Anno triceſimo ſecundo

Georgii II. Regis.

An Act to indemnify Perſons who have omitted to qualify themſelves for Offices and Employments within the Time limited by Law; and for allowing further Time for that Purpoſe.



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 taken and ſubſcribed, 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 Abettors; or

Preamble, reciting the ſeveral Qualifying Acts of

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or to have qualified themselves according to an Act made
13 *Car.* II, in the Thirteenth Year of the Reign of King Charles the Second, intituled, An Act for the well governing and regulating Corporations; or to have qualified themselves
25 *Car.* II, according to 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 mentioned; or according to another
13 *Car.* II, Act made in the Thirteenth 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 Parlia-
18 *Geo.* II, ment; or according to another Act made in the Eighteenth Year of the Reign of his present Majesty, intituled, An Act to amend and render more effectual an Act passed in the Fifth Year of His present Majesty's Reign, intituled, *An Act for the further Qualification of Justices of the Peace*;
30 *Geo.* II, or according to another Act made in the Thirtieth Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled, An Act for the better Ordering of the Militia Forces in the several Counties of that Part of *Great Britain* called *England*; or according
and 31 *Geo.* II. to another Act made in the Thirty first Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled, An Act to explain, amend, and enforce, an Act made in the last Session of Parliament, intituled, *An Act for the better Ordering of the Militia Forces in the several Counties of that Part of* Great Britain *called* England; 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,
Further Time to 28 *Nov.* 1759, allowed to Persons who have omitted to qualify themselves, as the said Laws direct. and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, 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 nine, take and subscribe the said Oaths and Assurance

Assurance respectively, in such Cases wherein by Law the said Oaths and 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; or take and subscribe the Oath directed by the said Act made in the Eighteenth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, in such Cases wherein the said Oath ought to have been taken and subscribed, in such Manner as by the said Act is directed; 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 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, or taken and subscribed the said Oath 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, and taken and subscribed the said Oath, 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.

Offices, &c. already avoided by Judgement of a Court, and filled up, confirmed.

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, already filled up or enjoyed by any other Person; but such Office, Employment, Benefice, Matter, or Thing, so avoided, 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.

None indemified where final Judgement hath been given for the Penalty incurred.

Provided also, That this Act, or any Thing herein contained, shall not extend, or be construed to extend, to indemnify any Person against whom final Judgement shall have been given in any Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record, for any Penalty incurred by having neglected to qualify himself within the Time limited by Law.

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