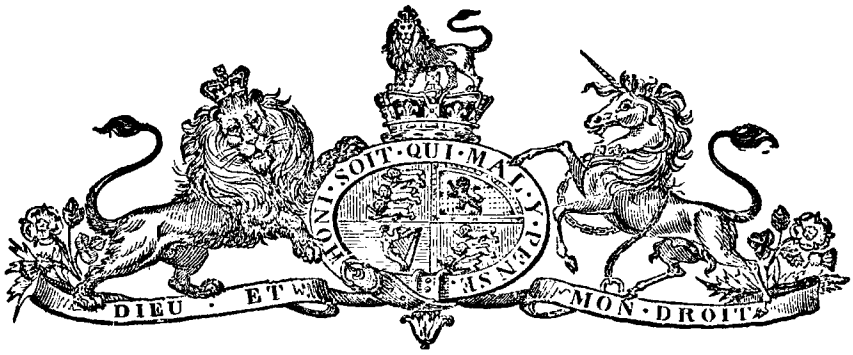


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CAP. LVII.

An Act to enable Married Women to dispose of Reversionary Interests in Personal Estate.

[25th *August* 1857.]

BE it enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, as follows:

Married Women may dispose of Reversionary Interests in Personal Estate, and release Powers over such Estate, and also their Rights to a Settlement out of such Estate in possession.

I. After the Thirty-first Day of *December* One thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven, it shall be lawful for every Married Woman by Deed to dispose of every future or Reversionary Interest, whether vested or contingent, of such Married Woman, or her Husband in her Right, in any Personal Estate whatsoever to which she shall be entitled under any Instrument made after the said Thirty-first Day of *December* One thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven (except such a Settlement as after mentioned), and also to release or extinguish any Power which may be vested in or limited or reserved to her in regard to any such Personal Estate, as fully and effectually as she could do if she were a Feme Sole, and also to release and extinguish her Right or Equity to a Settlement out of any Personal Estate to which she, or her Husband in her Right, may be entitled

in possession under any such Instrument as aforesaid, save and except that no such Disposition, Release, or Extinguishment shall be valid unless the Husband concur in the Deed by which the same shall be effected, nor unless the Deed be acknowledged by her as hereinafter directed: Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall extend to any Reversionary Interest to which she shall become entitled by virtue of any Deed, Will, or Instrument by which she shall be restrained from alienating or affecting the same.

Deeds to be acknowledged by Married Women in the Manner required by 3 & 4 W. 4. c. 74. for disposing of Interests in or Powers over Land in England or Wales;

In Ireland, as by 4 & 5 W. 4. c. 92.

II. Every Deed to be executed in *England* or *Wales* by a Married Woman for any of the Purposes of this Act shall be acknowledged by her, and be otherwise perfected, in the Manner in and by the Act passed in the Third and Fourth Years of the Reign of His late Majesty King *William* the Fourth, intituled *An Act for the Abolition of Fines and Recoveries, and for the Substitution of more simple Modes of Assurance*, prescribed for the Acknowledgment and perfecting of Deeds disposing of Interests of Married Women in Land; and every Deed to be executed in *Ireland* by a Married Woman for any of the Purposes of this Act shall be acknowledged by her and be otherwise perfected in the Manner in and by the Act passed in the Fourth and Fifth Years of the Reign of His late Majesty King *William* the Fourth, intituled *An Act for the Abolition of Fines and Recoveries, and the Substitution of more simple Modes of Assurance, in* Ireland, prescribed for the Acknowledgment and perfecting of Deeds disposing of Interests of Married Women in Land; and all and singular the Clauses and Provisions in the said Acts concerning the Disposition of Lands by Married Women, including the Provisions for dispensing with the Concurrence of the Husbands of Married Women, in the Cases in the said Acts mentioned, shall extend and be applicable to such Interests in Personal Estate and to such Powers as may be disposed of, released, or extinguished by virtue of this Act, as fully and effectually as if such Interests or Powers were Interests in or Powers over Land.

The Powers of Disposition given by this Act not to interfere with any other Powers.

III. Provided always, That the Powers of Disposition given to a Married Woman by this Act shall not interfere with any Power which independently of this Act may be vested in or limited or reserved to her, so as to prevent her from exercising such Power in any Case, except so far as by any Disposition made by her under this Act she may be prevented from so doing, in consequence of such Power having been suspended or extinguished by such Disposition.

Act not to extend to Settlements of Married

IV. Provided always, That the Powers of Disposition hereby given to a Married Woman shall not enable her to dispose of any Interest in

in Personal Estate settled upon her by any Settlement or Agreement for a Settlement made on the Occasion of her Marriage. Women upon Marriage.

V. This Act shall not extend to *Scotland*. Not to extend to Scotland.

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