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and Manufacturers there, the Lord Lieutenant of *Ireland* has deemed it expedient and necessary to order that some Part of the Money authorized to be issued under the said recited Act of the Fifty-seventh Year aforesaid, and which had not been applied to the Purposes of the said Act, should be applied for and towards the Relief of Commercial Credit in *Ireland:* And whereas the Commons of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland* in Parliament assembled, have taken the said Proceedings in consideration, have resolved that whatever Sum or Sums have been or may be advanced by the Bank of *Ireland* to such Merchants, Traders, and Manufacturers as are possessed of Funds ultimately more than sufficient to answer all Demands upon them, (but who have not the Means of converting those Funds into Money or negotiable Securities in Time to meet the Pressure of the Moment), under the Direction of Commissioners appointed or to be appointed by the Lord Lieutenant of *Ireland*, not exceeding Five hundred thousand Pounds, should be made good by that House, together with an Interest at the Rate of Five Pounds *per Centum* from the Date at which such Sums shall have been or may be advanced respectively; 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, and by the Authority of the same, That all Acts done by the said Commissioners for the Execution of the said recited Act of the Fifty-seventh Year of His late Majesty's Reign, in Execution of the Trusts reposed in them by the Lord Lieutenant of *Ireland*, for the Relief of Commercial Credit, in Manner herein-before mentioned, at any Time before the passing of this Act, and all Bonds or Obligations, Contracts, Agreements, Warrants of Attorney, Bills of Exchange, Promissory Notes, or other Securities taken for such Sums as shall have been advanced under the Orders of the said Commissioners for the Purposes and in Manner aforesaid, or for the Purposes of securing, declaring, or confirming any Contract or Agreement made with the said Commissioners, shall be and the same are hereby declared to be good, valid, and effectual in the Law to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever; and that all Acts and Matters done by the Secretary, Solicitor, Clerks, Brokers, Messengers, or Officers in the Service of the said Commissioners, in the necessary Execution of the Purposes aforesaid, shall be and the same are hereby declared to be good, valid, and effectual, to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever.

Acts done by the Commissioners under recited Act, in Execution of the Trusts reposed in them by the Lord Lieutenant for Relief of Commercial Credit, declared valid.

Lord Lieutenant to appoint Commissioners.

II. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland* for the Time being, by Writing under his or their Hand or Hands, at any Time after the passing of this Act, to nominate and appoint so many and such Persons as he or they shall think fit, not exceeding Nine in Number, to be Commissioners for the Execution of this Act in *Ireland*; and the said Persons so to be nominated shall be, and they are hereby appointed Commissioners for the Execution of this Act in *Ireland*, and the said Commissioners are hereby required to execute the Powers and Authorities given to them by this Act, without any Fee, Reward, Emolument, or Gratuity whatever; and all Acts, Matters, and Things which the said Commissioners are by this Act authorized

and required to do, shall and may be done and executed by the Majority of such Commissioners, unless in Cases where it is otherwise specially provided by this Act.

Two of the Commissioners to take an Oath before a Baron of the Exchequer.

III. And be it further enacted, That any Two of the said Commissioners so to be nominated and appointed for the Execution of this Act, shall forthwith after the passing of this Act, and in pursuance or performance of this Act, take an Oath before One of the Barons of the Exchequer of *Ireland*, which they or any of them are and is hereby authorized and required to administer, the Tenor whereof shall be as follows; (that is to say),

Oath.

'I *A. B.* do swear, That according to the best of my Judgment, I 'will faithfully and impartially execute the several Powers and 'Trusts vested in me by an Act of the First Year of the Reign of 'King *George* the Fourth, intituled *(here set forth the Title of this 'Act)*, according to the Tenor and Purport of the said Act.'

Oath afterwards to be taken by the other Commissioners.

And every other of the said Commissioners for the Execution of this Act, shall likewise take the same Oath before the said Two Commissioners, who are hereby authorized and required to administer the same, after they shall themselves have taken the said Oath as aforesaid.

Commissioners to meet, and to appoint a Secretary and other Officers.

IV. And be it further enacted, That the Commissioners for the Execution of this Act shall have Power to meet and sit from Time to Time in such Place and Places as they shall find most convenient, with or without Adjournment, to proceed in the Execution of this Act; and they or the Majority of them shall and may appoint and employ a Secretary and a Solicitor, and so many Clerks, Brokers, Messengers, and Officers as they shall find necessary, and shall and may, with the Consent and Approbation of the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland* for the Time being, pay to such Secretary, Solicitor, Clerks, Brokers, Messengers, and Officers, such reasonable Compensations or Rewards as the said Commissioners shall think meet, and shall and may give and administer to such Secretary, Solicitor, Clerks, Brokers, and Officers respectively, an Oath for their faithful Demeanor in all Things relating to the due Performance of the Trusts reposed in them by the said Commissioners, and in all other Things touching the Premises, and from Time to Time, at their Discretion, dismiss and discharge such Secretary, Solicitor, Clerks, Brokers, Messengers, and other Officers, and appoint others in their Place; and such Secretary, Solicitor, Clerks, Brokers, and Officers are hereby required faithfully to execute and perform the said Trusts in them severally and respectively reposed, without taking any Reward or Gratuity whatsoever for such Service, other than such Salaries or Reward as the said Commissioners shall direct and appoint in Manner aforesaid.

Officers to take no other Reward than their Salaries.

Commissioners may examine upon Oath Persons wil-

V. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the Commissioners for the Execution of this Act, or any Three or more of them, and they are hereby authorized and empowered

ling to be examined, and receive Depositions made before Magistrates, &c.

powered to examine upon Oath (or on Affirmation, if the Person to be examined be a Quaker, which Oath or Affirmation they or any one or more of them are and is hereby authorized to administer), all Persons who shall be willing to be examined touching all such Matters and Things as shall be necessary for the Execution of the Powers vested in the said Commissioners by this Act, and also to receive any Affidavits, or any Depositions in Writing upon Oath or Affirmation, touching such Matters or Things as aforesaid, which shall be made before any Justice of the Peace of any County, or any Magistrate of any City, Borough, or Town Corporate in *Ireland*, where or near to which the Person making such Affidavit or Deposition shall reside, certified and transmitted to the said Commissioners under the Hand and Seal of such Justice or Magistrate, which Oath or Affirmation every such Justice or Magistrate shall be and is hereby authorized and required to administer; provided, that in every such Affidavit or Deposition there shall be expressed the Addition of the Party making such Affidavit or Deposition, and the particular Place of his or her Abode: Provided always, that all such Oaths, Affidavits, and Depositions, to be taken or made by any Person not resident in or near the City of *Dublin*, shall be taken before and certified by some Magistrate named and approved for the Purpose by the Commissioners for the Execution of this Act, or the Majority of them.

