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CAP. VIII.

An Act to amend certain Acts of the Parliament of *Ireland* relative to the Election of Members to serve in Parliament, and to regulate the Qualification of Persons entitled to vote at the Election of Knights of the Shire in *Ireland*.

[13th *April* 1829.]

WHEREAS by an Act of the Parliament of *Ireland*, passed in the Thirty-third Year of the Reign of King *Henry* the Eighth, intituled *An Act for the Adjournment of the Parliament, and the Place to hold the same, and what Persons shall be chosen Knights and Burgesses*, it is amongst other Things enacted, that every Knight, Citizen, and Burgess for every Parliament thereafter within the Realm of *Ireland* to be summoned, appointed, or holden, shall be chosen and elected by the greater Number of the Inhabitants of the said Counties, Cities, and Towns, being present at the said Election by virtue of the King's Writs for that Intent addressed, and also that every Elector of the said Knights shall dispend and have Lands and Tenements of Estate of Freehold within the said Counties at the least to the yearly Value of Forty Shillings, over and above all Charges: And whereas by an Act passed in the Parliament of *Ireland* in the Thirty-fifth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act for regulating* 33 H. 8. (I.) 35 G. 3. (I.)

lating the Election of Members to serve in Parliament, and for repealing the several Acts therein mentioned, and also by subsequent Acts, Persons having Freehold Estates are required to register their Freeholds in the Manner therein prescribed, in order to qualify them to vote at Elections for Members to serve in Parliament for Counties in *Ireland:* And whereas it is expedient to increase the Amount of the Qualification necessary to entitle Persons to vote at such Elections, and to amend the Laws now in force in *Ireland* relating to the Registry of Freeholds; 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 Commencement of this Act that Part of the said Act of the Thirty-third Year of King *Henry* the Eighth, herein-before recited, which relates to the Amount or Value of the Freehold necessary to qualify Persons to be Electors of Knights of the Shire to serve in Parliament for Counties in *Ireland,* shall be and the same is hereby repealed.

So much of 33 H. 8. as relates to the Qualification of Electors for Counties in Ireland, repealed.

No Person to vote at any Election of Knight of the Shire unless he have a Freehold Estate of 10*l.* a Year.

II. And be it enacted, That from and after the Commencement of this Act no Person shall be admitted to vote at any Election of any Knight of the Shire to serve in the Parliament of the United Kingdom for any County in *Ireland* (save as herein-after is provided), unless such Person shall have an Estate of Freehold, in Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments in such County, of the clear yearly Value of Ten Pounds at the least, over and above all Charges, except only Public or Parliamentary Taxes, County, Church, or Parish Cesses or Rates, and Cesses on any Townland or Division of any Parish or Barony.

Nor unless such Freehold, if under 20*l.* a Year, be registered according to this Act.

III. And be it enacted, That from and after the Commencement of this Act no Person shall be admitted to vote at any Election of a Knight of the Shire to serve in the Parliament of the United Kingdom for any County in *Ireland* by virtue or in respect of any Estate of Freehold of less annual Value than Twenty Pounds of the late Currency of *Ireland,* unless such Freehold shall be registered pursuant to the Provisions of this Act, save only as herein-after provided.

A Session for registering Freeholds to be holden in each County, at such Days and Places as the Lord Lieutenant shall appoint.

IV. And be it enacted, That after the Commencement of this Act a Session for the Purpose of registering Freeholds within this Act shall be holden in and for each County in *Ireland,* by and before the Assistant Barrister of such County, on such Days and at such Places in each such County respectively as the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland* shall appoint; and the Clerk of the Peace for each such County shall, Forty Days at the least before the Day so appointed, cause to be posted in each Market Town therein Notices, in the Form specified in the First Schedule to this Act annexed, that such Session, for the Purpose of registering Freeholds within this Act, will be holden on the Days and at the Places so appointed, and that Applications for that Purpose will be then and there taken into consideration.

V. And

Notice to be given to Clerk of the Peace of Applications to register.

