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Annæ Reginæ.

An Act for the better Security of Her Majesties Person and Government, and of the Succession to the Crown of *England* in the Protestant Line.

FOR the better Security of our most Gracious Sovereigns Person and Government, and of the Succession of the Crown of England, in the Protestant Line as it is now by the Laws and Statutes of this Realm Settled, Limited, and Appointed: Be it Enacted by the Queens most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and of the Commons in this present Parliament Assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That if any Person or Persons from and after the Five and twentieth Day of March, that shall be in the Year of our Lord, One thousand seven hundred and six, shall Maliciously, Advisedly and Directly, by Writing or Printing, Declare, Maintain and Affirm, That our Sovereign Lady the Queen that now is, is not the Lawful or Rightful Queen of these Realms, or that the Pretended Prince of Wales, who now Stiles himself King of England, by the Name of James the Third, hath any Right or Title to the Crown of these Realms, or that any other Person or Persons hath or have any Right or Title to the same, otherwise than according to an Act of Parliament made in the First Year of the Reign of Their late Majesties King William and Queen Mary, of ever Blessed and Glorious Memory, Intituled, An Act Declaring the Rights and Liberties of the Subject, and Settling the Succession of the Crown, and one other Act made in the Twelfth Year of the Reign of his said late Majesty King William the Third, Intituled, An Act for the further Limitation of the Crown, and better Securing the Rights and Liberties of the Subject; or that the Kings or Queens of England, with and by the Authority of the Parliament of England, are not able

to make Laws and Statutes of sufficient Force and Validity to Limit and Bind the Crown of this Realm, and the Descent, Limitation, Inheritance and Government thereof, every such Person or Persons shall be Guilty of High-Treason, and being thereof Convicted and Attainted, according to the Laws and Statutes of this Realm, shall be Deemed and Adjudged Traytors, and shall suffer Pains of Death, and all Losses and Forfeitures, as in Case of High-Treason.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person or Persons shall from and after the said Five and twentieth Day of March, Maliciously and Directly, by Preaching, Teaching or Advised Speaking, Declare, Maintain and Affirm, That our Sovereign Lady the Queen that now is, is not the Lawful or Rightful Queen of these Realms, or that the Pretended Prince of Wales, who now Stiles himself King of England, by the Name of James the Third, hath any Right or Title to the Crown of these Realms, or that any other Person or Persons hath or have any Right or Title to the same, otherwise than according to an Act of Parliament made in the First Year of the Reign of Their said late Majesties King William and Queen Mary, Intituled, An Act Declaring the Rights and Liberties of the Subject, and Settling the Succession of the Crown, and one other Act made in the Twelfth Year of the Reign of his said late Majesty King William the Third, Intituled, An Act for the further Limitation of the Crown, and better Securing the Rights and Liberties of the Subject; or that the Kings or Queens of England, with and by the Authority of the Parliament of England, are not able to make Laws and Statutes of sufficient Force and Validity to Limit and Bind the Crown of this Realm, and the Descent, Limitation, Inheritance and Government thereof, every such Person or Persons, being thereof Lawfully Convicted, shall Incur the Danger and Penalty of Præmunire, mentioned in the Statute of Præmunire, made in the Sixteenth Year of the Reign of King Richard the Second.

Provided always, and be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That no Person shall be Prosecuted by virtue of this Act for any Words spoken, unless the Information of such Words be given upon Oath to One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace, within Three Days after such Words spoken, and the Prosecution of such Offence be within Three Months after such Information; And that no Person shall be Convicted by virtue of this Act, for any such Words spoken, but by the Oaths of Two Credible Witnesses.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That this present Parliament, or any other Parliament which shall hereafter be Summoned and Called by Her Majesty Queen Anne, Her Heirs or Successors, shall not be Determined or Dissolved by the Death or Demise of Her said Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors, but such Parliament shall and is hereby Enacted to Continue, and is hereby Impowered and Required, if Sitting at the time of such Demise, immediately to Proceed to Act, notwithstanding such Death or Demise, for and during the time of Six Months, and no longer, unless the same shall be sooner Prorogued or Dissolved by such Person to whom the Crown of this Realm of England shall Come, Remain and Be according to the Acts for Limiting and Settling the Succession above-mentioned:

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And if the said Parliament shall be so Prorogued, then it shall Meet and Sit on and upon the Day unto which it shall be Prorogued, and Continue for the residue of the said time of Six Months, unless sooner Prorogued or Dissolved, as aforesaid.

