

**An acte that purueyours shall not take victualles, Within fiue myles of
Cambrydge and Oxforde.**



Wherby your Maiesties, the societees, Colleges, & companies, of your true and faythfull subiectes, & dayly orators the scholars & studentes of both youre maiesties vniuersities, Cambrydge and Oxforde, that where it hath bene accustomed tyme out of mynde that both the sayd market townes of Cambridge and Oxford, wherin the sayd two vniuersities, be set, and the circuite of fiue myles next adioyning, hath ben free from anye charge or molestacion of anye common takers, or purueyers for victual, wherby the sayd markettes, were moze plentifully serued w victuall, and the poze estate of a great multytude of schollers, hauyng verye bare and small sustetation thereby releued, and nowe by the meanes that contrary to y same laudable custome, diuerse purueyours, and takers haue of late excessyuely frequented the sayd markettes, and thereby giuen occasion to make the victelles both moze skant and much derer, to a notozious decaye of schollers, which also dayly in this great derth, is lyk to encrease and be moze lamentable, to the hinderance of gods seruyce, the dishonor of the realme, the discomforte of all good and holy men, louyng learnyng and vertue. It may therefore please your maiesties of your great pytie and aboundant fauor and loue to wardes your sayd two vniuersities, beyng the verye two onely noses of good learnyng in this realme, with the assent of the Lordes spirituall & temporall, and the commons, in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, to enacte, ordeyne and establishe, that from henceforth no maner of purueyor, taker bager, loader, or other minister, maye or shall take or bargayne for anye kynde of victuall or grayne, in any of the sayd markettes or townes, of Cambrydge, and the Citie of Oxforde, nor shall take or bargayne for any victuall, within the compasse of fyue myles, therto adioynyng, without the consent agreement or good wyll of the owner or owners, nether shall attempte to cary take awaye, or bargayne for any maner of grayne, or other victuall, bought or prouyded within the sayd space of fyue myles by anye commone mynyster, of anye Colledge, hostell, or hall to be spent within any of the sayd Colledges, hostelles, or halles, vpon payne of the forfeiture of the quadruple value, of any such maner grayne, or victuall so taken or bargayned for in any of the sayd markettes, or within the sayd space of fyue myles, agaynste the wil of y owners, as is abouesayd, or attempted to be taken caryed awaye, or bargayned for, beinge prouyded as is abouesayd, for to be spent in any the Colledges, hostels, or halles, And further shal suffer imprisonment, for the space of thre Moneths, withoute bayle or maynepryse, and that the Chauncellour, or vicechauncelloz, or his Comynissary for the tyme beyng, in eyther of the sayd vniuersities, with two Justices of peace, of the Countie, wherein the sayd vniuersities be sette, shall haue full power by auctorite of thys acte, to enquyre by the othes of .xii. men of and vpon the defaultes and offences commytted contrary to the tenor thereof, and to see due punysshment and refozation thereof in fozme afozesayde from tyme to tyme, the one halfe of whych foresayd forfeitures to be to the common treasure of eyther the sayd vniuersities respectyuely to the faulte, commytted, agaynst this their priuiledge, the other halfe to y partye that wyll sue for the same, by action of debte, by l, playnt, or other wyse in any courte of recozd, or befoze the foresayd Chauncellour, his vice chauncelloure, or comynissary for the tyme

being, and two iustices of peace as is before expressed.

¶ Prouyded that this acte shall not be put in execution at anye tyme or tymes whensoever your maiesties or the heyres or successours of your maiestie our soueraigne Ladye, shall please to come to any of both the sayd vniuersities or within seauen myles of eyther of thē, but shall be in suspence, duryng that tyme onely and not longer.

¶ Prouided alwayes and be it enacted by thautoritie aforesayd, that this acte or any thing therein conteyned shall not in any wyse be preiudiciall or hurtefull to the Mayre Baylyffe, & Comminaltie of the Citie of Oxforde, nor to the Mayre and Comminaltie of the Towne of Cambrydge, or to their Successours, for and concernyng any of their liberties or priuileges, but that they and every of them, and their successours respectuely may haue and vse y^e same in such maner & forme, as they or anye of thē, might or ought to haue done before the makyng of thys acte, any thing in this acte conteyned to the contrary notwithstandinge.

God saue the Kyng and the Quene.

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