Anno viceſimo nono

Georgii II. Regis.

An Act to indemnify Perſons who have omitted to qualify themſelves according to the Directions of ſeveral Acts of Parliament within the Times limited by ſuch Acts reſpectively, and for allowing further Time for that Purpoſe; and concerning the Admiſſions of Officers and Members of Cities, Corporations, and Borough Towns; and the filing of Affidavits of Articles of Clerkſhip.

WHEREAS divers Perſons who on account of their Offices, Places, Employments, or Profeſſions, or any other Cauſe or Occaſion, ought to have taken and ſubſcribed the Oaths or the Aſſurance reſpectively appointed to be by ſuch Perſons, in and by an Act made in the Firſt Year of the Reign of His late Majeſty King George of Glorious Memory (intituled, An Act for the further Security of His Majeſty's Perſon and Government; and the Succeſſion of the Crown in the Heirs of the late Princeſs *Sophia*, being Proteſtants; and for extinguiſhing the Hopes of the pretended Prince of *Wales*, and his open and ſecret Abetters;) or to have

Preamble, reciting the ſeveral Qualifying Acts of

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qualified themselves according to an Act made in the Thir-
13 *Car.* II, teenth Year of the Reign of King Charles the Second (intituled, An Act for the well governing and regulating Corporations;) or to have qualified themselves according to
25 *Car.* II, another Act made in the Twenty fifth Year of the Reign of King Charles the Second (intituled, An Act for preventing the Dangers which may happen from Popish Recusants by receiving the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, according to the Usage of the Church of *England*; and making and subscribing the Declaration against Transubstantiation therein men-
and 30 *Car.* II. tioned;) or according to another Act made in the Thirtieth Year of the Reign of King Charles the Second (intituled, An Act for the more effectual preserving the King's Person and Government, by disabling Papists from sitting in either House of Parliament;) have, through Ignorance of the Law, Absence, or some unavoidable Accident, omitted to take and subscribe the said Oaths and Assurance, or otherwise to qualify themselves as aforesaid, within such Time, and in such Manner, as in and by the said Acts respectively, or by any other Act of Parliament in that Behalf made and provided, is required, whereby they may be in Danger of incurring divers Penalties and Disabilities: For quieting the Minds of His Majesty's Subjects, and for preventing any Inconveniencies that might otherwise happen by Means of such Omissions, 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 assem-
Further Time, to 28 *Nov.* 1756, allowed to Persons who have omitted to qualify themselves, as the said Laws direct. bled, and by the Authority of the same, That all and every Person and Persons who shall, on or before the Twenty eighth Day of November, One thousand seven hundred and fifty six, take and subscribe the said Oaths and Assurance respectively, in such Cases wherein by Law the said Oaths or Assurance ought to have been taken or subscribed, in such Manner and Form, and such Place and Places, as are appointed in and by the said Act made in the First Year of the Reign of His said late Majesty King George, or by any other Act or Acts of Parliament in that Behalf made and provided; and also receive the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, according to the Usage of the Church of England; and make and subscribe the said Declaration against Transubstantiation, in such Cases wherein the said Sacrament ought to have been received, and the said Declaration ought to have been made and subscribed, shall be, and are hereby indemnified, freed, and discharged, from and against all Penalties, Forfeitures, Incapacities, and Disabilities, incurred, or to be incurred, for or by Reason of any former Neglect

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or Omission of taking or subscribing the said Oaths or Assurance, or receiving the Sacrament, or making or subscribing the said Declaration respectively, according to the above-mentioned Acts, or any of them, or any other Act or Acts, is, and are, and shall be, fully and actually recapacitated and restored to the same State and Condition as such Person or Persons were before such Neglect or Omission, and shall be deemed and adjudged to have duly qualified him, her, or themselves, according to the above-mentioned Acts, and every of them; and that all Acts done or to be done by any such Person or Persons, or by Authority derived from him or them, are, and shall be of the same Force and Validity as the same, or any of them, would have been if such Person or Persons had taken the said Oaths or Assurance, and received the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, and made and subscribed the said Declaration respectively, according to the Direction of the said Acts, and every of them; and that such Person or Persons qualifying themselves, in Manner and within the Time appointed by this Act, shall be, to all Intents and Purposes, as effectual as if such Person or Persons had respectively taken the said Oaths and Assurance, and received the Sacrament, and made and subscribed the said Declaration, within the Time and in the Manner appointed by the several Acts before-mentioned.

