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An Act for the Relief of Quakers, Moravians, and Separatists elected to Municipal Offices.

[23d *December* 1837.]

WHEREAS in consequence of the conscientious Scruples of Persons of the Persuasion of the People called Quakers, of Moravians, and Separatists, the Declaration prescribed by an Act of the Ninth Year of King *George* the Fourth, intituled *An Act for repealing so much of several Acts as imposes the Necessity of receiving the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper as a Qualification for certain Offices and Employments*, on accepting Office in Municipal Corporations, operates as a practical Grievance, and to a certain Extent as a Disfranchisement of Persons under the Influence of those Scruples, to the manifest Detriment of themselves and their fellow Subjects: And whereas no Mischief or Inconvenience is likely to arise from affording such Relief in relation to these Matters, as is herein-after mentioned; Be it therefore enacted by the Queen'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 instead of the Declarations required to be subscribed in the recited Act of the Ninth Year of King *George* the Fourth, and in an Act of the Fifth and Sixth Years of King *William* the Fourth, intituled *An Act for the Regulation of Muni-*

9 G. 4. c. 17.

Instead of the Declaration required by 9 G. 4. c. 17.

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and 5 & 6 W. 4. c. 76. the following Declaration to be made.

cipal Corporations in England *and* Wales, respectively, every Person of the Persuasion of the People called Quakers, and every Moravian, and Separatists, entertaining such conscientious Scruples as aforesaid, be permitted to make the following Declaration on accepting Office in any Municipal Corporation as Mayor, Alderman, or Councillor:

Declaration.

'I *A. B.*, being one of the People called Quakers [*or* one of the 'Persuasion of the People called Quakers, *or* of the United 'Brethren called Moravians, *or* of the Denomination called Separatists, '*as the Case may be*], having conscientious Scruples against sub- 'scribing the Declaration contained in an Act passed in the Ninth 'Year of the Reign of King *George* the Fourth, intituled *An Act* '*for repealing so much of several Acts as imposes the Necessity of* '*receiving the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper as a Qualification for* '*certain Offices and Employments*, do solemnly, sincerely, and truly 'declare and affirm, That I will not exercise any Power or Autho- 'rity or Influence which I may possess by virtue of the Office of ' to injure or weaken the Protestant Church as it is 'by Law established in *England*, nor to disturb the said Church, 'or the Bishops and Clergy of the said Church, in the Possession of 'any Right or Privileges to which such Church or the said Bishops 'and Clergy may be by Law entitled.'

Such Declaration to be of the same Force as that in 9 G. 4. c. 17.

II. And be it enacted, That such Affirmation or Declaration shall be of the same Force and Effect as if the Person making it had made or subscribed the Declarations aforesaid as contained in the said Act of the Ninth Year of the Reign of King *George* the Fourth and the Fifth and Sixth Years of King *William* the Fourth respectively.

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