

ANNO SEPTIMO & OCTAVO

GEORGII IV. REGIS.

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CAP. XXXVII.

An Act to make further Regulations for preventing corrupt Practices at Elections of Members to serve in Parliament, and for diminishing the Expence of such Elections. [21st *June* 1827.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to make further Regulations for preventing corrupt Practices at Elections of Members to serve in Parliament, and for diminishing the Expence of such Elections: 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 Fifth Day of *July* One thousand eight hundred and twenty-seven, if any Person shall, either during any Election of a Member or Members to serve in Parliament for any County, County of a City, County of a Town, City, Borough, Cinque Port, or other Place, or within Six Calendar Months previous to such Election, or within Fourteen Days after it shall have been completed, be employed at such Election as Counsel, Agent, Attorney, Poll Clerk, Flagman, or in any other Capacity, for the Purposes of such Election, and shall at any Time, either before, during, or after such Election, accept or take from any such Candidate or Candidates, or from any Person whatsoever, for or in consideration of or with reference to such Employment, any Sum or Sums of Money, Retaining Fee, Office, Place, or Employment, or any Promise or Security for any Sum or Sums of Money, Retaining Fee, Office, Place, or Employment, such Person shall be deemed incapable

Persons employed by Candidates at Elections to be disqualified from voting.

incapable of voting at such Election, and his Vote if given shall be utterly void and of none Effect.

Cockades and Ribbons not to be given by Candidates.

II. And be it further enacted, That no Person to be hereafter elected to serve in Parliament shall, after the Teste of the Writ of Summons, or after such Place becomes vacant in Time of Parliament, before his Election, by himself or Agent, directly or indirectly give or allow to any Person having a Vote at such Election, or to any Inhabitant of the County, City, Town, Borough, Port, or Place, any Cockade, Ribbon, or other Mark of Distinction.

Penalty on Persons giving or allowing Ribbons or Cockades.

III. And be it further enacted, That any Person so giving or allowing, shall for every such Offence forfeit the Sum of Ten Pounds to such Person as shall sue for the same, to be sued for and recovered in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record, by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, wherein no Essoign, Protection, Privilege, Wager of Law, or more than One Imparlance, may be allowed.

Act not to extend to Scotland.

IV. And be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend to that Part of the United Kingdom called *Scotland*.

Voters exempt from serving as Constables during Elections.

V. And be it further enacted, That no Person having a Right to vote at the Election for any County, County of a City, County of a Town, City, Borough, Cinque Port, or other Place, shall be liable or compelled to serve as a Special Constable at or during any Election for Members to serve in Parliament for such County, County of a City, County of a Town, City, Borough, Cinque Port, or other Place, unless he shall consent so to act; and that he shall not be liable to any Fine, Penalty, or Punishment whatever, for refusing so to act; any Statute, Law, or Usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

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