

FIRST PARLIAMENT, CHAS. FIRST ANNO DOM. 1633. to 1634.
Ratification of the Act. anent plantation of Schooles.

Our Sovereign Lord with the advice of the States, ratifies the Act of Secret Council* dated at Edinburgh the tenth day of December 1616, made anent the planting of schooles, with this addition. That the Bishops in their several visitations shall have power with consent of the Heritors and most part of the Parishioners; and if the Heritors being lawfully warned refuse to appear, then with consent of most part of the parishioners, to set down and stent upon every plough or husband-land, according to the worth, for maintenance and establishing of the saids Schooles. And if any person shall find himself grieved, it shall be lawfull to him to have recourse to the Lords of Secret Council for redress of any prejudice he may or doth sustain. And ordain Letters to be direct for charging the possessours for the time, to answer and obey the Schoolemasters of the duties that shall be appointed in manner foresaid.

ACT OF THE PARLIAMENT OF SCOTLAND PASSED IN THE SIXTH SESSION OF THE FIRST PARLIAMENT OF KING WILLIAM
 ANNO 1696—INTITULED

Act for settling of Schooles.

Our Sovereign Lord considering how prejudicial the want of Schooles in many places have been; and how beneficial the establishing and settling thereof in any Parish will be to this Church and Kingdom:—Therefore his Majesty with the advice and consent of the Estates of Parliament, Statutes and ordains, that there be a School settled and established, and a Schoolmaster appointed in every Parish not already provided, by advice of the Heritors and Minister of the Parish; and for that effect, that the Heritors in every Parish meet and provide a commodious House for a School and settle and modify a Salary to a Schoolmaster which shall not be under one hundred merks, nor above two hundred merks, to be paid yearly at two terms Whitsmonday and Martimass by equal portions, and that they stent and lay on the said Salary conform'd every Heritor valued rent within the Parish, allowing each Heritor relief from his Tenants of the half of his proportion for settling and maintaining of a School and payment of the Schoolmaster's Salary; which Salary is declared to be by and attur'd the Casualties which formerly belonged to the readers and clerks of the Kirk Session. And if the Heritors or major part of them shall not convene, or being convened shall not agree among themselves, then and in that case, the Presbytery shall apply to the Commissioners of the Supply of the Shire, who or any five of them, shall have power to establish a School, and settle and modify a Salary for a Schoolmaster, not being under one hundred merks, nor above two hundred merks yearly, as said is, and to stent and lay on the same upon the Heritors, conform to their valued rent, which shall be as valid and effectual as if it had been done by the Heritors themselves. And because the

*Same as Privy Council in England. †Assess. ‡Exclusive of.