And it is hereby further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if there be a Parliament in being at the time of the Death of Her Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors, but the same happens to be separated by Adjournment or Prorogation, such Parliament shall immediately after such Demise, Meet, Convene and Sit, and shall Act notwithstanding such Death or Demise, for and during the time of Six Months and no longer, unless the same shall be sooner Prorogued or Dissolved, as aforesaid.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That in Case there is no Parliament in being at the time of such Demise, that has Met and Sat, then the last Preceding Parliament shall immediately Convene and Sit at Westminster, and be a Parliament to continue, as aforesaid, to all intents and purposes, as if the said Parliament had never been Dissolved; But subject to be Prorogued and Dissolved, as aforesaid.

Provided always, and it is hereby Declared, That nothing in this Act contained, shall extend or be construed to extend to alter or abridge the Power of the Queen, Her Heirs or Successors, to Prorogue or Dissolve Parliaments, nor to Repeal or make Void one Act of Parliament made in the Sixth and Seventh Years of the Reign of His late Majesty King William the Third, Intituled, An Act for the frequent Meeting and Calling of Parliaments; But that the said Act shall continue in Force in every thing that is not contrary to, or inconsistent with the Direction of this Act.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Privy-Council of Her Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors, shall not be Determined or Dissolved by the Death or Demise of Her Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors; But such Privy-Council shall continue and Act as such, by the Space of Six Months next after such Demise, unless sooner Determined by the next Successor, to whom the Imperial Crown of this Realm is Limited and Appointed to go, remain or descend; nor shall the Office or Place of Lord Chancellor, or Lord Keeper of the Great-Seal of England, or of Lord High-Treasurer of England, Lord President of the Council, Lord Privy-Seal, Lord High Admiral of England, or of any of the Great Officers of the Queen or Kings Houshold for the time being; nor shall any Office, Place or Imployment Civil or Military, within the Kingdoms of England or Ireland, Dominion of Wales, Town of Berwick upon Tweed, Isles of Jersey, Guernsey, Alderney and Sark, or any of Her Majesties Plantations, become Void, by reason of the Demise or Death of Her present Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors Queens or Kings of this Realm; But the said Lord Chancellor or Lord Keeper of the Great-Seal of England, the Lord High-Treasurer of England, the Lord President of the Council, the Lord Privy-Seal, the Lord High-Admiral of England, the Great Officers of the Houshold, and every other Person and Persons in any of the Offices, Places and Imployments aforesaid, shall continue in their respective Offices, Places and Imployments for the Space of Six Months next after such Death or Demise, unless sooner removed and discharged by the next in Succession, as aforesaid.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Great-Seal of England, the Privy-Seal, Privy-Signet, and all o-

ther Publick Seals in being, at the time of the Demise of Her Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors, shall continue and be made Use of, as the respective Seals of the Successor, until such Successor shall give Order to the contrary.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That whensoever Her Majesty (whom God long Preserve) shall happen to Dimise and Depart this Life without Issue of Her Body, the Privy-Council in being at the time of such Demise of Her Majesty, shall, with all convenient speed, cause the next Protestant Successor, Entitled to the Crown of England, by virtue of the Acts before mentioned, to be Openly and Solemnly Proclaimed in England and Ireland, in such manner and form as the Preceding Kings and Queens of England respectively have been usually Proclaimed after the Demise of their respective Predecessors; And that all and every Member and Members of the said Privy-Council, wilfully neglecting or refusing to cause such Proclamation to be made, shall be Guilty of High-Treason, and being thereof Convicted and Attainted according to the Laws and Statutes of this Realm, shall be Deemed and Adjudged Traytors, and shall suffer Pains of Death, and all Losses and Forfeitures, as in Case of High-Treason; and also all and every Officer and Officers within the said Kingdoms of England and Ireland, who shall by the said Privy-Council be Required to make such Proclamations, and shall wilfully refuse or neglect to make the same, shall be Guilty of High-Treason, and being thereof Convicted and Attainted according to the Laws and Statutes of this Realm, shall be Deemed and Adjudged Traytors, and shall suffer Pains of Death, and all Losses and Forfeitures as in Case of High-Treason.

