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GEORGII III. REGIS.

CAP. CXXXIII.

An Act for taking an Account of the Population of *Ireland*, and of the Increaſe or Diminution thereof. [18th *July* 1812.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to take an Account of the total Number of Perſons now within that Part of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, called *Ireland:* 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 within that Part of the United Kingdom called *Ireland*, ſuch Perſons as ſhall be for that Purpoſe appointed in the Manner herein-after mentioned to act in and for every Barony and Half Barony in Counties, and every Pariſh in Counties of Cities and Counties of Towns, ſhall, at the Time and in the Manner herein-after directed, ſeverally take an Account of the Number of Perſons who ſhall be actually found at the Time of taking ſuch Accounts to be within the Limits of ſuch Baronies and Half Baronies in Counties, and Pariſhes in Counties of Cities and Counties of Towns reſpectively, and ſhall ſet down the ſeveral Particulars reſpecting the ſame, according to the Form preſcribed in the Schedule annexed to this Act.

An Account to be taken of the Number of Perſons in Ireland.

II. And for the more ſpeedy and effectual obtaining of ſuch Accounts, be it further enacted, That a ſufficient Number of printed Copies of this Act, and of the Schedule thereto annexed, ſhall, within Thirty Days after the paſſing of this Act, be tranſmitted, by His Majeſty's Printer in *Ireland*, to the Clerks of the Peace and Town Clerks of the ſeveral and reſpective Counties,

Printed Copies of Act to be tranſmitted to Clerks of the Peace, &c. to be diſtribut-

ed to Secretaries of Grand Juries.

Counties, Counties of Cities and Counties of Towns, in that Part of the United Kingdom called *Ireland*; and that the ſaid ſeveral Clerks of the Peace and Town Clerks ſhall and they are hereby required, with all convenient Speed, to cauſe the ſaid Act to be diſtributed to the Secretaries of Grand Juries within their reſpective Limits.

Grand Juries to appoint proper Perſons to take the Account.

III. And be it further enacted, That the ſeveral Grand Juries of the Counties, Counties of Cities and Counties of Towns in *Ireland*, are hereby empowered and required (in the County of *Dublin* and County of the City of *Dublin*, at the next preſenting Term, and in the other Counties, Counties of Cities and Counties of Towns, at their reſpective Spring Aſſizes which ſhall be held next after the paſſing of this Act in each of the Counties of Cities and Counties of Towns) to appoint in and for each Pariſh One ſubſtantial Houſeholder reſiding therein, to take an Account within the ſaid Pariſh of the ſeveral Matters required by this Act, and in all other Counties in *Ireland*, to enjoin the High Conſtable of each Barony and Half Barony to take an Account within the ſaid Baronies and Half Baronies reſpectively, of the ſeveral Matters and Things required by this Act; and that ſuch Perſons ſo appointed in Counties of Cities and Counties of Towns, taking to their Aſſiſtance and Employ, if they ſhall think fit, the Churchwardens, Conſtables, and other Peace Officers in each Pariſh reſpectively, and in the other Counties of *Ireland* taking to their Aſſiſtance and employing, if they ſhall think fit, the Sub-Conſtables and all Perſons employed in applotting and collecting the Grand Jury Aſſeſſments (ſuch ſeveral Perſons being hereby required to be aiding and aſſiſting therein for that Purpoſe) ſhall proceed on the Firſt Day of *May* One thouſand eight hundred and thirteen, to take Account of the Number of Perſons at that Time within the Limits of their reſpective Baronies, Half Baronies or Pariſhes, and inform themſelves of the ſeveral Particulars relating to all the Matters ſpecified in t' Schedule hereunto annexed, by proceeding from Houſe to Houſe on the before-mentioned Day, and continuing ſuch their Examination from Day to Day, without Interruption or negligent or wilful Delay, until the ſame ſhall be fully completed; and from ſuch Information as aforeſaid ſhall prepare with all convenient Speed an Anſwer or Return to all the ſaid Queſtions, according to the Form preſcribed in the ſaid Schedule, and the ſeveral Perſons ſo authorized and appointed ſhall thereafter ſign the ſame with their Names and ordinary Deſignations, and atteſt the Correctneſs thereof by ſuch Signature before ſome Juſtice of the Peace of the County or City within which they reſide; and the better to enable them to make ſuch Anſwers or Returns as aforeſaid, they and their ſaid Aſſiſtants and Perſons by them employed are hereby authorized and empowered to aſk all ſuch Queſtions of the Perſons within their reſpective Pariſhes, Baronies, and Half Baronies, reſpecting themſelves and the Number and Quality of the Perſons conſtituting their reſpective Families, as ſhall be neceſſary for ſtating the Particulars required to be ſtated concerning them in the ſaid Anſwers and Returns; and every ſuch Perſon refuſing to anſwer, or wilfully giving a falſe Anſwer to ſuch Queſtions, or any of them, ſhall for every ſuch Refuſal or falſe Anſwer forfeit a Sum not exceeding Five Pounds, nor leſs than Forty Shillings, at the Diſcretion of any Juſtice of the Peace before whom the Complaint thereof ſhall be made.