Persons giving false Evidence guilty of Perjury.

VI. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons upon Examination upon Oath or Affirmation before the Commissioners for the Execution of this Act, or if any Person or Persons making any such Affidavit or Deposition as before mentioned, shall wilfully or corruptly give false Evidence, or shall in such Affidavit or Deposition wilfully and corruptly swear, affirm, or allege any Matter or Thing which shall be false or untrue, every such Person or Persons so offending, and being thereof duly convicted, shall be and is and are hereby declared to be subject and liable to such Pains and Penalties as by any Law now in force in *Ireland* Persons convicted of wilful and corrupt Perjury are subject and liable to.

Bonds, Bills, &c. which, before the Expiration of Ten Days before the passing of this Act, may have been made in the Name of His Majesty or the Bank, in Support of Commercial Credit, shall have the same Effect as if issued under this Act.

VII. And be it further enacted, That all Bonds or Obligations, and all Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes and Contracts whatsoever, which at any Time before the Expiration of Ten Days before the passing of this Act, may have been made either in the Name of His Majesty, or of the Governor and Company of the Bank of *Ireland*, or of any other Person or Persons, for or in respect of the Support of Commercial Credit in manner herein-before mentioned, shall have the same Force, Authority, and Effect in every respect, as Obligations made to our Sovereign Lord the King under this Act; and such Process as is herein-after directed to be issued, and such Proceedings thereon as may be requisite, shall and may be issued and had against Persons making Default in Payment of the Money secured by such Bonds or Obligations, Bills, Notes, or Contracts, and shall be in the Name of His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, in like Manner as on any Obligation made to His Majesty under the Authority of this Act.

VIII. And

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Commissioners to appoint Persons to receive Applications from Merchants, &c. for Loans.

IX. And be it further enacted, That before any Apportionment shall be made of any Money to be advanced under this Act, the Commissioners for the Execution of this Act shall cause the several Applications delivered to such Commissioners to be classed according to the Amount of the Sums respectively applied for, and the Nature of the Securities tendered, and the Circumstances, as far as the same shall appear upon the said Applications; and shall thereupon draw up and establish such general Rules and Regulations for their own Government in the apportioning and distributing the Sums of Money to be advanced and lent under this Act to the several Persons applying for the same, as the said Commissioners in their Discretion shall deem equitable and just; all which Rules and Regulations shall, within a convenient Time, be entered in a Book or Books to be prepared and kept by such Commissioners for that Purpose; and the said Commissioners for the Execution of this Act, according to the true Purport and Meaning of such general Rules and Regulations as aforesaid, shall proceed to take into their Consideration all such Applications which shall specify the Amount of the Sums required to be advanced as aforesaid, and by which any Security shall be tendered which the said Commissioners are authorized by this Act to take for the Payment of the Sums to be advanced, and which shall also specify the Nature thereof, and from Time to Time, on Enquiry into the same respectively, shall determine what Persons shall, in their Judgment, be entitled to any Part of the Money to be advanced or lent under this Act, and to what Amount; and shall ascertain the Nature and Amount of the Securities to be required from them for the same respectively.

Applications to be classed according to the Amount of the Sums applied for.

Regulations to be established for distributing the Money to be lent.

Nature and Amount of Security to be ascertained.

X. And be it further enacted, That when and as soon as the Commissioners for the Execution of this Act shall have determined upon any Amount of such Money to be advanced under the Provisions of this Act, the said Commissioners shall forthwith certify such Amount to the Governor and Company of the Bank of *Ireland*, by One or more Certificate or Certificates under the Hands and Seals of the said Commissioners, or any Three or more of them; and every such Certificate of the said Commissioners for the Execution of this Act, shall be presented to the Cashiers of the said Bank of *Ireland*, or One of them, and it shall thereupon be lawful for the said Governor and Company of the Bank of *Ireland* to advance the several

Commissioners, on determining the Amount to be advanced, shall certify the same to the Bank, who shall advance the Money accordingly.

several Sums of Money mentioned in every such Certificate to the Persons mentioned in such Certificate respectively; and every such Certificate shall be deposited and shall remain in the Office of the Accountant General of the said Bank of *Ireland*; provided that the whole Amount of Money to be advanced under this Act shall not at any Time exceed the Sum of Five hundred thousand Pounds.

Whole Amount not to exceed 500,000*l.*

Commissioners under recited Act to transmit a Certificate of the Amount of the Money advanced by them, with the Securities, to the Commissioners under this Act, who shall certify the Amount to the Bank, who shall pay the Money into the Exchequer at Dublin, &c.

XI. And for the replacing of all and every such Sums and Sum of Money as at any Time before the Appointment of Commissioners for the Execution of this Act, may have been or may be advanced under the Orders of the Lord Lieutenant of *Ireland*, for the Support of Commercial Credit, out of the said Sum of Two hundred and fifty thousand Pounds, applicable to the Purposes of the said recited Act of the Fifty-seventh Year of His said late Majesty's Reign; be it enacted, That at any Time after the Commissioners for the Execution of this Act shall be appointed, it shall and may be lawful for the Commissioners for the Execution of the said Act of the said Fifty-seventh Year, or any Three of them, to transmit to the Commissioners for the Execution of this Act, a Certificate of the Amount of all such Sum and Sums of Money as shall have been advanced in Manner herein-before mentioned, for the Support of Commercial Credit, upon the Certificates of the said Commissioners for the Execution of the said Act of the said Fifty-seventh Year, together with all Obligations, Securities, Papers, Documents, and Writings whatsoever, relating to any Sum or Sums so advanced; and thereupon it shall and may be lawful for the Commissioners for the Execution of this Act, or any Three of them, to certify the Amount of such Sum or Sums to the Governor and Company of the Bank of *Ireland*, who shall thereupon pay the Amount of all such Sum or Sums of Money into the Receipt of the Exchequer at *Dublin*; and that all Sums which under any such Certificates shall be so paid into the Receipt of the Exchequer at *Dublin*, shall be taken as Part of the Money advanced by the Governor and Company of the said Bank of *Ireland* for the Purposes of this Act, and that the Sums so advanced and repaid shall not be taken or considered as any Part of the Sum of Two hundred and fifty thousand Pounds authorized to be issued for the Purposes of the said recited Act of the Fifty-seventh Year of His said late Majesty's Reign.

