

THE SURNAME TRIM

1465—Statutes, *established in a parliament, holden at Trym, [August 10,] the Wednesday next, after the feast of Saint Laurence the martyr, the 5th Edward IV., before Thomas, Earl of Desmond, deputy to George, Duke of Clarence, the King's Lieutenant of Ireland, A. D. 1465.

An act, that the Irishmen dwelling in the counties of Dublin, Meath, Uriel, and Kildare, shall go apparelled like Englishmen, and wear their beards after the English manner, swear allegiance, and take English surnames. At the request of the commons it is ordained and established by authority of the said parliament, that every Irishman that dwells betwixt or amongst Englishmen, in the counties [aforesaid] shall go like to one Englishman in apparel; and shaving the beard, above the mouth; and shall be, within one year, sworn the liegeman of the King, in the hands of the Lieutenant or Deputy, or such as he will assign to receive this oath, for the multitude that is to be sworn; and shall take to him an English surname of one town, as Suten, Chester, Trym, Skryne, Corke, Kinsale; or color, as White, Blacke, Browne; or arte, or science, as Smith, or Carpenter; or office, as Cooke, Butler; and, that he and his issue shall use this name, under pain of forfeiting of his goods yearly, till the premisses be done; to be levied two times by the year, to the King's warrs, according to the discretion of Lieutenant of the King or his deputy.

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