

REAL ESTATE—PRETENSED TITLES.

[*Omitted from page 385.*]

32 Hen. VIII., c. 9.

AGAINST Maintenance and Embracery, Buying of Titles, &c.

2. . . . No person nor persons, of what estate, degree, or condition soever he or they be, shall from henceforth bargain, buy, or sell, or by any ways or means obtain, get, or have any pretended rights or titles, or take promise, grant, or covenant to have any right or title of any person or persons in or to any manors, lands, tenements, or hereditaments; but if such person or persons which shall so bargain, sell, give, grant, covenant, or promise the same, their ancestors, or they by whom he or they claim the same, have been in possession of the same, or of the reversion or remainder thereof, or taken the rents or profits thereof, by the space of one whole year next before the said bargain, covenant, grant, or promise made, upon pain that he that shall make any such bargain, sale, promise, covenant, or grant, to forfeit the whole value of the lands, tenements, or hereditaments so bargained, sold, promised, covenanted, or granted contrary to the form of this Act; and the buyer or taker thereof, knowing the same, to forfeit also the value of the said lands, tenements, or hereditaments so by him bought or taken as is abovesaid: the one-half of the said forfeitures to be to the King our Sovereign Lord, and the other half to the party that will sue for the same in any of the King's Courts of Record by action of debt, bill, plaint, or information; in which action, bill, plaint, or information no essoin, protection, wager of law, nor injunction shall be allowed.

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4. . . . It shall be lawful to any person or persons, being in lawful possession, by taking of the yearly farm, rents, or profits of or for any manors, lands, tenements, or hereditaments, to buy, obtain, get, or have, by any reasonable ways or means, the pretended right or title of any other person or persons, hereafter to be made to, of, or in such manors, lands, tenements, or hereditaments whereof he or they shall so be in lawful possession, anything in this Act contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

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