Commissioners to appoint Times for taking into Consideration further Applications for Loans.

XII. And be it further enacted, That the Commissioners for the Execution of this Act, or any Three or more of them respectively, shall and may from Time to Time fix and appoint proper and convenient Days for taking into Consideration all such further Applications as shall from Time to Time be made to them, and shall ascertain the Amount of such Money as shall be required to be from Time to Time advanced for the Purposes of this Act, and shall by like Certificate or Certificates as aforesaid, certify the same to the Governor and Company of the Bank of *Ireland*, until the Whole of the Money authorized to be advanced in pursuance of this Act shall have been advanced for the Purposes aforesaid; and the said Commissioners for the Execution of this Act shall from Time to Time proceed to determine to what Amount such Money shall be advanced under this Act, and shall grant Certificates thereof, in such Form and under the

like Rules and Regulations as are herein-before mentioned concerning the Money to be first issued or advanced as aforesaid, and all such Money shall be from Time to Time advanced in the Form and Manner before directed.

Accountant General of the Bank to deliver, when required, Lists of the Sums advanced.

XIII. And be it further enacted, That the Accountant General of the Bank of *Ireland* shall, without Fee or Reward, from Time to Time, upon Requisition of the Commissioners for the Execution of this Act, deliver to them complete Lists of all Sums advanced by the Governor and Company of the said Bank, in pursuance of Certificates of the said Commissioners, specifying the respective Sums so advanced, and distinguishing the Persons to whom, and the Dates and Numbers of the Certificates in consequence whereof, and the Dates and Times when the said Advances were so made respectively.

Persons to whom Sums shall be advanced shall enter into such Securities as the Commissioners shall think necessary.

XIV. And be it further enacted, That all and every Person and Persons to whom any Sum or Sums of Money respectively shall be advanced or lent under the Provisions of this Act, shall previously enter into such Security, in such Sum or Sums of Money (not less than Double the Amount of the Principal Sums so lent or advanced) as the Case may require, and as the Commissioners for the Execution of this Act, or any Three or more of them, shall respectively deem necessary; which Securities the said Commissioners respectively, or any Three or more of them, shall in their Discretion have full Power and Authority to cause to be taken; and every Security to be taken in pursuance of this Act shall be by Writing obligatory to our Sovereign Lord the King, in such Sum or Sums of Money as shall be directed by such Commissioners, or any Three or more of them, by virtue of this Act, to be paid to our said Lord the King, by such Form of Words as Obligations to the King's Majesty have been used to be made, and with such Conditions to be thereunder written as by such Commissioners shall be deemed proper; and that all such Obligations to be so made shall be good and effectual in the Law, and shall be of the same Quality, Force, and Effect, to all Intents and Purposes, as any Obligation made to our Sovereign Lord the now King, or his Predecessors, or any of them, hath at any Time heretofore been or now is adjudged, received, or taken to be; any Law, Usage, or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

Securities to be taken in the Name of the King.

Persons entering into Security without Surety, shall deposit Goods to a certain Amount.

XV. And be it further enacted, That whenever it shall happen that the Person or Persons to whom any Money shall be lent and advanced under this Act, shall enter into Security without any Surety or Sureties, then and in such Case every such Person or Persons shall, over and above such Security, deposit or cause to be deposited in the Custody of the Commissioners for the Execution of this Act, or of such Persons as the said Commissioners shall appoint, by Writing under the Hands of them, or any Three or more of them, Goods, Wares, or Merchandizes, of the proper Goods of such Person or Persons, or in his or their Possession and Disposition, and wherein he or they shall have a specific Interest to a certain Amount, and whereon it shall be proved to the Satisfaction of such Commissioners, that the Duties of Customs and Excise (if any) payable upon the same had been duly satisfied; and which Goods, Wares, and Merchandizes shall be

be proved to the Satisfaction of the said Commissioners, or of such Person or Persons as they shall appoint, to bear a Proportion not less than is herein-after mentioned to the Value of the principal Sums to be lent or advanced to such Person or Persons; and which Goods, Wares, or Merchandizes shall be delivered to the said Commissioners, or to such Persons as they shall appoint as aforesaid, at such Place or Places as the said Commissioners or any Three of them shall appoint, and shall be secured and kept in proper Warehouses at such Places respectively as shall be approved of by the said Commissioners or any Three of them, under such Regulations as the said Commissioners or the Majority of them shall prescribe; and such Goods, Wares, and Merchandizes as shall be so deposited, shall not be liable to be attached, or seized, or removed, or to be taken from or out of the Custody of the said Commissioners, by any Process, either in Law or Equity, or by or under any Commission of Bankruptcy not actually issued at the Time when such Deposit shall be made, unless the Monies lent and advanced on the Security of the said Goods, Wares, or Merchandizes, together with such Interest as shall be directed to be paid by this Act, shall be first paid or satisfied at the Times or in the Manner herein-after mentioned, or without having obtained the previous Consent of the said Commissioners, or the Majority of them, under their Hands, for such Attachment or Seizure, or for the Removal of the same according to the Directions of this Act, or by the Order of the Court of Exchequer as herein-after is mentioned.

Goods so deposited not to be removed out of Custody of Commissioners by any Process, until Money advanced with Interest shall be paid.

Question arising on the Property of Goods deposited to be determined by the Court of Exchequer.

XVI. And be it further enacted, That if any Question shall arise respecting the Property of any Goods, Wares, or Merchandizes which shall be deposited as aforesaid, or any Interest therein, or the Money arising by Sale thereof, or any Part thereof, any Person or Persons claiming such Goods, Wares, or Merchandizes, or any Interest therein, or the Produce thereof, or any Part thereof, shall and may apply in a summary Way, by Motion or otherwise, touching the same, to the Court of Exchequer at *Dublin*, who shall proceed to enquire into the Validity of such Claim, and shall thereupon order such Goods, Wares, or Merchandizes, or any Part thereof, or any Money which shall have arisen by Sale thereof, or any Part thereof, to be delivered or paid to such Person or Persons, upon such Terms and in such Manner as to the said Court shall seem fit and proper.