V. And be it enacted, That every Person intending to register a Freehold at any such Session shall give to the Clerk of the Peace for the County Notice in Writing of such Intention Thirty clear Days at the least before the Day appointed for the holding of such Session in the Division of the County wherein such Freehold is situate, and shall in such Notice state, according to the *Form* prescribed in the Second Schedule to this Act annexed, his Name and Residence, the Description of the Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, or Rent-charge in respect of which such Application is to be made, and whether he intends to register such Freehold at the annual Sum of Twenty Pounds or of Ten Pounds; and the Clerk of the Peace of each County shall enter all such Notices, according to the Order in which he shall receive them, in a List in the Form specified in the Third Schedule to this Act annexed, and shall, Fifteen Days at least before the Day appointed for holding such Session, cause a Copy of such List to be published in some Newspaper printed in such County, or in case no Newspaper shall be therein printed, then in some Newspaper printed in any adjoining County: Provided always, that no such List for the Session to be first holden shall be liable to any Stamp Duty as an Advertisement.

Clerk of the Peace to enter Notices in a List, and publish such List in a Newspaper.

Proceedings at the Session.

VI. And be it enacted, That at each such Session the Names of the Persons contained in such Lists shall be severally called by the Clerk of the Peace; and each Person so called, who shall claim to register any Freehold at the annual Sum of Twenty Pounds or of Ten Pounds, shall produce in open Court before such Assistant Barrister the Deed, Lease, or Instrument, duly stamped, by virtue of which such Person shall claim such Freehold; or in case he shall not claim by virtue of any Deed, Lease, or Instrument, then such Person shall otherwise establish his Title to such Freehold; and such Person shall also make it appear that a solvent and responsible Tenant could afford to pay fairly and without Collusion for the same the annual Sum of Twenty Pounds or Ten Pounds, as the Case may be, as an additional Rent, over and above all Charges, save such as are herein-before excepted, and over and above any Rent to which the Person so claiming to register such Freehold may be liable in respect of the same.

Assistant Barrister to investigate the Claim to register.

VII. And be it enacted, That such Assistant Barrister shall inspect and examine every Deed, Lease, or Instrument so produced, and investigate the Title so made, as also the Title which any Claimant shall in any other Manner seek to establish, and shall determine whether the same is or is not sufficient to entitle the Person claiming thereunder to an Estate of Freehold; and shall also examine and inquire, as well by the Oath of the Person so claiming as by any Evidence offered either in support of or in opposition to such Claim, whether a solvent and responsible Tenant could afford to pay fairly and without Collusion, as an additional Rent for such Freehold, the annual Sum of Twenty Pounds or Ten Pounds, as the Case may be, over and above all Charges, save such as are herein-before excepted, and over and above any Rent to which the Person so claiming may be liable in respect of the same; and shall also inquire by any of the Means aforesaid into the Truth of the several Particulars required to be

be stated in the Oath herein-after prescribed to be taken for the Registry of such Freehold.

If the Assistant Barrister adjudge the Claimant entitled, he shall take the Oath hereby prescribed.

VIII. And be it enacted, That if it shall appear to such Assistant Barrister that the Person so claiming is entitled to register such Freehold at the annual Sum, within the Meaning of this Act, at which he shall claim to register the same, such Assistant Barrister shall and may so adjudge; and in such Case the Person so adjudged entitled shall, instead of the Oath or Oaths, Affirmation or Affirmations, now by Law required in that Behalf, take and subscribe before such Assistant Barrister the Oath mentioned in the Fourth Schedule to this Act annexed, where the Freehold of such Person shall be of the annual Value of Twenty Pounds, not arising from a Rent-charge, and where the same shall arise from a Rent-charge, then the Oath prescribed in the Fifth Schedule to this Act annexed, and where the same shall be of the Value of Ten Pounds, then the Oath prescribed in the Sixth Schedule to this Act annexed.

Certificate of Registry.

