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GEORGII III. REGIS.

CAP. XXI.

An Act to render valid and effectual certain Oaths administered to and taken by certain Members of the House of Commons before Deputies of the late Lord Steward of His Majesty's Household, during the Vacancy of the said Office.

[20th *March* 1812.]

WHEREAS by an Act of Parliament passed in the Fifth Year of the Reign of Her late Majesty Queen *Elizabeth*, intituled *An Act for the Assurance of the Queen's Royal Power over all Estates and Subjects within her Dominions*; and by another Act passed in the Seventh Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *James* the First, intituled *An Act for administering the Oath of Allegiance and Reformation of married Women Recusants*; and by another Act passed in the First Year of the Reign of their late Majesties King *William* and Queen *Mary*, intituled *An Act for the abrogating the Oaths of Supremacy and Allegiance, and appointing other Oaths*; it is provided and enacted, that every Person which should thereafter be elected or appointed a Knight, Citizen, or Burgess, or Baron for any of the Five Ports, for any Parliament thereafter to be holden, before he shall enter the Parliament House or have any Voice there, openly receive and pronounce the Oaths required by the said recited Acts to be taken before the Lord Steward for the Time being or his Deputy or Deputies: And whereas *Henry Frederick Compton Cavendish* Esquire, who was on the Eighth Day of *February* last returned to serve in this present Parliament for the Borough of *Derby*, did on the Twenty-seventh Day of

5 Eliz. c. 1.

7 Jac. 1. c. 6.

1 Gul. & Mar. c. 8.

February take the Oaths required by the ſaid Statutes before Sir *James Graham* Baronet, who had been by Commiſſion bearing Date the Twenty-ſecond Day of *June* in the Forty-ſeventh Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, and in the Year of our Lord One thouſand eight hundred and ſeven, under the Seal of *Heneage* Earl of *Aylesford*, then Lord Steward of His Majeſty's Houſehold, conſtituted, named, and appointed One of the Deputies of the ſaid Lord Steward, to adminiſter and receive the Oaths required by Law to be taken before the ſaid Lord Steward or his Deputy or Deputies or any One of them: And whereas the Honourable *Lawrence Dundas* Doctor of Civil Law, who was elected on the Fourteenth Day of *October* One thouſand eight hundred and eleven to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the City of *York*, did on the Third Day of *March* laſt take the ſaid Oaths before *Peter Moore* Eſquire, who was alſo by the ſaid herein-before mentioned Commiſſion appointed One of the Deputies of the ſaid Lord Steward: And whereas the ſaid *Heneage* Earl of *Aylesford* did on the Nineteenth Day of *February* laſt, and before the ſaid Days reſpectively on which the ſaid Oaths were adminiſtered to the ſaid *Henry Frederick Compton Cavendiſh* and *Lawrence Dundas* as aforeſaid, reſign his Office of Lord Steward, and by reaſon whereof the ſaid Sir *James Graham* and *Peter Moore* had no Power or Authority to adminiſter or receive the ſaid Oaths: And whereas the ſaid Oaths were adminiſtered to the ſaid *Henry Frederick Compton Cavendiſh* and *Lawrence Dundas*, and received by the ſaid Sir *James Graham* and *Peter Moore* without the Knowledge of the Reſignation of the ſaid Lord Steward, and that the Powers and Authorities given by the ſaid Commiſſion had ceaſed and determined: And whereas the ſaid *Henry Frederick Compton Cavendiſh* and *Lawrence Dundas* did thereafter enter into and ſit and vote in the Houſe of Commons; and it is expedient that the Oaths ſo as aforeſaid adminiſtered to and taken by the ſaid *Henry Frederick Compton Cavendiſh* and *Lawrence Dundas* be rendered as valid and effectual as if the ſaid Commiſſion had been then in full force and effect; and that the ſaid *Henry Frederick Compton Cavendiſh* and *Lawrence Dundas* ſhould ſeverally and reſpectively be indemnified againſt any Penalties, Forfeitures, or Diſabilities by Law impoſed relative to any ſuch Acts, Matters, and Things, as aforeſaid: 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 Oaths ſo adminiſtered to and taken by the ſaid *Henry Frederick Compton Cavendiſh* and *Lawrence Dundas* ſhall be, and the ſame are hereby rendered as valid and effectual to all Intents and Purpoſes as if the ſaid Commiſſion had been in full force and effect at the Times of taking the ſaid Oaths by them reſpectively; and the ſaid *Henry Frederick Compton Cavendiſh* and *Lawrence Dundas* ſhall be, and they are hereby indemnified and ſaved harmleſs, and diſcharged from all Penalties, Forfeitures, or Diſabilities, for and in reſpect of all or any ſuch Acts, Matters, or Things, by them done as aforeſaid.

The Oaths adminiſtered to the Perſons herein named declared valid.

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