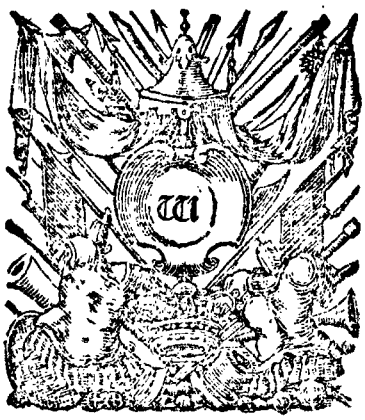
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An Act for further continuing an Act of the Sixth Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, for ſecuring and encouraging the Trade of His Majeſty's Sugar Colonies in *America*, to indemnify Commiſſioners of the Land Tax for Counties at large and Ridings, who have acted by virtue of Leaſehold Eſtates; and to obviate a Doubt relating to the Qualification of Commiſſioners of the Land Tax, for the City and Liberty of *Weſtminſter*.



WHEREAS an Act made in the Sixth Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, intituled, An Act for the better ſecuring and encouraging the Trade of His Majeſty's Sugar Colonies in *America*; and which by ſeveral ſubſequent Acts hath been continued, until the Twenty fourth Day of June, One thouſand ſeven hundred and fifty ſix, hath by Experience been found uſeful and beneficial, and is near expiring; May it therefore pleaſe Your Majeſty, that it may be Preamble, reciting Act 6 *Geo.* 1.

be enacted; and be it enacted by the King'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, That the said Act shall be, and the same is hereby further continued, from the Expiration thereof, for the Term of Three Years.

The recited Act further continued for 3 Years.

And whereas in an Act made in this Session of Parliament, for granting an Aid to his Majesty by a Land Tax, for the Service of the Year One thousand seven hundred and fifty six; and also in several former Acts for granting a Land Tax to his Majesty, for the Service of the respective Years in such Acts mentioned; it was enacted, That no Person should be capable of acting as a Commissioner, in the Execution of such Acts respectively, or any of the Powers therein contained, in or for any County at large, within England, the Dominion of Wales (except as is therein excepted) or in or for any of the Ridings of the County of York, unless such Person was seized and possessed of Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, which were tared, or did pay in the same County or Riding, for the Value of One hundred Pounds per Annum, or more, of his own Estate, to the Land Tax for the preceding Year: And whereas several Persons appointed Commissioners for putting such Acts in Execution, within Counties at large, or within the said Ridings, have acted as Commissioners by virtue of being possessed of Leasehold Estates, for Term or Terms of Years, and of being tared, or having paid to the Land Tax for such Estates, to the Amount, and in the Manner in the said Acts mentioned, and thereby may have incurred the Forfeitures mentioned in the said Acts; be it therefore enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That every such Person shall be, and is hereby indemnified, for having acted as a Commissioner in the Execution of such Acts; and is hereby exonerated, freed, and discharged, of and from all Penalties and Forfeitures incurred, or to be incurred, before the Twenty fourth Day of June, One thousand seven hundred and fifty six, for or upon account of acting in the Execution of such Acts; any thing in the said Acts, or either of them, contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Clauses in several Land Tax Acts, respecting the Qualification of Commissioners.

Commissioners indemnified for having acted under the said Acts;

Provided always, That this Act shall not extend to vacate or set aside any Judgement, against any Person for having acted in the Execution of any, or either of the said Acts, without being qualified in the Manner required by such Acts respectively. if Judgement against them be not already obtained.

And whereas by the said Acts for granting Aids to his Majesty by a Land Tax, it is enacted, That no Person should be capable of acting as a Commissioner in the Execution of such Acts respectively, or any of the Powers therein contained, within the City and Liberty of Westminster, unless such Person was seized and possessed of Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, being Freehold, Copyhold, or Leasehold, over and above all Ground Rents, Incumbrances, and other Reservations, payable out of, or in respect of such Leasehold Estates, which were taxed, and did pay in the said City and Liberty, for the Value of Twenty Pounds per Annum, or more, of his own Estate, to the Land Tax, for the Service of the respective Years mentioned, in the said several Acts: And whereas some Doubts have arisen upon the Construction of the said several Acts, in relation to the Commissioners acting within the said City and Liberty; be it therefore enacted and declared by the Authority aforesaid, That the said several Acts did, do, and shall extend, and ought to be construed, adjudged, and taken to extend, to authorize all and every of the Commissioners named in, or appointed by the said several Acts, or any of them, who were, are, or shall be, at the Times of their acting as Commissioners, within the said City or Liberty, possessed of any Leasehold Estate or Estates, over and above all Ground Rents, Incumbrances, and other Reservations, payable out of, or in respect of the same, which were taxed and did pay, in the said City or Liberty, for the Value of Twenty Pounds per Annum, or more, of his own Estate, to the Land Tax, for the Service of the respective Years mentioned in the said several Acts, to put the said several Acts, and all and every the Powers therein contained, in Execution, in as full and ample a Manner, as if such Person or Persons had been, or were seized and possessed of, any Freehold or Copyhold Estate or Estates, which were taxed, and did pay to the Land Tax, within the said City or Liberty Clauses in the recited Acts respecting the Qualification of Commissioners for *Westminster*, explained, &c.

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Liberty, for the said respective years, in the said Acts mentioned, for the same Value; any thing in the said in part recited Acts, or any or either of them, to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding.

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