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## PREFACE.

In preparing the following pages an attempt has been made to embody in a convenient form the most important of those English Statutes, which, passed before the establishment of the Colonies, form to-day part of our Law, and such subsequent enactments as have had, through their direct or indirect adoption, the greatest influence on the case law of this country.

The more part of these Statutes, or portions of Statutes, bear on the subject of the holding and transfer of property; the remainder will be found to be some of the most important of those which relate to the subjects of crimes, evidence, and procedure.

While this collection has been made primarily as a reference-book for the use of members of the Harvard Law School, it is hoped that others may find it of service in their studies.

The edition of the Statutes at Large, used in the preparation of this book, is that of Danby Pickering Esq<sup>70</sup>.

CAMBRIDGE, November, 1880.

E. L. B. F. B. E. M. P.

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### OF THE

## SOVEREIGNS OF ENGLAND.

Sovereicns,	Commencement of Reign.	Year of Death,	Years of Reign.
William I	December 25, 1066	1087.	21
William II	September 26, 1087	1100.	13
Henry I	August 5, 1100	1135.	86
Stephen	December 26, 1135	1154.	19
Henry II	December 19, 1154	1189.	35
Richard I	September 3, 1189	1199.	10
John		1216.	18
Henry III	October 28, 1216	1272.	57
Edward I		1307.	85
Edward II	July 8, 1307	1327.	20
Edward III	January 25, 1027	1377.	51
Richard II	June 22, 1377	1399.	23
Henry IV.	September 30, 1399	1418.	14
Henry V		1422.	10
Henry VI	September 1, 1422	1471.	39
Edward IV	March 4, 1461	1483.	23
Edward V		1483.	1
Richard III.	June 25, 1483	1485.	8
Henry VII.	August 22, 1485	1509.	24
Henry VIII	April 22, 1509	1547.	88
Edward VI.		1553.	7
Mary		1558.	1 i
Philip and Mary	July 25, 1554		Î Î
Elizabeth	November 17, 1558	1603.	45
James I		1625.	23
Charles I		1649.	04
Commonwealth		1654.	· 5
Oliver Cromwell, Protector.	December 12, 1653	1658.	5
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James II	February 6, 1685	1701.	4
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William III.	December 28, 1694	1702.	8
Anne		1714.	13
George I.		1727.	18
George II.		1760.	34
George III	October 25, 1760	1820.	60
George IV	January 29, 1820	1830.	11
William IV.	June 26, 1830	1837.	7
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#### A.D. 1100-1874.

#### LEG. REG. HEN. I. I.

VII. Et si quis baronum vel hominum meorum infirmabitur, sicut ipse dabit, vel dare disponet pecuniam suam, ita datam esse concedo. Quod si ipse preventus, vel armis vel infirmitate, pecuniam suam non dederit nec dare disposuerit, uxor sua, sive liberi, aut parentes, aut legitimi homines ejus, eam pro anima ejus dividant, sicut eis melius visum fuerit.

## MAG. CART. REG. JOHAN. CAP. 27. [June 15th, A.D. 1215.]

Si aliquis liber homo intestatus decesserit, catalla sua per manus propinquorum parentum et amicorum suorum, per visum Ecclesiae distribuantur; salvis unicuique debitis que defunctus ei dedebat.

If any free-man shall die intestate, his chattels shall be distributed by the hands of his nearest relations and friends, by the view of the Church, saving to everyone the debts which the defunct owed.

### MAG. CART. (9 HEN. III.). CAP. 32. [A.D. 1225.]

Lands shall not be aliened to the Prejudice of the Lord's Service.

Nullus liber homo decetero det amplius vel vendat alicui de terra sua quam ut de residuo terre sue possit sufficienter fieri domino feodi servicium ei debitum quod pertinet ad feodum illud.

No Freeman from henceforth shall give or sell any more of his Land, but so that of the residue of the Lands the Lord of the Fee may have the Service due to him, which belongeth to the Fee.

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