, in any Cyte Borough and Towne for their owne habitacyon or dwellyng; any thyng in this Acte to the contrary natwithstandyng: So that no person spūall other than be above provyded for, for their non resydence have any lybtie of non resydence by colour of this proviso.

CHAPTER XIV.

AN ACTE for the Lynnen Drapers in London.

Frauds on the
antient Assise
of Dowlas and
Lochram imported.

IN MOOST humble wyse sheweth unto the Kynges Highnes and to the Lordes Spūall and Temporall and the Comons in this present Parliament assembled, The Lynnen Drapers inhabytauntes within the Cyte of London, the partes beyonde the See; That where by all the tyme wherof mynde of Man ys nat to the cont'ry in the tyme of the Kynges moost noble p̄genytours, all suche marchantes as well Englysshe as Straungers, as at any tyme brought or conveyed the said Dowlas and Lokeram into thys Realme of Englande, brought and conveyed the same in peces or halfe peces, every hole pece of Dowlas conteynyng in length fyve score els of assyse accōptyng to every elle one ynche of Assyse, and in bredth one yarde of Assyse, and every halfe pece L. elles in length and one yarde [of'] bredth of lyke assyse, And all the hole pece and half pece of one goodnes in makyng; and aswell every pece of lokeram to be of lyke length as the hole pece of Dowlas [and every halfe pece of lokeram to be of lyke lengthe as the halfe pece of Dowlas,'] and every such hole pece and half pece to be in bredth a hole yard lackyng a Nayle of a Yarde, and every pece and half pece to be in lyke goodnes by all the length of the same pece; which whan yt was so used was to the greate profyte of all the Kynges Subjectes: And now of late within the space of xx or xxx yeres passed dyvers persons for ther owne singuler lucre have brought all the said Dowlas and Lokeram in halfe peces, which halfe pece lacketh in every suche one halfe pece of the due length foure or fyve elles and some more and some lesse, besyde the bredth of Assyse and accustomed, to the great and extreme hurt of the Kynges pore subjectes occupyers byers and sellers of the same: It may therefore please Your Highnes with the (¹) Lordes Spūall and Temporall and the Comons in this p̄sent Parliament assembled and by the auctorite of the same, to enacte and establysshe, that no person or persons Englysshe nor Straunger Denyzen or Alyen from or after the feest of Seynt Michell the Archaungell next comyng, shall bryng [and ''] convey or cause to be conveyed or brought by any maner of meanes into this realme of England, any of the said Lynnen cloth called Dowlas and Lokerams, but only in hole peces or halfe peces of the full lengthes bredes goodnes and in Assyses as is beforsaid, and as heretofore in olde tymes hath ben accustomed and used, under payne of forfeytur of the same Dowlas and Lokeram soo to be brought or conveyed into this realme nat conteynyng the full length bredth goodnes (¹) assyse, or the value therof: The one halfe to the Kyng our Sovereigne Lorde, and the other halfe of the said forfeytur to hym or them that shall take or sease the same or sue for the same by accion informacion byll or otherwyse, In which accions sutes or informacion no Wager of Lawe nor Esson shalbe admytted.

None shall import
Dowlas or Lochram
except of such
antient Assise.

¹ in Printed Copies.
² or Printed Copies.

³ Interlined on the Roll.
⁴ and Printed Copies.

⁵ assent of the Printed Copies.