

6 Ann. c. 14.

Third, intituled, *An act that the solemn affirmation and declaration of the people called Quakers, shall be accepted instead of an oath in usual form, which affirmation shall be administered to such quakers instead of the said oath, such quaker shall not be liable to any the penalties or forfeitures for refusing the said oath when tendered to him, contained or mentioned in the said act, intituled, An act for the better security of her Majesty's person and government.*

C A P. XXIV.

An act for the further directing the payment of the equivalent money.

3 Geo. I. c. 14.

398,085 l. 10s.
granted as an
equivalent to
Scotland.

Uses to which
the said sum
is to be ap-
plied, viz.
Losses by re-
ducing the
coin.

I. WHEREAS by the treaty of union, and fifteenth article thereof, it is agreed, That Scotland shall have an equivalent for what the subjects thereof shall be charged towards payment of the debts of England contracted before the union, in all particulars whatsoever; and particularly, that the sum of three hundred ninety eight thousand and eighty five pounds ten shillings, should be granted to her Majesty as an equivalent to Scotland, for such parts of the customs and excise there, as should be applicable to the payment of the said debts of England, according to the proportions therein set down; and in regard that after the union, Scotland becoming liable to the same customs and duties of excises upon all exciseable liquors as in England, as well on that account as upon the account of the encrease of trade and people, the said revenues will much improve beyond the values mentioned in the said article, of which no estimate could be made, it was agreed, That after the union there should be kept an account of the said duties arising in Scotland, to the end it might appear what ought to be answered to Scotland, as an equivalent for such proportion of the said encrease as should be applicable to the payment of the debts of England; and for the further and more effectual answering the several ends therein after mentioned, it was agreed, That from and after the union, the aforesaid whole encrease of the revenues of customs and excises in Scotland therein expressed, should go and be applied for the term of seven years to the uses therein set down; and that upon the said account there should be answered to Scotland annually, from the end of seven years after the union, an equivalent, in proportion to such part of the said encrease as shall be applicable to the said debts of England; and generally that an equivalent should be answered to Scotland for such parts of the debts of England as Scotland might thereafter become liable to pay, by reason of the union, other than such as are in the said article expressed; and as for the uses to which the said sum of three hundred ninety eight thousand and eighty five pounds ten shillings, and other monies, which are to be answered or allowed to Scotland, as aforesaid, are to be applied, it was thereby agreed, That in the first place, the losses which private persons might sustain by reducing the coin of Scotland to the standard and value of the coin of England, might be made good; in the next place, That the capital stock or fund of the African and Indian company of Scotland, advanced, together with the interest of the said capital stock after the rate of five pounds per centum

centum per annum, from the respective times of payment thereof, should be paid; and as to the overplus of the said sum of three hundred ninety eight thousand and eighty five pounds ten shillings, and also the whole encrease of the said revenue of customs and excise, above the then values arising during the term of seven years, with the equivalent which should become due upon improvement thereof, and also all other sums, which, according to the aforesaid agreement, should become payable to Scotland by way of equivalent, it was agreed, That the same should be applied in manner following, viz. that all the publick debts of the kingdom of Scotland, as should be adjusted by the then parliament of Scotland, should be paid; and that two thousand pounds per annum, for the space of seven years, should be applied towards encouraging the manufacture of coarse wooll, within those shires which produce the wooll; and afterwards the same should be wholly applied for encouraging the fisheries, and such other manufactures and improvements in Scotland, as may most conduce to the general good of the united kingdom: and whereas for preventing all mistakes or abuses which might hinder the ready application of the aforesaid money to the proprietors and others concerned in the stock of the African and Indian company of Scotland, conform to the said article, there was an act made in the last session of the last parliament of Scotland, intituled, Act concerning the payment of the sums out of the equivalent to the African company, wherein it is, amongst other things, enacted, That the directors of the said African and Indian company of Scotland, should make up accounts of the sums advanced by the proprietors of the said company, and debts due by the said company, the whole, with interest due thereon, not exceeding two hundred thirty two thousand eight hundred and eighty four pounds five shillings, and two third parts of a penny sterling, on the first day of May then next, and now past, and appointed the proprietors for their respective shares to be paid, and to have execution as therein also is expressed; and in like manner by another act of the said parliament of Scotland, intituled, Act concerning the publick debts, the payments to be made on account of the publick debts of Scotland, are adjusted as in the said fifteenth article, and two acts above-mentioned, is more amply contained: and whereas the said sum of three hundred ninety eight thousand and eighty five pounds ten shillings, has been paid for and on the part of England, to the commissioners of the equivalent in Scotland, pursuant to the aforesaid articles, and considerable sums have by them been issued out, conform to the same, and the above recited acts of the parliament of Scotland; but by experience it has been found, that some further direction is yet necessary for the better application of what remains of the said sum yet unapplied, and all other sums which are or may become due by virtue of the agreements aforesaid, and for the more effectual attaining the ends mentioned in the said article of the treaty and acts above recited; therefore her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the commons of Great Britain in parliament assembled, do humbly beseech her Majesty, that it may be enacted; and be it enacted by the Queen's most excellent majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the lords spiritual and temporal, and commons in this

