

tho' *Maud* the Daughter of *Henry* the First, had the Right, but she was excluded.

And *Henry* the Second had no Right, because the said *Maud*, who was his Mother, and Daughter and Heir of *Henry* the First, was then living, and never made any formal Resignation of her Right.

King *John* had an elder Brother, *Jeffry* Earl of *Britany*, then living; which *Jeffry* had Issue *Arthur* and *Eleanor*, but neither of them succeeded
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Hen. 3. was King, tho' *Eleanor* the Daughter of *Jeffry*, who was his Father's elder Brother, was then living.

Henry 4. upon the Resignation, or rather deposing *Rich. 2.* was made King; 'tis true, he claimed a Right as Heir to *Edmond* (surnamed *Crouch-back*) Brother to King *Edward* the First, which *Edmond* was the eldest Son of *Hen.* the third, and put by because he was deformed; all which was false; for if it had been true, it would have given him a good Right, not only against *Richard* the second, but against his own Grandfather *Edward* the third, had he then been living.

But the King himself, after he got on the Throne, would not trust to this pretended Hereditary Title, but thought a Parliamentary Title to be better; and therefore in the eighth Year of his Reign, he procured the Crown to be settled upon himself, and upon all his Sons by name, and to the right Heirs of their Bodies; and this was the first Act of Parliament which was made for entailing the Crown.

'Tis true, *Henry* the Fifth and Sixth were lineally descended from him; but I do not find that they ever claimed by any Hereditary Right, but by virtue of this Entail, under which it was enjoyed for three Descents, for the space of above sixty Years.

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