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CAP. XXVI.

An Act to enable His Majesty to make Leases, Copies, and Grants of Offices, Lands, and Hereditaments, Parcel of the Duchy of *Cornwall*, or annexed to the same, and for other Purposes therein mentioned.

WHEREAS his Royal Highness George Prince of Wales now stands seised of the Duchy of Cornwall, and the Possessions thereof: And whereas it is necessary to enable His Majesty to grant Offices, and to make Leases and Grants, by Copy of Court Roll, of Lands and Hereditaments, Parcel of the said Duchy, or thereunto annexed or belonging, during the Minority of his Royal Highness; be it therefore Preamble.

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,

Leases, and Grants of Offices, Lands, and Hereditaments, according to the Custom of the respective Manors, within 7 Years next ensuing, being Parcel of the Duchy of *Cornwall*, &c. are declared to be good and valid.

That all Leases and Grants made, or to be made, by Letters Patent or Indentures, under the Seal of Great Britain, or Seal of the Court of Exchequer, or by Copy of Court Roll according to the Custom of the respective Manors, within Seven Years next ensuing, of any Offices, Messuages, Parks, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments (other than Honors, Lordships, or Manors) Parcel of the Possessions of the said Duchy of Cornwall, or annexed to the same, shall be good and effectual in Law, according to the Purport and Contents of the same Copies, Leases, and Grants, against our Sovereign Lord the King, his Heirs, and Successors, his Royal Highness George Prince of Wales, and against all and every other Person or Persons who shall, at any Time hereafter, have, inherit, or enjoy, the said Duchy, by Force of any Act of Parliament, or by other Limitation whatsoever.

Restrictions are limited.

Provided always, That every such Lease or Grant so made, or to be made, be not for more than One, Two, or Three Lives, or for One and thirty Years, or under, or for some Term of Years determinable upon One, Two, or Three Lives, and not above;

Conditions with respect to the said Leases or Grants.

and if such Leases or Grants be made in Reversion or Expectancy, that then the same, together with the Estates in Possession, do not exceed Three Lives, or the Term of One and thirty Years, or some Term of Years determinable upon One, Two, or Three Lives, and be not in any wise made dispunishable of Waste; and so as, upon every such Lease or Grant, there be, or shall be, reserved the ancient or most usual Rent or more, or such Rent as hath been reserved, yielded, or paid, for the same Lands or Hereditaments, for the greater Part of Twenty Years next

before the making of the said Leases or Grants; and where no such Rent hath been reserved or payable, that then, upon every such Lease, there be, or shall be, reserved a reasonable Rent, not being under the Twentieth Part of the clear yearly Value of the Messuages, Parks, Lands, Tithes, Tenements, or Hereditaments, contained in such Lease or Grant; and all Leases and Grants otherwise made, or to be made, shall be null and void.

All Covenants, Conditions, and Reservations, &c. contained in every such Lease or Grant, &c. declared as good and valid,

And be it further ordained and enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all Covenants, Conditions, Reservations, and other Agreements, contained in every Lease, Grant, or Copy of Court Roll, made or to be made as aforesaid, shall be good and effectual in Law, according to the Words and Contents of the same, as well for and against them to whom the Reversions of the same Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, shall come, as for and against them to whom the Interest of the said Leases, Grants, or Copies, shall come respectively, as if our Sovereign Lord the King's Majesty, at the Time of making such Covenants, Conditions, and Reservations, and other Agreements, were seised of an absolute Estate in Fee-simple in the same Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments.

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General Reservation of Rights.

Saving always to all and every Person and Persons, Bodies Politic and Corporate, their Heirs and Successors, Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, other than to our said Sovereign Lord the King, and his Heirs, and Successors, and the Duke and Dukes of Cornwall for the time being, and his and their Heirs, and all and every other Person and Persons that shall hereafter have, inherit, or enjoy, the said Dukedom of Cornwall, by Force of any Act of Parliament, or other Limitation whatsoever; all such Rights, Titles, Estates, Customs, Interests, Tenures, Claims, and Demands whatsoever, of what Nature, Kind, or Quality soever, of, in, to, or out of, the

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said Offices, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or any of them, as they, or any of them, had or ought to have had before the making of this Act, to all Intents and Purposes, and in as large and ample Manner and Form as if this Act had never been had or made; this Act, or any thing herein contained, to the contrary notwithstanding. b

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