

CHAPTER XVIII.

AN ACTE for the takinge landinge and carryinge of Sea Sand for the bettringe of Ground^e, and for the Increase of Corne and Tillage within the Counties of Devon and Cornwall.

WHEREAS the Sea Sand by longe triall and experience hath beene found to be very pfitable for the bettringe of Land, and especially for the increase of Corne and Tillage wthin the Counties of Devon and Cornewall, where the most parte of the Inhabitant^e have not cōmonly used any other Worth, for the bettringe of their Arrable Ground^e and Pastures; notwthstanding dyvers having Landes adjoyning to the Sea Coast^e there, have of late intrupted the Bargemen and such others as have used at their free will^e and pleasures to fetch the said Seasand, to take the same under the full Seamarke as they have heretofore used to doe, unlesse they make Composition wth them at such Rates as they themselves sett downe, though they have very smal or no dāmage or losse thereby, to the greate Decay and Hinderaunce of Husbandry and Tillage wthin the said Counties: Be it therefore enacted by the King^e most Excellent Majestie, the Lord^e Spirituall and Temporall and the Cōmons in this p^{re}sent Parliam^{en}t assembled and by the Authoritie of the same, That it shall and may be lawfull to and for all psons whatsoever, resiant and dwelling wthin the said Counties of Devon and Cornwall, to fetch and take Seasand at all Places under the full Seamarke, where the same is or shalbe cast by the Sea, for the bettringe of their Land, and for the increase of Corne and Tillage, at their willes and pleasures: And that it shall and may be alsoe lawfull to and for all Bargemen and Boatemen, and all other Carriers of Seasand of the said Counties, that shall fetch or take Sand as aforesaid, to land and cast out of their Boates and Barges such Sand as they shall soe fetch or take, at such Places as Sand hath at any tyme wthin the Space of Fiftie yeeres last past beene used by such Bargemen or Boatemen to be landed and cast; and also to fetch

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Advantage of Sea-sand as Manure, in Devon and Cornwall;

All Persons may take Sea-sand under High-water Mark, and put it on Shore at Places used within 50 Years, and carry them through Roads used for 20 Years, paying Duties and Tolls, accustomed or agreed for.

and carrie the same by and thorough such Wayes as now be and by the Space of Twentie yeeres last past, have beene used for the carriage and fetching thereof, paying for the taking casting out and landing of every Bargeloade Boateloade or Sack of the said Sand, upon the Groundes of any Man, such Duties as heretofore wthin the said tyme of Fiftie yeeres have beene used and accustomed to be paid for the same, and for passage by and thorough the said Waies, such Duties as have usually beene paid by the said Space of Twentie yeeres, and in such manner and forme as the same wthin the said severall tymes have respectively bene used and accustomed to be paid; And in such places where c^oten usuall Duties have not bene paid, but unctaine Composicions have from tyme to tyme bene made by Agreement wth the Owners of the Soyle there, to yeeld such reasonable Composicions as by Agreement wth the said Owners, shall from tyme to tyme be made.

THIS Act to contynue untill the End of the first Session of the next Parliament.