



The Lord Steward Act 1554

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An Acte for the establishing of thoffice of the L. Steward of the Quenes Majesties most Honourable Housholde.
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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 Lord Steward Act 1554” given by [Statute Law \(Repeals\) Act 1978 \(c. 45\)](#), [Sch. 3 para. 1](#)

Recital of Statute 32 H.VIII. c.39. establishing the Office of Grand Master of the Household; That Office reduced, and a Lord Steward appointed by the Queen; Recited Act repealed.

Where in the Session of Pliament holden at Westminster the [^{x2}thoo and thertye] yere of the raigne of the late King of most famous Memory King Henry the Eight, It was amongst othêr thinges, withe thassent of the Lordes Spirituall and Temporall and the Commons in the said Parliament assembled, enacted and established, that Charles, late Duke of Suffolk then having thoffice of Greate Maister of the Kings Housholde or Grande Maister D’Hostell du Roye, and all other who after that time should have the sayd Office, by those Names or any of them should have use and enjoye all suche and singuler Preheminence Auctoritees Privileges and Jurisdiccions, in as large and ample maner fashion fourme and condicion as the Lorde Stuarde of the Kings Housholde by vertue of thoffice, and in name of Lorde Stuarde hadd used or ought to have used or hadd, by reason of any Custome Usages Statutes or Common Lawes of this Realme, and as yf the sayd Duke and suche other as should have the sayd Offiee had been called and named Lorde Stuarde of the Kings Housholde, as more plainlye at large may appaere by the sayd Statute: Forasmuche as it hathe now pleased the Quenes Majestie to reduce alter and change the name of the Greate Maister of her Highnes most honourable Housholde or Grand Maister D’Hostell du Roy, into the name of the sayd Lorde Stuarde of her most honourable Housholde, and therupon hathe granted and gyven the sayd Office of Lord

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Stewarde of her sayd most honourable Householde unto her right trustye and entierly beloved Cosyn and Councillour Henry Earle of Arundell, and hathe ordeined named and appointed him to be called Lorde Stewarde of her honourable Housholde: That it may please her Highnes it be enacted ordeined and established by thassent of the Lordes Spirituall and Temporall and the Commons in this presente Parliament assembled and by thauthoritee of the same, That the sayd Statute made in the sayd xxxijth yere concerning the Jurisdiction of the Greate Maister of the Kings Housholde, and every Branche Clause Article and Sentence in the same conteyned shall bee from hensforthe frustrate voide and of none effecte.

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II Jurisdiction of such Lord Steward revived, &c.

And Furthermore that it bee enacted by thauthoritee aforsayd, That thaforsayd Henry Earle of Arundell during the tyme that he shall have the sayd Office of Lorde Stewarde, and all other who hereafter shall have the said Office by that name, shall have use and enjoy all suche and singler Preheminences Authorities Privileges and Jurisdiccions, in as large and ample maner fashion fourme and condicion as the Lorde Stewarde of the Kings Housholde, by vertue of that Office and name of Lorde Stewarde, hadd used or ought to have used or hadd at any time before the sayd Statute made in the sayd xxxij yere of the said late King Henry theight, or before the constituting creacion or making of any suche Officer of the Greate Maister of the Kings Housholde or Graunde Maister D'Hostell du Roye, or at any time sithens the said xxxij yere of the sayd late King Henry theight, by reason of any Statute or Statutes Law Custome or Prescription therof hadd or made: And that the sayd Henrye Earle of Arundell, during the time that he shall have the said Office, and all other after him having the sayd Office, shall and maye as fullye and absolutely use exersice occupie have and enjoy the sayd Office, with all and singuler the said Preheminences Auctoritees Privileges and Jurisdiccions, aswell after and during the Mariage of her said Highnes, as he or they might or shoulde have doone before the sayd Mariage, and that by the name of Lorde Stewarde of her most honourable Housholde, by what name or names soever the Courte Pallayce or House of her Highnes and her Husbandes shalbee called; Any Lawe Usage or any other thing or things to the contrary therof in any wise notwithstanding.

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