



The Statute of Westminster the Second (De Donis Conditionalibus) 1285

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Statutes of King Edward, Made at WESTMINSTER in his
PARLIAMENT, at EASTER, In the THIRTEENTH YEAR of his Reign.

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Editorial Information

- X1 Some words illegible on the Tower Roll are supplied from the entry of this Statute in fo. 260, etc. of Register A, in the Chapter House at Westminster, of which the Various Readings are also given. The words defective are distinguished by being included in brackets without any figure of reference.
- X2 The original text of this Act was not modern English. The traditional translation appears first with obsolete characters modernised. The original text (as an image) appears second.

Whereas of late our Lord the King, in the Quinzim of Saint John Baptist, the Sixth Year of his Reign, calling together the Prelates, Earls, Barons, and his Council at Gloucester, and considering that divers of this Realm were disherited, by reason that in many Cases, where Remedy should have been had there was none provided by him nor his Predecessors, ordained certain Statutes right necessary and profitable for his Realm, whereby the People of England and Ireland, being Subjects unto his Power, have obtained more speedy Justice in their Oppressions, than they had before; and certain Cases, wherein the Law failed, did remain undetermined, and some (^{X3}) remained to be enacted, that were for the Reformation of the Oppressions of the People: Our Lord the King in his Parliament, after the Feast of Easter, holden the Thirteenth Year of his Reign at Westminster, caused many Oppressions [of the People,] and Defaults of the Laws, for the Accomplishment of the said Statutes of Gloucester, to be rehearsed, and thereupon did provide certain Acts, as shall appear here following.

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FIRST, Concerning Lands that many times are given upon Condition, that is to wit, Where any giveth his Land to any Man and his Wife, and to the Heirs begotten of the Bodies of the same Man and his Wife, with such Condition expressed that if the same Man and his Wife die without [^{X4}Heirs] of their Bodies between them begotten, the Land so given shall revert to the Giver or his Heir: In case also where one giveth Lands in free Marriage, which Gift hath a Condition annexed, though it be not expressed in the Deed of Gift, which is this, That if the Husband and Wife die without Heir of their Bodies begotten, the Land so given shall revert to the Giver or his Heir: In case also where one giveth Land to another, and the Heirs of his Body issuing; it seemed very hard, and yet seemeth to the Givers and their Heirs, that their Will being expressed in the Gift, was not heretofore, nor yet is observed: (^{X5}) in all the Cases aforesaid, after Issue begotten and born between them, to whom the Lands were given under such Condition, heretofore such Feoffees had Power to aliene the Land so given, and to disherit their Issue of the Land, contrary to the Minds of the Givers, and contrary to the Form expressed in the Gift: And further, when the Issue of such Feoffee is failing, the Land so given ought to return to the Giver, or his Heir, by Form of the Gift expressed in the Deed, though the Issue, if any were, had died: Yet by the Deed and Feoffment of them, to whom Land was so given upon Condition, the Donors have heretofore been barred of their Reversion, which was directly repugnant to the Form of the Gift: Wherefore our Lord the King, perceiving how necessary and expedient it should be to provide Remedy in the aforesaid Cases, hath ordained, That the Will of the Giver, according to the Form in the Deed of Gift manifestly expressed, shall be from henceforth observed; so that they to whom the Land was given under such Condition, shall have no Power to aliene the Land so given, but that it shall remain unto the Issue of them to whom it was given after their Death, or [shall revert] unto the Giver or his Heirs, if Issue fail [^{X6}whereas] there is no Issue at all, or if any Issue be, [^{X7}and fail by Death, or Heir of the Body of such Issue failing.] Neither shall the second Husband of any such Woman, from henceforth, have any thing in the Land so given upon Condition, after the Death of his Wife, by the Law of England, nor the Issue of the second Husband and Wife shall succeed in the Inheritance, but immediately after the Death of the Husband and Wife, to whom the Land was so given, it shall [^{X8}come to their Issue, or return unto] the Giver, or his Heir, as before is said. . . . ^{F1} And it is to wit that this Statute shall hold place touching Alienation of Land contrary to the Form of the Gift hereafter to be made, and shall not extend to Gifts made before. And if a Fine be levied hereafter upon such Lands, it shall be void in the Law; neither shall the Heirs, or such as the Reversion belongeth unto though they be of full Age, within England, and out of Prison, need to make their Claim.

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Statuta Reg' Edwardi edita apud
Westmōn in Parlamento suo Pasch'
Anno Regni sui C'ciodesimo—xiiij.

Ex magno Rot. Stat. in Tur.
Lond. m. 46.

