

ANNO QUADRAGESIMO SECUNDO

GEORGII III. REGIS.

CAP. LXII.

An Act for extending the Provisions of an Act, made in the Thirty-fourth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled, *An Act for directing the Appointment of Commissioners to administer certain Oaths and Declarations, required by Law to be taken and made by Persons offering to vote at the Election of Members to serve in Parliament*, to all Oaths now required by Law to be taken by Voters at Elections for Members to serve in Parliament.

[3d *June* 1802.]

WHEREAS by an Act, passed in the Thirty-fourth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled, *An Act for directing the Appointment of Commissioners to administer certain Oaths and Declarations, required by Law to be taken and made by Persons offering to vote at the Election of Members to serve in Parliament*, it was (amongst other Things) enacted, that when a Poll should be demanded at any Election of a Member or Members to serve in Parliament for any County, City, Borough, or other Place in *England* or *Wales*, or for the Town of *Berwick-upon-Tweed*, the Returning Officer or Officers at every such Election, after such Poll should be demanded, should, at the Instance and Request in

34 Geo. 3. c. 73.

in Writing of any of the Candidates, under his or their Hand or Hands, immediately after such Request, and before he or they should proceed further in taking the Poll, retain, nominate, and appoint Two or more Persons to administer the Oaths of Allegiance, Supremacy, the Declaration of Fidelity, the Oath of Abjuration, and the Declaration or Affirmation of the Effect thereof, required by Law to be taken, made, or subscribed by Voters at Elections of Members to serve in Parliament: And whereas there are other Oaths besides those enumerated in the said Act, which Voters at Elections of Members to serve in Parliament may be by Law required to take, the present Mode of administering whereof is attended with Delay and Inconvenience, and the Delay and Inconvenience intended by the said Act to have been prevented, are thereby only in Part remedied; be it therefore 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, from and after the passing of this Act, when a Poll shall be demanded at any Election of a Member or Members to serve in Parliament for any County, City, Borough, or other Place in *England* or *Wales*, or for the Town of *Berwick-upon-Tweed*, the Returning Officer or Officers at every such Election, after such Poll shall be demanded, shall, at the Instance and Request in Writing of any Candidate or Candidates at such Election, under his or their Hand or Hands, immediately after such Request, and before he or they shall proceed further in taking the Poll, retain, nominate, and appoint Two or more Persons (as the Case may require), severally and at different Places, separate and apart from the Place where the Poll shall be taken, to administer all the Oaths, and take the Declarations and Affirmations, now required by Law to be taken and made by Voters at Elections of Members to serve in Parliament, and to certify the Names of the several and respective Electors who shall take such Oaths and make such Declarations and Affirmations respectively, in the Manner prescribed by the said recited Act; and the Persons to be appointed as aforesaid shall respectively have full Power, and each and every of them is hereby authorized and required, to administer all and every such several and respective Oaths to, and take such Declarations and Affirmations from, every such Elector who shall desire or be required to take the same Oaths, or make the same Declarations or Affirmations, or any of them, previously to his voting at any such Election; and every such Person so appointed as aforesaid shall, immediately after such Appointment, and before he shall take upon him to act under such Appointment, take the following Oath; (that is to say),

When a Poll shall be demanded at any Election for any Place in *England*, &c. the Returning Officer shall appoint Two or more Persons to administer the Oaths, &c. required by Law.

Persons so appointed to take the following Oath.

'I Do swear, that I will faithfully and impartially administer the Oaths, and take the Declarations and Affirmations, now required by Law to be taken or made by Voters at Elections for Members to serve in Parliament, to and from such Persons as shall lawfully apply to me in that Behalf, in order to qualify themselves to vote at this Election; and that I will, on being thereunto requested, fairly and truly give to every such Person, or any of them, who shall take such Oaths, or make such Declarations or Affirmations respectively, or any of them, before me, a Certificate thereof; and that I will not give such Certificate to any Person before he shall have taken such Oath or Oaths, or make such Declaration or Declarations, Affirmation or Affirmations respectively, as shall be mentioned in such Certificate, before me and in my Presence.'

Which Oath to be taken by the several Persons respectively so to be appointed, the Returning Officer or Officers at every such Election, and his

or their Deputy and Deputies, or any of them, is and are hereby authorized and required to adminiſter.

Powers of 34 Geo. 3. c. 73. extended to this Act.

II. And be it further enacted, That all and every the Clauſes, Powers, Directions, Proviſions, Penalties, and Forfeitures, mentioned and contained in the ſaid recited Act of the Thirty-fourth Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, ſhall be extended to this Act, and be applied for the Purpoſes thereof, in the ſame Manner as if the ſame were repeated and re-enacted in the Body of this preſent Act; any Thing herein contained to the contrary thereof in anywiſe notwithſtanding.

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