Commissioners may advance Money on Goods secured in Warehouses without Payment of Duty.

XVII. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the Commissioners for the Execution of this Act, to advance and lend any Sum or Sums of Money upon Goods, Wares, or Merchandizes lodged and secured in Warehouses without Payment of Duty, under the Regulations of any Act or Acts of Parliament for that Purpose, according to the estimated Value of such Goods, Wares, or Merchandizes, exclusive of the Duties chargeable thereon; and that such Goods, Wares, or Merchandizes shall remain in such Warehouses respectively, under the several Rules, Regulations, and Restrictions in the said Acts contained, except as herein is excepted; provided that no such Goods, Wares, or Merchandizes shall be removed from any such Warehouse or Warehouses, without the Authority of the Commissioners for the Execution of this Act, signified

signified by Warrant under the Hands and Seals of any Two or more of the said Commissioners.

Sureties answerable only for the Sum subscribed by them.

XVIII. And be it further enacted, That in all Cases where Security shall be entered into with such Surety or Sureties as the said Commissioners or the Majority of them shall in their Discretion approve, then each of the Sureties in such Security shall be bound in such Sum, and no more, as he shall set and subscribe against his Name upon such Security: Provided always, that no Sum or Sums of Money shall be lent or advanced under this Act, upon the Security last mentioned, unless the Amount of all the Sums set and subscribed against the Name of the several Sureties upon the said Security, shall amount in the whole to Double the Sums of Money to be lent and advanced on the Credit of such Security; and that no Sum or Sums shall be lent or advanced on any Deposit of Goods, Wares, or Merchandizes, to a greater Amount than in the Proportion of Fifty *per Centum*, in case such Goods, Wares, or Merchandizes are manufactured, or of Sixty *per Centum* in case the said Goods, Wares or Merchandizes are unmanufactured, on the Value of such Goods, Wares, or Merchandizes so deposited, or on the Value of the specific Interest which the Party or Parties depositing such Goods, Wares, or Merchandizes, shall have therein as aforesaid.

Sums subscribed by Sureties to amount to Double the Money advanced.

In what Proportion Money advanced on Deposits.

Commissioners to provide Warehouses for depositing Goods.

XIX. And be it further enacted, That the Commissioners for the Execution of this Act, or the Majority of them, shall and they are hereby authorized and required to provide, from Time to Time, such Warehouses or Places as they shall deem requisite for lodging and securing all such Goods, Wares, or Merchandizes as shall be deposited with them under the Directions of this Act; and to appoint the necessary Officers to attend and have the Care of such Goods, Wares, or Merchandizes at such Warehouses or Places respectively, and to cause all such Goods, Wares, or Merchandizes, or the respective Packages containing the same, to be numbered, marked, weighed, or taken an Account of, in such Manner and from Time to Time at such Times as the said Commissioners shall deem necessary, so as to avoid any Damage or Loss to the respective Proprietors thereof by reason of such Deposits; and it shall be in the Discretion and Power of the said Commissioners or the Majority of them, to make all necessary Regulations from Time to Time for the Receipt, safe Custody, and Delivery out of such Goods, Wares, and Merchandizes deposited in such Warehouse or Warehouses or other Places, and from Time to Time to permit the Proprietor or Proprietors thereof, or their respective Agents or Factors, or other Persons duly authorized, to inspect, examine, and take reasonable Samples of the same: Provided always, that upon the Application of the Proprietor or Proprietors of any Goods, Wares, or Merchandizes made liable to the Provisions of this Act, and upon Proof made before the Commissioners for the Execution of this Act, or any Three of them, or before such Person or Persons as they shall appoint, but nevertheless to the Satisfaction of such Commissioners, of the Expediency of re-delivering the same to such Proprietor or Proprietors, or his or their Assignee or Assigns, for the Purpose of Trade, before the Sums advanced or lent thereon shall be paid or satisfied, and upon a Tender of Security for the due Payment thereof with

Regulations for the Care and Inspection of the Goods while in Custody.

Goods may be delivered upon Change of Security, &c.

with Sureties in Manner herein-before mentioned, or of other Goods of equal Value to be deposited in like Manner; it shall and may be lawful for the said Commissioners, or any Three of them, in their Discretion, to change the Security for such Loan, and to direct and order such Goods, Wares, and Merchandizes to be re-delivered to such Proprietor or Proprietors, his or their Assignee or Assigns, on depositing other Goods as aforesaid, or giving such Security with Sureties as by this Act is directed to be taken for the Payment of all the principal Sums advanced and lent on the said Goods, Wares, and Merchandizes, and which shall be then unpaid, together with such Interest for the same as by this Act is limited, at the respective Days or Times appointed for the Payment of the same: Provided also, that where any Payment of any Part of the Money lent or advanced with Interest, shall have been made on or before any Day appointed for Payment thereof, the said Commissioners, or the Majority of them, upon the Application of the Proprietor or Proprietors of any Goods, Wares, or Merchandizes made liable to the Provisions of this Act as aforesaid, his, her, or their Assignee or Assigns, shall direct and order a Part of such Goods, Wares, and Merchandizes, (the estimated Value whereof shall, as nearly as conveniently may be, in the Judgment of such Commissioners, bear the same Proportion to the estimated Value of the whole which such Sum so repaid shall bear to the whole of the principal Sums advanced and lent on any such Goods, Wares, and Merchandizes), to be re-delivered to such Proprietor or Proprietors, his or their Assignee or Assigns, and so from Time to Time on any Instalment or Sum or Sums being so paid on or before the Day when the same shall respectively become payable, and in like Manner shall re-deliver the whole of such Goods, Wares, or Merchandizes on Payment of the whole of the Sum or Sums advanced and lent thereon, together with Interest; and that upon the Production of the Certificate or Certificates of the said Commissioners, or any Two or more of them, signifying the Payment thereof as aforesaid, the Officer or Officers having the Care of such Goods, Wares, or Merchandizes, shall deliver out of the Warehouse or Warehouses, or other Places wherein the same shall be so deposited, the whole or so much of the said Goods, Wares, or Merchandizes as shall be mentioned or expressed in such Certificate or Certificates of such Commissioners.

Permits to be used in the Removal of Goods, where the same is required.

