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GEORGII III. REGIS.

CAP. CII.

An Act for further regulating the Appointment of Gamekeepers in *Wales*. [12th *July* 1819.]

WHEREAS there are now several Districts and Lands, within the Principality of *Wales*, which are not known to be comprehended within the Boundaries of any Manors, Lordships, or Royalties; and there are also several other Districts and Lands within the Principality, which formerly belonged to or formed Part or Parts of such Manors, Lordships, or Royalties, but which have been alienated therefrom or enfranchised by the Lord or Lords for the Time being of such Manors, Lordships, or Royalties, and many of such Districts and Lands are very extensive: And whereas the Owner or Owners of such Districts and Lands cannot, nor can any other Person or Persons appoint any Gamekeeper or other Servant to kill Game on such Lands for the Use of the Owner or Owners thereof, without subjecting such Gamekeeper or other Servant to the Penalties imposed by divers Acts of Parliament made for the Preservation of the Game; which Regulations and Enactments have tended greatly to the Encouragement of Poachers and other idle and disorderly Persons, to destroy the Game within such Districts of the said Principality: For remedy whereof, it is expedient that it be enacted: May it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted; and 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,

Persons possessing certain Property may appoint Gamekeepers.

and by the Authority of the same, That from and after the First Day of *August* next, it shall and may be lawful to and for all and every Persons and Person, being seised in Fee or as of Freehold, or otherwise beneficially entitled in his, her, or their own Right, of and in any Lands situate and being within the said Principality, of the full and clear annual Rent of Five hundred Pounds, and not being within the Bounds of any Manor, Lordship, or Royalty, or being within the Precinct or Bounds of any Manor, Lordship, or Royalty, shall have been or shall be enfranchised or alienated therefrom; or to appoint by any Writing or Writings under his, her, or their Hand or Hands, a Gamekeeper to preserve, or to course, hunt, shoot at, or kill Game, for the Use of the Person or Persons who shall make such Appointment, in, over, and upon such his, her, or their Lands, and in, over, and upon the Lands of every other Person or Persons who shall, by Licence in Writing under his, her, or their Hand or Hands, authorize him, her, or them to appoint a Gamekeeper or Gamekeepers, or other Servant or Servants, to preserve, course, hunt, shoot at, or kill Game in, over, and upon the Lands of the Person or Persons not being within the Bounds of any Manor, Lordship, or Royalty, so granting such Licence.

Gamekeepers not subject to Penalties under former Acts.

II. And be it further enacted, That every such Gamekeeper having such Appointment as aforesaid, during the Continuance of such Appointment shall not be made subject or liable to any Penalties imposed by any former Statutes of this Realm, for having any Game in his or their Custody or Possession, or for coursing, hunting, shooting at, or killing Game, on or upon any Lands mentioned in his or their Appointment or Appointments, and whereon the Person or Persons making such Appointment or Appointments has or have any Power, Licence, or Authority to make or grant any Appointment or Appointments by virtue of this Act: Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall extend or give, or be construed to extend or give, any Power or Authority to any Person or Persons to make or grant any such Appointment or Appointments, Licence or Licences, to course, hunt, shoot at, or kill Game in, over, or upon his, her, or their Lands, situate or being within the Precinct or Boundary of any Manor, Lordship, or Royalty, unless such Lands shall have been enfranchised or alienated therefrom, without the Licence or Consent in Writing of the Proprietor or Proprietors of such Manor, Lordship, or Royalty, having the Right to pursue and kill Game in, upon, or over such Lands, first had and obtained; and where in any existing Lease or Demise, or Agreement for demising any Lands, the Lessor or Lessors, Landlord or Landlords thereof, hath or have not reserved the Right or Power of hunting, shooting, or sporting, when no such Appointment or Appointments, Licence or Licences, shall be valid, so as to authorize any such Gamekeeper or Gamekeepers, Servant or Servants, to enter upon any such Lands, to preserve, course, hunt, shoot at, or kill Game thereon, without the Consent in Writing of the Person or Persons in the actual Possession of such Lands first had and obtained.

Lords of extensive Manors may ap-

III. And whereas the Manors, Lordships, and Royalties, within the said Principality, are in many Instances extremely extensive, and comprehend very large Tracts of Country: And whereas by an Act

passed in the Ninth Year of the Reign of Queen *Anne*, intituled *An Act for making the Act of the Fifth Year of Her Majesty's Reign, for the better Preservation of the Game, perpetual, and for making the same more effectual*, it is among other Things enacted, that only One Gamekeeper shall be appointed to kill Game within any One Manor: And whereas such Restriction hath, on Account of the Extent of the said Manors, Lordships and Royalties, been found extremely inconvenient, and tended greatly to the Destruction of the Game within the said Principality; be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Lords and Ladies of such Manors, Lordships, and Royalties, and the Stewards of the Crown for such Manors, Lordships, and Royalties as appertain to His Majesty within the said Principality, shall be, and they are hereby authorized respectively to nominate and appoint Gamekeepers for such Districts and Divisions of their respective Manors, Lordships, and Royalties, as they shall think fit; and that each and every Gamekeeper, so appointed, shall have the like Powers, Privileges and Authorities within such District or Division as any Gamekeeper appointed for the whole of a Manor hath or would have by virtue of any Act now in force: Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to authorize the Appointment of more than One Gamekeeper for the same District or Division, and that all Appointments under this Act shall be registered with the Clerk of the Peace in like Manner, and be subject to all other Regulations which are enacted with respect to the Appointment of Gamekeepers of Manors by any Act now in force.

Appoint Gamekeepers for Districts.

IV. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for all and every Persons and Person, who shall or may grant or make any Appointment or Appointments, Licence or Licences, by virtue of this Act, to revoke, annul, or render void all and every such Consent, Appointments and Appointment, Licences and Licence, and to grant or make other Consent or Consents, Appointments or Licences in lieu thereof, as often as to him, her, or them, shall seem proper.

Persons granting Appointments may annul the same, and grant others in lieu thereof.

V. Provided always, That nothing herein contained shall extend or be construed to extend the Protection of this Act, to any Person or Persons killing Game without a Certificate taken out or purchased, according to the Provisions of the Act now in force respecting Game Certificates, or in any Manner to affect the Rights of His Majesty, or His Successors, or of any other Person or Persons, in, to, or over any Manor, Lordship, or Royalty, within the said Principality.

This Act not to extend to Persons killing Game without Certificate.

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