

or commissioners for the great seal for the time being, it shall be lawful for the said lord chancellor, lord keeper, or commissioners, to make such order therein as shall be agreeable to the intent of this act.

## C A P. V.

An act for the repair of Dover harbour. From 1 May, 1700. to 1 May, 1709. Duty to be paid for all ships, &c. from 20 to 300 tuns, for every loading and discharging in England, for, from, to, or by Dover, &c. 13 & 14 Car. 2. c. 27. towards repair of the harbour, 3d. per tun. Aliens the like. Coals to pay three halfpence per chaldron. Grindstones three halfpence per tun. Continued by 9 Geo. 1. c. 30. Number of tuns to be made from entry of goods. No goods to be entered till oath made of ship's burthen, &c. Receivers of the monies to keep account thereof, and pay the same once a month to the cashier of the customs at London, &c. who is to pay the same to the treasurer of Dover harbour, to be expended in repair of the said harbour. No coaster or fisherman to pay but once a year. Warden, &c. to cause the repair of the harbour to be set upon, and give order therein, &c. 1744. and further continued for 21 years by 11 Geo. 2. c. 7. Treasurer may convey the duties for five years, for 6000l. to be lent at 6l. per cent. Persons disbursing monies for repair of the harbour, to be accountable on oath. Account to remain in the navy office. If the harbour be sufficiently repaired within the time limited, collection to cease. Ships belonging to Weymouth, &c. exempted, as also Great Yarmouth, and Ramsgate.

## C A P. VI.

*An act to enable his Majesty's natural-born subjects to inherit the estate of their ancestors, either lineal or collateral, notwithstanding their father or mother were aliens.*

**W**HEREAS divers persons, born within the King's dominions, are disabled to inherit and make their titles by descent from their ancestors, by reason that their fathers or mothers, or some other ancestor (by whom they are to derive their descent) was an alien, and not born within the King's dominions: for remedy whereof 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 this present parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, That all and every person or persons, being the the King's natural-born subject or subjects within any of the King's realms or dominions, shall and may hereafter lawfully inherit and be inheritable as heir or heirs to any honours, manors, lands, tenements or hereditaments, and make their pedigrees and titles by descent, from any of their ancestors lineal or collateral, although the father or mother, or fathers or mothers, or other ancestor of such person or persons, by, from, through, or under whom he, she, or they shall or may make or derive their title or pedigree, were or was, or is or are, or shall be born out of the King's allegiance, and out of his Majesty's realms and dominions, as freely, fully, and effectually, to all intents and purposes, as if such father or mother, or fathers or mothers, or other ancestor or ancestors, by, from, through, or under whom he, she, or they shall or may make or derive their title or pedigree, had been naturalized, or natural-born subjects, or subjects within the King's dominions; any law or custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

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