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An Act to continue, until the Twenty-first Day of *May* One thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine, an Act, made in the last Session of Parliament, intituled, *An Act to empower His Majesty to secure and detain such Persons as His Majesty shall suspect are conspiring against His Person and Government.*

[9th *January* 1799.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS an Act was passed in the last Session of Parliament, intituled, *An Act to empower His Majesty to secure and detain such Persons as His Majesty shall suspect are conspiring against His Person and Government*, which Act was to continue in force until the First Day of *February* One thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine, and no longer: And whereas it is necessary for the publick Safety that the Provisions of the said Act should be further continued: And for the better Preservation therefore of His Majesty's sacred Person, and for securing the Peace of the Kingdom, and the Laws and Liberties thereof, 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 every Person or Persons that are or shall be in Prison within the Kingdom of *Great Britain* at or upon the Day on which this Act shall receive His Majesty's Royal Assent, or after, by Warrant of His said Majesty's most Honourable Privy Council, signed by Six of the said Privy Council, for High Treason, Suspicion of High Treason, or treasonable Practices,

Persons imprisoned for High Treason, *&c.* may be detained till *May* 21, 1799, *&c.*

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or by Warrant, ſigned by any of His Majeſty's Secretaries of State, for ſuch Cauſes as aforeſaid, may be detained in ſafe Cuſtody, without Bail or Mainprize, until the Twenty-firſt Day of *May* One thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-nine; and that no Judge or Juſtice of the Peace ſhall bail or try any ſuch Perſon or Perſons ſo committed, without Order from His ſaid Majeſty's Privy Council, till the ſaid Twenty-firſt Day of *May* One thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-nine; any Law or Statute to the contrary notwithſtanding.

Act in *Scotland* of 1701, for preventing wrongous Impriſonment, ſo far as may relate to Treaſon, &c. ſuſpended till *May* 21, 1799, &c.

II. And be it further enacted, That the Act made in *Scotland* in the Year of our Lord One thouſand ſeven hundred and one, intituled, *An Act for preventing wrongous Impriſonment, and againſt undue Delays in Trials*, in ſo far as the ſame may be conſtrued to relate to Caſes of Treaſon and Suſpicion of Treaſon, be ſuſpended until the ſaid Twenty-firſt Day of *May* One thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-nine; and that until the ſaid Day no Judge, Juſtice of the Peace, or other Officer of the Law in *Scotland*, ſhall liberate, try, or admit to bail, any Perſon or Perſons that is, are, or ſhall be, in Priſon within *Scotland*, for ſuch Cauſes as aforeſaid, without Order from His ſaid Majeſty's Privy Council, ſigned by Six of the ſaid Privy Council.

From *May* 21, 1799, Perſons committed to have the Benefit of all Laws providing for the Liberty of the Subject, &c.

III. Provided always, That, from and after the ſaid Twenty-firſt Day of *May* One thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-nine, the ſaid Perſons ſo committed ſhall have the Benefit and Advantage of all Laws and Statutes any Way relating to or providing for the Liberty of the Subjects of this Realm.

Privileges of Parliament not invalidated by this Act.

IV. Provided always, and be it enacted, That nothing in this Act ſhall be conſtrued to extend to invalidate the ancient Rights and Privileges in Parliament, or to the Impriſonment or Detaining of any Member of either Houſe of Parliament, during the Sitting of ſuch Parliament, until the Matter of which he ſtands ſuſpected be firſt communicated to the Houſe of which he is a Member, and the Conſent of the ſaid Houſe obtained for his Commitment or Detaining.

Perſons againſt whom Indictments for High Treaſon are already formed, to be tried thereon.

V. Provided nevertheleſs, That any Perſon or Perſons in Priſon at the Time of paſſing this Act, againſt whom any Bill or Bills of Indictment for High Treaſon have been already formed, ſhall and may be tried on the ſame Indictment, as if this Act had never paſſed.

Continuance of this Act.

VI. And be it further enacted, That this preſent Act ſhall continue in force until the ſaid Twenty-firſt Day of *May* One thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-nine, and no longer.

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