ANNO DECIMO TERTIO

Georgii III. Regis.

CAP. XII.

An Act to indemnify such Persons as have omitted to qualify themselves for Offices and Employments within the Time limited by Law, and for giving further Time for that Purpose; and to give further Time to such Persons as have omitted to make and file Affidavits of the Execution of Indentures of Clerks to Attornies and Solicitors.

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 the First, 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 to have qualified themselves according to an Act, made in the Thirteenth Year of the Reign of King Charles the Second, (intituled,

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Persons who have omitted to take the Oaths appointed by Act 1 *Geo.* I.

Act 13 *Car.* II.

tuled, An Act for the well-governing and regulating Corporations;) or to have qualified themselves according to
Act 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 mentioned;) or according to an-
30 Car. II. other 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;) or according to another Act, made in the
1 Geo. I. Eighth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King George the First, (intituled, An Act for granting the People called *Quakers* such Forms of Affirmation or Declaration as may remove the Difficulties which many of them lie under;) or according to another Act, made in the
9 Geo. II. Ninth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King George the Second, (intituled, An Act for indemnifying Persons who have omitted to qualify themselves for Offices within the Time limited by Law, and for allowing further Time for that Purpose; and for amending so much of an Act, passed in the Second Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, as requires Persons to qualify themselves for Offices before the End of the next Term or Quarter-sessions; and also for enlarging the Time limited by Law for making and subscribing the Declaration against Transubstantiation; and for allowing a further Time for Inrolment of Deeds and Wills made by Papists; and for Relief of Protestant Purchasers, Devisees, and Lessees;) or according to another
18 Geo. II. Act, made in the Eighteenth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King George the Second, (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*;) or
and Act 6 Geo. III. according to another Act, made in the Sixth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, (intituled, An Act for altering the Oath of Abjuration, and the Assurance; and for amending so much of an Act, made in the Seventh

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Year of Her late Majesty Queen *Anne*, intituled, *An Act for the Improvement of the Union of the Two Kingdoms*, as, after the Time therein limited, required the Delivery of certain Lists and Copies therein mentioned to Persons indicted of High Treason, or Misprision of Treason,) have, through Ignorance of the Law, Absence, or some unavoidable Accident, omitted to take and subscribe the said Oaths and Assurance, and make and subscribe the Declaration required by Law, 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, is required, whereby they have incurred, or 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 assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That all and every Person or Persons who, at or before the passing of this Act, hath or shall have omitted to take and subscribe the said Oaths and Declarations, or to receive the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, or otherwise to qualify him, her, or themselves, within such Time, and in such Manner, as in and by the said Acts, or any of them, or by any other Act of Parliament in that Behalf made is required; and who, after accepting any such Office, Place, or Employment, or undertaken any Profession or Thing on Account of which such Qualification ought to have been had, and is required, before the passing of this Act, hath or have taken and subscribed the said Oaths, or made the Declarations required by Law, and also received the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper according to the Usage of the Church of England, or who, on or before the Twenty-fifth Day of December, One thousand seven hundred and seventy-three, shall take and subscribe the said Oaths, Declarations, and Assurance respectively, in such Cases wherein by Law the said Oaths, Declarations, and Assurance, ought to have been taken or subscribed, in such Manner and Form, and at or in such Place,

qualifying before the passing of this Act,

or before *Dec.* 25, 1773,

Place or 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 the First, or by any other Act or Acts of Parliament in that Behalf made and provided, and also hath or have received, or shall, on or before the said Twenty-fifth Day of December, One thousand seven hundred and seventy-three, receive the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper according to the Usage of the Church of England, in such Cases wherein the said Sacrament ought to have been received, and hath or have made and subscribed, or shall, on or before the said Twenty-fifth Day of December, One thousand seven hundred and seventy-three, make and subscribe the said Declaration against Transubstantiation, and also hath or have made and subscribed, or shall, on or before the said Twenty-fifth Day of December, One thousand seven hundred and seventy-three, make and subscribe the said Declaration, in the said Statute made in the Thirtieth Year of King Charles the Second, in such Cases wherein the said Declarations ought to have been made and subscribed, and take and subscribe the Oath directed by the said Act, made in the Eighteenth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King George the Second, 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 Neglect or Omission, previous to the passing of this Act, or taking or subscribing the said Oaths or Assurance, or receiving the Sacrament, or making or subscribing the said Declarations, or taking or subscribing the said Oath, according to the above-mentioned Acts, or any of them, or any Act or Acts; and such Person and Persons is and are, and shall be fully and actually re-capacitated and restored to the same State and Condition, as he, she, or they were in 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 Elections of, and Acts done, or to be done, by any such Person

Indemnified against Forfeitures.

ſon or Perſons, or by Authority derived from him, her, 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 reſpectively had taken the ſaid Oaths or Aſſurance, and received the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, and made and ſubſcribed the ſaid Declarations, and taken and ſubſcribed the ſaid Oath, according to the Direction of the ſaid Acts, and every or any of them; and that the Qualification of 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.

Not to extend to reſtore Perſons to any Office avoided by Judgement.

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 legally filled up and enjoyed by any other Perſon; but that ſuch Office, Employment, Benefice, Matter, or Thing ſo avoided, or legally filled up and enjoyed, ſhall be and remain in and to the Perſon or Perſons who is or are now, or ſhall, at the paſſing of this Act, be legally intitled to the ſame, as if this Act had never been made.

Perſons who ſhall cauſe Affidavits to be fil-d, before *Michaelmas* 1773.

And whereas many Perſons have omitted to cauſe Affidavits to be made, and afterwards to be filed in the proper Office, of the actual Execution of ſeveral Contracts in Writing entered into by them to ſerve as Clerks to Attornies or Solicitors, within the Time in which the ſame ought to have been done, and many Infants, and others, may thereby incur certain Diſabilities; for preventing thereof, and relieving ſuch Perſons, be it enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That every Perſon who, at the paſſing of this Act, ſhall have neglected or omitted to cauſe any ſuch Affidavit or Affidavits as aforeſaid to be made and filed, and who, on or before the Firſt Day of Michaelmas Term, One thouſand ſeven hundred and ſeventy-

venty-three, shall cause One or more Affidavit or Affidavits to be made, and afterwards to be filed, in such Manner as the same ought to have been made and filed in due Time, shall be, and is hereby indemnified, freed, and discharged, from and against all Penalties, Forfeitures, Incapacities, and Disabilities, in or by any Act or Acts of Parliament mentioned and incurred, or to be incurred, for or by reason of such Neglect or Omission; and every such Affidavit and Affidavits so to be made, and which shall be duly filed on or before the said First Day of Michaelmas Term, One thousand seven hundred and seventy-three, shall be as effectual, to all Intents and Purposes, as if the same had been made and filed within the respective Times the same ought, by the Laws now in being for that Purpose, to have been made and filed.

are indemnified, and discharged from Penalties.

FINIS.