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An Act to amend an Act of the Parliament of *Ireland*, for preventing the pernicious Practice of burning Land, and for the more effectual destroying of Vermin. [23d *July* 1814.]

WHEREAS an Act was made in the Parliament of *Ireland* in the Seventeenth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Second, intituled *An Act to prevent the pernicious Practice of burning Land and for the more effectual destroying of Vermin*; and which was amended and made perpetual by an Act made in the Parliament of *Ireland* in the First Year of the Reign of His present Majesty; and by several Acts since made in the Parliament of *Ireland*, the said first recited Act has been from Time to Time amended: And whereas by the said first recited Act it is amongst other Things enacted, that if the Soil or Surface of any Land shall be burnt or permitted to be burnt by the first Lessee or Lessees of such Land, his, her, or their Heirs, Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, then the Penalty of Forty Shillings in the said Act mentioned, for every *English* Statute Acre so burnt, shall and may be recovered of such Offender or Offenders, by his, her, or their Lessor or Lessors, their Heirs, Successors, or Assigns, respectively, or by the Person or Persons who for the Time being shall be entitled to the Rent or Reversion or Remainder of the said Premises; and if the Soil or Surface of any Land shall be burnt or be permitted to be burnt by the Possessor or Occupier of such Land holding or enjoying the same by Lease or Contract from the

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first Leſſee or Leſſees of ſuch Land, his, her, or their Heirs, Executors, Adminiſtrators, or Aſſigns, or from any Perſon or Perſons deriving or holding under them, any or either of them, then the ſaid Penalty of Forty Shillings for every *Engliſh* Statute Acre ſo burnt, ſhall and may be recovered of and from ſuch Offender or Offenders, his, her, or their immediate Leſſor or Leſſors, his, her, or their Heirs, Executors, Adminiſtrators, or Aſſigns: And whereas Difficulties and Inconveniences have occurred and may occur in Suits inſtituted by the Deviſee or Deviſees of any Leſſor or Leſſors in ſuing for the Penalties under the ſaid firſt recited Act and the ſeveral Acts in force in *Ireland* for the Amendment of the ſame, from the Neceſſity of producing the Will under which the Title of ſuch Deviſee or Deviſees is derived, and Witneſſes to prove the ſame, and like Difficulties and Inconveniencies have occurred and may occur to Perſons entitled to the Rent reſerved, or to the Reverſion or Remainder expectant on any Leaſe or Demiſe from the Neceſſity of producing the Title Deeds, or Settlements, under which the Title of ſuch Perſon or Perſons is derived, and Witneſſes to prove the ſame; for Remedy whereof 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 in every Suit for Recovery of the Penalty or Penalties for burning Land under the ſaid firſt recited Act and the ſeveral Acts in force in *Ireland*, or any of them, for the Amendment thereof, it ſhall be deemed full and ſufficient Proof of Title in the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs in ſuch Suit or Suits, and that he, ſhe, or they is or are in Point of Title competent to bring and maintain ſuch Suit or Suits if it ſhall be duly proved on his, her, or their Behalf, that he, ſhe, or they has or have for One Year at leaſt after the Death of the Leſſor or other Perſon next after whom he, ſhe, or they claim to be entitled, received the Rent reſerved in the Leaſe or Demiſe under which the Lands are held, in reſpect of which ſuch Suit for ſuch Penalty as aforeſaid ſhall be brought, unleſs the Defendant in ſuch Suit ſhall prove that the Title to the Rent or Reverſion expectant on ſuch Leaſe or Demiſe is in ſome other Perſon than the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs in ſuch Suit.

What Proof ſhall be neceſſary to recover Penalties for burning Land under recited Act.

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