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CAP. V.

An Act to enable His Majesty to be Governor of the *South Sea Company*.

WHEREAS the Governor and Company of Merchants of Great Britain trading to the South Seas, and other Parts of America, and for encouraging the Fishery, have made an humble Address to the King's most Excellent Majesty, in a General Court of the said Company, that His Majesty would be graciously pleased to honour the said Company with being their Governor, whereunto His Majesty being willing to condescend, some Doubts and Difficulties have arisen, or may arise, touching the Qualifications and Duties prescribed by Law, or by the Charter granted to the said Company, in relation to the Governors or Government thereof: For Remedy whereof, be it enacted and declared 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 His Majesty shall be capable of being and continuing Governor of the said Company, for such Time or Times as are prescribed by

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His Majesty declared capable of being Governor;

and the Addreſs of the Company to be a due Election.

the ſaid Charter for the Continuance of any Governor therein; and that ſuch Addreſs as aforeſaid, or any other Addreſs of the ſaid Company to be hereafter made in their General Court for the ſame Purpoſe (in caſe His Majeſty ſhall be pleaſed to accept of being their Governor) ſhall, from time to time, be deemed and adjudged to be an Election of His Majeſty to be Governor of the ſaid Company within the true Intent and Meaning of the ſaid Charter, without the Forms of balloting, or other Methods preſcribed by ſuch Charter for electing the Governor of the ſaid Company; any thing in the ſaid Charter to the contrary notwithſtanding.

His Majeſty exempted from taking the Oaths of Office;

And it is hereby declared and enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That the Oaths preſcribed by the ſaid Charter, or any Law now in force, and all other Acts, Matters, or Things, neceſſary or requiſite to qualify a Subject of this Realm to be Governor of the ſaid Company, ſhall not be deemed to be neceſſary or requiſite for His Majeſty's Qualification, in reſpect of the ſaid Government, nor ſhall the ſaid Oaths be adminiſtered to His Majeſty; and that His Majeſty in all Caſes where any Vote is to be given, or Act to be done by Him as Governor of the ſaid Company, may, (if His Majeſty think fit) by any Warrant or Warrants under His Royal Sign Manual, appoint the Sub Governor, or Deputy Governor of the ſaid Company, to vote or act for Him, or on His Behalf; any former Law, Statute, Charter, or Proviſion, to the contrary notwithſtanding.

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