ANNO QUADRAGESIMO TERTIO

GEORGII III. REGIS.

CAP. XXV.

An Act for better ſecuring the Freedom of Elections of Members to ſerve in Parliament for any Place in *Ireland*, by diſabling certain Officers employed in the Collection or Management of His Majeſty's Revenues in *Ireland*, from giving their Votes at ſuch Elections. [24th *March* 1803.]

FOR the better ſecuring the Freedom of Elections of Members to ſerve in Parliament; 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, from and after the Firſt Day of *June* One thouſand eight hundred and three, no Commiſſioner, Collector, Surveyor, Superviſor, Gauger, or other Officer or Perſon whatſoever, concerned or employed in the charging, collecting, levying, or managing the Duties of Exciſe in *Ireland*, or any Branch or Part thereof; nor any Commiſſioner, Collector, Surveyor, Comptroller, Searcher, or other Officer or Perſon whatſoever, concerned or employed in the charging, collecting, levying, or managing the Duties of Cuſtoms in *Ireland*, or any Branch or Part thereof; nor any Surveyor, Collector, Comptroller,

From *June* 1. 1803, Officers of the Revenue herein ſpecified, incapable of voting in any Election of Members to ſerve in Parliament for *Ireland*.

Comptroller, Inſpector, or other Officer or Perſon whatſoever concerned, engaged, or employed, by or under the Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Revenue in *Ireland*, in the charging, collecting, levying, or managing any of the Duties, Taxes, or Impoſitions in *Ireland*, paid or levied under the Direction of ſuch Commiſſioners, or any of them; nor any Commiſſioner, Officer, or other Perſon, concerned or employed in collecting, receiving, or managing any of the Duties on ſtamped Vellum, Parchment, and Paper, in *Ireland*; nor any Perſon appointed by the ſaid laſt mentioned Commiſſioners for diſtributing of Stamps in *Ireland*; nor any Poſtmaſter or Poſtmaſters General, or his or their Deputy or Deputies; nor any Perſon employed by or under him or them in receiving, collecting, or managing the Revenue of the Poſt Office in *Ireland*, or any Part thereof; nor any Captain, Maſter, or Mate of any Ship, Packet, or other Veſſel, employed by or under the Poſtmaſter or Poſtmaſters General in *Ireland*, in conveying the Mail from and to *Ireland*, to or from *Great Britain*, or to or from any other Place whatever; ſhall be capable of giving his Vote in any Election for the Choice of any Repreſentative in Parliament for any County, City, County of a City, Borough, Town Corporate, Univerſity, or other Place whatever in *Ireland*; and if any Perſon hereby made incapable of voting as aforeſaid, ſhall nevertheleſs preſume to give his Vote during the Time he ſhall hold, or within Twelve Calendar Months after he ſhall ceaſe to hold or execute any of the Offices aforeſaid contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, ſuch Votes ſo given ſhall be held null and void to all Intents and Purpoſes whatſoever; and every Perſon ſo offending ſhall forfeit the Sum of One hundred Pounds *Iriſh* Currency, One Moiety thereof to the Informer, and the other Moiety thereof to be paid into the Hands of the Treaſurer of the County, City, Town, or Place in *Ireland*, within which ſuch Offence ſhall have been committed, to be applied and diſpoſed of to the Uſe of ſome publick charitable Inſtitution, or to ſuch other charitable Purpoſes, within the ſaid County, City, Town, or Place, as the Juſtices at the next General Quarter Seſſion of the Peace to be held for ſuch County, City, Town, or Place in *Ireland*, ſhall think fit, and to be recovered by any Perſon that will ſue for the ſame by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, in any of His Majeſty's Courts of Record in *Dublin*, in which no Eſſoign, Protection, Privilege, or Wager of Law, nor more than One Imparlance ſhall be allowed; and the Perſon againſt whom any ſuch Penalty ſhall be recovered, ſhall become and is hereby declared diſabled and incapable of ever bearing or executing any Office or Place of Truſt whatſoever under His Majeſty, His Heirs or Succeſſors.

Vote of ſuch Officers, and for 12 Months after holding ſuch Offices, to be void, and the Offenders to forfeit 100 *l.* and be incapacitated.

II. Provided always, and be it enacted, That nothing in this Act contained ſhall extend, or be conſtrued to extend, to any Office in *Ireland* now held or uſually granted to be held by Letters Patent for any Eſtate of Inheritance or Freehold.

Act not to extend to Patent Offices,

III. Provided alſo, and be it enacted, That nothing herein contained ſhall extend to any Perſon who ſhall reſign his Office or Employment on or before the ſaid Firſt Day of *June* One thouſand eight hundred and three.

nor to Perſons reſigning before *June* 1, 1803.

IV. Provided

IV. Provided alſo, and be it enacted, That no Perſon ſhall be liable to any Forfeiture or Penalty by this Act laid or impoſed, unleſs Proſecution for the ſame be commenced within Twelve Calendar Months next after ſuch Penalty or Forfeiture ſhall be incurred. Limitation of Actions.

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