Cum sup. Dns Rex in quindena
Sci Johis Baptiste anno regni sui
sexto, Convocatis Prelatis,
Comitibus Baronibus & consilio
suo apud Glouc. quia multi de
regno suo exheredatim pacie-
bant eo qd in multis casibus ubi
remedium apponi debuit prius
non fuit p. pdecessores suos aut
ipm remedium provisum, quendam
statuta populo suo valde neces-
saria & utilia edidit, p que popu-
lus suus Anglicanus & Hiberni-
cus sub suo regimine guber-
natus celeritorem justiciam qm
prius in suis oppressionibus con-
secutus est, ac quidam casus
quibus lex deficiente remane-
rent non defrmiti, Quorum em
ad reprimendi oppressionem
populi remanserit statuta,
Dns Rex in placamento suo post

Pascha anno regni sui feode-
cimo apud Westm. multas oppre-
siones & legem defecit, ad sur-
plicem pdos statuto apud
Glouc. edito, recitari fecit &
statuta edidit ut patebat in
sequenti.

IN primis, de tenementis que
multociens dantur sub condicione,
videlicet cum aliquis dat terram
suam alicui viro & ejus uxori &
heredibus de ipsi viro & muliere
perpetuis, adjecta condicione
expressa tali qd si hujusmodi vir
& mulier sine herede de ipsi
viro & muliere percreto obis-
sent, terra sic data ad dona-
torem vel ad ejus heredem
revertat. ¶ In casu etiam cum
quis dat tenentem in libum mar-
tagi apud donum huiusmodi

annexam, licet non exprimat
in carta doni, que talis est, qd si
vir & mulier sine herede de ipsi
percreto obierint tenentem sic
datum ad donatorem vel ad ejus
heredem revertat. ¶ In casu
etiam cum quis dat tenentem alicui
& heredibus de corpore suo
exceantibus, durum videbatur &
adhuc videtur hujusmodi dona-
toribus & heredibus donatorum qd
voluntas ipsorum in donis suis
expressa non fuit prius nec adhuc
est observata: In omnibus em
pdictis casibus post prolem susci-
ptam & exeunte ab ipsis quibus
tenentem sic fuit datum condicional-
iter, hucusque fuerunt hujusmodi
feoffati potestatem alienandi

tenentem sic datum & exheredandi de
tenentem ipsorum contra voluntatem
donatorum & formam de dono
expressam: Et preterea cum defi-
ciente exitu de hujusmodi feof-
fatis tenentem sic datum ad dona-
torem vel ad ejus heredem reverti
debuit p. formam in carta de
dono expressam, licet exitus si
quis fuerit obisset, p. feum &
feoffamentum ipsorum quibus tenentem
sic datum sub condicione
exclusi fuerint hucusque de rever-
sione eorundem tenentem quod man-
feste fuit contra formam doni
sui: Pp. quod dns Rex, ppen-
dens qd necessarium & utile est
in pdictis casibus apponere reme-
dium, statuit qd voluntas dona-

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toris sc̄dm formam in carta doni sui manifeste expressam de cēlo observet^r. Ita qđ non heant illi, quibz teñ sic fuit datum sub condiçone, potestatem alienandi teñ sic datum quomin⁹ ad exitū illoz quibz teñ sic fuerit datum remaneat post eoꝝ obitum, vel ad donatorē vel ad ejus heredem, si exit⁹ deficiat p hoc qđ nullus sit exitus ōmino, vel si aliquis exitus fuerit, p mortem deficiet, herede huj⁹modi exitus deficiente. Nec heant decēlo sc̄ds vir huj⁹modi mulieris aliquid in teñ sic dato p condiçom post mortē ūxis ejus p legem Angl̄, nec exitus de sc̄do viro & muliere successionem hereditariam, set statim post mortem viri & mulieris quibz teñ sic fuit datum post eoꝝ obitum vel ad

eoꝝ exitū vel ad donatorē vel ad ejus heredem ut p̄d̄cum est reūtatur. . . .¹ Et sciendum qđ hoc statutū quoad alienaçdem teñ cont^a formam doni imposterum faciendū locum hēt, & ad dona p̄us facta nō extendit^r. Et si finis sup huj⁹modi teñ imposterum levetur, ip̄o jure sit nullus, n^e heant heredes aut illi ad quos spectat reūsio, licet plene sint etatis in Angl̄ & ext^a prisonam, necesse appone clamiū suū.

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- X5 Variant reading of the text noted in *The Statutes of the Realm* as follows: *For*
- X6 Variant reading of the text noted in *The Statutes of the Realm* as follows: *either by reason that*
- X7 Variant reading of the text noted in *The Statutes of the Realm* as follows: *it fail by Death, the Heir of such Issue failing.*
- X8 Variant reading of the text noted in *The Statutes of the Realm* as follows: *return to their Issue, or to*

Textual Amendments

- F1 Words repealed by [Statute Law Revision Act 1887 \(c. 59\)](#)

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