Capital stock
of the African
and Indian
company

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From the
union to the 25
March, 1708.

Lord treasurer
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viats to order
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payment, &c.

In what man-
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shall be dis-
posed of.

this present parliament assembled, and by authority of the same, That the commissioners, managers, collectors, or other proper officers of the customs and excise upon all exciseable liquors, and of all other duties and revenues from whence an equivalent may arise to *Scotland*, according to the agreements contained in the aforesaid treaty, shall on or before the twenty fourth day of *June*, one thousand seven hundred and eight, make and subscribe two authentick abbreviats of the produce of such revenues, with the amount of the several sums which shall be due by way of equivalent, according to the said agreements, from the commencement of the union, to the five and twentieth day of *March*, one thousand seven hundred and eight, for the first time, and so from thence forward half-yearly within three months after expiring of each half year, and shall transmit one of the said abbreviats to the lord high treasurer of *Great Britain*, or the commissioners of the treasury for the time being, and the other to the commissioners of equivalent in *Scotland* for the time being.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the lord high treasurer, or commissioners of the treasury aforesaid, upon the receipt of such abbreviats, shall and may grant his or their warrants or orders for the immediate payment of such sums as shall be so found due to the commissioners of the equivalent for the time being, or to such person or persons as they shall appoint from time to time to receive the same, for the purposes in this act expressed.

III. And whereas by the said fifteenth and sixteenth acts of the last session of the last parliament of *Scotland*, the sum of two hundred thirty two thousand eight hundred and eighty four pounds five shillings, and two third parts of a penny, is designed and appropriated for payment of the sums due to the *African* and *Indian* company of *Scotland* out of the equivalent, according to the accounts ordered to be made by the directors of the said company: and also whereas the accounts given in by them do fall short of the aforesaid sum of two hundred thirty two thousand eight hundred and eighty four pounds, five shillings and two third parts of a penny, in the sum of seven hundred and twenty one pounds, eight shillings, and five six parts of a penny sterling, whereby the same falls now to be disposable for other uses: and whereas the said directors of the *Indian* and *African* company have been put to very considerable charges in making up the said accounts, and in employing clerks, and others necessary for that service, which expences do far exceed the three hundred pounds allowed them by the aforesaid fifteenth act; be it therefore enacted by the authority aforesaid, That out of the aforesaid sum of seven hundred twenty one pounds, eight shillings, and five six parts of a penny sterling, there be paid by the aforesaid commissioners of the equivalent to the said directors or their order, the sum of five hundred pounds sterling; and as to the remainder of the aforesaid sum of seven hundred twenty one pounds, eight shillings, and five

five six parts of a penny sterling, That out of the same the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds shall be paid by the said commissioners of the equivalent to Mr. *Alexander Cunningham*, in satisfaction to him of the like sum advanced and paid out by him while he was employed by his late majesty King *William*, of glorious memory, for negotiating certain publick affairs concerning *Scotland*; and that the remainder of the said sum of seven hundred twenty one pounds eight shillings, and five six parts of a penny sterling, shall be applied to the same uses, and in the manner contained in the said sixteenth act.