IX. And be it enacted, That the Clerk of the Peace shall thereupon, instead of the Certificate of Registry now by Law required, deliver to the Person so adjudged to be entitled a Certificate, signed by such Assistant Barrister and by such Clerk of the Peace, stating that such Person has duly registered a Freehold in the County within which the same shall be situate at the annual Sum so proved as aforesaid, and reciting the Oath of such Person on which such Freehold has been registered, which Certificate shall stand in place of and be of equal Effect and Authority, to all Intents and Purposes, as the Certificate of Registry now by Law required.

Oath to be signed by the Assistant Barrister, and filed of Record.

X. And be it enacted, That every such Oath shall be signed by the Assistant Barrister before whom the same shall be taken, and shall be by him delivered to the Clerk of the Peace, to be filed and kept amongst the Records of the County; and such Assistant Barrister is hereby required to take care that such Oath shall be agreeable to the Form hereby prescribed; and no Objection in point of Form shall at any Time thereafter be allowed to any such Oath when so signed.

If Claimant not entitled to register, the Assistant Barrister shall so adjudge, and set forth the Objection.

XI. And be it enacted, That in case it shall appear to such Assistant Barrister that the Person claiming to register a Freehold is not entitled to register the same, either in consequence of any Objection to the Deed, Lease, or Instrument so produced by him, or in consequence of any Defect in the Title to such Freehold, or in consequence of Insufficiency in the annual Value of the Freehold claimed, or in consequence of any Objection relative to any of the Matters to be stated in the Oath hereby required to be taken for registering such Freehold, such Assistant Barrister shall refuse to permit such Person to register, and shall in that Case make an Order adjudging such Person not to be entitled to register such Freehold; and where any such Order shall be founded upon Insufficiency of Value, it shall state such Insufficiency as the Ground of such Order, or otherwise shall set forth the Objection by reason whereof such Person is adjudged to be not entitled so to register such Freehold: Provided always, that such Order shall be without Prejudice to any future Application to

register such Freehold which the Person claiming the same shall think fit to make at any subsequent General or Quarter Sessions of the Peace.

If Order grounded on Insufficiency of Value, Claimant may require a Jury.

XII. And be it enacted, That if any Person against whose Claim any such Order shall be made on the Ground of Insufficiency of Value shall deem himself aggrieved thereby, it shall be lawful for such Person to appeal therefrom to the Judges of Assize at the next Assizes for the County within which the Freehold which he claims to register shall be situate; and such Judges of Assize, or One of them, are and is hereby empowered and required to try and inquire, by the Verdict of a Jury, whether the Freehold is of the annual Value, within the Meaning of this Act, at which the Claimant seeks to register such Freehold; and such Jury shall be returned by the same Officer and in the same Manner in which Juries are now returned in Cases of Appeal from the Decrees of the Assistant Barrister on Civil Bills, and shall take the Oath prescribed by the Seventh Schedule to this Act annexed; and if such Jury shall give a Verdict in favour of the Claim to register, and the Judge before whom the same shall be tried shall consider such Claim to be in other Respects well founded, the Order so complained of shall be thereupon reversed.

Where Registry is refused on any other Ground, Claimant may appeal to Judge of Assize.

XIII. And be it enacted, That where any Person against whose Claim to register a Freehold any Order shall be made by the Assistant Barrister on any other Ground than Insufficiency of Value shall consider himself aggrieved by such Order, it shall be lawful for such Person to appeal from such Order to the Judges of Assize at the next Assizes for the County; and such Judges of Assize, or One of them, shall have Power, on Motion, to review such Order, and either to affirm or reverse the same, as shall be fit.

Proceedings in case of Reversal of Order.

XIV. And be it enacted, That in every Case in which any Order of any Assistant Barrister shall upon Appeal be reversed, the Judge of Assize before whom the same shall have been heard shall thereupon cause such Oath to be taken and subscribed, and such Certificate to be given, and shall sign the same respectively, in like Manner as the Assistant Barrister is herein-before required to do, and shall cause such Acts to be performed by the Clerk of the Peace or his Deputy, and such Proceedings to be had, as are herein-before directed and required when any Freehold is registered at any Sessions before the Assistant Barrister; and such Oath and Certificate, and such Acts and Proceedings, shall be of the like Effect as if they had been taken, subscribed, given, performed, and had before the Assistant Barrister.

