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CAP. XII.

An Act for exhibiting a Bill in this preſent Parliament, for naturalizing His Serene Highneſs *Leopold George Frederick* Duke of *Saxe*, Margrave of *Meiſſen*, Landgrave of *Thuringuen*, Prince of *Cobourg* of *Saalfeld*. [28th *March* 1816.]

WHEREAS His Royal Highneſs The Prince Regent, acting in the Name and on the Behalf of His moſt Sacred Majeſty, has, to the univerſal Joy and Satisfaction of His Majeſty's Subjects, judged it proper that an Alliance ſhould be contracted between the Family of His Majeſty and His Serene Highneſs *Leopold George Frederick* Duke of *Saxe*, Margrave of *Meiſſen*, Landgrave of *Thuringuen*, Prince of *Cobourg* of *Saalfeld*; and has therefore, in the Name and on Behalf of His Majeſty, conſented, with the full Agreement of the Parties intereſted, that a Marriage ſhall be celebrated between the moſt High and Illuſtrious Princeſs *Charlotte Auguſta*, Daughter of His Royal Highneſs The Prince of *Wales*, Regent of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, and His Serene Highneſs: And whereas a more grateful Proof of the Eſteem and Affection of this Kingdom cannot be given to His Serene Highneſs, than by an Act of Naturalization to make him capable of enjoying thoſe Rights and Liberties which are enjoyed in this Realm: And whereas by an Act made in the Seventh Year of the Reign of King *James* the Firſt, every Perſon is required to receive the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper within One Month before any Bill for Naturalization be exhibited, and alſo to take the Oaths of Supremacy and Allegiance in the Parliament Houſe, before his or her Bill be twice read: And whereas by an Act paſſed in the Firſt Year of His Majeſty King *George* the Firſt, it was enacted, that no Perſon ſhall be naturalized unleſs in the Bill exhibited

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exhibited for that Purpoſe, a proper Clauſe or particular Words be inſerted to declare that ſuch Perſon ſhall not thereby be enabled to be of the Privy Council, or a Member of either Houſe of Parliament, or to take any Office or Place of Truſt, either Civil or Military, or to have any Grant of Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments from the Crown, to himſelf or any other Perſon in Truſt for him; and that no Bill ſhould from thenceforth be received in either Houſe of Parliament, unleſs ſuch Clauſe or Words be firſt inſerted or contained therein: 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 a Bill for the Naturalization of His Serene Highneſs *Leopold George Frederick* Duke of *Saxe*, Margrave of *Meiſſen*, Landgrave of *Thuringuen*, Prince of *Cobourg* of *Saalfeld*, without the Clauſe or particular Words directed by the ſaid laſt recited Act to be inſerted, and without his receiving the Sacrament, or taking the Oaths by the firſt recited Act required, ſhall and may be exhibited and brought into this Parliament and twice read; the ſaid recited Acts, or any other Law, Statute, Matter, or Thing whatſoever to the contrary notwithſtanding.

Bill may be exhibited without the Clauſe mentioned in the laſt recited Act, &c.

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