ANNO QUINTO

GEORGII IV. REGIS.

C A P. LIX.

An Act for exhibiting a Bill for the Restoration of *John Francis Erskine* of *Mar*. [9th *June* 1824.]

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the First Year of the Reign of His Majesty King *George* the First, intituled *An Act to attaint* John *Earl of* Mar, William Murray *Esquire, commonly called Marquess of* Tullibardine, James *Earl of* Linlithgow, *and* James Drummond *Esquire, commonly called Lord* Drummond, *of High Treason*, it was enacted, that from and after the Nineteenth Day of *January* in the Year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and fifteen, the said *John* Earl of *Mar* should stand and be convicted and attainted of High Treason: And whereas it is His Majesty's gracious Intention to restore *John Francis Erskine* of *Mar* from the Effects of the said Attainder: And whereas by an Act passed in the Seventh Year of the Reign of King *James* the First, intituled *An Act that all such as are to be naturalized or restored in Blood shall first receive the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, and the Oath of Allegiance, and the Oath of Supremacy*, it is enacted, that no Person or Persons, being of the Age of Eighteen Years or above, shall be naturalized or restored in Blood, unless the said Person or Persons have received the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper within One Month next before any Bill exhibited for that Purpose, and also shall take the Oath of Supremacy, and the Oath of Allegiance, in the Parliament House, before his or her Bill be Twice read: And whereas, by reason of the advanced Age and Bodily Infirmity of

1 G. 1. c. 32.

7 Jac. 1. c. 2.

the said *John Francis Erskine* of *Mar*, it may be impossible for him to comply with the Provisions of the said last recited Act: 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 a Bill for the Restoration of the said *John Francis Erskine* as aforesaid, may be exhibited and brought into Parliament and Twice read, any thing in the said recited Act of His Majesty King *James* the First, or in any other Act or Acts to the contrary notwithstanding: Provided always, that the said *John Francis Erskine* shall have received the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper within Two Months next before the exhibiting of such Bill, and shall have taken and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance and Oath of Supremacy in the Manner in which certain Oaths are required to be taken by Peers of *Scotland*, by an Act passed in the Sixth Year of the Reign of Her Majesty Queen *Anne*, intituled *An Act to make further Provision for electing and summoning Sixteen Peers of* Scotland *to sit in the House of Peers in the Parliament of* Great Britain, *and for trying Peers for Offences committed in* Scotland, *and for the further regulating of Voters in Elections of Members to serve in Parliament;* and that Evidence thereof shall be given at the Bar of the House of Lords, upon the Oath of a Witness who was present at the said *John Francis Erskine*'s so taking the Sacrament and the Oaths respectively.

A Bill for the Restoration of John Francis Erskine of Mar may be exhibited, he having received the Sacrament, and taken and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance and Supremacy, in manner directed by 6 Ann. c. 23.

II. And be it further enacted, That a Copy of the Entry in the Journals of the House of Lords, duly authenticated by the Clerk of Parliaments, of the Fact of the said *John Francis Erskine* having received the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, and taken the Oaths as aforesaid, shall be Evidence of such Fact in all Courts of Justice or elsewhere in the United Kingdom.

Entry in the Journals of the House of Lords, as to the Fact, to be Evidence.

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