After the Session hereby directed, Freeholds may be registered at Quarter Sessions.

XV. And be it enacted, That after the Termination of the Session hereby directed to be first holden in any County in *Ireland* for the registering Freeholds, it shall and may be lawful for any Person desiring to register a Freehold in such County to register the same at a Civil Bill Court to be held at any General or Quarter Sessions of the Peace to be holden for such County, upon giving to the Clerk of

of the Peace a Notice of his Intention so to do, in the Form herein-before provided, Thirty clear Days at the least before the Day appointed for the holding of such General or Quarter Sessions in the Division wherein such Freehold shall be situate; and the Clerk of the Peace shall in each such Case proceed in all respects in the same Manner as herein-before prescribed with relation to Applications for registering Freeholds at the first Session for that Purpose hereby directed; and the Assistant Barrister of such County is hereby authorized and required to hear and determine such Application at such General or Quarter Sessions in the same Manner in all respects as is herein-before provided with respect to Applications to register Freeholds at the Session for that Purpose to be first holden under this Act; and thereupon the same Proceedings shall and may be had, the like Orders made, the like Oaths taken, the like Certificates granted, the like Rights and Powers of Appeal enjoyed and exercised, and the like Rules, Regulations, Enactments, Matters, and Things observed, performed, and followed, as if such Application had been made at the first Session for registering Freeholds directed to be held under this Act.

Officers to attend Sessions for Registry.

XVI. And be it enacted, That the Sheriff of each County in *Ireland*, or his Under Sheriff, and also the Clerk of the Peace for each such County, or his Deputy, and the Chief Constable of the Barony in which each and every such Court of Sessions shall be held, and such Number of other Constables as the Assistant Barrister shall deem sufficient, shall attend the Court from Day to Day during the Continuance of each such Session.

Session for registering Freeholds to be deemed a Court of Record.

XVII. And be it enacted, That every Session to be held for registering Freeholds within this Act shall be deemed a Court of Record; and that it shall be lawful for every Assistant Barrister before whom such Court shall be held, from Time to Time, as there shall be Occasion, to fine the Clerk of the Peace or his Deputy, or the Sheriff or Sub-Sheriff of the County in which such Court shall be held, and any Chief or Petty Constable shall respectively be guilty of any Breach of Duty in the Execution of this Act, in any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds, and at his Discretion to fine in any Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings, or to commit to Prison for any Time not exceeding a Fortnight, any Person whatsoever who shall disturb the Court so to be held by him for registering Freeholds as aforesaid, or who shall be guilty of any other Contempt of the said Court.

Persons registered at first Session exempt from Fees.

XVIII. And be it enacted, That any Person who at the Commencement of this Act shall be duly registered as a Freeholder in *Ireland*, and who shall register a Freehold at the Session to be first holden in pursuance of this Act, shall be exempt from the Payment of any Fee whatever for or in respect of such new Registry.

Fee to Clerk of the Peace.

XIX. And be it enacted, That the Clerk of the Peace shall be entitled to demand and have from every Person claiming to register

a Freehold under this Act, save as herein-before excepted, the Sum of Two Shillings and Sixpence, and no more.

Quakers or Moravians may affirm.

XX. And be it enacted, That in every Case where any Oath is by this Act required to be taken, every Person being a Quaker or Moravian may make Affirmation in the Form prescribed hereby for each such Oath respectively, and that all Provisions herein contained relative to any Oath shall respectively extend and apply to every such Affirmation.

False Oath, Perjury.

XXI. And be it enacted, That if any Person shall, in any Oath or Affirmation to be taken under this Act, wilfully and corruptly swear or affirm falsely, such Person shall be deemed guilty of Perjury, and be liable to the same Pains, Penalties, and Punishments as any Person is now liable to for wilful and corrupt Perjury.

Forgery of Certificate or Oath, Felony.

