



# Ecclesiastical Licences Act 1533

## CHAPTER 21

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- I, II .....
- III Dispensations may be granted by the said Archbishop in all Cases usually heretofore granted at Rome; but in unusual Cases not without the Assent of the King and Council.
- IV Licences, the Tax whereon at Rome exceeded £4. shall be confirmed under the Great Seal, and enrolled in Chancery. Licences of less Tax may be granted by the Archbishop: All such Licences shall be valid; Children procreated after Marriages so licenced shall be legitimate, &c.
- V Clerks shall be appointed to register Licences and Confirmations thereof.
- VI For moderating the Charges of such Dispensations, &c. Two Books shall be made of the Costs of all Licences, &c. and approved by the Lord Chancellor, the Archbishops, &c.
- VII Fees for Licences, &c. shall be regulated by such Books. Compositions. Penalty on Extortion, Ten Times the Sum received.
- VIII Application of the Taxes to be paid for Licences, &c.: If amounting to Four Pounds: If under £4. and not under 40s. If under 40s. and not under 26s. 8d. If under 26s. 8d. and not under 20s. If under 20s.
- IX Saving for Dispensations by other Prelates.
- X Guardian of the Spiritualities may act during Vacancy of See.
- XI On Refusal of the Archbishop to grant Licences required, a Writ shall issue from Chancery enjoining him so to do or to shew Cause; and thereon the Chancellor may allow the Cause or enjoin the granting of such Licence; on Refusal whereof the Archbishop shall be subject to a Penalty; and Two Prelates, &c. may be commissioned to grant such Licence.
- XII Such Licences, &c. granted by such Two Prelates, &c. shall be valid.

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- XIII Intent of this Acte; not to vary from the Christian Catholic Faith; but to make politic Regulations for the Realm, &c.
- XIV Visitation of all Monasteries, &c. exempt, shall be by Commission from the King, and not by the Archbishop or the See of Rome.
- XV .....
- XVI .....
- XVII Granted from Rome to Abbies, &c. shall remain valid. But no Pension shall be paid to the See of Rome; nor Visitations be made thereby, nor Appointments of Heads, &c. nor Oath be made to the Pope. But Visitations, &c. shall be made by Commission from the King.
- XVIII Exception for Monasteries, &c. privileged.
- XIX, XX .....
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- XXII .....
- XXIII .....

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