XX. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That in all Cases where a Permit shall be required by Law for the Removal of any Goods, Wares, or Merchandize, from Place to Place within *Ireland*, such Permit shall be required, in all Cases, for the Removal of the like Goods, Wares, and Merchandizes, to or from any Warehouse or Warehouses to be provided or used under the Authority of this Act.

Goods to be insured at the Expence of the Persons depositing the same.

XXI. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That every Person depositing or causing to be deposited any Goods, Wares, or Merchandizes under this Act, shall at his and their proper Charges, if required so to do by the Commissioners for executing this Act, cause the same to be insured from any Loss by Fire, for and during such Time as the said Goods, Wares, and Merchandizes shall be deposited in any Warehouse or Warehouses or other Place in pursuance of

this Act, for such Sum or Sums of Money, and in such Office, or with such Person or Persons, as the said Commissioners shall direct or approve.

Money advanced to be paid with Interest, after the Rate of 6 per Cent.

XXII. And be it further enacted, That the principal Sums which shall be advanced or lent under and in pursuance of the Certificates of the Commissioners for the Execution of this Act, shall be paid without Deduction or Abatement, together with Interest for the same after the Rate of Six Pounds for every One hundred Pounds by the Year, by such Instalments and in such Proportions and at such Periods and Times as the said Commissioners shall, by and with the Consent of the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland* for the Time being, direct and appoint, and as shall be specified accordingly in the Securities to be taken by the Commissioners for the Repayment of such Money in Manner directed by this Act.

In Default of Payment of Money advanced, the Commissioners shall issue their Warrant to the proper Officer to proceed against Securities for Recovery thereof, with Interest and Costs, &c.

XXIII. And be it further enacted, That in case any Default shall be made by any Person or Persons in the Payment of any Sum or Sums advanced under the Provisions of this Act, it shall be lawful for the Commissioners for the Execution of this Act, or any Three or more of them, to issue their Warrant or Warrants from Time to Time to the proper Officer or Officers of the Crown having the Direction or Management of Proceedings upon Obligations to His Majesty in *Ireland*, requiring such Officer or Officers presently to proceed against all or any of the Persons who shall have entered into any Security for the Sum advanced, his, her, and their Heirs, Executors, and Administrators, for the Recovery of such Parts of the Sums advanced on such Securities as shall be then due, together with Interest as aforesaid, and such Costs and Charges attending such Proceeding as shall be by Law payable for the same; the Amount of which principal Sums so to be levied, the said Commissioners shall cause from Time to Time to be testified by their Note in Writing under the Hands of any Three or more of them respectively, to such Officer or Officers, and which Sum shall be inserted in the Writ or Process; and the like Process shall and may from Time to Time issue as aforesaid as Occasion shall require; and the Sums so recovered (the Costs and Charges aforesaid excepted) shall be paid to the Cashier or Cashiers of the Bank of *Ireland*, without Abatement, Deduction, or Delay, in Satisfaction of such Demands; and it shall be in the Discretion of the Commissioners for the Execution of this Act, to direct against which of the Obligors or Sureties in such Security such Proceedings shall be from Time to Time commenced or prosecuted; and the said Commissioners shall have the Controul and Superintendance of such Prosecutions, and the same shall not be discontinued, quashed, or abated upon any Pretence whatever, without the Authority of the said Commissioners testified under the Hands and Seals of any Two or more of them, and exhibited to the Barons of His Majesty's Court of Exchequer at *Dublin*.

No Scire facias required, but an Extent in

XXIV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That where any Proceedings shall be directed by the said Commissioners under this Act as aforesaid against any of the Obligors or any Obligor named in

the first Process may be issued.

in any such Obligations, no Writ or Writs of *Scire facias* shall be required to be issued, but that upon the Production of the Warrant or Warrants of the said Commissioners as before mentioned, before any of the Barons of the said Court of Exchequer, an Extent may issue in the First Process upon the Fiat of such Baron, without any Affidavit, or other Verification or Proof of the Cause of such Proceeding, than such Warrant or Warrants as aforesaid.

Estates of Bankrupts liable to Payment of Principal and Interest due on their Obligation in Preference to the Claim of other Creditors.

XXV. And be it further enacted, That every Obligation or other Security given or authorized by virtue of this Act, and entered into by any Person or Persons who shall afterwards become Bankrupt within the true Intent and Meaning of the several Statutes made and now in force concerning Bankrupts, and against whom a Commission of Bankrupt shall be awarded and issued out in *Ireland*, shall by reason and force of such Bankruptcy, and from the Time of such Bankruptcy, become and be forfeited and due and payable as against such Bankrupt or Bankrupts; and that all the Estate and Effects of such Bankrupt or Bankrupts, which would be liable to satisfy the Demands of the Creditors seeking Relief under such Commission of Bankrupt, shall be liable and subject to, and are hereby made chargeable with the Payment of the Principal and Interest due upon such Obligation or other Security, and all Costs attending the Recovery of the same; and that the respective Claims of the Commissioners for the Execution of this Act shall be first paid and satisfied out of the Estate and Effects of such Bankrupt or Bankrupts, and in preference to the Claim of any other Creditor or Creditors; and it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners, in the Name of their Secretary for the Time being, to apply by Petition in a summary Way to the proper Court in *Ireland* having Jurisdiction of the Matters of such Commission of Bankruptcy, to make due Order accordingly, which such Court is hereby authorized and required to make.

Commissioners may accept Security from the Assignees of such Bankrupts Estates.

XXVI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Commissioners for the Execution of this Act to accept from the Assignees under any Commission of Bankrupt issued against any Debtor or Debtors in any such Loan under this Act, such Security for the Payment of the Sum due from such Bankrupt or Bankrupts out of his or their Estate or Effects, as the said Commissioners shall respectively approve; and that the Acceptance of such Security by the Commissioners for the Execution of this Act, shall operate as a Release of the Estate of such Bankrupt or Bankrupts for the Benefit of the Creditors under the said Commission of Bankruptcy from all Claims whatsoever by the said Commissioners, other than and except such Part of the said Estate as shall be specified in Writing, between the said Commissioners for the Execution of this Act, and the Assignees under the said Commission of Bankruptcy, to be reserved by the said Commissioners for the Execution of this Act for such Security as aforesaid, in case the Commissioners shall require Security.