IV. And whereas by the said fifteenth article of union, provision is made for payment of two thousand pounds yearly, for the space of seven years, to be employed towards the encouraging the manufacture of coarse wool within those shires which produce the same: and whereas there having been no direction given, neither by the said treaty of union, nor by any subsequent act or order of parliament in *Scotland*, to whom the same is to be paid, the commissioners of equivalent have hitherto made no payment of any part of the said sum so appropriated; be it therefore enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the judges of the court of Exchequer in *Scotland* for the time being, shall have full power and authority, and are hereby fully empowered and authorized, upon such information or advice as to them shall seem most expedient, to make such distribution of the said money yearly, during the space aforesaid, amongst those shires that produce the said coarse wool, in such districts or divisions as they shall think fit, and in such proportion as to them shall seem most equitable, with power likewise to them to name and appoint certain persons, one or more for each district or division, to receive such part of the said two thousand pounds yearly, as shall have been by them allowed and appropriated to such district or division, whose receipt or discharge shall be sufficient warrant for the commissioners of equivalent to pay the same, with further power likewise to the said judges of the court of Exchequer to establish such rules and orders for disposing of the money so received, in such manner as they shall think will best answer the ends and design for which the same is granted by the said treaty of union, and to appoint persons in every district or division to oversee and direct the disposal of the said monies, and to be accountable to them for such their administration.

Judges of the
Exchequer to
distribute
2000l. per ann.
for encourag-
ing the manu-
facture of
coarse wool.

V. And whereas by the aforesaid sixteenth act of the last session of the last parliament of *Scotland*, intituled, *An act concerning publick debts*, the lords of her Majesty's treasury in *Scotland* were appointed betwixt this and the first day of *May* then next, to draw up an account of the said debts due to the civil list and army, to be given in to the commissioners of the equivalent, and to give certificates to the respective parties having right to any of the said debts, that by virtue of those certificates the parties may be empowered to use diligence, and to recover their monies in manner therein directed: and whereas by rea-

And make up
the accounts
of the debts of
Scotland.

son of the great variety and importance of those accounts, and the remissness of the parties having interest, it has fallen out, That no full or distinct account has yet been made, pursuant to the said act, and conform to the orders and classes therein mentioned; be it therefore enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the judges of the court of Exchequer in *Scotland* for the time being, shall and are hereby impowered to make up lists according to the said sixteenth act, and for that end to call for all books, accounts, or other records or writings necessary for these purposes, and all havers of such writs are ordained to exhibit the same; and in case of refusal, the said judges are hereby impowered to use such form of execution or distress, as to them shall seem expedient.

All persons interested in the said debts, to compear before the judges at *Edinburgh*.

And exhibit their claims.

Judges to proceed without delay in making up the accounts.

Copy to be delivered to the commissioners of the equivalent.

Persons omitting to make

VI. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said judges shall by publick proclamation at the market-crofs of *Edinburgh*, or by any other form of publick proclamation the said judges shall think fit, intimate to all parties within or without the kingdom, having interest in any of the publick debts of *Scotland* before the union, and having right by the said act of parliament to claim, to compear by themselves, or their lawful procurators or attorneys before the said judges at *Edinburgh*, in the ordinary place where the said court of Exchequer meets, at or before any day to be by them therein appointed, not shorter than six months from the date of the publick proclamation at the market-crofs of *Edinburgh*, and there to exhibit their claims and instructions, declaring, That the accounts hereby and by the afore recited act of parliament of *Scotland* appointed to be made, shall be made up only of such claims as shall be presented to them within the said time, and the commissioners of the equivalent impowered to pay these only who shall be contained in the said general account.

VII. And to the end that the aforesaid accounts may be the more fully and regularly made up, and in such expeditious manner as may be most useful to all parties concerned, be it also further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said judges shall proceed without loss of time or delay whatsoever, to the making up of the aforesaid accounts, according to the claims and instructions duly presented and verified: and the said general accounts being so made up, an authentick copy of the same subscribed by the said judges of the Exchequer, shall be delivered to the commissioners of the equivalent, or their secretary or clerk, and certificates shall be granted to each of the several parties *gratis* of such article of the said general account as does concern them: which certificate shall be signed in manner aforesaid, and shall contain the name of the party to whom the debt was originally due, the sum payable, with the list civil or military upon which the same is charged, and the class and order of preference of such debt, according to the said sixteenth act, and shall be assignable and transferrable by indorsement.

