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**An Act to empower the Lord Lieutenant, or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland*, to apprehend and detain, until the First Day of *August* One thousand eight hundred and twenty-two, such Persons as he or they shall suspect of conspiring against His Majesty's Person and Government. [11th *February* 1822.]**

WHEREAS a treasonable and rebellious Spirit of Insurrection now unfortunately exists in *Ireland*, and hath broken out into Acts of open Murder and Rebellion: Therefore, for the better Preservation of His Majesty's sacred Person, and for securing the Peace, the Laws, and Liberties of this Kingdom, 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 and every Person and Persons who is, are, or shall be within Prison within that Part of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, called *Ireland*, at or on the Day on which this Act shall receive His Majesty's Royal Assent, or after, by Warrant of His Majesty's most Honourable Privy Council of *Ireland*, signed by Six of the said Privy Council, for High Treason, Suspicion of

**Persons imprisoned in Ireland for High Treason, &c. may be detained till Aug. 1, 1822, and shall not be**

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bailed or tried without an Order from the Privy Council.

High Treason, or Treasonable Practices, or by Warrant signed by the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland* for the Time being, or his or their Chief Secretary, for such Causes as aforesaid, may be detained in safe Custody, without Bail or Mainprize, until the First Day of *August* One thousand eight hundred and twenty-two; and that no Judge or Justice of the Peace shall bail or try any such Person or Persons so committed, without Order from His said Majesty's Privy Council, signed by Six of the said Privy Council, until the said First Day of *August* One thousand eight hundred and twenty-two; any Law or Statute to the contrary notwithstanding.

Persons to whom Warrants of Commitments are directed shall detain the Persons so committed in safe Custody.

II. And be it further enacted, That in Cases where any Person or Persons have been, before the passing of this Act, or shall be, during the Time this Act shall continue in force, arrested, committed, or detained in Custody, by force of a Warrant or Warrants of His Majesty's most Honourable Privy Council of *Ireland*, signed by Six of the said Privy Council, for High Treason, Suspicion of High Treason, or Treasonable Practices, or by Warrant or Warrants signed by the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland* for the Time being, or his or their Chief Secretary, for such Causes as aforesaid, it shall and may be lawful for any Person or Persons to whom such Warrant or Warrants have been or shall be directed, to detain such Person or Persons so arrested or committed in his or their Custody, in any Place whatever within *Ireland;* and that such Person or Persons to whom such Warrant or Warrants have been or shall be directed, shall be deemed and taken to be, to all Intents and Purposes, lawfully authorized to detain in safe Custody, and to be the lawful Gaolers and Keepers of such Persons so arrested, committed, or detained; and that such Place and Places, where such Persons so arrested, committed, or detained, are or shall be detained in Custody, shall be deemed and taken, to all Intents and Purposes, to be lawful Prisons and Gaols for the Detention and safe Custody of such Person and Persons respectively: And that it shall and may be lawful to and for the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland* for the Time being, by Warrant signed by him; or for the Chief Secretary of such Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors, by Warrant signed by such Chief Secretary; or for His Majesty's Privy Council of *Ireland*, by Warrant signed by Six of the Privy Council, from Time to Time, as Occasion shall be, to change the Person or Persons by whom, and the Place in which, such Person or Persons so arrested, committed, or detained, shall be detained in safe Custody.

Persons charged with the Custody as also the Place of Detention may be changed.

Copies of Warrants shall be transmitted to the Clerk of the Crown.

III. Provided always, and be it enacted, That Copies of such Warrants respectively shall be transmitted to the Clerk of the Crown in and for the County of the City of *Dublin*, and shall be filed by him in the Public Office of the Pleas of the Crown in the City of *Dublin*.

Privileges of Parliament not to be affected.

IV. Provided always, and be it enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall be construed to extend to invalidate the ancient Rights and Privileges of Parliament, or to the imprisoning or detaining of

of any Member of either House of Parliament, during the Sitting of such Parliament, until the Matter of which he stands suspected be first communicated to the House of which he is a Member, and the Consent of the said House obtained for his Commitment or Detaining.

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