

posed maker of this Salike law, for this Pharamond deceased in the year 426, and Charles the Great subdued the Saxons, and placed the Frenchmen in those parts beyond the river Sala, in the yeare 805.

"Moreover, it appeareth by their owne writers that King Pepine, which deposed Childerike, claimed the crowne of France, as heire generall, for that he was descended of Blithild, daughter of King Clothair the first; Hugh Capet also, who usurped the crowne upon Charles, Duke of Lorraine, the sole heire male of the line and stoeke of Charles the Great, to make his title seeme true, and appeare good, though in deed it was starke nought, conveyed himselfe as heire to the ladie Lingard, daughter of King Charlemaine sonne to Lewes the emperour, that was son to Charles the Great, King Lewes also the tenth, otherwise called Saint Lewes, being verie heir to the said usurper Hugh Capet, could never be satisfied with his conscience how he might justlie keepe and possesse the crowne of France, till he was perswaded and fullie instructed that Queen Isabel his grandmother was lineallie descended of the ladie Ermengard, daughter and heire to the above named Charles, duke of Lorraine, by the which marriage, the blood and line of Charles the Great was againe united and restored to the crowne and scepter of France, so that more elecare than the sun it openlie appeareth that the title of King Pepin, the claim of Hugh Capet, the possession of Lewes, yea and the French Kings to this daie, are derived and conveyed from the heire female,

"Then doth it well appear th  
Salique law  
"Was not devised for the real  
of France,  
"Nor did the French posses  
the Salique land  
"Until four hundred one an  
twenty years  
"After defunction of Kin  
Pharamond  
"Idly supposed the founder o  
this law,  
"Who died within the year o  
our redemption  
"Four hundred twenty-six  
and Charles the Great  
"Subdued the Saxons, and di  
beat the French  
"Beyond the river Sala, in th  
year  
"Eight hundred five. Beside  
their writers say,  
"King Pepin, which depose  
Childerick  
"Did, as heir general, bein  
decended  
"Of Blithild, which was daugh  
ter to King Clothair,  
"Make claim and title to the  
crown of France,  
"Hugh Capet—who usurp'  
the crown  
"Of Charles the duke o  
Lorraine sole heir male  
"Of the true line and stock o  
Charles the Great—  
"To find his title with some  
shows of truth,  
"Though, in pure truth, it wa  
corrupt and nought,  
"Convey'd himself as heir to  
the Lady Lingare,  
"Daughter to Charlemain, who  
was the son  
"To Lewes the Emperor and  
Lewes the son  
"Of Charles the Great also  
King Lewes the tenth,  
"Who was sole heir to the  
usurper Capet,  
"Could not keep quiet in his  
conscience