

ANNO QUINQUAGESIMO

GEORGII III. REGIS.

CAP. LII.

An Act to amend ſo much of an Act, paſſed in the Eighth and Ninth Year of King *William* the Third, as requires poor Perſons receiving Alms to wear Badges. [9th *June* 1810.]

WHEREAS by an Act paſſed in the Eighth and Ninth Year of the Reign of His late Majeſty King *William* the Third, intituled, *An Act for ſupplying ſome Defects in the Laws for the Relief of the Poor of this Kingdom*, it is enacted, That every ſuch Perſon as, from and after the Firſt Day of *September* One thouſand ſix hundred and ninety-ſeven, ſhall be upon the Collection and receive Relief of any Pariſh or Place, and the Wife and Children of any ſuch Perſon cohabiting in the ſame Houſe, (ſuch Child only excepted as ſhall be by the Churchwardens and Overſeers of the Poor permitted to live at Home in order to have the Care of and attend an impotent and helpleſs Parent), ſhall upon the Shoulder of the Right Sleeve of the uppermoſt Garment of every ſuch Perſon, in an open and viſible Manner, wear ſuch Badge or Mark as is herein-after mentioned and expreſſed; that is to ſay, a large Roman P. together with the firſt Letter of the Name of the Pariſh or Place whereof ſuch poor Perſon is an Inhabitant, cut either in Red or Blue Cloth, as by the Churchwardens and Overſeers of the Poor it ſhall be directed and appointed; and if any ſuch poor Perſon ſhall at any Time neglect or refuſe to wear ſuch a Badge or Mark as aforeſaid, and in Manner as aforeſaid, it ſhall and may be lawful for any Juſtice of the Peace of the County, City, Liberty or Town Corporate, where any ſuch Offence ſhall be committed, upon Complaint to him for that Purpoſe to be made, to puniſh every ſuch

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Offender for every ſuch Offence, either by ordering of his or her Relief or uſual Allowance on the Collection to be abridged, ſuſpended or withdrawn, or otherwiſe by committing of any ſuch Offender to the Houſe of Correction, there to be whipt and kept to hard Labour for any Number of Days not exceeding One and Twenty, as to the ſaid Juſtice in his Diſcretion it ſhall ſeem moſt meet; and if any ſuch Churchwarden or Overſeer of the Poor, from and after the ſaid Firſt Day of *September*, ſhall relieve any ſuch poor Perſon not having and wearing ſuch Badge or Mark as aforeſaid, being thereof convicted upon the Oath of One or more credible Witneſs or Witneſſes before any Juſtice of the Peace of the County, City, Liberty or Town Corporate where any ſuch Offence ſhall be committed, ſhall forfeit for every ſuch Offence the Sum of Twenty Shillings, to be levied by Diſtreſs and Sale of the Goods of every ſuch Offender, by Warrant under the Hand and Seal of any ſuch Juſtice; One Moiety to be to the Uſe of the Informer, and the other to the Poor of the Pariſh where the Offence ſhall be committed: And whereas it is expedient that the ſaid Part of ſuch Act be repealed: 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, the ſaid Part of ſuch recited Act ſhall be, and the ſame is hereby repealed.

So much of recited Act as requires poor Perſons to wear Badges repealed.

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