

ANNO QUADRAGESIMO OCTAVO

GEORGII III. REGIS.

CAP. XCIII.

An Act to repeal so much of an Act of the First Year of King *James* the First, as relates to the Penalties on Shooting at Hares; and also to repeal an Act of the Third Year of King *George* the First, relating to Gamekeepers. [23d *June* 1808.]

WHEREAS an Act was passed in the Second Year (commonly called the First Year) of the Reign of King *James* the First, intituled, *An Act for the better Execution of the Intent and Meaning of former Statutes made against shooting in Guns, and for the Preservation of the Game of Pheasants and Partridges, and against the destroying of Hares with Hare Pipes, and tracing Hares in the Snow*; whereby it was amongst other Things enacted, That every Person which should shoot at, kill, or destroy, with any Gun, Cross Bow, Stone Bow, or Long Bow, any Hare, should be subject to the Penalties therein mentioned: And whereas it is expedient that the said Provision should be repealed: And whereas it is also expedient that a certain other Act, passed in the Third Year of His late Majesty King *George* the First, intituled, *An Act to explain and amend several Laws therein mentioned, for the better Preservation of the Game*, should be repealed; and that other Provisions should be made relating to the Appointment of Gamekeepers; be it therefore enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with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 the said Provision of the said recited Act of the Second of *James* the First, and the said recited Act of the Third of *George* the First, shall be and the same are hereby repealed.

2 Jac. 1. c. 27.

3 G. 1. c. 11.

Provision of 2 Jac. 1. c. 27. respecting Penalties for destroying Hares, and recited Act 3 G. 1. c. 11. repealed.

Lords of Manors may appoint Gamekeepers, whether qualified or not, &c.

II. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for any Lord or Lady of any Manor to appoint and depute any Person whatever, whether acting as a Gamekeeper to any other Person or not, or whether retained and paid for as the Male Servant of any other Person or not, or whether a qualified Person or not, to be a Gamekeeper to any such Manor, with Authority to such Person as Gamekeeper to kill Game within the same for his own Use, or for the Use of any other Person or Persons whatever to be specified in such Appointment or Deputation, whether qualified or not; and no Person so appointed Gamekeeper as aforesaid and empowered to kill Game for his own Use, or for the Use of any other Person so specified as aforesaid, and not killing any Game for the Use of the Lord or Lady of the Manor for which such Deputation shall be given, shall be deemed or taken to be, or entered or paid for as the Gamekeeper or Male Servant of the Lord or Lady making such Appointment or giving such Deputation as aforesaid; any Thing in any Act or Acts of Parliament to the contrary notwithstanding.

Gamekeepers so appointed to have the same Rights as if qualified.

III. And be it further enacted, That any Person appointed Gamekeeper under the Authority of this Act to kill Game for his own Use or the Use of any other Person, shall have the same Rights, Privileges, Power and Authority as if he had been legally qualified and appointed to act as Gamekeeper, to kill Game for the use of the Lord or Lady of the Manor appointing such Gamekeeper, under any Laws in force immediately before the passing of this Act.

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