XXII. And be it enacted, That if any Person shall forge or counterfeit the Signature of any Judge, Assistant Barrister, or Clerk of the Peace, to any Order, Certificate, or any Instrument or Writing purporting to be an Order or a Certificate within this Act, or the Signature of any Person to any Oath or Affirmation within this Act, or shall knowingly utter or publish as true and genuine any such forged or counterfeited Order, Certificate, Instrument, Writing, Oath, or Affirmation, every Person so offending shall be deemed guilty of Felony, and shall be liable, at the Discretion of the Court before which he shall be tried, to be transported beyond the Seas for the Term of Seven Years, or to be imprisoned, with or without hard Labour, for any Term not exceeding Three Years.

Penalty on Persons refusing to give Evidence.

XXIII. And be it enacted, That if any Person shall refuse to be sworn or to give Evidence before any Judge, Assistant Barrister, or Jury, upon the Investigation of any such Claim as aforesaid, without sufficient lawful Excuse, to be allowed by such Judge or Assistant Barrister, it shall be lawful for such Assistant Barrister to order such Person to pay a Fine, not exceeding Ten Pounds, to be applied to the Use of the County Infirmary or such charitable Institution as the Assistant Barrister shall think fit, or in default thereof to commit such Person to the Gaol of the County for any Term not exceeding Two Calendar Months.

Persons registering at first Session entitled to vote immediately; other Persons after Six Months.

XXIV. And be it enacted, That every Person who shall duly register a Freehold within this Act at the first Session herein-before mentioned shall be thereupon forthwith entitled to vote at any Election to be held in and for the County for which such Freehold shall be registered; and that any Person who shall at any Time after such first Session duly register a Freehold according to the Provisions of this Act shall be entitled to vote at any Election to be held by virtue of any Writ tested Six Calendar Months at the least after such Registry.

Freeholders of 50*l.* may register under this Act, or

XXV. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for any Freeholder who may be entitled by Law to register a Freehold in any County in *Ireland* of the annual Value of Fifty Pounds, and who shall not

in the Law Courts.

not before the passing of this Act have registered such Freehold, to register such Freehold by taking and subscribing the Oath mentioned in the Fourth Schedule to this Act annexed, either before the Assistant Barrister at Quarter Sessions, or in any of the Superior Law Courts of Record in *Dublin*, or before a Judge at the Assizes, in manner now by Law authorized; and that the said Oath shall be subscribed by the Assistant Barrister, or by One of the Judges of the Court before whom the same was taken, and being delivered to the Clerk of the Peace shall be signed by him and kept among the Records of the County; and each such Freeholder shall thereupon be entitled to receive, at any Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the Division of the County in which his Freehold shall be situate, a Certificate of his having duly registered the same, which Certificate shall recite the Oath taken and subscribed by such Freeholder, and, being signed by the Assistant Barrister and Clerk of the Peace, shall be of equal Validity and Effect with any Certificate to which such Freeholder would now by Law be entitled.

Where Freeholds of 50*l.* or 20*l.* are registered prior to this Act, no new Registry required.

XXVI. And be it enacted, That where any Freehold shall have been duly registered as being of the Value of Fifty Pounds or of Twenty Pounds respectively, the Registry whereof shall at the Commencement of this Act be a valid and unexpired Registry according to the Provisions of any Act now in force, it shall not be necessary during the Subsistence of such Registry to register such Freehold under the Provisions of this Act.

Registry contrary to this Act invalid.

XXVII. And be it enacted, That no Registry hereafter to be made of any Freehold shall be valid, unless made conformably to the Provisions of this Act.

No Person to vote unless Freehold registered within 8 Years preceding the Writ.

XXVIII. And be it further enacted, That no Person shall be admitted to vote at any Election of a Member or Members to serve in Parliament by virtue of any Freehold of less annual Value than Fifty Pounds, registered under the Provisions of this Act, unless he shall have registered the same within Eight Years preceding the Test of the Writ for holding such Election.

Duties of Clerk of the Peace.

