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GEORGII III. REGIS.

CAP. XCII.

An Act to regulate the Administration of Oaths in certain Cases to Officers in His Majesty's Land and Sea Forces. [10th *July* 1817.]

WHEREAS by certain Acts passed in the Reigns of His Majesty's Royal Predecessors, it was provided, that Officers in His Majesty's Royal Navy and Officers in His Majesty's Army shall take certain Oaths, and make and subscribe certain Declarations, before they shall enter upon the Offices or Places of Trust to which they may be appointed: And whereas Doubts have been entertained whether the Provisions of the said Acts are still in force in that Behalf: And whereas the Practice of taking the said Oaths, and making and subscribing the said Declarations, by Officers previous to their receiving Commissions in His Majesty's Army, hath been long disused: And whereas it is expedient to remove such Doubts, and to assimilate the Practice of the Two Services: 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 it shall and may be lawful to and for His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, the Lord High Admiral of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, or the Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral aforesaid, the Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Land Forces, the Master General of the Ordnance, and the Secretary at War for the Time being, respectively, or any other Persons thereunto lawfully authorized,

The Secretaries of State, &c. may deliver Commissions or Warrants to Officers of the Navy, Land Forces &c. without

previously requiring them to take certain Oaths, &c.

rized, to deliver Commiſſions or Warrants to any Officer or Officers in His Majeſty's Royal Navy, Land Forces, or Royal Marines, without previouſly requiring ſuch Officer or Officers to take the ſaid Oaths, or make and ſubſcribe the ſaid Declarations; any Thing in any Act or Acts contained to the contrary thereof in anywiſe notwithſtanding.

Act not to extend to Oaths, &c. required to be taken by Officers after receiving Commiſſions.

II. Provided always, That nothing herein contained ſhall extend or be conſtrued to extend to any Oaths required by any Act or Acts now in force to be taken, or to any Declarations thereby required to be made and ſubſcribed, by ſuch Officer or Officers as aforeſaid, after he or they ſhall have accepted and received ſuch Commiſſions or Warrants as aforeſaid.

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