



# Quia Emptores (1290)

1290 CHAPTER 1 18 Edw 1

## I Freeholders may sell their Lands; so that the Feoffee do hold of the Chief Lord.

FORASMUCH as Purchasers of Lands and Tenements of the Fees of great men and [<sup>X1</sup>other Lords,] have many times heretofore entered into their Fees, to the prejudice of the Lords, [<sup>X2</sup>to whom] the Freeholders of such great men (<sup>X3</sup>) have sold their Lands and Tenements to be holden in Fee (<sup>X4</sup>) of their Feoffors, and not of the Chief Lords of the Fees, whereby the same Chief Lords have many times lost their Escheats, Marriages, and Wardships of Lands and Tenements belonging to their Fees; which thing seemed very hard and extream unto those [<sup>X5</sup>Lords and other great men,] and moreover in this case manifest Disheritance: Our Lord the King, in his Parliament at Westminster after Easter, the eighteenth year of his Reign, that is to wit, in the Quinzime of Saint John Baptist, at the instance of the great Men of the Realm, granted, provided, and ordained, That from henceforth it shall be lawful to every Freeman to sell at his own pleasure his Lands and Tenements, or part of them; so that the Feoffee shall hold the same Lands or Tenements of the [<sup>X6</sup>Chief Lord of the same Fee, by such Service] and Customs as his Feoffor held before.

### Editorial Information

- X1 Variant reading of the text noted in *The Statutes of the Realm* as follows: *others*
- X2 Variant reading of the text noted in *The Statutes of the Realm* as follows: *to which Purchasers*
- X3 Variant reading of the text noted in *The Statutes of the Realm* as follows: *and others*
- X4 Variant reading of the text noted in *The Statutes of the Realm* as follows: *to them and their Heirs*
- X5 Variant reading of the text noted in *The Statutes of the Realm* as follows: *great Men and other Lords*
- X6 Variant reading of the text noted in *The Statutes of the Realm* as follows: *same Chief Lord, and by the same Services*

## II Sale of Part.Apportionment of Services.

AND if he sell any part of such Lands or Tenements to any, the Feoffee shall immediately hold it of the Chief Lord, and shall be forthwith charged with the Services, for so much as pertaineth, or ought to pertain to the said Chief Lord for the same parcel, according to the Quantity of the Land or Tenement [so] sold: And so in this



**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Quia Emptores (1290).