And because it may happen that such next Protestant Successor may, at the time of such Demise of Her Majesty, be out of the Realm of England in Parts beyond the Seas; Be it therefore Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That for the continuing of the Administration of the Government in the Name of such next Protestant Successor, until Her or His Arrival in England, the Seven Officers hereafter named, who shall be in the Possession of their Offices at the time of such Demise of Her Majesty, that is to say, The Archbishop of Canterbury at that time being; The Lord Chancellor, or Lord Keeper of the Great-Seal of England, at that time being; The Lord High-Treasurer of England at that time being; The Lord President of the Council at that time being; The Lord Privy-Seal at that time being; The Lord High-Admiral of England at that time being; And the Lord Chief-Justice of the Queens-Bench at that time being, shall be and are, by virtue of this Act, Constituted and Appointed Lords Justices of England, and are and shall be, by virtue of this Act, Impowered in the Name of such Successor, and in Her or His Stead, to Use, Exercise and Execute all Powers, Authorities, Matters and Acts of Government and Administration of Government, in as full ample manner as such next Successor could Use or Execute the same, if She or He were present in Person within this Kingdom of England, until such Successor shall Arrive, or otherwise Determine their Authority.

Nevertheless be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That such Person who, by the Limitations aforesaid, is or shall be next to succeed to the Crown of this Realm, in Case of Her Majesties Demise without Issue, shall and is hereby

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Impowered, at any time during Her Majesties Life, by Three Instruments under Her or His Hand and Seal, Revocable or to be Altered at Her or His Will and Pleasure, to Nominate and Appoint such and so many Persons, being Natural born Subjects of this Realm of England, as She or He shall think fit, to be added to the Seven Officers before named to be Lords Justices, as aforesaid, who shall be Impowered by Authority of this Act, to Act with them as Lords Justices of England, as fully and in the same manner, as if they had been herein particularly named; which said Lords Justices, or the major part of them which shall Assemble, so as such major part shall not be fewer than Five, shall and may Use and Exercise all the Powers and Authorities before-mentioned, as Fully and Effectually to all Intents and Purposes, as if all of them had been Assembled together and Consenting.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Three Instruments Revocable, and to be Altered, as aforesaid, shall be Transmitted into England, to the Resident of such Person next to succeed, as aforesaid, whose Credentials shall be Inrolled in the High Court of Chancery, and to the Archbishop of Canterbury, and the Lord Chancellor or Lord Keeper of the Great Seal of England, close Sealed up, and after they are so Transmitted, shall be severally put into several Covers, which shall be severally Sealed up with the Three several Seals of such Resident, and of the Archbishop of Canterbury, and of the Lord Chancellor or Lord Keeper of the Great Seal of England; and one of them, after it is so Sealed up, shall be Lodged and Deposited in the Hands of such Resident; One other of them in the Hands of the said Archbishop of Canterbury; And one other of them in the Hands of the Lord Chancellor or Lord Keeper of the Great Seal of England; And that if the next Successor shall be minded to Revoke or Alter Her or His Nomination or Appointment, made as aforesaid, and shall, by Three Writings of the same Tenor, under Her or His Hand and Seal, Require the said Instruments, Deposited as aforesaid, to be Delivered up to some Person or Persons thereby Authorized to Receive the same, Then and in such Case the said Persons with whom the said Instruments shall be Deposited, and every of them, and in case of any of their Deaths, their Executors or Administrators respectively, and every other Person in whose Custody any of the said Instruments shall happen to be, shall Deliver up the said Instruments accordingly; and they are hereby respectively Authorized and Required so to do: And if any of the said Persons with whom the said Instruments shall be so Deposited, shall happen to Dye, or be Removed from their respective Offices or Imployments, during the Life of Her present Majesty, such Person or Persons, and in case of any of their Deaths, their Executors or Administrators respectively, and every other Person in whose Custody any of the said Instruments shall happen to be, shall with all convenient speed Deliver such of them, as shall be in his or their Custody, to the Successor or Successors of the Person or Persons so Dying or Removed, as aforesaid; Which said several Instruments so Sealed up, and Deposited, as aforesaid, shall immediately after the Demise of Her Majesty without Issue, be brought before the Privy-Council, where the same shall be forthwith Opened and Read, and afterwards Inrolled in the High Court of Chancery.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any of the said Persons, with whom the said Instruments shall be Deposited,