Persons qualifying themselves in Manner and within the Time appointed, recapacitated and indemnified.

And whereas Admissions of several Members and Officers into Cities, Corporations, and Borough Towns, which by several Acts of Parliament are directed and required to be stamped, may not have been provided, or the same not duly stamped, or may have been lost or mislaid; be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That for the Relief of such Persons whose Admissions may not have been provided, or not duly stamped as aforesaid, or where the same have been lost or mislaid, it shall and may be lawful to and for such Persons, on or before the Twenty eighth Day of November, One thousand seven hundred and fifty six, to provide, or cause to be provided, Admissions duly stamped; and such Persons so providing Admissions duly stamped as aforesaid, are and shall be hereby confirmed and qualified to act as Member or Members, Officer or Officers, of such Cities, Corporations, and Borough Towns respectively, to all Intents and Purposes, and shall and may hold, enjoy, and execute the same, or any other Office or Offices into which he or they have or hath been elected, notwithstanding his or their Omission, or the Omission of any of their Predecessors, in such Cities, Corporations, or Borough Towns, as aforesaid, and shall be indemnified and discharged of and

Further Time allowed for providing and stamping Admissions into Civil Offices.

Officers thereupon recapacitated, and indemnified.

from all Incapacities, Disabilities, Forfeitures, Penalties, and Damages, by reason of any such Omission; and none of his or their Acts shall be questioned or avoided for or by reason of the same.

Officer signifying his Desire to have his Admission renewed or confirmed,

Provided always, and be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That when and as often as any Member or Members, Officer or Officers of any City, Corporation, or Borough Town, shall desire to have his or their respective Admissions renewed or confirmed in Manner aforesaid, the Mayor, or other Chief Magistrate of such City, Corporation, or Borough Town, shall, and he is hereby required, in every such Case, upon Notice given to him by any One or more Member or Members of such respective City, Corporation, or Borough Town, to summon a Hall, Common Council, or other proper Publick Meeting, within Six Days after such Notice given to him, for the Purpose of admitting or granting Copies, and confirming the Admissions of such Person or Persons as aforesaid.

a Publick Meeting to be summoned for that Purpose.

And whereas divers Persons, through Mistake, Absence, or some unavoidable Accident, to the Prejudice of Infants and others, have omitted to cause Affidavits to be made and filed in the proper Offices, of the actual Execution of several Contracts in Writing to serve as Clerks to Attornies and Solicitors, within the Time limited and expressed by an Act passed in the Twenty second Year of his present Majesty's Reign, whereby many Persons may be in Danger of incurring the Disabilities in the said Act mentioned; be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all and every Person and Persons who have omitted to cause such Affidavits to be made and filed as aforesaid, and who shall on or before the Twenty fourth Day of June, One thousand seven hundred and fifty six, cause One or more Affidavit or Affidavits to be made and filed in such Manner as directed by the said Act, shall be, and are hereby indemnified, freed, and discharged from and against all Penalties, Forfeitures, Incapacities, and Disabilities in the said Act mentioned, incurred, or to be incurred for or by reason of any Neglect or Omission in causing such Affidavit or Affidavits to be made and filed according to the Direction of the said Act; and such Affidavit or Affidavits so to be made and filed as aforesaid, shall be as effectual to all Intents and Purposes as if the same had been made and filed within the Time limited by the said Act.

Further Time allowed for the making and filing Affidavits of the Execution of Contracts to serve as Clerks,

Persons thereupon incapacitated and indemnified.

Offices, &c. already avoided by Judgement of a Court,

Provided always, That this Act, or any Thing herein contained, shall not extend, or be construed to extend, to restore or intitle any Person or Persons to any Office

or Employment, Benefice, Matter, or Thing whatsoever, already actually avoided, by Judgement of any of His Majesty's Courts of Record, or already filled up or enjoyed by any other Person; but such Office, Employment, Benefice, Matter, or Thing so voided, or filled up, and enjoyed, shall be and remain in and to the Person or Persons who is or are now intitled to the same, as if this Act had never been made. and filled up, confirmed.

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