XXIX. And be it enacted, That in case of any Registry of a Freehold within this Act, the Clerk of the Peace for each County in *Ireland* shall keep the like Books, make the like Returns, and discharge and execute all other the like Duties, Matters, and Things as he is now by Law authorized, entitled, or required to do with respect to the Registry of Freeholds in such County, save so far as is otherwise ordained by this Act; and that all Matters and Things now by Law authorized or required for the due Registration of such Freeholds shall be in all respects done, performed, observed, and fulfilled, and all Provisions, Penalties, Rules, Orders, Regulations, and Conditions relating to the Registration of such Freeholds, and contained in any Act or Acts now in force, shall be used, applied, and enforced with respect to and shall be construed to extend to all Freeholds to be registered under this Act, as if the same had been herein enacted, save so far as is hereby otherwise provided.

Former Enactments in force, save as hereby altered.

XXX. And

XXX. And be it enacted, That all Laws now in force touching the registering of Freeholders in Counties at large of the annual Value of Fifty Pounds, Twenty Pounds, and Forty Shillings respectively, and touching the polling of Persons qualified to vote at Elections for such Counties by virtue of such Freeholds, shall be and the same are hereby extended to Freeholders of the annual Value under this Act of Fifty Pounds, Twenty Pounds, and Ten Pounds respectively, and that it shall be lawful to substitute the Words Ten Pounds for Forty Shillings in all Matters relating to such Freeholds, as Circumstances may require.

Laws in force respecting the registering of certain Freeholders extended to those under this Act.

XXXI. And be it enacted, That in the County of *Dublin* all Freeholds to be registered under this Act shall be registered before the Chairman of the Sessions for that County, in the same Manner in all respects as before the Assistant Barrister in any other County; and such Chairman shall have, exercise, perform, and discharge every Power, Jurisdiction, Right, Authority, Duty, and Function hereby vested in or given to any such Assistant Barrister; and in any Case where an Appeal is hereby allowed from the Order of an Assistant Barrister to the Judges of Assize, the like Power of Appeal from any Order of such Chairman shall and may, in the Case of any Freehold in the County of *Dublin*, be exercised and enjoyed to any of His Majesty's Superior Law Courts of Record in *Dublin*; and the Court to which any such Appeal shall be made shall proceed with respect thereto in the same Manner as any Judge of Assize is hereby authorized or required to proceed.

Freeholds in the County of Dublin may be registered before the Chairman of the Sessions.

XXXII. And be it enacted, That every Enactment herein contained relative to any Assistant Barrister or Judge of Assize shall, in the County of *Dublin* respectively, extend and apply to the Chairman of the Sessions of that County, and to His Majesty's Superior Law Courts of Record.

Enactments herein contained to extend to him.

XXXIII. And be it enacted, That each Riding in the County of *Cork* shall be deemed to be a County for the Purposes of this Act.

Cork Ridings deemed Counties.

XXXIV. Provided always, and be it enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend to alter or in any Manner affect the Qualification now by Law required to entitle any Person to vote at any Election by virtue of any Rent-charge.

Not to alter Qualification of Rent-charger.

XXXV. Provided also, and be it enacted, That no Rector, Vicar, or Curate shall be obliged to register his Freehold arising from his Rectory, Vicarage, Curacy, or other Ecclesiastical Preferment, or be precluded from voting at any Election on account of his not having registered the same.

Rectors, &c. not required to register.

XXXVI. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for every Assistant Barrister to administer all such Oaths as are by this Act required to be taken or administered.

Assistant Barristers to administer Oaths.

Expences of Notices, &c.

XXXVII. And be it enacted, That the Expences of printing the Notices and of the Advertisements hereby directed shall be defrayed by the Clerk of the Peace in each County respectively; and the Grand Jury of each such County, or the Term Grand Jury for the County of *Dublin*, as the Case may be, are hereby respectively required, at the next Assizes or Presenting Term after such Notices and Advertisements, to present, to be levied off their respective Counties in the same Manner as other Sums are authorized to be presented by such Grand Juries, all such Sums as shall have been necessarily disbursed by such Clerks of the Peace respectively, which Sums shall be paid to such Clerks of the Peace.

