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Cestui Que Vie Act 1666

1666 CHAPTER 11

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

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I. Cestui que vie remaining beyond Sea for Seven Years together and no Proof of their Lives, Judge in Action to direct a Verdict as though Cestui que vie were dead.

If such person or persons for whose life or lives such Estates have beene or shall be granted as aforesaid shall remaine beyond the Seas or elsewhere absent themselves in
this Realme by the space of seaven yeares together and noe sufficient and evident proofe
be made of the lives of such person or persons respectively in any Action commenced
for recovery of such Tenements by the Lessors or Reversioners in every such case the
person or persons upon whose life or lives such Estate depended shall be accounted
as naturally dead, And in every Action brought for the recovery of the said Tenements
by the Lessors or Reversioners their Heires or Assignes, the Judges before whom such
Action shall be brought shall direct the Jury to give their Verdict as if the person soe
remaining beyond the Seas or otherwise absenting himselfe were dead.

II ........................................ F1

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Amendments (Textual)
F1  S. II repealed by Statute Law Revision Act 1948 (c. 62), Sch. 1

III ........................................ F2

Annotations:

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F2  S. III repealed by Statute Law Revision Act 1863 (c. 125)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 for
mean Profits with Interest.

[\[X2\]Provided alwayes That if any person or [X3 person or] persons shall be evicted out of
any Lands or Tenements by vertue of this Act, and afterwards if such person or persons
upon whose life or lives such Estate or Estates depend shall returne againe from beyond
the Seas, or shall on proofe in any Action to be brought for recovery of the same [to]
be made appare to be living; or to have beene liveing at the time of the Eviction That
then and from thenceforth the Tennant or Lessee who was outed of the same his or their
Executors Administrators or Assignes shall or may reenter repossesse have hold and
enjoy the said Lands or Tenements in his or their former Estate for and dureing the Life
or Lives or soe long terme as the said person or persons upon whose Life or Lives the
said Estate or Estates depend shall be liveing, and alsoe shall upon Action or Actions to
be brought by him or them against the Lessors Reversioners or Tennants in possession
or other persons respectively which since the time of the said Eviction received the
Profitts of the said Lands or Tenements recover for damages the full Profitts of the
said Lands or Tenements respectively with lawfull Interest for and from the time that
he or they were outed of the said Lands or Tenements, and kepte or held out of the same
by the said Lessors Reversioners Tennants or other persons who after the said Eviction
received the Profitts of the said Lands or Tenements or any of them respectively as
well in the case when the said person or persons upon whose Life or Lives such Estate
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Actions as if the said person or persons where then liveing.]

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X2 annexed to the Original Act in a separate Schedule
X3 Variant reading of the text noted in *The Statutes of the Realm* as follows: *O.* omits [*O.* refers to a collection in the library of Trinity College, Cambridge]
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