posited, as aforesaid, or any of their Executors or Administrators, or any other Person, in whose Custody the same shall happen to be after the Deceases of any of the said Persons, shall Open any of the said Instruments, or shall wilfully Neglect or Refuse to Produce before the said Privy-Council, as aforesaid, such of the said Instruments as shall be in his or their Custody, as aforesaid, every such Person so Opening, Neglecting or Refusing, shall Incur the Pains and Penalties of a Præmunire, inflicted by the said Statute of Præmunire.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if all the said Instruments Deposited, as aforesaid, shall not be produced before the said Privy-Council, as aforesaid, then any one or more of the said Instruments so Produced, as aforesaid, shall be as Effectual to give such Authority, as aforesaid, to the Persons therein named, as if all of them had been Produced, as aforesaid; And if there be not any Nomination by such Instruments, then the said Seven Officers, or any Five of them, are Constituted and Appointed to be Lords Justices of England, and be hereby Invested with the Powers and Authorities mentioned in this Act.

And it is hereby further Enacted, That the Lords Justices Constituted, as aforesaid, shall not Dissolve the Parliament Continued and Ordered to Assemble and Sit, as aforesaid, without Express Direction from such Succeeding Queen or King; And that the said Lords Justices shall be, and are hereby Restrained and Disabled from giving the Royal Assent in Parliament to any Bill or Bills for the Repealing or Altering the Act made in the Thirteenth and Fourteenth Years of the Reign of King Charles the Second, Intituled, An Act for the Uniformity of Publick Prayers and Administration of Sacraments, and other Rites and Ceremonies, and for Establishing the Form of Making, Ordaining and Consecrating Bishops, Priests and Deacons in the Church of *England*, and all and every the said Lords Justices Concurring in giving the Royal Assent to any Bill or Bills for Repealing or Altering the said Act, shall be Guilty of High-Treason, and shall Suffer and Forfeit as in Case of High-Treason.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Lords Justices before they Act or Intermeddle in their said Offices, or any of the Authorities hereby to them given, shall take the Oaths mentioned in an Act made in the First Year of the Reign of Their late Majesties King William and Queen Mary, Intituled, An Act for Abrogating the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, and Appointing other Oaths; And also the Oath herein after expressed; which Oaths shall be taken before the Privy-Council, appointed to continue by Virtue of this Act, who are hereby Required and Impowered to Administer the same: And that all the Members of both Houses of Parliament, and every Member of the Privy-Council, and all Officers and Persons in any Offices, Places or Imployments, Civil or Military, who are and shall be by this Act Continued, as aforesaid, shall take the said Oaths, and do all other Acts requisite by the Laws and Statutes of this Realm, to Qualifie themselves to Be and Continue in such their respective Places, Offices and Imployments, within such Time, and in such Manner, and under such Pains, Penalties and Disabilities, as they should or ought to do had they been then newly Elected, Appointed, Constituted or Put into such Offices, Places or Imployments, in the usual and ordinary Way.

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And it is hereby further Enacted and Declared, That all and every the Persons that shall be any of the Lords Justices by virtue of this Act, shall be Deemed and Taken as Persons Executing Offices of Trust within this Kingdom, and shall be Required to do all Acts requisite by the Laws and Statutes of this Realm to Qualifie themselves to Be and Continue in their said Offices or Places of Trust, within such Times, and in such Manner, and under such Pains, Penalties and Disabilities, as in and by the said Acts are Required.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That from and after the Demise of Her Majesty without Issue of Her Body, in stead of the Oath appointed to be Taken by the Act made in the First Year of Her present Majesties Reign, Intituled, An Act to Declare the Alterations in the Oath Appointed to be taken by the Act, Intituled, An Act for the further Security of Her Majesties Person, and the Succession of the Crown in the Protestant Line, and for Extinguishing the Hopes of the Pretended Prince of *Wales*, and all other Pretenders, and their Open and Secret Abettors, and for Declaring the Association to be determined, the following Oath shall be taken by all Persons Required by the said Act to take the said Oath therein Mentioned, and hereby Altered and Changed; That is to say,