VIII. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That such persons as shall happen to omit to compear and make good

good their said claims before the said judges of the Exchequer, within the time to be by them appointed in manner above directed, and shall thereby lose the benefit of being placed and stated upon the said general account, according to which only the commissioners of equivalent are by this act impowered to make payment as is above more at large expressed, shall nevertheless be allowed to compare by themselves, or others by them lawfully impowered for that end, before the said judges of the Exchequer on any lawful day within one year after elapsing of the said first day, to be by them appointed, and there to exhibit and make good before them their respective claims; which claims so made good, shall be by the said judges of Exchequer admitted and formed into one second general account without distinction or order of preference whatsoever, to be by them signed and delivered to the commissioners of equivalent, as also shall grant certificates transferrable by indorsement, and in the same manner and form as these upon the first general accounts are hereby directed, payable by the commissioners of equivalent next and immediately after the whole debts due upon the first two general accounts.

good their claims to lose the benefit of being placed upon the general account.

But may make good their claims within a year after, &c.

IX. Declaring always, and it is hereby enacted and declared, That such persons as shall neglect to compare and make good their claims, as is above appointed, before elapsing of this second term hereby granted, shall for ever after be excluded and debarred from all right, claim or pretension they may have for payment to be made to them of such their debts out of this or any other equivalent arising to *Scotland* by virtue of the treaty of union.

Or for ever after be excluded.

X. And whereas certificates may have been granted by the lords of treasury to sundry persons, which have not yet been presented or paid, and which might occasion confusion if such precepts should yet remain in force, be it therefore enacted by the authority aforesaid, That all such certificates shall cease and become void.

Certificates from treasury not yet presented, void.

XI. And for the better direction for the commissioners of the equivalent in payment and application of the monies of the equivalent, be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the commissioners of the equivalent shall be liable in the manner prescribed in the aforesaid sixteenth act of the last session of the last parliament of *Scotland*, to the several parties having interest, and in all cases where the said commissioners shall not have sufficient sums of money in their hands for answering the whole sum due to any particular order or class, be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That upon presenting of any certificate made and signed in manner above directed, and agreeing with the said general accounts, the said commissioners shall make payment to the parties having right respectively and proportionably, as the sums due to the said parties have proportion to the whole sum due to the same class, and shall retire the principal certificate, with a receipt on the back thereof, for such sum as shall be then paid, and shall give forth to the said parties

In what manner the commissioners of the equivalent shall make payment.

parties respectively transferrable debentures, containing the sum remaining due, with the list either civil or military, upon which it is due, and the order of preference; which debenture shall have the same force and authority for the sum therein contained as the principal certificate above-mentioned; and upon each partial payment the former debentures being retired with a receipt of the sum then paid, new debentures shall be granted of the same nature and force as the former, until the whole be paid and discharged.

Commissioners
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receive certi-
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And grant de-
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&c. which
shall be assign-
able and bear
5 l. per cent.
interest.

On notice of
payment, in-
terest to cease.

XII. And whereas it appears, That after the payment and disposal of the above-mentioned whole sum of three hundred and ninety eight thousand eighty five pounds, ten shillings, there will still remain very considerable sums of publick debts to be paid and satisfied out of the other sums which according to the agreements contained in the treaty of union, will become payable to *Scotland* by way of equivalent; be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful for the commissioners of equivalent, and they are hereby directed and empowered from time to time to call for and receive all and every certificates for such publick debts to be signed by the judges of the court of Exchequer in *Scotland*, by virtue of this act, from the persons having right thereto; and where there shall not be sufficient monies of the said sum of three hundred and ninety eight thousand eighty five pounds ten shillings, remaining in their hands for payment of the sums therein contained, That then upon the person or persons having right to the said sums contained in the said certificates, granting his or their receipt or discharge upon the back thereof, and delivering the same to the commissioners of equivalent for their warrant, they shall grant to such person or persons one or more debentures for the sums contained in the said certificate so discharged, or for such part thereof as shall then remain unpaid, in such form and manner as they shall judge most proper: which debentures shall be assignable and transferrable by indorsement, and bear interest after the rate of five pounds *per cent. per annum*, from the twenty fourth day of *June* one thousand seven hundred and eight, and payable out of the first and readiest of the said other sums arising by way of equivalent only, preferable to all principal sums; and that half yearly, that is to say, Upon the twenty fifth day of *December*, and the twenty fourth day of *June* annually, until the said whole interest and arrears thereof, together with the principal sums of such debentures shall come to be paid off, and discharged, in the rank and order of preference by this act, and the said sixteenth act of the last session of the last parliament in *Scotland* directed.

