



Lyon King of Arms Act 1672

1672 CHAPTER 47

Act concerning the priviledges of the Office of Lyon King at Armes

Annotations:

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Short title given by [Statute Law Revision \(Scotland\) Act 1964 \(c. 80\)](#), [Sch. 2](#)
- C2** This Act is listed in 12mo edition as [1672 c. 21](#)

OUR Sovereigne Lord Considering that albeit by the 125 Act of the 12 Parliament holdin by his Maiesties grandfather in the yeir 1592 the usurpation of Armes by any of his Maiesties leidges without the Authority of the Lyon King of Armes is expresly discharged And that in order therto Power and Commission is granted to the Lyon King of Armes or his Deputes to visite the whole Armes of Noblemen Barrons and Gentlemen and to matriculate the same in their Registers and to fine in One Hundreth pounds all others who shall unjustlie usurp Armes As also to Escheit all such goods and geir as shall have unwarrantable Armes ingraven on them Yet amongst the many irregularities of these late times very many have assumed to themselvis Armes who should bear none and many of these who may in law bear have assumed to themselvis the Armes of their cheiff without distinctions or Armes which were not caried by them or their prediccors Therefore His Maiestie with advice and consent of his Estates of Parliament Ratifies and Approves the forsaid act of Parliament And for the more vigorous prosecution therof Doth hereby Statute and Ordain that lettirs of publication of this present act be direct to be execute at the mercat cross of the heid Burghs of the Shires Stewartries Bailliaries of Royaltie and Regallitie and Royall Burrowghs chargeing all and sundry . . . ^{F1} Noblemen Barons and Gentlemen who make vse of any Armes or Signes armoriall within the space of one yeir aftir the said publication to bring or send ane account of what Armes or Signes armoriall they are accustomed to vse and whither they be descendants of any familie the Armes of which familie they bear and of what Brother of the ffamilie they are descended With Testificats from persones of Honour Noblemen or Gentlemen of qualitie anent the verity of their having and vseing those Armes and of their descent as afoirsaid to be delivered either to the Clerk of the Jurisdiction where the persones duells or to the Lyon Clerk at his office in Edinburgh at the option of the party vpon their receipts gratis without paying any thing therfore Which Receipt shall be a sufficient exoneration to them from being obleidged to produce again to the effect that the Lyon King of Armes