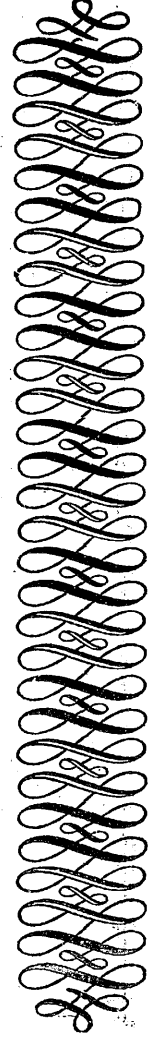


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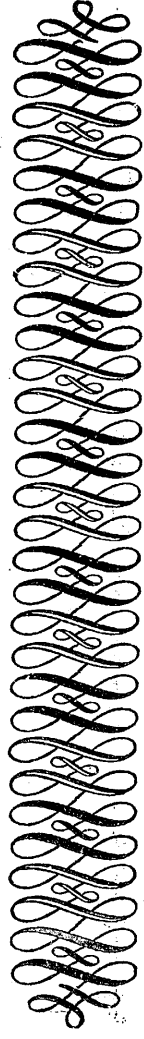
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1 **W**HEREAS it is expedient to enable Persons qualified to kill Game to authorize their Servants or others to pursue and kill the same for their Use, upon their Freehold or Copyhold Lands, and to amend the Laws for the Preservation of Game: May it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted; and be it enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That from and after the passing of this Act, where any Person or Persons qualified by Law to keep

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Land, of Freehold, Copyhold, or Customary Tenure, may appoint a Servant to kill Game. and use Dogs, Guns, and Engines for taking and destroying Game, shall be seized of or entitled to any Land of Freehold, Copyhold, or Customary Tenure, consisting of Two hundred contiguous Statute Acres at the least, for any Estate or Interest for a Life or Lives, or other greater Estate, and upon which such Person or Persons shall have a Right to pursue and kill Game, it shall be lawful for him, her, or them to authorize, in Writing under his, her, or their Hand or Hands, a Servant or Servants, or other unqualified Person or Persons, to pursue and kill the same upon such Lands; so nevertheless that not more than One such Servant or Person shall be appointed for the same Land, and that his Appointment be entered with the Clerk of the Peace in the Manner required with respect to the Deputations of Gamekeepers for Manors: Provided always, that the Authority so given shall cease with the original Right to grant the same, and be revocable at Pleasure.

What Lands to be deemed contiguous. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That Lands shall be deemed contiguous for the Purposes of this Act, although separated by a Road or Way, River or Stream, or other public Boundary.

Not to authorize Persons to kill Game without a Certificate; or on a Free Chase; or to affect the Rights of His Majesty, or Lords of Manors, &c. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing herein contained shall warrant any Person in sporting without a Game Certificate, such as is required for Persons not being Gamekeepers conformably to the Laws now in force; or invest any Servant or other Person, authorized as aforesaid, with any of the Powers or Privileges of Gamekeepers for Manors; or empower any Person to give such Authority to pursue and kill Game in or upon any Land over which the Lord of the Manor or any other Person hath Free Chase or Free Warren; or be construed to lessen or defeat the Rights of His Majesty or His Successors; or to deprive the Lords or Ladies of Manors, Lordships, or Royalties, of any Power, Privilege, or Authority which they now by Law possess, except the Authority herein-after expressly repealed.

Gamekeepers Certificates sufficient for neighbouring Lands, &c. And be it further enacted, That where by virtue of this Act Authority shall be given by the Lord or Lady of a Manor to his or her Gamekeeper

Gamekeeper for the same to pursue and kill Game upon any Land not lying within such Manor, but situated in the same or any adjoining Parish or Parishes, then it shall not be necessary that such Land should consist of Two hundred contiguous Statute Acres, or that such Gamekeeper should obtain any Game Certificate except that which he is now by Law required to have a Gamekeeper of the Manor for which he shall be deputed.

And be it further enacted, That if any Person, after Notice from the Owner or Occupier of any Land over which such Person has not a Right to pursue and kill Game to abstain from sporting thereon, shall enter or remain on such Land, either with a Dog, Gun, Net, Snare, or other Engine for the taking or Destruction of Game, for the Purpose of pursuing, taking, killing, or destroying any Sort of Game, Rabbit, Bustard, Woodcock, Snipe, Quail, Landrail, Wild Duck, Teal, or Widgeon, the Person so offending shall, upon Conviction before Two Justices of the Peace for the County, Riding, Division, or Place wherein such Offence shall be committed, either by his own Confession, or by the Oath of One credible Witness, forfeit and pay to such Owner or Occupier complaining thereof any Sum not less than Twenty Shillings, nor more than Five Pounds, at the Discretion of such Justices, and the further Sum of Twenty Shillings for each Head of Game killed or taken by him on such Land after Notice as aforesaid; which said Penalty or Penalties shall, in default of Payment thereof within such Time as shall be appointed by the said Justices, be levied by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of such Offender or Offenders, under a Warrant from the Justices so convicting as aforesaid; and for Want of sufficient Distress, such Offender or Offenders shall be committed to the Common Gaol or House of Correction in or for such County, Riding, Division, or Place, there to be kept to hard Labour for any Time not exceeding Three Months, unless such Penalty or Penalties be sooner paid: Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall extend or be construed to extend to any Person or Persons on Horseback hunting or coursing Game already started elsewhere, with Hounds or Greyhounds, or on Foot, accompanying such Person or Persons on Horseback; nor to any Lord or Lady of a Manor within such Manor, nor to any Gamekeeper duly

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Statute made in the Twenty-first Year of the Reign of King *Edward* the First, intituled *Statutum de Malefactoribus in Parcis*, the Forester, Parker or Warrener, is indemnified if he shall kill any Trespasser intending to do Damage, who will not yield after Hue and Cry made to stand to the Peace, but shall flee or defend himself: And whereas it is expedient that such Provision in the said Act of King *William* and Queen *Mary* be repealed; be it therefore enacted, That so much of the said Act of the Fourth and Fifth Years of the Reign of King *William* and Queen *Mary*, as is herein-before recited, giving such Authority and Indemnity as aforesaid, shall be and the same is hereby repealed.

Provided always, and be it enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend to *Scotland* or *Ireland*.

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