I *A. B.* do Truly and Sincerely Acknowledge, Profess, Testifie and Declare in my Conscience, before God and the World, That our Sovereign is Lawful and Rightful of this Realm, and of all other Majesties Dominions and Countries thereunto belonging: And I do Solemnly and Sincerely Declare, That I do believe in my Conscience, That the Person pretended to be Prince of *Wales* during the Life of the late King *James*, and since his Decease Pretending to be, and Taking upon himself the Stile and Title of King of *England*, by the Name of *James* the Third, hath not any Right or Title whatsoever to the Crown of this Realm, or any other the Dominions thereto belonging: And I do Renounce, Refuse and Abjure any Allegiance or Obedience to him: And I do Swear, That I will bear Faith and True Allegiance to and will Defend to the utmost of my Power, against all Traiterous Conspiracies and Attempts whatsoever, which shall be made against Person, Crown or Dignity; And I will do my utmost Endeavour to Disclose and Make known to Majesty and Successors, all Treasons and Traiterous Conspiracies, which I shall know to be against or any of them: And I do Faithfully Promise, to the utmost of my Power, to Support, Maintain and Defend the Limitation and Succession of the Crown against him the said *James*, and all other Persons whatsoever, as the same by an Act, Intituled, *An Act for the further Limitation of the Crown, and better Securing the Rights and Liberties of the Subject*, is and stands limited to the Princess *Sophia*, Electress and Dutchess Dowager of *Hanover*, and the Heirs of Her Body, being Protestants: And all these things I do Plainly and Sincerely Acknowledge and Swear, according to these Express Words by me spoken, and according to the plain and common Sense and Understanding of the same Words, without

out any Equivocation, Mental Evaſion, or Secret Reſervation whatſoever: And I do make this Recognition, Acknowledgment, Abjuration, Renunciation, and Promiſe, Heartily, Willingly and Truly, upon the True Faith of a Chriſtian:

So help me God.

The Blanks of which Oath ſhall be Filled up with the Name of Her or Him as Queen or King, who ſhall be next in Succeſſion, according to the ſaid Act for the further Limitation of the Crown, and better Securing the Rights and Liberties of the Subject, when the ſaid Oath is to take place, and with the other proper Additions of the Words Her, His or Him; And from and after the Death of the ſaid pretended Prince of Wales, theſe Words following (viz.) [And I do Solemnly and Sincerely Declare, That I do believe in my Conſcience, that the Perſon pretended to be Prince of *Wales*, during the Life of the late King *James*, and ſince his Deceaſe, pretending to be, and taking upon himſelf the Stile and Title of King of *England*, by the Name of *James* the Third, hath not any Right or Title whatſoever to the Crown of this Realm, or any other the Dominions thereto belonging; And I do Renounce, Refuſe and Abjure any Allegiance or Obedience to him] ſhall be left out, and alſo the Words [againſt him the ſaid *James*, and all other Perſons whatſoever] ſhall be omitted, and inſtead thereof, ſhall be inſerted, [againſt all Perſons whatſoever.]

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That ſuch next ſucceeding Queen or King, ſhall and may make Uſe of any Seal to affix to any Writing or Inſtrument, which She or He ſhall before Her or His Arrival in England, Make and Paſs, to Execute or Do, or Cauſe to be Executed or Done any Regal Act, and it being ſignified by ſuch Writing or Inſtrument, that the ſame ſhall have the ſame effect as if Paſſed under the Great-Seal of England, or any other publick Seals uſed there, the ſame ſhall be of the ſame Force and Effect as if it were actually Sealed by the Great-Seal of England, or ſuch other publick Seal, which the ſame is Declared to be intended to have the Force and Effect of in ſuch Writing or Inſtrument.

And be it further Declared and Enacted, That if after the Death of Her Majeſty without Iſſue, and before the Arrival of any ſucceeding Queen or King in England, any Parliament ſhall be called by the Lords Juſtices, by Writs Teſted in their Names, by the Arrival of ſuch ſucceeding Queen or King in England ſuch Parliament ſhall not be Diſſolved; But after ſuch Arrival ſhall proceed without any new Summons.

