



Simony Act 1588

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IV **Simoniacal Presentations to Benefices, &c. declared void: Penalty of Double the yearly Value on the Giver and Taker; and the Giver incapacitated to hold the Benefice.**

[^{F1}And for the avoydinge of Symony & Corrupcion, in presentacions Collacions and Donacions of and to Benefices Dignyties Prebends and other Livings and Promocios Eccliaſticall, and in Admiſſions Inſtitucions and Inductions to the ſame; yf any perſon or perſons Bodyes Polliticke or Corporate ſhall or doe, for anye ſomme of Money Rewarde Guyfte Profytt or Benefytt, directlie or indirectlie, or for or by reaſon of any Promyſe Agreement Graunte Bonds Coveniante or other Aſſuraunces of or for any ſomme of Money Rewarde Guyfte Profitt or Benefytt whatſoever, directly or indirectlie, preſent or collate any perſon to anye Benefice withe Cure of Soules, Dignytie Prebend or Lyvinge Eccliaſticall, or give or beſtowe the ſame for or in reſpecte of any ſuche corrupte cauſe or conſideracion, that then everie ſuche preſentacion Collation Guifte and beſtowinge, and everie Admyſſion Inſtitucion Inveſture and Induction thereupon, ſhalbe utterlie voyde fruſtrate and of none Effecte in Lawe: . . . ^{F2}: And that all and every perſon or perſons Bodye Pollitick and Corporate, that from thenceforthe ſhall give or take anye ſuche ſomme of Money Rewarde Guyfte or Benefitt, directlye or indirectlye, or that ſhall take or make anye ſuche Promyſſe Graunte Bonde Coven-nte or other Aſſuraunce, ſhall forfeite and looſe the double value of one yeres Profitt of everie ſuche Benefice Dignitie Prebend and Livinge Eccliaſticall; and the perſon, ſoe corruptlye takinge Procuringe ſeekinge or accepting any ſuche Benefice Dignitie prebende or Lyvinge, ſhall thereupon and from thenceforth be adjudged a diſabled perſon in Lawe to have or enjoye the ſame Benefice Dignitie Prebend or Lyvinge Eccliaſticall.]

Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 4 repealed in part (E.) (1.7.2018) by [Statute Law \(Repeals\) Measure 2018 \(No. 1\)](#), s. 2(3), [Sch. Pt. 1](#); [S.I. 2018/718](#), art. 2
- F2** Words repealed by [Patronage \(Benefices\) Measure 1986 \(No. 3, SIF 21:4\)](#), s. 41(2), [Sch. 5](#)

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Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C1 Liability to pecuniary penalty amended by [Common Informers Act 1951 \(c. 39, SIF 39:1\)](#), **s. 1**

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