

or out of any Parcel thereof, at his own free Will and Pleasare; any Clause in the said former Act notwithstanding.

“ Persons seized in Fee-simple of Lands, &c. holden of the King by Knight’s Service in chief, may give or devise two-third Parts thereof; and the Will shall be good for such two-thirds, although made for more, or for the Whole.” § 5. Persons seized in Fee-simple of Lands, &c. holden of the King or others by Knight’s Service, and not in chief, may give or devise two-third Parts thereof.” § 7, 8. “ An Exposition of the Savings Reserving and Provisions made in this Act, and the Statute 32 H. 8. c. 1, as to Wardships Reliefs and Primer Seisins: and as to the third Part not devisable.” § 9-12. “ A Pardon of Alienation must be sued by those to whom Lands be devised, paying the third Part of the yearly Value of the Lands holden in chief.” § 13.

XIV. And it is further declared and enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That Wills or Testaments made of any Manors Lands Tenements or other Hereditaments, by any Woman covert, or Person within the Age of Twenty-one Years, Idiot, or by any Person *de non sane* Memory, shall not be taken to be good or effectual in the Law.

Persons incapacitated to devise their Lands.

“ Assurances by Covin to defraud the King and other Lords of their Wardships, Marriages, &c. may be avoided by Office found, &c.” § 15, 16, 17. “ This Act shall not extend to Devises of Estates under the Will of certain Persons named.” § 18. “ Proviso for Recompence to him from whom the King taketh any Lands to make up his third Part.” § 19.

[By Stat. 12. Car. 2. c. 24. all Tenures are turned into free and common Soccage. Such Parts of this Act therefore as relate to Lands held by other Tenures are repealed by the Operation of the said Stat. 12 Car. 2.]

C A P. VI.

An Act for the true making of Pins.

[Repealed by Stat. 37 Hen. 8. c. 13.]

C A P. VII.

An Act to authorize certain of the King’s Majesty’s Council to set Prices upon Wines to be sold by Retail. EXP.

“ THE Lords authorized by the Statute of 28 H. 8. c. 14, to set the Prices of Wine in gross, may mitigate and enhance the Prices of Wines to be sold by Retail, as Time and Occasion shall require. To endure to the next Parliament.”—Continued by 37 H. 8. c. 23. which is expired.

C A P. VIII.

An Act that Persons, being no common Surgeons, may administer outward Medicines.

“ WHERE in the Parliament holden at *Westminster* in the third Year of the King’s most gracious Reign, amongst other Things, for the avoiding of Sorceries Witchcrafts and other Inconveniencies, it was enacted, That no Person within the

Abuses of the Act
3 H. 8. c. 17. by
the Surgeons of
London.

the City of London, nor within seven Miles of the same, should take upon him to exercise and occupy as Physician or Surgeon, except he be first examined approved and admitted by the Bishop of London and other, under and upon certain Pains and Penalties in the same Act mentioned: Sithence the making of which said Act, the Company and Fellowship of Surgeons of London, minding only their own Lucre, and nothing the Profit or Ease of the Diseased or Patient, have sued troubled and vexed divers honest Persons, as well Men as Women, whom God hath endued with the Knowledge of the Nature Kind and Operation of certain Herbs Roots and Waters, and the using and ministring of them to such as been pained with customable Diseases, as Women's Breasts being sore, a Pin and the Web in the Eye, Uncomes of Hands, Burnings, Scaldings, sore Mouths, the Stone Strangury Saucelim and Morpew, and such other like Diseases; and yet the said Persons have not taken any Thing for their Pains or Cunning, but have ministr'd the same to poor People only for Neighbourhood and God's Sake, and of Pity and Charity. And it is now well known, that the Surgeons admitted will do no Cure to any Person, but where they shall know to be rewarded with a greater Sum or Reward than the Cure extendeth unto; for in case they would minister their Cunning unto sore People unrewarded, there should not so many rot and perish to Death for Lack or Help of Surgery, as daily do; but the greatest Part of Surgeons admitted been much more to be blamed, than those Persons that they trouble; for although the most Part of the Persons of the said Craft of Surgeons have small Cunning, yet they will take great Sums of Money, and do little therefore, and by Reason thereof they do oftentimes impair and hurt their Patients, rather than do them good: In Consideration whereof, and for the Ease Comfort Succour Help Relief and Health of the King's poor Subjects, Inhabitants of this Realm, now pained or diseased, or that hereafter shall be pained or diseased; be it ordained established and enacted, by Authority of this present Parliament, That at all Time from henceforth it shall be lawful to every Person being the King's Subject, having Knowledge and Experience of the Nature of Herbs Roots and Waters, or of the Operation of the same, by Speculation or Practice, within any Part of the Realm of England, or within any other the King's Dominions, to practise use and minister in and to any outward Sore Uncome Wound Apoplexations outward Swelling or Disease, any Herb or Herbs, Ointments Baths Pultes and Emplaisters, according to their Cunning Experience and Knowledge in any of the Diseases Sores and Maladies before said, and all other like to the same, or Drinks for the Stone Strangury or Agues, without Suit Vexation Trouble Penalty or Loss of their Goods; the foresaid Statute in the foresaid third Year of the King's most gracious Reign, or any other Act Ordinance or Statute to the contrary heretofore made in anywise notwithstanding.

Any Subject of
the King may
cure outward
Sores notwith-
standing the
said Act.
[But see
1 M. 2. c. 9.]