Commissioners may, in the Name

XXVII. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Commissioners for the Execution of this Act, in the Name of their Secretary

Secretary for the Time being, to apply by Petition or otherwise to the proper Court in *Ireland*, for any Commission of Bankruptcy against the Estate and Effects of any Bankrupt or Bankrupts, and to sue or otherwise pursue the same respectively, in like Manner as any other Creditor or Creditors is or are by Law entitled to do in *Ireland*.

of their Secretary, apply to the proper Court against the Estate of Bankrupts.

XXVIII. And be it further enacted, That the Commissioners named in any Commission of Bankruptcy which shall at any Time hereafter be awarded and issued out in *Ireland*, shall admit the Proof of any Debt, or Grounds of Debt under this Act, on the Oath, Affirmation or Affidavit of any Person appointed by the Commissioners for the Execution of this Act; which Oath, Affirmation and Affidavit respectively, shall be taken and administered before any one of the proper Officers having Authority by Law to administer Oaths or Affirmations, or to take Affidavits in Cases of Bankruptcy; and shall permit such Person so authorized by the Commissioners for the Execution of this Act, to vote in the Choice of an Assignee or Assignees of the Estate and Effects of such Bankrupts, and to do and execute every other Act, Matter, or Thing relating to such Bankruptcy, as fully and effectually as if such Person so authorized were the *bonâ fide* Creditor of such Bankrupt or Bankrupts.

Proof of Debt may be given by any Person appointed by Commissioners.

XXIX. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing herein contained shall extend or be construed to extend to prevent, hinder, or delay the Execution of any Commission of Bankruptcy by the Commissioners therein named, according to the Laws now in force in *Ireland*; provided that every Assignment of the Estate or Effects of such Bankrupt or Bankrupts, under every such Commission, shall be subject to the Claims of the Commissioners for the Execution of this Act, and until the same shall be fully paid.

Assignment of Bankrupt's Estate shall be subject to the Claims of Commissioners.

XXX. And be it further enacted, That after the due Payment of the Sums so advanced under the Provisions of this Act, with the Interest as aforesaid, at the Times and in the Manner specified in the Obligation or Security taken for the same, every such Obligation or Security being fully satisfied, according to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, shall be forthwith delivered up to be cancelled; and in case any Proceedings shall have been had on such Obligation or Security, according to the Directions of this Act, the said Commissioners, or any Two or more of them, shall, by a Warrant or Warrants under their Hands and Seals, direct the proper Officer or Officers of the said Court of Exchequer to enter up Satisfaction, on such Obligation or Security so being satisfied as aforesaid, upon the Record, or otherwise to deliver up the same to be cancelled, as the Case may require.

Obligation or Security, on being satisfied, to be delivered up to be cancelled.

XXXI. And be it further enacted, That every Obligation or Security which has been or may be taken as aforesaid, and whereby any Person or Persons shall have engaged for the Repayment of any Sum of Money, other than the Person or Persons to whom or for whose Use such Sum has been or may be advanced, after Payment or Recovery thereupon by the said Commissioners of the Sums advanced or lent, with all

Obligations to remain a Security against Principals for the Reimbursement of Securities in

the Manner herein mentioned.

all Interest and Costs, in the Manner required by this Act, shall stand and remain as a further Security for the Purposes and in the Manner herein-after mentioned; that is to say, if any such Person or Persons so being merely a Surety or Sureties therein, his, her, or their Executors or Administrators, shall have paid or satisfied any Part of such Sums, Interest, or Costs, then such Obligation or Security as against the Principal, his or their Executors or Administrators, shall stand as a Security as aforesaid for the Reimbursement of such Sureties respectively, their Executors or Administrators, of the Whole of such Sums so paid or satisfied, and so from Time to Time until such Reimbursements shall be fully made according to the Intent of this Act; and if any such Sureties or Surety, their or his Executors or Administrators, shall have paid or satisfied any Sum which shall bear a greater Proportion to the Whole of the Sums recovered upon such Obligation or Security, than the Sum for which such Surety respectively shall have been so engaged shall bear to the total Amount of all the several Sums of Money for which all the several Sureties shall have been engaged by such Obligation or Security, their such Obligation or Security, as against every of the Sureties who shall not have paid or satisfied an equal Proportion of the whole Sum recovered according to the Sum for which he shall have been respectively engaged, their and every of their Heirs, Executors, and Administrators respectively, shall stand as a Security for the Benefit of such Sureties or Surety, their Executors or Administrators respectively, who shall have paid or satisfied any such Sums as aforesaid, for the Purpose of enforcing a Contribution amongst such Sureties in an equal Proportion to the several Sums for which they shall have been respectively engaged, and so from Time to Time until such Contribution shall be fully made according to the Intent of this Act; and that in every such Case upon the Application of any Sureties or Surety for any of the Purposes aforesaid, to the Commissioners for the Execution of this Act, the said Commissioners shall cause the respective Claims of such Sureties or Surety respectively, and the Sums to be recovered from such Principals or Sureties respectively, their and every of their Heirs, Executors, or Administrators, to be adjusted and settled as herein is mentioned, so that the whole Sum recovered shall be distributed in an equal Proportion, according to the Sums for which each Surety respectively hath been engaged in the same Obligation or Security, and so from Time to Time as the Case shall require; and thereupon the said Commissioners, or any Three of them, by Warrant or Warrants in Writing under their Hands, shall from Time to Time direct Process to issue for the Recovery of such Sums as they shall have so adjusted and settled, to be respectively recovered from and paid to such Persons respectively as they shall specify in such Warrant or Warrants, under and subject to the several Regulations and Directions in this Act contained as aforesaid.

Process may issue against Principals for the Benefit of Sureties.

XXXII. And be it further enacted, That such Process as aforesaid shall and may lawfully issue on any such Obligation or Security as aforesaid against any such Principals or Principal, their or his Heirs, Executors or Administrators, for the Benefit of any such Sureties or Surety, their or his Executors or Administrators, and

against any such Sureties or Surety, their or his Executors or Administrators as aforesaid, for the Benefit of any Co-sureties or Co-surety, their or his Executors or Administrators, notwithstanding the whole Sum which has been advanced to such Principals or Principal shall have been repaid; and in case Two or more Sureties shall have become bound by distinct Instruments for the same Persons or Person, and for or on account of the same Advance, all and every the Provisions aforesaid shall be applied in like Manner as well for the Benefit of as against such Sureties or Surety, and against such Principals or Principal, as if all such Sureties and Principals respectively were named in the same Instrument.

