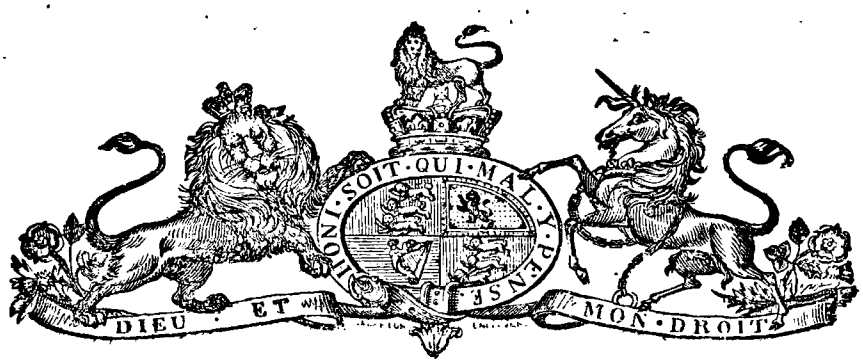


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CAP. CVIII.

An Act for enabling Her Majesty to establish and maintain Diplomatic Relations with the Sovereign of the *Roman* States.

[4th *September* 1848.]

WHEREAS Doubts exist whether Her Majesty can lawfully establish and maintain Diplomatic Relations and hold Diplomatic Intercourse with the Sovereign of the *Roman* States; and it is expedient that such Doubts should be removed: Be it therefore declared and 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, notwithstanding anything contained in any Act or Acts now in force, it shall be lawful for Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, to establish and maintain Diplomatic Relations and to hold Diplomatic Intercourse with the Sovereign of the *Roman* States.

Her Majesty empowered to establish Diplomatic Relations with the Sovereign of the Roman States.

II. Provided always, and be it enacted, That it shall not be lawful for Her Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors, to receive at the Court of *London*, as Ambassador, Envoy Extraordinary, Minister Plenipotentiary,

No Person to be received as Ambassador, &c. from the

Court of Rome who shall be in Holy Orders, &c.

tentiary, or other Diplomatic Agent, accredited by the Sovereign of the *Roman* States, any Person who shall be in Holy Orders in the Church of *Rome*, or a Jesuit or Member of any other Religious Order, Community, or Society of the Church of *Rome*, bound by Monastic or Religious Vows.

Nothing to affect any Laws now in force for upholding the Supremacy of the Crown.

III. Provided always, and be it enacted, That nothing herein contained shall repeal, weaken, or affect, or be construed to repeal, weaken, or affect, any Laws or Statutes, or any Part of any Laws or Statutes, now in force for preserving and upholding the Supremacy of our Lady the Queen, Her Heirs and Successors, in all Matters Civil and Ecclesiastical within this Realm and other Her Majesty's Dominions, nor those Laws or Parts of Laws now in force which have for their Object to control, regulate, and restrain the Acts and Conduct of Her Majesty's Subjects, and to prohibit their Communications with the Sovereigns of Foreign States on the said Matters, all which Laws and Statutes ought for ever to be maintained for the Dignity of the Crown and the Good of the Subject.

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