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CAP. XXXIV.

An Act to amend and explain an Act of the Sixth Year of the Reign of King *George* the Fourth, to repeal the Laws relating to the Combination of Workmen, and to make other Provisions in lieu thereof. [19th *April* 1859.]

WHEREAS an Act was passed in the Sixth Year of the Reign of King *George* the Fourth, intituled *An Act to repeal the Laws relating to the Combination of Workmen, and to make other Provisions in lieu thereof:* And whereas different Decisions have been given on the Construction of the said Act: 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, as follows: 6 G. 4. c. 129.

I. That no Workman or other Person, whether actually in Employment or not, shall, by reason merely of his entering into an Agreement with any Workman or Workmen, or other Person or Persons, for the Purpose of fixing or endeavouring to fix the Rate of Wages or Remuneration at which they or any of them shall work, or by reason merely of his endeavouring peaceably, and in a reasonable Manner, and without Threat or Intimidation, direct or indirect, to

Agreements in certain Cases not to be deemed "Molestation" or "Obstruction," within the Meaning of the recited Act.

to persuade others to cease or abstain from Work in order to obtain the Rate of Wages or the altered Hours of Labour so fixed or agreed upon or to be agreed upon, shall be deemed or taken to be guilty of "Molestation" or "Obstruction," within the Meaning of the said Act, and shall not therefore be subject or liable to any Prosecution or Indictment for Conspiracy: Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall authorize any Workman to break or depart from any Contract or authorize any Attempt to induce any Workman to break or depart from any Contract.

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