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GEORGII III. REGIS.

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An Act for the more effectually preſerving the Peace, and ſecuring the Freedom of Election, in the Town of *Nottingham*, and County of the ſaid Town.

[17th *May* 1803.]

WHEREAS of late Years, many Riots and Diſturbances of the publick Peace, have taken place within the Town and County of the Town of *Nottingham*; and at the late Election of Members to ſerve in Parliament for the ſaid Town and County, the Freedom of ſuch Election was, by great Riots and Diſturbances, groſsly violated, and a great Number of Electors were deterred from exerciſing their Franchiſe by voting at ſuch Election: And whereas the ſaid Town and County of the ſaid Town were formerly Part of the County of *Nottingham*, but have been ſeparated and made diſtinct therefrom, and exempted from the Juriſdiction of the Magiſtrates of the ſaid County of *Nottingham*; and the Mayor and Aldermen of the ſaid Town of *Nottingham* are Juſtices of the Peace in and for the ſaid Town and the County of the ſaid Town: And whereas the ſaid diſtinct and excluſive Juriſdiction has been found ineffectual for preſerving the Peace and ſecuring the Freedom of Election within the ſaid Town and County of the ſaid Town; 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 and after the paſſing of this Act, it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the Juſtices of the

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the Peace in and for the County of *Nottingham* for the Time being, and they are hereby required to act as Juſtices of the Peace in and for the ſaid Town and County of the ſaid Town of *Nottingham*; and ſuch Juſtices of the Peace in and for the ſaid County of *Nottingham*, are hereby authorized and empowered to act as Juſtices of the Peace in and for the ſaid Town and County of the Town of *Nottingham*, in as full and ample Manner as they could or might have done, if the ſaid Town and County of the ſaid Town had not been made a diſtinct County, but had continued to all Intents and Purpoſes Part of the ſaid County of *Nottingham*, and as fully and amply to all Intents and Purpoſes whatever as the Mayor and Aldermen of the ſaid Town and County of the Town of *Nottingham*, or any or either of them, as Juſtices of the Peace, before the paſſing of this Act, have uſed and exerciſed within the ſaid Town and County of the ſaid Town, or any Part thereof, any Charter, Law, Cuſtom, or Uſage to the contrary notwithſtanding; and all Perſons whatever, either within the ſaid County of *Nottingham* at large, or within the ſaid Town of *Nottingham* and County of the ſaid Town, who may at any Time hereafter be lawfully authorized, appointed, or required by any of the ſaid Juſtice or Juſtices, as ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices of the Peace acting in and for the ſaid Town and County of the Town of *Nottingham* by virtue of this Act, to do any Act, Matter, or Thing, are hereby authorized and required to act in purſuance of ſuch Authority, Appointment, or Requiſition, in the ſame Manner, and under and ſubject to the ſame Pains and Penalties for Diſobedience thereof, and under the ſame Protection and Privileges, as to any Act, Matter, or Thing done or to be done in purſuance thereof, as if ſuch Act, Matter, or Thing reſpectively, were or had been done, or were or had been authorized, appointed, or required, within the ſaid County of *Nottingham* at large.

and Perſons authorized by them ſhall act in purſuance of ſuch Authority, *etc.*

Perſons taking out their *Dedimus Poteſtatem* previous to the Quarter Seſſions, are enabled to take the Oath of Qualification before Two Magiſtrates, *etc.*

II. And whereas the enſuing Election of a Member to ſerve in Parliament for the ſaid Town of *Nottingham* may take place previouſly to the next *Midſummer* Quarter Seſſions of the Peace for the ſaid County of *Nottingham*, by Means whereof ſuch Perſons as might, before the ſaid enſuing Election, take out their *Dedimus Poteſtatem*, to act as Magiſtrates for the ſaid County, could not forthwith qualify themſelves to act according to the Statute of the Eighteenth Year of His late Majeſty King *George* the Second, be it therefore enacted, That ſuch Perſons ſo taking out their *Dedimus Poteſtatem* before the ſaid enſuing Election, may, and they are hereby enabled to take and ſubſcribe the Oath of Qualification required by the ſaid Statute before any Two or more Magiſtrates of the ſaid County; and any Two or more of ſuch Magiſtrates are hereby authorized to adminiſter the ſame; and the ſaid Oath, when ſo taken and ſubſcribed, ſhall be as effectual as if the ſame had been taken and ſubſcribed at any General or Quarter Seſſions of the Peace for the ſaid County; and the Oaths of ſuch Perſons ſo qualifying themſelves, when taken and ſubſcribed as aforeſaid, ſhall be returned by the ſaid Magiſtrates to the Clerk of the Peace of the ſaid County, and by him filed amongſt the Records of the ſaid next *Midſummer* Seſſions.

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