XIII. Providing always, and be it hereby provided, That when publick intimation shall be made by the commissioners of equivalent (in such manner as to them shall seem most expedient) for all persons having interest to come in and receive the sums due to them upon all or any of the aforesaid debentures, or any proportion thereof, according to the rules aforesaid, at
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or before any day in such publick intimation to be exprest, the obligation for payment of the said interest upon any such sums, or proportion of sums, shall from that day forth cease and become void.

XIV. And whereas, the case of the arrears of pensions due to the late bishops in *Scotland*, and to the poor upon her Majesty's charity there, are of themselves pious causes and of pressing necessity, and their conditions were represented to the commissioners of the equivalent of *Scotland*, to the end that the same might be laid before the parliament of *Great Britain* for relief; be it therefore enacted by the authority aforesaid, That out of the first and readiest of the money remaining in the hands of the commissioners of the equivalent, appointed for payment of the debts upon the civil list, there shall be paid by them a full year's pension of her Majesty's charity to the late bishops and their representatives, and the poor in her Majesty's charity-roll, in part of payment of what is due to them, preceding the first of *May* one thousand seven hundred and seven.

Commissioners to pay a years pension to the late bishops, and to the poor in Queen's charity roll.

XV. And whereas the commissioners of equivalent have already advanced, and will in the further progress of their management, be under a necessity to lay out money for defraying the necessary charges that attend their trust, and for defending in processes before the judge ordinary, when the titles of parties are not clear, and have employed several servants, on whom they have settled fees and salaries, although there has been hitherto no provisions made for such expence; be it therefore enacted, That allowance be given for such sums as have been, or shall necessarily be by them laid out for these purposes, as also that they have power to pay the necessary fees and salaries, not exceeding the sum of nine hundred and twenty pounds in the year; which sums allowed for expences and fees shall be a charge upon, and payable out of the first and readiest of the money which is or shall be in the hands of the said commissioners from time to time, and shall be allowed to the said commissioners in their accounts for the said sums.

Commissioners to be allowed in their accounts 920l. per ann. for necessary charges, &c.

XVI. And in regard the supplies granted by the last parliament in *Scotland*, for the publick service of that part of *Great Britain*, for the year one thousand seven hundred and seven, appear to have fallen short of the actual expence which should have been provided for by that parliament; be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said judges of the court of Exchequer in *Scotland* for the time being, shall and are hereby directed to state and take an account of the said deficiencies, to the end the same may be satisfied in such manner as the parliament of *Great Britain* shall hereafter think fit.

Judges to state the deficiency of the supplies for the year 1707.

XVII. And whereas the commissioners of equivalent have been at considerable pains and charges in attending the distribution of the equivalent-money, and are made liable in their persons and estates to the parties having interest, and to account to the parliament of *Great Britain* for their administration: and whereas there has been no express provision made for an

Commissioners
of the equivalent
to have
each 300 l.
per ann.

allowance to them, in consideration of their said great pains and expence; be it therefore enacted by the authority aforesaid, That each commissioner of the equivalent named or to be named, and accepting and acting, shall have allowance of the sum of three hundred pounds yearly during his continuance in the administration thereof, which shall be due and payable out of all the sums of money that have or shall become due to *Scotland*, by way of equivalent, other than the aforesaid sum of three hundred and ninety eight thousand eighty five pounds, ten shillings, and shall be allowed in any accounts to be made for the same, after payment of the interest upon the debentures appointed to be made in manner by this act directed; any thing in this act contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

No action to
be competent
against any
commissioner,
&c.

