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An Act for transferring to the *East India* Company certain Possessions newly acquired in the *East Indies*, and for authorizing the Removal of Convicts from *Sumatra*. [24th *June* 1824.]

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the Fifty-third Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act for continuing in the* East India *Company, for a further Term, the Possession of the* British *Territories in* India, *together with certain exclusive Privileges; for establishing further Regulations for the Government of the said Territories, and the better Administration of Justice within the same; and for regulating the Trade to and from the Places within the Limits of the said Company's Charter;* it was enacted, that the Territorial Acquisitions mentioned in an Act passed in the Thirty-third Year of the Reign of His said late Majesty, intituled *An Act for continuing in the* East India *Company, for a further Term, the Possession of the* British *Territories in* India, *together with their exclusive Trade, under certain Limitations; for establishing further Regulations for the Government of the said Territories, and the better Administration of Justice within the same; for appropriating to certain Uses the Revenues and Profits of the said Company; and for making Provision for the good Order and Government of the Towns of* Calcutta, Madras, *and* Bombay; together with such of the Territorial Acquisitions obtained since the passing of the said Act upon the Continent of *Asia*, or in any Islands situate to the North of the Equator,

53 G.3. c.155.

33 G.3. c.52.

as were then in the Possession of and under the Government of the United Company of Merchants of *England* trading to the *East Indies*, with the Revenues thereof respectively, should remain and continue in the Possession and under the Government of the said United Company, subject to such Powers and Authorities for the Superintendance, Direction, and Controul over all Acts, Operations, and Concerns which relate to the Civil or Military Government or Revenues of the said Territories, and to such further and other Powers, Authorities, Rules, Regulations, and Restrictions as had been made or provided by any Act or Acts of Parliament in that behalf, or were made and provided by the said Act of the Fifty-third Year of the Reign of His said late Majesty, for a further Term, to be computed from the Tenth Day of *April* One thousand eight hundred and fourteen, until the same should be determined by virtue of a Proviso contained in the said Act: And whereas the Island of *Singapore* in the *East Indies* has, since the passing of the said Act, been occupied by the said United Company: And whereas by a Treaty concluded between His Majesty and the King of the *Netherlands*, on the Seventeenth Day of *March* One thousand eight hundred and twenty-four, the King of the *Netherlands* has agreed, that all his Establishments on the Continent of *India*, and also the Town and Fort of *Malacca*, and its Dependencies, shall be ceded to His Majesty; and it is by the said Treaty further stipulated, that the Factory of *Bencoolen*, and all the *English* Possessions in *Sumatra*, shall be ceded to His Majesty the King of the *Netherlands*: 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 the said Island of *Singapore*, and also all the Colonies, Possessions, and Establishments ceded to His Majesty by the said Treaty, shall be transferred to the United Company of Merchants of *England* trading to the *East Indies*, and holden by the said Company in such and the same Manner, to all Intents, Effects, Constructions, and Purposes whatsoever, and subject to the same Authorities, Restrictions, and Provisions, as the Factory of *Bencoolen*, and the Possessions in the Island of *Sumatra*, were vested in and holden by the said Company immediately before the Conclusion of the said Treaty.

The Island of Singapore ceded to His Majesty, and transferred to the East India Company.

Power given to remove Persons transported to the Island of Sumatra, or to change the Place of Transportation of such Persons as may be ordered to be transported to that Island.

II. And whereas sundry Persons are or may be suffering the Punishment of Transportation in, or may be under Sentence of Transportation to the Island of *Sumatra*, by the Authority of Courts exercising Jurisdiction within the several *British* Presidencies or Governments in the *East Indies*; be it therefore enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall be lawful for the Government under whose Authority any such Person shall have been transported to the Island of *Sumatra*, to order and direct, either absolutely, conditionally, or provisionally, that such Person, if within the said Island, shall be removed therefrom, and transported for the Remainder of his or her Sentence to any other Place to which he or she might originally have been transported; and that it shall be lawful to and for any such Government as aforesaid, to order and direct that any Person, under Sentence of Transportation to the said Island of *Sumatra*, and not actually transported

ported there, shall be transported to any other Place to which he or she might originally have been transported; and the several Governments of the said *British* Presidencies and Settlements in the *East Indies* are hereby severally required to take order for such Removal or Change of Place of Transportation, in the same manner as they are now required by Law to take Order for the due Performance of any Sentence of Transportation: Provided also, that no such Order for Removal, which shall be inconsistent with any Indentures or Contract of Service which any Person transported may be subject to, shall be carried into Execution without the Consent of the Party or Parties entitled to the Benefit of such Indentures or Contract.

Order of such Removal not to affect Contracts.

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