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GEORGII III. REGIS.

C A P. LXXIV.

An Act for further regulating the Administration of the Oath or Affirmation required to be taken by Electors of Members to serve in Parliament, by an Act, passed in the Second Year of King *George* the Second, intituled, *An Act for the more effectual preventing Bribery and Corruption in the Election of Members to serve in Parliament.* [4th *July* 1803.]

WHEREAS by an Act, passed in the Forty-second Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled, *An Act for extending the Provisions of an Act, made in the Thirty-fourth Year of the* 42 Geo. 3 c. 61. *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,* it was, among 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 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 ſhould proceed further in taking the Poll, retain, nominate, and appoint Two or more Perſons, (as the Caſe might require) ſeverally and at different Places ſeparate and apart from the Place where the Poll ſhould be taken, to adminiſter all the Oaths, and take the Declarations and Affirmations then required by Law to be taken and made by Voters at Elections of Members to ſerve in Parliament: And whereas it is expedient that the Oath or Affirmation required by an Act, paſſed in the Second Year of His late Majeſty King *George* the Second, intituled, *An Act for the more effectual preventing Bribery and Corruption in the Election of Members to ſerve in Parliament*, to be taken or made by every Freeholder, Citizen, Freeman, Burgeſs, or Perſon having or claiming to have a Right to vote or be polled at any Election of any Member or Members to ſerve for the Commons in Parliament, ſhould be taken or made by ſuch Freeholder, Citizen, Freeman, Burgeſs, or Perſon at the Poll, immediately before he is admitted to poll at ſuch Election; 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, ſo much of the ſaid recited Act paſſed in the Forty-ſecond Year of His preſent Majeſty, as reſpects the ſaid Oath or Affirmation required by the ſaid Act paſſed in the Second Year of King *George* the Second, ſhall be and is hereby repealed; and that from and after the paſſing of this Act, the ſaid Oath or Affirmation ſhall be taken or made by every ſuch Freeholder, Citizen, Freeman, Burgeſs, or Perſon at the Poll, and immediately before he is admitted to poll at ſuch Election, in Manner preſcribed by the ſaid Act paſſed in the Second Year of His late Majeſty King *George* the Second, in caſe the ſame ſhall be demanded by either of the Candidates, or any Two of the Electors,

2 Geo. 2. c. 24.

So much of 42 Geo. 3. c. 62. as reſpects the Oath required by 2 Geo. 2. c. 24. ſhall be repealed, and the ſaid Oath ſhall be taken by every Perſon before he is admitted to poll in Manner preſcribed by recited Act of 2 Geo. 2. if demanded.

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