

34 Hen. 8.
Cap. 20.

Saving the
right of
others.

Statute of the Four and thirtieth year of the said King Henry the Eighth, Cap. 20. concerning Recoveries against such Tenants in Tail, as if the said Reversion or Reversions, Remainder or Remainders, had continued, remained or been in the said late King or Crown, at the time of such Fine or Recovery or other Assurance; The said premises to be holden of the Manor of East-Greenwich, in Free and common Socage, by Fealty onely, and not otherwise: Saving to all and every person and persons, Bodies Politique and Corporate, other then the said late King, his Heirs and Successors, and all claiming from, by or under them or any of them, since the Twenty sixth day of March, One thousand six hundred forty and one, all Right, Title, Interest, Possession, Entries, Annuities, Commodities, Fees and other Profits, which they or any of them now have, or of right ought to have and enjoy, since the said Twenty sixth of March, One thousand six hundred forty and one.

1653.

An Act impowring Commissioners for Inspecting the Treasuries to issue Warrants for payment of the Monies appointed for the use of the Navy.

[1 January, 1652/3.]

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sioners for
inspecting
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moneys for
Navy.

Be it Enacted by this present Parliament, and the Authority thereof, That Cornelius Holland, Dennis Bond, Francis Allein and John Downs, Esqs; Commissioners appointed by Act of Parliament for inspecting the Treasuries, or any two or more of them, be authorized and required from and after the First day of January, One thousand six hundred fifty two, Upon such Certificates as shall be made unto them from time to time, by the Commissioners for ordering and managing the Affairs of the Admiralty and Navy, what Sums of Money shall be requisite to be paid or assigned for carrying on the Service of the Navy, to issue their Warrants from time to time unto the Treasurers of the several Publique Receipts, out of which any Monies already are or shall be appointed by Parliament for the use of the Navy, to pay unto the Treasurer of the Navy the sums so certified: And that all and every person and persons therein concerned do yield obedience thereunto, Any former Act, Order or Ordinance of Parliament to the contrary notwithstanding.

An Act for reviving of a former Act, Entituled, *An Act against Unlicensed and Scandalous Books and Pamphlets, and for Regulating of Printing*, with some Additions and explanations.

[7 January, 1652/3.]

The Act of
20 Sept. 1649,
revived with
some altera-
tions.

Whereas a late Act, Entituled, *An Act against Unlicensed and Scandalous Books and Pamphlets, and for better Regulating of Printing*, hath appeared by experience to be a good and profitable Law for the ends therein expressed; and that the discontinuance

thereof hath occasioned some lewd Pens and Presses to reassume their former boldness, in Writing, Printing and Dispersing Unwarrantable, Seditious and Scandalous Papers, Books and Pamphlets, to the great dishonor of God and offence of the Parliament, and insufferable contempt of all good Order and Government; And whereas many of the Evils and Exorbitances complained of in that Act, appear to have been much occasioned through the multiplying of Printing-houses, without any Warrant or Authority, and by reason of the Artifice and Subtilty of restless Spirits, unwilling to be confined within the limits of orderly Government; The Parliament of England taking the premises into their serious consideration, finde it requisite to revive and explain the said Law, and to supply the further Remedies following; Be it therefore by the Authority of this present Parliament Enacted, Ordained and Declared, That the said Act, Entituled as aforesaid, and all the Clauses therein contained, Saving for so much thereof wherein alteration shall be made by this present Act, be from henceforth revived, and remain in full force and vertue.

Evils occasioned by the multiplicity of Printing-houses.

And be it by the Authority aforesaid Enacted and Ordained, That the Council of State for the time being, be Impowered to inquire how many, and which of the said Printing-houses now in being shall be continued; and how such others of them, as shall be by the said Council judged meet to be suppressed, shall be disposed of; and what number of Apprentices and Presses every Master-printer (to be allowed by the said Council of State) shall have at one time; and to have full Power to take such Order therein, as to them shall appear just and convenient.

Council of State to order Printers.

And forasmuch as the Life and Growth of all Arts and Mysteries consisteth in a due Regulation thereof, Be it therefore Enacted and Ordained by the Authority aforesaid, That the Government and Regulation of the said Mystery of Printing and Printers, shall from henceforth be and remain in the Council of State for the time being; and that the Master, Wardens and Assistants of the Company of Stationers London, shall follow and observe such Rules, Orders and Directions concerning the Regulation of Printing, as they shall from time to time have and receive from the said Council successively: And the said Council of State for the time being, and Master, Wardens and Assistants of the said Company, according to such Rules and Directions as they shall receive from the said Council, are hereby Authorized and Required to use all good means with care and diligence, for the preventing and punishing of Offences and Misdemeanors against this Act, and the Laws, Statutes and Ordinances heretofore made and now in force, against Unlicensed and Scandalous Books and Pamphlets, and for the better Regulating of Printing.

Council of State to Regulate the Mystery of Printing.

And be it further Enacted and Ordained by the Authority aforesaid, That no person or persons shall or may at any time or times hereafter, Excepting such as shall be Licensed and Authorized by the Parliament or Council of State, or may claim a Priviledge thereunto by Patrimonial Right, Use or Exercise the Art. Trade

Who may be a Printer of Books.

