

gain, buy or sell, or by any ways or means obtain, get, or have any pretended Rights or Titles, or take, promise, grant, or **319** covenant *to have any Right or Title of any person or persons, in or to any Manors, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments (except such person or persons, which shall so bargain, sell, give, grant, covenant, or promise the same, their Antecessors, or they by whom he or they claim the same, have been in Possession of them 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) (2) 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; (3) and the Buyer and 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; (4) 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 Infirmation, no Essoin, Protection, Wager of Law, nor Injunction shall be allowed.

III. And furthermore, That no manner of person or persons, of what Estate, Degree, or Condition soever he or they be, do hereafter unlawfully maintain, or cause, or procure any unlawful Maintenance in any Action, Demand, Suit or Complaint in any of the King's Courts of the Chancery, the Star-Chamber, *White-hall*, or elsewhere within any of the King's Dominions of *England* and *Wales*, or the Marches of the same, where any person or persons have, or hereafter shall have Authority, by virtue of the King's Commission, Patent, or Writ, to hold Plea of Lands, or to examine, hear, or determine any Title of Lands, or any Matter or Witnesses concerning the Title, Right, or Interest of any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments; (2) and also that no person or persons, of what Estate, Degree, or Condition soever he or they be, do hereafter unlawfully retain, for Maintenance of any Suit or Plea, any person or persons, or embrace any Freeholders or Jurors, or suborn any Witness, by Letters, Rewards, Promises, or any other sinister labour or means, for to maintain any Matter or Cause, or to the disturbance or hindrance of Justice, or to the procurement, by occa-