

proportion imposed when every Heritor will be but small; therefore for the better and more ready payment thereof, it is statute and ordained, that if two terms proportions run in the third unpaid, then these that so fail in payment shall be liable in the double of their proportion then resting and in the double of every Terms proportion that shall be resting thereafter ay and till the Schoolmaster be completely paid, and that without any defalcation; and that Letters of Horning, and all other executorial necessary, be directed at the instance of the Schoolmaster for payment of the said stipend, and double of the proportions in manner foresaid; and discharges all suspensions to pass against Schoolmasters of the salaries except upon consignation or a valid discharge; and if any suspension be past, that the Lords discuss the same summarily without abiding the course of the roll. And it is hereby declared that life renters, during their life time shall be liable in payment of the proportions imposed on the lands life rented and execution in manner aforesaid shall pass against them for that effect, and the Heritors shall be always free of the same during the life-renters life time; and if any person find themselves wronged by the inequality of the proportions imposed, it shall be lawful for them to seek redress thereof before the Commissioners of supply, Sheriff of the shire, or other judge competent, within the space of year and day after the imposing of the stent and no otherwise. As also it is declared, that the providing of the said Schools and Schoolmasters, is a pious use within the parish, to which it shall be lawful and leisome to patrons to employ the vacant stipends as they shall see cause, excepting from this act the bounds of the synod of Argyle, in respect that by a former Act of parliament in the year 1690 the vacant stipends within the said bounds are destined for the setting up and maintaining of schools in manner therein mentioned; and the said vacant stipends are hereby expressly appointed to be thereto applied, at the sight of the Sheriff of the bounds aforesaid. And lastly His Majesty with advice and consent aforesaid ratifies and approves all former Laws, Customs and Constitutions, made for establishing and maintaining of schools within the kingdom, in so far as the same are not altered nor innovate by this present act.