

“ most noble Progenitors, Kings of Eng-  
 “ land, who in those days, in the right of  
 “ the Crown of England, had great possessi-  
 “ ons, rents and profits within the same  
 “ land, hath principally grown into ruin,”  
 &c.

And, in another part of the same Act,  
 it is enacted, “ That the King, his Heirs,  
 “ and Assigns shall have hold and enjoy,  
 “ as in the right of the Crown of England,  
 “ all Manors, &c.” of the Absentees from  
 Ireland therein named.

28 Hen. VIII. Cap. 5, recites in the  
 Preamble “ Forasmuch as this Land of  
 “ Ireland is depending and belonging, just-  
 “ ly and rightfully, to the Imperial Crown  
 “ of England” and then enacts “ that the  
 “ King our Sovereign Lord, his heirs and  
 “ successors, Kings of the Realm of Eng-  
 “ land, and Lords of this said Land of  
 “ Ireland, shall be accepted, taken and re-  
 “ puted the only supreme head in Earth  
 “ of the whole Church of Ireland, (called  
 “ *Hibernica*