CHAP. 20.

An Act to remove doubts as to the validity of certain Statutes made by the Convocation of the University of Oxford. A.D. 1869.

[24th June 1869.]

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the seventeenth and eighteenth years of the reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, chapter eighty-one, it was, amongst other things, enacted, that every Statute framed by the Hebdomadal Council of the said University should be promulgated in Congregation, and should also be proposed there for acceptance or rejection, and should, if accepted by Congregation, be afterwards submitted to Convocation for final adoption or rejection as a Statute of the University: 17 & 18 Vict. c. 81.

And whereas since the passing of the said Act a practice has prevailed in the said University of dividing Statutes about to be proposed or submitted into separate portions, in order that the separate portions might be put successively to the vote:

And whereas doubts have arisen whether the aforesaid practice was authorized by the provisions of the said Act, and whether Statutes which were so divided have been regularly made, and are now valid as Statutes of the University, and it is expedient that such doubts should be removed, which cannot be done without the authority of Parliament:

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:

1. No Statute which heretofore and since the passing of the aforesaid Act has been submitted to and finally adopted by the Convocation of the University of Oxford shall be deemed to be or to have been invalid as a Statute of the University by reason only of any irregularity in the mode of proposing the same in Congregation, or otherwise in the making thereof; and every such Statute

No Statute to be deemed to be invalid by reason only of any irregularity in the mode of proposing

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same in Congregation.

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