Goods deposited shall be vested in the Commissioners, who may sell the same in Default of Payment of the Money advanced.

XXXIII. And be it further enacted, That all Goods, Wares, and Merchandizes which shall have been or shall be deposited for the Purposes aforesaid with the Commissioners for the Execution of this Act, shall be for such Purposes vested in the said Commissioners by the Name of "The Commissioners for distributing the Sums advanced by the Bank of *Ireland* in the Year One thousand eight hundred and twenty," and shall and may be sold, applied, and disposed of for Payment and Satisfaction of the Sums lent thereon, with the Interest thereof, and all Costs and Charges attending such Sale, whenever Default shall be made in Payment of such Sums, in such Manner and at such Times as shall have been or shall be specified in the Instruments made and entered into at the Time of the depositing of such Goods, Wares, and Merchandizes respectively.

Receipts to be given for Payments made by the Persons to whom Money shall be advanced; and also for the Money levied by Sale of the Goods, &c.

XXXIV. And be it further enacted, That the Commissioners for the Execution of this Act shall, whenever the Sums advanced or lent, or which shall be advanced or lent to any Person or Persons, or any Proportion or Instalment thereof, shall be repaid, deliver to the Person or Persons to whom the same shall have been advanced or lent, at his or their Request, a Receipt or Receipts under the Hands of the said Commissioners, or any Three of them, specifying the Amount of the Sum or Sums so received, and the Sum or Sums originally advanced or lent, and the Times of lending thereof, and the Times appointed for the Repayment thereof, and the Amount of the Principal then due, together with Interest, to be computed at the Rate of Six Pounds *per Centum per Annum*, from the Time of the Advance to the Time of Payment as aforesaid; and that whenever the said Commissioners shall by their Warrant or Order direct any such Monies to be raised or levied by Sale of any Goods, Wares, or Merchandizes deposited as a Security for such Sum so lent and advanced, or by any Proceedings on any Securities taken as aforesaid, the said Commissioners, or any Three of them, shall deliver to the Officer or Officers executing the same respectively, a like Receipt as aforesaid, and further specifying therein the Amount of the Monies so raised or levied, and the Substance of the Warrant or Order of the Commissioners to raise or levy the same; and the Particulars of every such Receipt shall, by the Secretary or sworn Clerk to the said Commissioners, be entered in proper Books to be provided and kept for that Purpose at the Office of the said Commissioners; and the said Commissioners, or any Two or more of them, shall at the Foot of such Receipt attest such Entry under

under their Hands, and deliver the said Receipt or Receipts to the Person or Persons requiring the same; and every such Receipt so attested, and every such Entry in any of the said Books, shall respectively from thenceforth be an Acquittance and Discharge for the Sums expressed therein to have been received, as against the said Commissioners, and every of them, their and every of their Executors and Administrators, as well to the Person or Persons to whom such Receipt shall be given, as to all and every Persons who shall have entered into any Security in respect of the Money mentioned in such Receipt, their and every of their Executors and Administrators respectively; and the said Commissioners shall, within Ten Days after the Receipt of any such Sum and Sums of Money, pay over to the said Governor and Company of the Bank of *Ireland*, so much of every Sum so received by the said Commissioners, as shall be equal to the principal Sum received, with Interest after the Rate of Five Pounds *per Centum* on such Sum, from the Time when the same was advanced by the said Governor and Company up to the Time of the Payment thereof; and the Cashier of the said Bank shall from Time to Time accept and receive such Sums from the said Commissioners, and give to the said Commissioners Receipts and Acquittances for the same, if required; which Receipts and Acquittances shall be entered in the proper Books of the said Commissioners, and shall be an Acquittal to the said Commissioners for so much and such Sums as shall be specified therein; and all the Excess of Interest which shall be received by the said Commissioners on such Sum or Sums as shall be repaid to them, exceeding the Rate of Five Pounds *per Centum per Annum* so paid by them to the Governor and Company of the said Bank, shall by the said Commissioners be retained and employed as a Fund to defray all Costs and Expences which shall have been or may be incurred under the Direction of the said Commissioners in the Execution of this Act as aforesaid, and which shall be approved of by the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland* for the Time being; and the Surplus of such Excess of Interest (if any) shall be paid into the Receipt of His Majesty's Exchequer in *Ireland* by the said Commissioners, and be applied in the first Place to make good any Loss which may accrue by the Insufficiency of any Security taken by the said Commissioners, and the Remainder be made a Part of the Consolidated Fund.

Money so received to be paid over to the Bank, with 5 per Cent. Interest.

Receipts and Acquittances to be entered in proper Books.

Excess of Interest to be a Fund to defray Expences.

If Money lent by the Bank be not paid by July 11, 1821, Deficiency to be made good in Manner herein mentioned.

XXXV. And be it further enacted, That in case it shall happen that any Part of the said Sum of Five hundred thousand Pounds, lent and advanced by the said Governor and Company of the Bank of *Ireland*, shall not be fully paid and satisfied to the said Governor and Company on or before the Eleventh Day of *July* One thousand eight hundred and twenty-one, with Interest after the Rate of Five Pounds *per Centum per Annum* from the Time when the same shall have been respectively advanced, then and in such Case such Deficiency shall and may be supplied and made good in manner herein-after mentioned; (that is to say), that the Commissioners under this Act shall certify by Writing under their Hands and Seals, or the Hands and Seals of any Five of them, to the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland* for the Time being, the Amount of the Principal and Interest so remaining unpaid to the said Governor

nor and Company, after the Time when the same ought to have been paid and satisfied as aforesaid; and thereupon it shall and may be lawful for the Lord High Treasurer, or the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, to issue One or more Treasury Bill or Bills to the Amount of such Deficiency, to pass current at the Receipt of His Majesty's Exchequer of *Ireland*, at the End of One Year after the Date thereof, payable to the said Governor and Company of the Bank of *Ireland*, with Interest from the Date thereof at Five Pounds *per Centum per Annum*; and that it shall be lawful for the said Governor and Company to receive the same: Provided always, that whatever Monies shall be afterwards received by the Commissioners for the Execution of this Act, from the Parties liable on account of the Sum or Sums so deficient, shall be paid by the said Commissioners for the Execution of this Act into the Receipt of the Exchequer of *Ireland*, and shall be carried to and make Part of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.

