

ANNO QUINQUAGESIMO SECUNDO

GEORGII III. REGIS.

CAP. XL.

An Act to make Proviſion for a limited Time reſpecting certain Grants of Offices.

[20th *April* 1812.]

WHEREAS, on account of certain Proceedings depending in Parliament, it is expedient to eſtabliſh the Proviſions hereinafter mentioned reſpecting certain Grants of Offices for a limited Time; 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 until the Twenty-eighth Day of *February* One thouſand eight hundred and fourteen, no Public Office, Place, or Employment, ſhall be granted in Reverſion, or for joint Lives with Benefit of Survivorſhip, or for Two or more Lives in Succeſſion, by His Majeſty, His Heirs or Succeſſors, or by any Board or Department of Government; and that during the Time aforeſaid no Office, Place, or Employment, in any of His Majeſty's Courts of Common Law or Equity, ſhall be ſo granted ſave as herein-after is excepted.

Until Feb. 28, 1814, no Public Office ſhall be granted in Reverſion.

II. And be it further enacted, That every Grant or Appointment which may hereafter be made contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act ſhall be to all Intents and Purpoſes void; and that all Salary and Emoluments received under any ſuch Grant or Appointment ſhall and may be recovered by Information at the Suit of His Majeſty's Attorney General in the Court of Exchequer, to the Uſe of His Majeſty, His Heirs and

Grants contrary hereto to be void.

Grants of Offices in Courts of Law exempted under certain Limitations.

and Succeſſors: Provided, that nothing herein contained ſhall be conſtrued to make void any Grant of any Office, Place, or Employment, in any of His Majeſty's Courts of Law, which ſhall be made by any Chief Judge, Officers or Officer of any ſuch Court, being ſuch Chief Judge, Officers or Officer at the Time of paſſing this Act; or to make void any Grant of any Office, Place, or Employment, in any ſuch Courts which ſhall hereafter be made by any other Perſon or Perſons having at the Time of paſſing this Act the Right of granting any ſuch Office, Place, or Employment, if ſuch Office, Place, or Employment was vacant at the Time of paſſing this Act, or which ſhall be made by any other Officer or Officers of the ſaid Courts not being ſuch at the time of paſſing this Act, but becoming ſuch by virtue of Appointments hereafter made by the Perſons reſpectively who at the Time of paſſing this Act are the Chief Judges, Officers or Officer of ſuch Courts: Provided, that nothing herein contained ſhall extend or be conſtrued to extend to ſave or render valid and effectual any Grants hereafter to be made by any ſuch Chief Judges, Officers or other Perſons as aforeſaid, of Offices in Reverſion, or for joint Lives with Benefit of Survivorſhip, or for Two or more Lives in Succeſſion, which Offices had not before been granted in Reverſion or for joint Lives with Benefit of Survivorſhip, or for Two or more Lives in Succeſſion, nor to make good any Grants which ſuch Judges, Officers or Officer, or other Perſons reſpectively would not have been entitled by Law to make if this Act had not paſſed: Provided alſo, that nothing herein contained ſhall be conſtrued to make void any Grants of any Offices, Places, or Employments, in any of His Majeſty's Courts of Law, which ſhall be granted by His Majeſty, His Heirs or Succeſſors, in Reverſion, or for joint Lives with Benefit of Survivorſhip, or for Two or more Lives in Succeſſion, upon the Requeſt or Recommendation of the Chief Judges or Officers of His Majeſty's ſaid Courts being ſuch at the Time of paſſing this Act, and which Offices, Places, or Employments have been heretofore ſo granted upon ſuch Requeſt or Recommendation: Provided alſo, that this Act ſhall not be taken to prohibit the Appointment of Aſſiſtants and Succeſſors to the Parochial Clergy of *Scotland*,

Not to prohibit the Appointment of Aſſiſtants and Succeſſors to the Clergy of Scotland.

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