Perſons taking the Accounts, re-

IV. And be it further enacted, That the ſeveral Accounts ſo taken in Writing by the Perſons ſo appointed as aforeſaid, for the Purpoſe of

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preparing the aforeſaid Anſwers and Returns, and alſo the ſaid Anſwers and Returns prepared thereupon, ſhall be ſafely delivered or tranſmitted by them to the ſeveral Clerks of the Peace and Town Clerks of the Counties, Counties of Cities and Counties of Towns, wherein they were reſpectively appointed; which ſaid Clerks of the Peace and Town Clerks are hereby authorized and required ſafely to keep and preſerve the ſaid Accounts in their reſpective Offices, and to deliver them over to their Succeſſors in Office reſpectively; and that the ſaid Clerks of the Peace and Town Clerks ſhall, on or before the Twentieth Day of *June* One thouſand eight hundred and thirteen, tranſmit with all convenient Speed ſuch Anſwers and Returns as they ſhall have received in Manner aforeſaid (together with a Liſt of the Pariſhes within the Counties of Cities and Counties of Towns, and of the Baronies and Half Baronies within the other Counties reſpectively, from whence no Returns have been made to them) to the Office of His Majeſty's Chief Secretary for *Ireland*; and the ſame ſhall be digeſted and reduced into order by ſuch Officer as ſuch Secretary ſhall appoint for the Purpoſe, and that an Abſtract thereof ſhall be laid before both Houſes of Parliament within the firſt Forty Days of the Seſſion then next enſuing.

quired to tranſmit the ſame to the Clerks of the Peace, &c. who are to tranſmit the ſame to the Office of the Chief Secretary, in order that the ſame may be laid before Parliament.

V. And be it further enacted, That in all Caſes where no Return ſhall have been made, or where there ſhall appear, on Examination at the Chief Secretary's Office, good Reaſon to believe that the Returns made have been defective or inaccurate, the ſaid Chief Secretary is hereby empowered and directed to cauſe a Liſt of ſuch Pariſhes, Baronies and Half Baronies, from which no Returns or defective or inaccurate Returns have been received, to be tranſmitted to the Grand Jury of ſuch County wherein the ſaid Pariſhes, Baronies or Half Baronies are reſpectively ſituated, with Directions that they ſhall forthwith proceed to cauſe due Returns to be made therein, under ſuch Proviſions and with like Powers as have been given to the Grand Juries by the aforeſaid Enactments.

If Returns are defective, the ſame to be tranſmitted to the Grand Juries, to be made perfect.

VI. And be it further enacted, That there ſhall be paid and allowed for the Trouble and Expence of the ſeveral Perſons employed in the Tranſactions aforeſaid, for every Return which ſhall be ſo made and tranſmitted to the Clerks of the Peace and Town Clerks reſpectively, purſuant to the Directions aforeſaid, the Sums following; *videlicet*, To the Clerk of the Peace or Town Clerk, for every Return which ſhall be made from every ſuch Pariſh, Barony or Half Barony, the Sum of One Shilling, and to the ſeveral Houſeholders and Conſtables ſo appointed a reaſonable Compenſation for the Trouble by them neceſſarily taken, and alſo for the Expences (if any) by them neceſſarily incurred in the Execution of this Act.

Allowances to Perſons employed in the Execution of the Act.

VII. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful for the Grand Juries of the ſeveral Counties, Counties of Cities and Counties of Towns in *Ireland*, to preſent ſuch Sum or Sums of Money as they may deem reaſonable Payment purſuant to the Proviſions of this Act, for the Services herein-before recited, to be raiſed and levied together and in like Manner with the other County Charges, and paid over to the Perſons thereunto entitled, upon Proof made to the Satisfaction of ſuch Grand Jury, by the Oaths of the Perſons reſpectively employed, that they have faithfully performed the Duties enjoined them by this Act; ſuch Preſentment

Grand Juries empowered to preſent ſuch Sums, to be raiſed as other County Charges.

Preſentment being always ſubmitted to the Inſpection and Fiat of the Judge of Aſſize, in like Manner with other Preſentments.

Penalty on Perſons making falſe Returns.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That every ſuch Clerk of the Peace, Town Clerk, High Conſtable or other ſuch Officer as aforeſaid, and alſo every ſuch Houſeholder or other Perſon ſo appointed as aforeſaid, making wilful Default in any of the Matters required of them reſpectively by this Act, ſhall, for every ſuch wilful Default, forfeit a Sum not exceeding Five Pounds, nor leſs than Forty Shillings, at the Diſcretion of the Juſtice or Juſtices before whom Complaint thereof ſhall be made; and in caſe of any of the Houſeholders or Perſons appointed to make ſuch Returns ſhall by his Signature atteſt any Return as aforeſaid, knowing the ſame to be falſe, ſuch Perſon ſo atteſting the ſame, and being convicted thereof, ſhall incur and be ſubject to like Penalties as if he had been guilty of Perjury, by atteſting ſuch falſe Return on Oath before a Magiſtrate.

