



Forfeiture Act (Ireland) 1639

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An Act for the relief of patentees, tenants and farmers of crowne lands, or other profits or lands within the survey of the court of wards and liveries, in cases of forfeiture for not payment of their rents, or other service or duty.

Annotations:

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C1 Short title given by Short Titles Act (Northern Ireland) 1951 c. 1

The Kings patentees too apt to take advantage of forfeiture, where the King himself has not required it. Many suits in equity thereby occasioned for relief.

Forasmuch as the Kings Majestie out of his gracious disposition is and ever hath been averse from taking any advantage, howsoever lawfull and just, against any of his subjects, growing by any forfeiture, breach of condition, or strict interpretation of his Highnesse grants or letters patents, or the grants or letters patents of any of his royal predecessors, of any mannors, lands, tenements or hereditaments, and yet the grantees or patentees deriving their estates by or from his Majestie or his predecessors, have been too apt and ready to exact the advantage of such forfeiture, where his Majestie himselfe or his predecessors have not required the same, which hath been ever held an unequal and extream course, and hath many times been relieved by suits in courts of equity, though with the great charge and trouble of the parties indangered thereby:

[I.] No advantage shall be taken by the King of forfeitures by his grantees on default of payment of rent, or performing service reserved, where such rent or service answered to the King before commission of inquiry or other process issued.

For remedy whereof, aswell where the King or any of his predecessors or successors have granted, or shall grant the said mannors, lands, tenements or hereditaments, or any part thereof, or the reversion or any part thereof to any other, as where the reversion, remainder, or estate thereof is or shall be in the Kings Majestie or his successors, in the right of the crown of Ireland, or otherwise, his Majestie of his abundant grace towards his loving subjects is graciously pleased that it be enacted, That if any person or persons, bodies politick or corporate, having, holding or possessing, or which hereafter shall have, hold or possess any mannors, lands,