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## TREASURE TROVE ACT 1586<sup>1</sup>

*Passed:* 15 December 1585<sup>2</sup>

*Commenced:* 25 June 1586

**AN ACT** [*about treasure trove.*]<sup>3</sup>

### **1 Treasure Trove the Lord's**

By the Advise and Consent of the two Deemsters, as well upon Examination of the said Thomas Edwardson, as also upon good and deliberate Consideration, do say upon their Oathes in these Words: John Lucas and Thomas Samsbury, Deemsters of this Isle, with the Advise and Consent of the xxiiij Keyes for this present Cause assembled, do enact, and give for Law, that any Treasure whatsoever being found and secretly hidden under Ground, either within the House or without in the Fields, or in the Thatch of the House, or within any other covert Place, to the End to defraud the right Heyres, or for any other fraudulent Intent or Purpose, shall be the Lord's, as a Prerogative due unto his Lordship by the Lawes of this Isle.

### **2 Treasure hid for safety not to go to Lord**

Nevertheless be it provided, that any Man, for the Safeguard of his Goods from the Enemy, or for Fear of any other Mischance, may, without Danger of this Law, lay up his Treasure in any such Place, making either his Child, or any other Friend, privy to the same; and that any such Child or Friend may lawfully receive such Treasure soe hidden, and deliver it to the right Owner, without any Impeachment to the Lord his Prerogative, provided that the Party thus claiming be able to prove it by the Deposition of one sufficient witness at the least, though he be Brother, Sister, or any other Kinsman or Friend, not detected of any notorious Crimes. And whereas Thomas Edwardson hath confessed before Mr. Captaine, and others of my Lord his Councill, that he found the Sum of xxxiiijl. and upwards in the Thatch of the House, and is not able to prove it his proper Goodes by any sufficient Witness according to the Law in this Case provided, we find the said Sum to be the Lord's by his Prerogative.



**ENDNOTES****Table of Legislation History**

<b>Legislation</b>	<b>Year and No</b>	<b>Commencement</b>

**Table of Renumbered Provisions**

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**Table of Endnote References**


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<sup>1</sup> Short title given by Pre-Revestment Written Laws (Ascertainment) Act 1978 Sch.

<sup>2</sup> See Manx Statutes Vol 1, page 59.

<sup>3</sup> Ss 1 and 2 confirmed by Pre-Revestment Written Laws (Ascertainment) Act 1978 Sch.