Notice of Termination of first Session of Registry.

XXXVIII. And be it enacted, That when the Session herein directed to be first holden for the Purpose of registering Freeholds shall have terminated in any County, the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland* shall cause Notice thereof to be inserted in the *Dublin Gazette;* and that in case of a Vacancy in the Representation of any such County in this present Parliament before the Publication of such Notice of the Termination of the Session for such County, no Writ shall issue for the holding of an Election of a Knight of the Shire for such County until after the Publication of such Notice.

In case of Dissolution of Parliament, old Freeholders may vote if no Notice has been published.

XXXIX. Provided always, and be it enacted, That if after the Commencement of this Act, and before the Publication of such Notice of the Termination of the said first Session in any County in *Ireland*, any Election shall take place in pursuance of any Writ issued for the Election of Members to serve in any new Parliament for such County, every Person who would have been entitled to vote at any such Election in case this Act had not been made shall be entitled to vote at the Election to be holden in pursuance of any such Writ; any thing in this Act contained notwithstanding.

Assistant Barristers may adjourn Sessions if necessary.

XL. And be it enacted, That in case any Exigency shall render it necessary for any Assistant Barrister to adjourn any Session for the Registry of Freeholders so appointed to be first holden, it shall be lawful for him to adjourn and continue the same as Circumstances may require.

Assistant Barristers to be remunerated.

XLI. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor of *Ireland*, by Order or Warrant under his Hand, to direct the Payment, out of the Consolidated Fund, of such Sum as he or they shall deem sufficient to remunerate each Assistant Barrister and Clerk of the Peace for his Attendance at the Session to be first holden in pursuance of this Act.

Commencement of Act.

XLII. And be it enacted, That this Act shall commence from and after the Day next after the passing of this Act.

Act may be amended.

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

SCHEDULES referred to in this Act.

SCHEDULE I.

Form of Notice of holding the first Session for registering Freeholds under this Act.

County of } NOTICE is hereby given, That a Session for the Purpose of registering Freeholds in and for the said County, pursuant to an Act passed in the Tenth Year of the Reign of King George the Fourth, will be holden on the Day of next, at , and on the Day of at , and on the Day of at in the said County, before the Assistant Barrister, at which Times and Places Applications to register Freeholds in the several Divisions of the said County respectively will be taken into consideration.

Dated this Day of .

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Clerk of the Peace for the said County.

SCHEDULE II.

Form of Notice to be given to the Clerk of the Peace of Applications to register Freeholds.

TAKE notice, That it is my Intention to apply to register a Freehold in the County of the Particulars whereof are as follows:

Name and Residence of Applicant.	Description of Freehold, with the Names of Barony and Townland in which it is situate.	Yearly Value to be registered.

SCHEDULE III.

List of Applications to be entered by the Clerk of the Peace.

N°.	Name and Residence of Applicant.	Description of Freehold, with the Names of Barony and Townland in which it is situate.	Yearly Value to be registered.

SCHEDULE IV.

Oath of Freeholder registering a Freehold of the Value of Fifty Pounds [or Twenty Pounds, as the Case may be] *not arising from a Rent-charge.*

I *A. B.* of in the County of do swear, That I am a Freeholder of the County of and that I have a Freehold therein, arising from a House, [*or* Houses, Lands, *or both, or other Hereditaments, as the Case may be,*] of the clear yearly Value of Fifty Pounds [*or* Twenty Pounds, *as the Case may be,*] above all Charges payable out of the same, lying and being at [*naming the Townland or Townlands, and Barony or Baronies, Half Barony or Half Baronies, wherein the Freehold is situate, in the said County,*] and that a solvent and responsible Tenant could afford to pay for the same, as an additional Rent, fairly and without Collusion, the annual Sum of Fifty Pounds, [*or* Twenty Pounds, *as the Case may be,*] as I verily believe, over and above any Rent which I am liable to pay for the same, and over and above all other Charges, except only Public or Parliamentary Taxes, County, Church, or Parish Cesses, or Rates and Cesses on any Townland or Division of any Parish or Barony; and that the said Freehold does not arise from a Rent-charge; and that I have not accepted or procured the said Freehold fraudulently, nor in exchange for any Freehold in any other County; and that I do not hold the said Freehold by virtue of any Lease, Deed, or Instrument executed or made after the First Day of July One thousand eight hundred and twenty-three, to any Person or Persons, jointly, in common, or in Partnership.

