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GEORGII IV. REGIS.

C A P. II.

An Act to enable His Majesty to be Governor of The *South Sea* Company. [6th *June* 1820.]

WHEREAS the Governor and Company of Merchants of *Great Britain* trading to the South Seas and other Parts of *America*, and for encouraging the Fishery, have made an humble Address to the King's most Excellent Majesty, in a General Court of the said Company, that His Majesty would be graciously pleased to honour the said Company with being their Governor, whereunto His Majesty being willing to condescend, some Doubts and Difficulties have arisen or may arise touching the Qualifications and Duties prescribed by Law, or by the Charter granted to the said Company, in relation to the Governors or Government thereof: For Remedy whereof, be it enacted and declared 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 His Majesty shall be capable of being and continuing Governor of the said Company for such Time or Times as are prescribed by the said Charter for the Continuance of any Governor therein, and that such Address as aforesaid, or any other Address of the said Company to be hereafter made in their General Court for the same Purpose (in case His Majesty shall be pleased to accept of being their

His Majesty enabled to be Governor notwithstanding any Forms of Election prescribed by the Charter.

Governor),

Governor), shall from Time to Time be deemed and adjudged to be an Election of His Majesty to be Governor of the said Company within the true Intent and Meaning of the said Charter, without the Forms of ballotting or other Methods prescribed by such Charter for electing the Governor of the said Company; any thing in the said Charter to the contrary notwithstanding.

The Oaths required by the Charter dispensed with.

II. And it is hereby declared and enacted, That the Oaths prescribed by the said Charter, or any Law now in force, and all other Acts, Matters, or Things necessary or requisite to qualify a Subject of this Realm to be Governor of the said Company, shall not be deemed to be necessary or requisite for His Majesty's Qualification in respect of the said Government, nor shall the said Oaths be administered to His Majesty; and that His Majesty, in all Cases where any Vote is to be given or Act to be done by him as Governor of the said Company, may (if His Majesty think fit) by any Warrant or Warrants under His Royal Sign Manual appoint the Sub-governor or Deputy-governor of the said Company to vote or act for Him or on His Behalf; any former Law, Statute, Charter, or Provision to the contrary notwithstanding.

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