XVIII. And whereas it being just and reasonable that the commissioners of equivalent should be only liable for what is done during the time of their having continued in trust; and that the actions, executions and distresses provided to have effect and pass against the said commissioners, by virtue of the aforesaid fifteenth and sixteenth acts passed in the parliament of *Scotland*, should not remain as a perpetual incumbrance upon their persons and estates; be it therefore enacted by the authority aforesaid, That no action, execution or distress, shall be competent against any who have been or shall be named, and has accepted or shall accept to be commissioners of equivalent, for any other fact or deed of the said commissioners in the matter of their trust, other than such facts or deeds as have fallen out, and have been done during the time of the said commissioner or commissioners, his or their continuing in the said trust.

How and when
actions shall
commence
and deter-
mine, &c.

XIX. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That all action, distress or execution against the said commissioners, or any of them, on account of mistakes in payment, shall determine and be prescribed within the space of two years after the date of the payment that shall happen to be controverted; and that any action commenced within that space, shall be prosecuted and finally determined within the space of three years after the commencement thereof; any law, statute or usage to the contrary notwithstanding: reserving nevertheless to the parties having interest, action against all who have by any such error received money to which they have no right.

No omission of
directors of
African com-
pany to preju-
dice the right
of William Pa-
terson.

XX. And whereas it appears that the accounts of the stock advanced, and debts due by the *African* and *Indian* company in *Scotland*, have been made up without regard to the claim of *William Paterson* esquire, for his expences, pains and losses, on account, and at the instance of the said company; be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, That no omission or neglect of the directors of the said company, or of others concerned in stating, adjusting or certifying the claims or demands upon the equivalent, shall prejudice the right, interest, claim or demand of the said *William Paterson*, in and upon the said company, but that the several sums due to him by the said company, shall be

be certified and thereupon fully satisfied and paid in the terms of the treaty of union, as the same shall be proved before the aforesaid judges of the court of Exchequer in *Scotland*.

XXI. And in regard that since the making of the first contracts and agreements the said *William Paterson* hath been at further expences, and sustained other losses and damages for and on account of the said company; be it therefore further enacted, That the said judges of the court of Exchequer in *Scotland* shall and are hereby required to take an account of those his expences and losses, and likewise of his good services and publick taxes, and make a full and fair representation thereof to her Majesty.

Judges to represent his losses and services to the Queen.

XXII. And to the end that the more full and free enquiries may be made, and information had of the premisses, the said judges of the court of Exchequer in *Scotland*, shall and may, from time to time, direct their commission or commissions to any commissioner or commissioners within this kingdom of *Great Britain*, or dominions and territories thereunto belonging, for taking the requisite examinations or informations to the purposes aforesaid, and for reporting the same to the said judges of the court of Exchequer in *Scotland*.

Judges may direct commissions of enquiry into Great Britain, &c.

XXIII. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That no clerk, secretary, accountant, or other officer or servant whatsoever, belonging to the said court of Exchequer in *Scotland*, or the commission of equivalent, shall receive any fee or reward whatsoever for his or their pains, attendance or service in making up, stating, adjusting, or determining the claims or debts belonging to any person or persons which by this act are appointed to be made, stated or adjusted, nor for granting certificates, or obtaining payment or satisfaction for the sums therein contained, or interest thereof, upon pretext of bills, petitions, discharges, or any other pretext whatsoever, under the pains of forfeiting their said offices, as also the third part of the sum contained, or to be contained in such certificate, upon occasion whereof the said exaction is made, to be recovered to the person from whom such money shall be unduly exacted, or to the informer before the judge competent summarily, without abiding the course of the roll.

No officer, &c. of Exchequer to receive any fee, &c. in making up of claims, &c.

On penalty.

CAP. XXV.

An act to enable her Majesty to make leases and copies of offices, lands, and hereditaments, parcel of her dutchy of Cornwall, or annexed to the same.

All leases made by copy of court roll, or within seven years next ensuing according to custom of manor, &c. to be good in law. No lease to be for more than three lives, or 31 years. All covenants, &c. in lease, &c. good. Salvo of right to all persons, &c. except the Queen, &c. On payment of composition-money for taking off increased rent, such increased rent to cease.