



Ecclesiastical Licences Act 1533

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VI For moderating the Charges of such Dispensations, &c. Two Books shall be made of the Costs of all Licences, &c. and approved by the Lord Chancellor, the Archbishops, &c.

AND for as moche as the charges of obteynnyng the seid licences dispensacions faculties and other rescriptes or wrytynges afore named at the Courte of Rome, by the losses and exchanges and in conductyng of currours and wagyng solicitours to sue for any suche licences dispensacions faculties instruments and other rescriptes or wrytynges, have be grevous and excessive to your people, and many tymes greater sommes have byn demaunded for the spedy expedicion in the Courte of Rome then be expressed in the olde taxe lymtyed to be payd for the seid expedicions, wherby your people [^{X1}hath] byn brought to an incertentie upon the payment for expedicions of suche thynges and by reason therof have byn constrayned to pay more then they were wont to doo, to the great impoverishing of this Realme as is afore seid; And some tymes the spedyng of suche dispensacions faculties licences and other wrytyngs at Rome have byn soo longe differred, that the partyes laboryng for the same have suffered great incommodities and losse for lacke of quycke spede, whiche here after may be had within this your Realme to the great commoditie of your people, wherby the charges of makyng exchanges conductyng of [^{X2}currurs] and solicitours for the seid dispensacions shalbe abated, and your peple so moche [^{X3}reveled] and eased, to thentent that all ambiguytie and incertentie of paymentes for dispensacions faculties licences and other rescriptes and wrytynges may be taken away, that noo fraude or exaccion shalbe exercised uppon your people by suche officers as shalbe appoynted by this Acte to take paynes in spedyng suche dispensacions faculties and licences, but that your people may be sure and certayne what they be appoynted to pay for the same; Be it enacted by this present Parliament and by the auctoritie of the same, that there shalbe two bokes drawn and made of one tenour, in whiche shalbe conteyned the taxes of all customable dispensacions faculties licences and other wrytyngs wonte to be [^{X4}spede] at Rome; which bokes and every lefe of those bokes and both side of every lefe shalbe subscribid by the Archebisshope of Caunterbury, the Lorde Chaunceler of Englund, the Lord Tresourer of Englonde and the ij chefe Justices of both Benches for the tyme being; to the whiche bokes all Suters for dispensacions faculties licences and other wrytynges afore rehersed shall have recourse yf they require hit; And one of the seid bokes shall remayne in the handes of hym whiche shalbe appoynted to be register and

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scribe of the seid dispensacions faculties and licences under the seid Archebisshope of Canturbury in forme as is before seid, And the other boke shall remayne with the Clerke of the Chauncerie whiche by your Grace your heires or successours shalbe appoynted as is before rehersed; whiche Clerke of the Chauncerie shall also intitle and [^{X5}not] particularly and dayly in hys boke ordeyned for that purpose the nombre and qualitie of the Dispensacions faculties licences and other rescriptes and wrytyngs [^{X6}shich] shalbe sealed only with the seale of the seid Archebisshope, and also which shalbe sealed withe the seid seale and confirmed with the greate seale in forme as is before seid, that all fraude and conceylment in this behalf may be avoyded.

Editorial Information

- X1 Variant reading of the text noted in *The Statutes of the Realm* as follows: have *nu. 28* [*nu. 28* refers to the numbering of the membranes composing the Parliament Roll]
- X2 Variant reading of the text noted in *The Statutes of the Realm* as follows: currors *O. & nu. 28* [*O.* refers to a collection in the library of Trinity College, Cambridge and *nu. 28* refers to the numbering of the membranes composing the Parliament Roll]
- X3 Variant readings of the text noted in *The Statutes of the Realm* as follows: relieved *O.*— relyved *nu. 28* [*O.* refers to a collection in the library of Trinity College, Cambridge and *nu. 28* refers to the numbering of the membranes composing the Parliament Roll]
- X4 Variant reading of the text noted in *The Statutes of the Realm* as follows: spedde *O.* [*O.* refers to a collection in the library of Trinity College, Cambridge]
- X5 Variant reading of the text noted in *The Statutes of the Realm* as follows: note *O. & nu. 28* [*O.* refers to a collection in the library of Trinity College, Cambridge and *nu. 28* refers to the numbering of the membranes composing the Parliament Roll]
- X6 Variant reading of the text noted in *The Statutes of the Realm* as follows: whiche *O. & nu. 28* [*O.* refers to a collection in the library of Trinity College, Cambridge and *nu. 28* refers to the numbering of the membranes composing the Parliament Roll]

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