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An Act to allow, until the Twenty-fourth Day of *October* One thousand eight hundred and twenty-seven, the Inrolment of certain Articles of Clerkship and Assignments thereof. [23d *June* 1827.]

WHEREAS many Persons who may have paid the proper Stamp Duties, either before or within Six Months after the Execution of the Contracts in Writing entered into by them, to serve as Clerks to Attornies or Solicitors, Scriveners or Notaries Public, in *Great Britain*, have omitted to cause Affidavits to be made, and afterwards to be filed in the proper Office, of the actual Execution of such Contracts, and the Indentures thereof to be inrolled within the Time in which the same ought to have been done; and many Infants and others may thereby incur certain Disabilities: For preventing thereof, and relieving such Persons, 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 every Person who shall have, either before or within Six Months after the Execution of such Contract or Indenture, paid the proper Stamp Duty in that Behalf, and who at the passing of this Act shall have neglected or omitted to cause any such Affidavit or Affidavits as aforesaid to be made and filed, or such Contract or Indenture to be inrolled, and who, on or before the Twenty-fourth Day of *October* One thousand eight hundred and twenty-seven, shall cause such Contract or Indenture to be inrolled with the proper Officer in that

Persons who shall have paid the proper Stamp Duties on Indentures to serve as Clerks, but have omitted to file the proper Affi-

davits, indemnified on so doing by 24th October 1827.

Behalf, and One or more Affidavit or Affidavits to be made, and afterwards to be filed, in such Manner as the same ought to have been made and filed in due Time, shall be and is hereby indemnified, freed, and discharged from and against all Penalties, Forfeitures, Incapacities, and Disabilities, in or by any Act or Acts of Parliament mentioned and incurred, or to be incurred, for or by reason of such Neglect or Omission; and every such Affidavit and Affidavits so to be made, and which shall be duly filed on or before the said Twenty-fourth Day of *October*, shall be as effectual to all Intents and Purposes as if the same had been made and filed within the respective Times the same ought by the Laws now in being for that Purpose to have been made and filed; and it shall be lawful for the respective Officer or Officers who ought to receive, inrol, register, make, and file every such Contract or Indenture and Affidavit respectively, and every such Officer or Officers respectively are hereby authorized and required, to receive, inrol, and register, and to make and file every such Contract, Indenture, or Affidavit respectively, at any Time on or before the said Twenty-fourth Day of *October*; any thing in any Act or Acts to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding.

Persons prosecuted, and hereby meant to be indemnified, may plead the General Issue.

II. And be it further enacted, That in case any Action, Suit, Bill of Indictment, or Information shall, from and after the said Twenty-fourth Day of *October*, be brought, carried on, or prosecuted, against any Person or Persons hereby meant or intended to be indemnified, recapacitated, or restored, for or on account of any Forfeiture, Penalty, Incapacity, or Disability whatsoever, incurred or to be incurred by any such Neglect or Omission to inrol such Contracts or Indentures as aforesaid, such Person or Persons may plead the General Issue, and upon their Defence give this Act and the special Matter in Evidence upon any Trial to be had thereupon.

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