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# An Act for the descending of Land

Be it enacted by the Lords High in Parliament assembled by and with the advice and approbation of the Commons of the same that a widow immediately after the death of her husband if she have no Jointure shall be admitted to have during her life to one third part of all the Land wherof her husband was seized any time during the coverture except in cases where she hath a Jointure put a fine or Cognate with her husband in making of Tunes and she shall tarry in the Chief house of her husband during her Widowhood

And where any person dieth seized of any Land the Guardian of the heir appointed upon the will if the heir be within the age of sixteen years may enter upon the Land and shall be accountable for the Reasonable Profits thereof to the heir when he comes of Age and where any person dieth seized of any Land without disposing thereof by will the next heir of such Person to whom the Land ought to descend by the most General Custom or Common Law of England shall or may enter upon all the Land wherof his Ancestor dieth seized and if such next heir be not living or residing within the Province the nearest heir living within the Province and claiming the same may enter upon the Land and hold it without waste or impeachment until such next heir or nearer heir