Judges to give this Act in Charge to Grand Juries.

IX. And be it further enacted, That the Court of King's Bench, and all and every Judge and Judges of Aſſize and General Gaol Delivery in *Ireland* reſpectively, are hereby directed and required, from Time to Time, as Occaſion ſhall require, to give this Act in charge to the Grand Juries of the ſeveral Counties and Cities in *Ireland*, and to require them to comply therewith as the Law directs; and for that Purpoſe to deſire the ſaid Grand Juries to ſelect and appoint on the Firſt Day of the Aſſizes, immediately after they ſhall have been ſworn, a Committee of their Body, conſiſting of not more than Five, nor leſs than Three, to carry the Proviſions of this Act into Effect.

Grand Juries to preſent Liſts of Houſeholders to the Judge of Aſſize.

X. And be it further enacted, That each and every of the ſaid Grand Juries within Counties of Cities and Counties of Towns ſhall preſent the Liſt of Houſeholders ſo ſelected by them as herein required, to the Judge of Aſſize, together with their other Preſentments, for his Fiat of Approbation; which Liſt, ſo approved, ſhall be deemed thenceforth competent to the Purpoſes of this Act.

SCHEDULE.

QUESTIONS to which, by Directions of an Act paſſed in the Fifty-ſecond Year of the Reign of His Majeſty King George the Third, intituled 'An Act for taking an Account of the Population of Ireland,' written Anſwers are to be returned by the Houſeholders and High Conſtables appointed in and for the ſeveral Pariſhes, Baronies, and Half Baronies therein mentioned, ſigned by them reſpectively, and atteſted as aforeſaid:

Who are reſpectively required to take an Account of the Reſident Population, by proceeding from Houſe to Houſe on the Firſt Day of September, and on the Days immediately ſubſequent thereto, if one Day ſhall not be ſufficient; and they are alſo required to ſpecify in Writing the Name of the Pariſh, Barony, or Half Barony reſpectively.

1ſt. How many Inhabited Houſes are there in your Pariſh, Barony, or Half Barony, and by how many Families are they occupied?

2d. How many Houſes are now building, and therefore not yet inhabited?

3d. How many other Houſes are uninhabited?

4th. What Number of Families in your Pariſh, Barony, or Half Barony, are chiefly employed in and maintained by Agriculture; how many Families are chiefly employed in and maintained by Trade, Manufactures, or Handicraft; and how many Families are not comprized in either of the Two preceding Claſſes?

[N. B. The Total Number of Families in Anſwer to this Queſtion, muſt correſpond with the Number of Families in Anſwer to the 1ſt Queſtion.]

5th. How many Perſons (including Children of whatever Age) are there actually found within the Limits of your Pariſh, Barony, or Half Barony, at the Time of taking this Account; diſtinguiſhing Males and Females, and excluſive of Men actually ſerving in His Majeſty's Regular Forces or in the Militia, and excluſive of Seamen either in His Majeſty's Service, or belonging to Regiſtered Veſſels?

6th. How many of the whole Number of Perſons mentioned by you in Anſwer to the 5th Queſtion, are Inhabitants of any City, Town, or Village, diſtinguiſhing the Number which are found in each City, Town, or Village reſpectively?

7th. Are there any other Matters which you may think it neceſſary to remark, in Explanation of your Anſwers to any of the preceding Queſtions?

FORM of ANSWERS to the Questions contained in the Schedule to an Act, 52° Geo. 3. intituled, 'An Act for taking an Account of the Population of Ireland.'

Name and Description of Parish, &c.	Question 1st.		Question 2d.	Question 3d.	Question 4th.			Question 5th. Persons, including Children of whatever Age.			Question 6th.	
	Inhabited Houses.	By how many Families occupied.	Houses now building.	Other Houses uninhabited.	Families chiefly employed in Agriculture.	Families chiefly employed in Trade, Manufactures, and Handicraft.	All other Families not comprized in the two preceding Classes.	Males.	Females.	Total of Persons.	Names of Towns, Cities, and Villages.	Total Inhabitants in each.

[*N.B.—If any Family occupies Two or more Houses in different Parishes, Baronies, or Half Baronies, the Individuals belonging to such Family are to be numbered only in those Parishes, Baronies, or Half Baronies, where they severally happen to be at the Time of taking the Account.*]

7th Question. ARE there any other Matters which you may think it necessary to remark, in explanation of your Answers to any of the preceding Questions?

FORM of ATTESTATION of the Truth of Returns.

I, *A.B.* having been appointed by the Grand Jury of the County of to take an Account of the Population in the Parish, Barony, or Half Barony of [*as the Case may be*] pursuant to an Act of Parliament passed in the Fifty-second Year of George the Third, and intituled, 'An Act for taking an Account of the Population of Ireland,' do attest, That the above Returns contain, to the best of my Knowledge and Belief, a full and true Answer to the Questions contained in the Schedule to this Act.

The above-mentioned *A.B.* attested the above Return before us, the Justices of the Peace in and for the this Day of } *C.D.* and *E.F.*

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