Commissioners to appoint others (with Consent of the Lord Lieutenant) in the Room of such as decline to act, &c.

XXXVI. And be it further enacted, That if any of the Commissioners for the Execution of this Act shall decline to act in the Execution of the Powers and Trusts hereof, or having begun to act shall decline to act any further therein, or shall die during the Continuance of this Act, it shall and may be lawful to and for the remaining Commissioners or the major Part of them, acting as aforesaid, by any Writing under their Hands and Seals, by and with the Consent and Approbation of the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland* for the Time being, to constitute and appoint such Person or Persons to be a Commissioner or Commissioners for the Execution of this Act, in the Place of the Commissioner or Commissioners so refusing to act, or declining further to act, or dying as aforesaid, as the said acting Commissioners or the major Part of them, with such Consent and Approbation as aforesaid, shall think fit, and so as often as such Case shall happen; and the Person or Persons so constituted and appointed by the said Commissioners with such Consent and Approbation as aforesaid, having first qualified to act by taking and subscribing the Oath herein-before provided and directed, shall be invested with the same Powers and Authorities as are given or delegated by this Act unto the Commissioners for the Execution of this Act.

Commissioners to sue and be sued in the Name of their Secretary, &c.

XXXVII. And be it further enacted, That the Commissioners for the Execution of this Act shall and may sue and be sued in the Name of their Secretary for the Time being, and that no Action or Suit in Law or Equity, to be brought or commenced by or against the said Commissioners, on account of any thing done under this Act, in the Name of their Secretary for the Time being, shall abate or be discontinued by the Death or Removal of such Secretary, or by the Act of such Secretary without the Consent of the said Commissioners, but the Secretary to the said Commissioners for the Time being shall always be deemed the Plaintiff or Defendant in such Action or Suit, as the Case may be; and no Action or Suit shall be brought against the said Commissioners collectively or individually, or against their Secretary, except in the said Court of Exchequer in

Ireland, and with the Leave of such Court first had and obtained, and upon such Terms and Conditions as the said Court shall direct.

Commissioners to give an Account of their Proceedings to the Lord Lieutenant and to the Treasury, &c.

XXXVIII. And be it further enacted, That the Commissioners for the Execution of this Act shall from Time to Time, at their Discretion, or as often as they shall be thereunto required, during their carrying on any Proceedings by virtue of this Act, and as soon as possible after the Determination of such Proceedings, without any further Requisition, give an Account of their Proceedings in Writing to the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland* for the Time being, and also to the Lord High Treasurer, or the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury of *Great Britain* and *Ireland* for the Time being, to be laid before both Houses of Parliament.

Commissioners to receive and send Letters free from Postage.

XXXIX. And be it further enacted, That the Commissioners for the Execution of this Act shall and may receive and send all their Letters and Packets free from the Duty of Postage; provided that such Letters and Packets as shall be sent to the said Commissioners shall be directed to the said Commissioners for the Execution of this Act, or to their Secretary at their Office; and that all such Letters and Packets as shall be sent by the said Commissioners shall be dated from their said Office, and shall be signed on the Outside of such Letters and Packets by their Secretary, or such Person as the said Commissioners for the Execution of this Act shall appoint, with the Consent of the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland*, and under such Restrictions and Regulations as the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors respectively shall think proper and direct.

Obligations, &c. not liable to Stamp Duty.

XL. And be it further enacted, That no Obligation or Security for any Loan of Money under the Provisions of this Act, nor any Affidavit, Deposition, or Receipt to be respectively taken or made under and by virtue of this Act, shall be liable to any Stamp Duty whatever; any thing in any Act or Acts in force in *Ireland* to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding.

Limitation of Actions.

XLI. And be it further enacted, That no Action or Suit shall be commenced against any Person or Persons for any thing done by virtue of or in pursuance of this Act, until Fourteen Days Notice thereof in Writing shall have been given to the Secretary for the Time being of the said Commissioners, nor after a sufficient Satisfaction or a Tender thereof hath been made to the Party or Parties aggrieved, nor after Six Calendar Months next after the Fact committed; and such Action shall be brought in the Court of Exchequer in *Ireland*, and shall be laid in the City of *Dublin* and not elsewhere; and the Defendant or Defendants in such Action or Suit shall and may plead the General Issue, and give this Act and the special Matter in Evidence at any Trial to be had thereupon, and that the same was done in pursuance and by the Authority of this Act; and if the same shall appear to be so done, or if such Action or Suit shall be brought after the Time herein-before limited for bringing the same,

or shall be brought without Fourteen Days Notice thereof, or shall be brought in any other County or Place, or after a sufficient Satisfaction made or tendered as aforesaid, that then the Jury shall find for the Defendant or Defendants, or if the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs shall become nonsuited, or suffer a Discontinuance of his, her, or their Action or Actions, or if a Verdict shall pass against the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, the Defendant or Defendants shall have Treble Costs, and shall have such Remedy for recovering the same, as any Defendant or Defendants hath or have for Costs of Suit in any other Cases by Law. Treble Costs.

XLII. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall forge, counterfeit, or alter, or cause or procure to be forged, counterfeited, or altered, or knowingly or wilfully act or assist in the forging, counterfeiting, or altering any Certificate or Certificates of the Commissioners for the Execution of this Act, or any of them, or any Receipt or Receipts to be given in pursuance of this Act, or shall utter any such forged, counterfeited, or altered Certificate or Certificates, Receipt or Receipts, knowing the same to be forged, counterfeited, or altered, with Intent to defraud His Majesty, His Heirs or Successors, or any Body or Bodies Politic or Corporate, or any Person whomsoever, then and in every such Case all and every Person or Persons so offending, and being thereof lawfully convicted, shall be adjudged guilty of Felony, and shall suffer Death as in Cases of Felony without Benefit of Clergy. Persons counterfeiting Certificates, &c. guilty of Felony.

XLIII. And be it further enacted, That in all Cases where an Oath may be administered by this Act, it shall be lawful to administer an Affirmation in lieu thereof, as the Case may require. Affirmation may be administered.

XLIV. And be it further enacted, That this Act, or any of the Provisions thereof, may be amended, altered, or repealed by any Act or Acts to be passed in this present Session of Parliament. Act may be altered this Session.

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