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CAP. X.

An Act to settle the Form of Affirmation to be made in certain Cases by Quakers and other Persons by Law permitted to make an Affirmation instead of taking an Oath. [8th *April* 1859.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to alter the Form of Affirmation to be taken by Persons of the Persuasion of the People called Quakers and by other Persons by Law permitted to make a solemn Affirmation or Declaration instead of taking an Oath in the Cases herein-after mentioned: Be it 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, as follows:

Form of Affirmation to be made by Quakers and other Persons by Law permitted to make an Affirmation instead of taking an Oath as in 21 & 22 Vict. c. 48.

I. Instead of the Form of Affirmation directed to be made and subscribed by Persons of the Persuasion of the People called Quakers and other Persons by Law permitted to make a solemn Affirmation or Declaration instead of taking an Oath in and by an Act of the Twenty-second Year of Her present Majesty, intituled *An Act to substitute One Oath for the Oaths of Allegiance, Supremacy, and Abjuration; and for the Relief of Her Majesty's Subjects professing the Jewish Religion*, every Person of the Persuasion of the People called Quakers, and every other Person now by Law permitted to

make his solemn Affirmation or Declaration instead of taking an Oath, shall be permitted to make his solemn Affirmation in the following Words; namely,

'I *A.B.* do solemnly, sincerely, and truly declare and affirm, That 'I will be faithful and bear true Allegiance to Queen *Victoria*, and 'to Her will be faithful against all Conspiracies and Attempts what-'ever which shall be made against Her Person, Crown, or Dignity; 'and I will do my utmost Endeavour to disclose and make known 'to Queen *Victoria*, Her Heirs and Successors, all Treasons and 'traitorous Conspiracies which I shall know to be formed against 'Her or Them; and I will be true and faithful to the Succession 'of the Crown, which Succession, by an Act intituled "An Act for '"the further Limitation of the Crown, and better securing the '"Rights and Liberties of the Subject," is and stands limited to 'the Princess *Sophia* Electress of *Hanover*, and the Heirs of Her 'Body being Protestants, hereby utterly renouncing and refusing 'any Obedience or Allegiance unto any other Person claiming or 'pretending a Right to the Crown of this Realm; and I do declare 'that no Foreign Prince, Person, Prelate, State, or Potentate hath 'or ought to have any Jurisdiction, Power, Superiority, Pre-eminence, 'or Authority, Ecclesiastical or Spiritual, within this Realm:'

And the making and subscribing of such Affirmation by a Person herein-before authorized to make and subscribe the same shall have the same Force and Effect as the taking and subscribing by other Persons of the Oath appointed by the said Act of the Twenty-second Year of Her present Majesty.

The Name of the Sovereign for the Time being to be substituted for the Name of Her Majesty.

II. Where in the Affirmation hereby appointed the Name of Her present Majesty is expressed or referred to, the Name of the Sovereign of this Kingdom for the Time being, by virtue of the Act "for "the further Limitation of the Crown, and better securing the "Rights and Liberties of the Subject," shall be substituted from Time to Time, with proper Words of Reference thereto.

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