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GEORGII III. REGIS.

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An Act to entitle *Roman* Catholicks taking and subscribing the Declaration and Oath contained in the Act of the Thirty-first Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled, *An Act to relieve, upon Conditions and under Restrictions, the Persons therein described from certain Penalties and Disabilities to which Papists, or Persons professing the Popish Religion, are by Law subject*, to the Benefits given by an Act of the Eighteenth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled, *An Act for relieving His Majesty's Subjects professing the Popish Religion, from certain Penalties and Disabilities imposed on them by an Act made in the Eleventh and Twelfth Years of the Reign of King* William *the Third, intituled,* '*An Act for the further preventing the Growth of Popery.*' [7th *April* 1803.]

WHEREAS by an Act made in the Eleventh and Twelfth Years of the Reign of His Majesty King *William* the Third, intituled, *An Act for further preventing the Growth of Popery*; Persons educated in the Popish Religion, or professing the same, under the Circumstances therein mentioned, were disabled from inheriting or taking by Descent, Devise, or Limitation in Possession, Reversion, or Remainder, any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, within the Kingdom of *England*, Dominion of *Wales*, and Town of *Berwick upon Tweed*, and Papists or Persons professing the Popish Religion were disabled from purchasing any Manors, Lands, Profits out of Lands, Tenements, Rents, Terms, or Hereditaments within the Kingdom of *England*, Dominion of *Wales*, or Town of *Berwick upon Tweed*; and all Estates, Terms, and other Interests or Profits whatsoever, out of Lands to be made, suffered, or done, to or for the Use or Behoof of any such Person or Persons, or upon any Trust or Confidence mediately or immediately for the Relief of any such Person or Persons, were made void, and other Penalties and Disabilities were thereby imposed on Persons professing the Popish Religion: And whereas by an Act of Parliament, made in the Eighteenth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled, *An Act for relieving His Majesty's Subjects professing the Popish Religion from certain Penalties and Disabilities imposed on them, by an Act made in the Eleventh and Twelfth Years of the Reign of King* William *the Third, intituled, 'An Act for the further preventing the 'Growth of Popery';* the said recited Parts of the said Act of the Eleventh and Twelfth Years of the Reign of King *William* the Third, were repealed in favour of all Persons who should take the Oath prescribed by the said Act of the Eighteenth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, in Manner therein mentioned: And whereas by an Act of Parliament, made in the Thirty-first Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled, *An Act to relieve, upon Conditions and under Restrictions, the Persons therein described from certain Penalties and Disabilities, to which Papists or Persons professing the Popish Religion are by Law subject*, it was enacted, that it should be lawful for Persons professing the *Roman* Catholick Religion, to take, make, and subscribe the Declaration and Oath therein expressed and contained at the Times, and in the Manner therein mentioned, and the Persons taking, making, and subscribing the same Declaration and Oath, were by the said Act relieved from several of the Penalties and Disabilities to which Papists or Persons professing the Popish Religion were then subject; but nothing contained in the said Act of the Thirty-first Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, relieves the Persons taking, making, or subscribing the Declaration and Oath thereby prescribed from the Penalties and Disabilities imposed by the said Act of the Eleventh and Twelfth Years of the Reign of His Majesty King *William* the Third, so that to be relieved therefrom, it is still necessary that Persons professing the *Roman* Catholick Religion should take and subscribe the Oath expressed and contained in the said Act of the Eighteenth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, which some such Persons have by Mistake neglected to do, and therefore still continue subject to the said Penalties and Disabilities; may it therefore 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, from

11 & 12 Gul. 3. c. 4.

18 Geo. 3. c. 60.

31 Geo. 3. c. 32.

from and after the paſſing of this preſent Act, the Declaration and Oath expreſſed and contained in the ſaid Act of the Thirty-firſt Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, ſhall, as to all Perſons who have made, taken, and ſubſcribed the ſame, or who at any Time or Times hereafter ſhall make, take, or ſubſcribe the ſame, in the Manner therein mentioned, give the ſame Benefits and Advantages, and be and operate to and for the ſame Intents and Purpoſes, as in and by the ſaid Act, by the Eighteenth Year of His preſent Majeſty, is enacted, expreſſed, and declared, of and concerning the Oath thereby preſcribed.

Taking the Declaration and Oath contained in 31 Geo. 3. c. 32. ſhall give the Benefits declared by 18 Geo. 3. c. 60.

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