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An Act to enable ſuch Perſons as His Majeſty may be pleaſed to appoint to the Office of Chief Juſtice, or of One of the Juſtices of either Bench, or of Chief Baron, or One of the Barons of the Exchequer, to take upon themſelves the Degree of a Serjeant at Law in Vacation. [12th *July* 1799.]

WHEREAS it is expedient whenever the Office of Chief Juſtice, or of One of the Juſtices of either Bench, or of Chief Baron, or One of the Barons of His Majeſty's Exchequer, happens to be vacant, that a proper Perſon ſhould be ſpeedily appointed to ſuch Office; and that ſuch Perſon ſhould be of the Degree of a Serjeant at Law, which Degree cannot be taken in Vacation: May it pleaſe Your Majeſty that it may 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 it ſhall and may be lawful for His Majeſty, at any Time before the Commencement of the next *Michaelmas* Term, and during any ſucceeding Vacation, whilſt the Office of Chief Juſtice, or of One of the Juſtices of either Bench, or of Chief Baron, or of One of the Barons of His Majeſty's Exchequer, ſhall be vacant, from Time to Time, to cauſe a Writ to be iſſued out of His Majeſty's High Court of Chancery, directed to any ſuch Perſon, being a Barriſter at Law, as His Majeſty ſhall think fit, returnable immediately in the ſaid Court, commanding ſuch Perſon to appear in the ſaid Court, and to take upon himſelf the State and Dignity of a Serjeant at Law; and ſuch Perſon ſhall and may thereupon forthwith appear before the Lord

Preamble.

His Majeſty, during any Vacation, while the Office of Chief Juſtice, &c. is vacant, may cauſe a Writ to be iſſued out of the Court of Chancery to any Barriſter at Law He ſhall think fit, to appear in

that Court, and take upon himſelf the Dignity of a Serjeant at Law; and ſuch Perſon ſhall take the uſual Oaths.

His Majeſty may grant to ſuch Perſon the Office of Chief Juſtice of either Bench, &c.

Lord High Chancellor, Lord Keeper, or Lords Commiſſioners for the Cuſtody of the Great Seal for the Time being, at ſuch Time and Place as the ſaid Chancellor, Keeper, or Commiſſioners, ſhall appoint; and ſuch Perſon ſo appearing, and taking the Oaths uſually adminiſtered to a Serjeant at Law, ſhall, without any further Act or Ceremony, be, and be deemed and taken to be, a Serjeant at Law, ſworn to all Intents and Purpoſes: And in caſe His Majeſty ſhall be pleaſed, by Writ or by Letters Patent under the Great Seal of *Great Britain*, to create or conſtitute any ſuch Perſon, ſo to be ſworn as aforeſaid, Chief Juſtice of His Majeſty's Court of King's Bench, or to grant to any ſuch Perſon the Office of Chief Juſtice of His Majeſty's Court of Common Pleas, or of One of the Juſtices of either Bench, or of Chief Baron, or of One of the Barons of His Majeſty's Exchequer, every ſuch Perſon ſhall be deemed and taken to be lawfully appointed to every ſuch Office, and ſhall and may lawfully hold and enjoy the ſame, and do all Matters and Things whatſoever in ſuch and the ſame Manner, to all Intents and Purpoſes, as if ſuch Perſon had been a Serjeant at Law, ſworn in the uſual and ordinary Courſe.

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