Provided always, That if any of the aforeſaid Seven Offices, other than the Office of Lord High-Treaſurer of England, ſhall be in Commiſſion at the time of ſuch Demiſe of Her Majeſty, That then the firſt Commiſſioner of ſuch reſpective Commiſſion, ſhall be one of the ſaid Lords Juſtices of England, and Uſe, Exerciſe and Execute all Powers, Authorities, Matters and Acts of Government by this Act Veſted in the ſaid Lords Juſtices of England, according to the Directions and Proviſions of this Act, in as full and ample manner as if ſuch Office or Offices were in the Hands of a ſingle Perſon: Provided, That if there be no Lord High-Treaſurer of England, and the Office of Treaſurer of the Exchequer ſhall be in Commiſſion, then the firſt in that Commiſſion ſhall be one of the Lords Juſtices of England.

And whereas in and by the said Act of Parliament made in the Twelfth year of the Reign of His late Majesty King William the Third, of Glorious Memory, Intituled, An Act for the further Limitation of the Crown, and better Securing the Rights and Liberties of the Subject, It was amongst other things Enacted in the Words following, That from and after the time that the further Limitation by this Act shall take effect, all Matters and Things relating to the well Government of this Kingdom, which are properly Cognizable in the Privy Council by the Laws and Customs of this Realm, shall be Transacted there, and all Resolutions taken thereupon shall be Signed by such of the Privy Council as shall Advise and Consent to the same: Be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said recited Clause shall be, and the same is hereby Annulled and Repealed, as if the same Act had never been made.

And whereas also in the said Act it was amongst other things Enacted in the Words following, That no Person who has an Office or Place of Profit under the King, or Receives a Pension from the Crown, shall be Capable of Serving as a Member of the House of Commons; And it appearing reasonable that the said recited Clause should be Repealed: Be it therefore Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said last recited Clause shall be, and is hereby Annulled and Repealed, as if the same Act had never been made.

Provided always, and be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That from and after the Dissolution or Determination of this present Parliament, no Person who shall have in his own Name, or in the Name of any Person or Persons in Trust for him, or for his Benefit, any New Office, or Place of Profit whatsoever under the Crown, which at any time hereafter shall be Created or Erected, nor any Person who shall be a Commissioner or Sub-commissioner of Prizes, Secretary or Receiver of the Prizes, nor any Comptroller of the Accounts of the Army, nor any Commissioner of Transports, nor any Commissioner of the Sick and Wounded, nor any Agent for any Regiment, nor any Commissioner for Wine-Licences, nor any Governor or Deputy-Governor of any of the Plantations, nor any Commissioner of the Navy Imployed in any of the Out-ports, nor any Person having any Pension from the Crown, during Pleasure, shall be Capable of being Elected, or of Sitting or Voting as a Member of the House of Commons in any Parliament which shall be hereafter Summoned and Holden.

Provided always, That if any Person, being Chosen a Member of the House of Commons, shall at any time after the Dissolution or Determination of this present Parliament, accept of any Office of Profit from the Crown, during such time as he shall continue a Member, his Election shall be, and is hereby Declared to be Void, and a New Writ shall Issue for a New Election, as if such Person so accepting was naturally Dead: Provided nevertheless, That such Person shall be Capable of being again Elected, as if his Place had not become Void, as aforesaid.

Provided also, and be it Enacted, That in order to prevent for the future too great a Number of Commissioners to be Appointed or Constituted for the Executing of any Office, that no greater Number of Commissioners shall be made or constituted for the Execution of any Office than have been Imployed in the Executi-

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on of such respective Office at some time before the First Day of this present Session of Parliament.

Provided also, That nothing herein contained shall Extend or be Construed to Extend to any Member of the House of Commons, being an Officer in Her Majesties Navy or Army, who shall Receive any New or other Commission in the Navy or Army respectively.

And be it further Enacted, That if any Person hereby Disabled, or Declared to be Incapable to Sit or Vote in any Parliament hereafter to be holden, shall nevertheless be Returned as a Member to serve for any County, City, Town or Cinque-Port in any such Parliament, such Election and Return are hereby Enacted and Declared to be Void, to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever; And if any Person Disabled or Declared Incapable by this Act to be Elected, shall at any time after the Dissolution or Determination of this present Parliament, presume to Sit or Vote as a Member of the House of Commons in any Parliament to be hereafter Summoned, such Person so Sitting or Voting, shall forfeit the Sum of Five hundred Pounds, to be Recovered by such Person as shall Sue for the same, by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint or Information, wherein no Essoign, Protection or Wager of Law shall be allowed, and only one Imparlance.

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