Printers
must exercise
their Trade
in their
dwelling-
houses.

or Mystery of a Printer of Books, unless he or they heretofore have, or hereafter shall have served as an Apprentice by the space of Seven Years in the said Art, Mystery and Science of Printing, with some Lawful Master-Printer of this Commonwealth of England; and that every such person and persons who shall be so qualified and enabled to be a Printer, and shall take upon him the Trade or Mystery of Printing as a Master-Printer, shall Use and Exercise the same in his and their respective Dwelling Houses, and not elsewhere, Any Law, Statute, Priviledge, Usage or Custom to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding, under the Penalty of Forty Pounds for every Moneth, and so proportionably for any shorter or longer time, to be forfeited by every person offending against the Provision aforesaid.

Dry-fats and
Fardels of
Books
imported.

And whereas by the said recited Act, it is provided amongst other things, That no Dry-fats, Packs, Maunds, Chests, Fardels of Books Imported into this Commonwealth, be permitted by any Officers of the Customs or Excise to be Opened or Conveyed away before Notice given; and that the same be Searched and Viewed (within Forty eight Hours after such notice) by the said Master and Wardens of the said Company of Stationers, or such as they shall appoint; It is hereby now Enacted and Declared, That the Lords-Days, and Days of Publique Thanksgiving and Humiliation (if any such shall happen within the said Forty eight Hours next after such Notice as aforesaid) be not accompted nor reckoned as part of the said Forty eight Hours.

Books seized
on, to be
brought to
Stationers-
hall.

And be it further Enacted by the authority aforesaid, That what Books or other things prohibited by this or the said recited Act, the said Master and Wardens, or such as they shall appoint, shall finde and seize upon their search and view as aforesaid, they are hereby authorized and required to bring them, or cause them to be brought to Stationers-Hall London, there to remain and to be disposed of as by the said Act is directed: And to the end that the said searches and views may be made without Spoil or Damage to the Owners of the Goods so Imported, Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Master and Wardens, or any of them, shall have Power to appoint some convenient place where the said Search shall be made; and that no Merchant or Owner of any such Books Imported, shall open their said Goods, or permit them to be opened, but in the presence of the said Master and Wardens, or such as they shall appoint, upon the Penalty or Forfeiture of Five pounds for every such Offence; Provided that such Search and View be made within the time above limited after such Notice as aforesaid.

Master and
Wardens to
appoint a
convenient
place for
searches.

How pecu-
niary for-
feitures shall
be sued for
and disposed.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all and every the pecuniary Forfeitures and Penalties mentioned, as well in this Act as in the said other recited Act, which shall be incurred by any Offender or Offenders against either of the said Acts, shall and may be Sued for in any Court of Record whatsoever, within the Jurisdiction whereof such Offence shall be committed, by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint or Information, wherein no

Essoyn, Wager of Law, or Protection shall be admitted or allowed to the Defendant or Defendants: The one Moyety of all which Forfeitures, if recovered by the Prosecution or Appointment of the said Company of Stationers, after Deduction and Satisfaction of the Charges of Recovery, shall be by them received and reserved, shall be for the Use of the Poor of their Company; and if by the Prosecution of any other person, then to the Use of the Prosecutor; and the other Moyety or one Half shall be to and for the Use of the Commonwealth, and be accompted for accordingly.

And it is further Enacted and Ordained by the Authority aforesaid, That the Council of State for the time being, shall hereby have like Power as in the said former Act is contained, to all Intents and Purposes, for the more full and effectual Execution of the same.

And be it further Enacted and Declared, That the Agent for the Army for the time being, in stead of the Secretary of the Army formerly appointed, shall have Power to License such Intelligence as may concern the Affairs of the Army onely, under the like Rules and Directions as are contained in the said Act of September, One thousand six hundred forty and nine.

Council of
States power.

Agent for
the Army.

Provided always, and be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That no Clause or Clauses, either in this or the said recited Act of September, One thousand six hundred forty and nine, shall be Construed to extend to the Prejudice or Infringing of any of the just Rights and Priviledges of any of the Printers of either of the two Universities in this Commonwealth; But that the same shall be full as large and effectual to all Intents and Purposes, as if this and the said recited Act of September, One thousand six hundred forty and nine, had not been had or made.

Priviledges of
the Univer-
sity-Printers
not to be
infringed.

An Act For making Salt-Petre.

[9 Feb., 1652/3.]

The Parliament taking into consideration how necessary it is, in this time of War, to have a constant and certain supply of Gunpowder for the supply of the Armies and Navies imployed for the defence and safety of this Commonwealth, finde it requisite, That the digging of Petre and making of gun-powder, be by all good ways and means encouraged; Be it therefore Enacted and Ordained, and it is Enacted and Ordained by this present Parliament and Authority thereof, That such person and persons as shall be from time to time nominated and allowed by the Parliament or Council of State for the time being, their Factors, Workmen and Servants, shall have power and authority, and are hereby impowred and authorized to dig for Salt petre, in all Stables, Cellars, Vaults, Ware-houses, and other Out-houses, Yards, and other places not paved nor planked, like to afford that Earth, at fitting seasons in the day time; viz. From half an hour after Sun-rising, to one hour before Sun-setting; and shall dig in Pigeon-houses likely to afford such Earth, from eleven of the clock until three in the afternoon, and no longer in any one day.