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GEORGII IV. REGIS.

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CAP. LXII.

An Act to exclude Persons accepting Offices in the *East Indies* from being Members of the House of Commons. [24th *June* 1829.]

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the Sixth Year of the Reign of Queen *Anne*, intituled *An Act for the Security of Her Majesty's Person and Government, and of the Succession to the Crown of* Great Britain *in the Protestant Line*, it is amongst other Things enacted, that no Person who should be a Governor or Deputy Governor of any of the Plantations should be capable of being elected or of sitting or voting as a Member of the House of Commons: And whereas Doubts have been entertained how far the Provisions of the said Act extend to Persons holding the Office of Governor General or of Governor of any of the Settlements or Presidencies under the Authority of the *East India* Company; 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 no Person who shall be hereafter appointed Governor or Deputy Governor of any of the Settlements, Presidencies, Territories, or Plantations of the said *East India* Company, shall be capable of being elected or of sitting or voting as a Member of the House of Commons while he shall continue to hold such Office.

6 Ann. c. 7.

No Person appointed Governor, &c. in India, shall be capable of sitting in the House of Commons.

Election of such Persons declared void.

Penalty on Persons so sitting or voting.

II. And be it further enacted, That if any Person hereby declared to be incapable to sit or vote as a Member of the House of Commons shall nevertheless be returned as a Member to serve in Parliament, such Election and Return are hereby enacted and declared to be void; and if any Person declared by this Act incapable of being elected shall sit or vote as a Member of the House of Commons, such Person so sitting or voting shall forfeit the Sum of Five hundred Pounds to such Person or Persons who shall sue for the same in any of His Majesty's Courts at *Westminster*; and the Money so forfeited shall be recovered by the Persons so suing, with full Costs of Suit, in any of the said Courts, by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, in which no Essoign, Privilege, Protection, or Wager of Law, or more than One Imparlance, shall be allowed.

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