



## Cestui Que Vie Act 1666

### 1666 CHAPTER 11 18 and 19 Cha 2

An Act for Redresse of Inconveniencies by want of Proove of the Deceases of Persons beyond the Seas or absenting themselves, upon whose Lives Estates doe depend.

<sup>x1</sup>Recital that Cestui que vies have gone beyond Sea, and that Reversioners cannot find out whether they are alive or dead.

Whereas diverse Lords of Mannours and others have granted Estates by Lease for one or more life or lives, or else for yeares determinable upon one or more life or lives And it hath often happened that such person or persons for whose life or lives such Estates have bene granted have gone beyond the Seas or soe absented themselves for many yeares that the Lessors and Reversioners cannot finde out whether such person or persons be alive or dead by reason whereof such Lessors and Reversioners have bene held out of possession of their Tenements for many yeares after all the lives upon which such Estates depend are dead in regard that the Lessors and Reversioners when they have brought Actions for the recovery of their Tenements have bene putt upon it to prove the death of their Tennants when it is almost impossible for them to discover the same, For remedy of which mischeife soe frequently happening to such Lessors or Reversioners.

#### Annotations:

#### Editorial Information

- X1 Abbreviations or contractions in the original form of this Act have been expanded into modern lettering in the text set out above and below.

#### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1 Short title "The Cestui que Vie Act 1666" given by Statute Law Revision Act 1948 (c. 62), Sch. 2  
C2 Preamble omitted in part under authority of Statute Law Revision Act 1948 (c. 62), Sch. 1  
C3 Certain words of enactment repealed by Statute Law Revision Act 1853 (c. 3) and remainder omitted under authority of Statute Law Revision Act 1948 (c. 62), s. 3

### III . . . . . F2

#### Annotations:

Amendments (Textual)S. III repealed by Statute Law Revision Act 1863 (c. 125)

#### IV. If the supposed dead Man prove to be alive, then the Title is revested. Action forme an Profits with Interest.

[x]Provided always That if any person or [x]person or] persons shall be evicted outof any Lands or Tenements by vertue of this Act, and afterwards if such person orpersons upon whose life or lives such Estate or Estates depend shall returne againefrom beyond the Seas, or shall on proove in any Action to be brought for recovery of the same [to] be made appeare to be livinge; or to have bene livinge at the time of theEviction That then and from thenceforth the Tennant or Lessee who was outed of thesame his or their Executors Administrators or Assignes shall or may reenter repossessehave hold and enjoy the said Lands or Tenements in his or their former Estate for andduring the Life or Lives or soe long terme as the said person or persons upon whoseLife or Lives the said Estate or Estates depend shall be livinge, and alsoe shall uponAction or Actions to be brought by him or them against the Lessors Reversioners orTennants in possession or other persons respectively which since the time of the saidEviction received the Proffitts of the said Lands or Tenements recover for damages thefull Proffitts of the said Lands or Tenements respectively with lawfull Interest for andfrom the time that he or they were outed of the said Lands or Tenements, and kepte orheld out of the same by the said Lessors Reversioners Tennants or other persons whoafter the said Eviction received the Proffitts of the said Lands or Tenements or any of them respectively as well in the case when the said person or persons upon whose Lifeor Lives such Estate or Estates did depend are or shall be dead at the time of bringingof the said Action or Actions as if the said person or persons where then livinge.