So help me GOD.

SCHEDULE V.

Oath to be taken by Rent-charger.

I *A. B.* of in the County of do swear, That I am a Freeholder in the County of and that I have a Freehold therein of the clear yearly Value of Twenty Pounds at the least, above all Charges payable out of the same, consisting of a Rent-charge granted by Deed bearing Date the Day of in the Year on the Lands of [*naming the Lands mentioned in such Deed, and the Barony or Baronies, Half Barony or Half Baronies, wherein the same lie*], and that I am in the Possession thereof to the clear Amount of Twenty Pounds yearly, and am entitled to receive the same, as it becomes due, to and for my own sole Use and Benefit; and that I have not procured or accepted the same fraudulently, nor in exchange for a Freehold in any other County.

So help me GOD.

SCHEDULE VI.

Oath of Freeholder registering a Freehold of the annual Value of Ten Pounds.

I *E. F.* of in the County of do swear, That I am a Freeholder of the County of and that I have a Freehold therein, arising from a House, [*or* Houses, Land, *or both, or other Hereditaments, as the Case may be,*] of the clear yearly Value of Ten Pounds above all Charges payable out of the same, except only Public or Parliamentary Taxes, County, Church, or Parish Cesses or Rates, and Cesses on any Townland or Division of any Parish or Barony, lying and being at [*naming the Townland or Townlands or other Denomination by which the Place is generally known, and the Barony or Half Barony or Baronies wherein it is situate,*] in this County, and that a solvent and responsible Tenant could, as I verily believe, afford to pay for the same, as an additional Rent, fairly and without Collusion, the annual Sum of Ten Pounds, over and above all Rent to which I am liable in respect thereof, and that the said Freehold does not arise from a Rent-charge, and that the same arises by virtue of the Deed, Lease, and Instrument which I now produce, bearing Date the Day of in the Year [*or otherwise, stating the Nature of the Title, as the Case may be,*] and that I am in the actual Occupation thereof by residing thereon, [*or* by tilling, *or* by grazing, *or* by both tilling and grazing, *as the Case may be; and where the Freehold is held under any Deed, Lease, or Instrument, adding these Words,* and that the said Freehold is not let or agreed to be let to the Person

or Persons who executed the said Deed or Instrument, or to the Heirs or Assigns of such Person or Persons, or to any one in Trust for him, her, or them, nor do I intend to let the same or any Part thereof to such Person or Persons, or any of them, and that I have not agreed to let it for the Term for which I hold it,] and that I have not procured or accepted the said Freehold fraudulently, nor in exchange for a Freehold in any other County, and that I do not hold my said Freehold by virtue of any Lease, Deed, or other Instrument executed or made after the First Day of July One thousand eight hundred and twenty-three, to any Person or Persons jointly, in common, or in Partnership. So help me GOD.

SCHEDULE VII.

Oath of a Juror.

YOU shall well and truly try whether the Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments in respect of which *C. D.* claims to register a Freehold in the County of are or are not of the clear yearly Value of Ten Pounds [*or* Twenty Pounds, *as the Case may be,*] over and above all Charges payable out of the same, except only Public or Parliamentary Taxes, County, Church, or Parish Cesses, or Rates and Cesses on any Townland or Division of any Parish or Barony, and whether a solvent and responsible Tenant could afford to pay for the same, fairly and without Collusion, as an additional Rent, the said annual Sum, over and above any Rents to which the said *C. D.* is liable in respect of such Freehold, and a true Verdict give according to the Evidence. So help you GOD.

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