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An Act to continue for Two Years, and to the End of the then next Session of Parliament, and to amend, an Act of the Second and Third Years of Her present Majesty, intituled *An Act to extend and render more effectual for Five Years an Act passed in the Fourth Year of His late Majesty* George *the Fourth, to amend an Act passed in the Fiftieth Year of His Majesty* George *the Third, for preventing the administering and taking unlawful Oaths in* Ireland. [31st *July* 1845.]

WHEREAS an Act was passed in the Fiftieth Year of the Reign of His Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act for the more effectually preventing the adminis-* 50 G.3.c.102.
tering and taking of unlawful Oaths in Ireland; *and for the Protection of Magistrates and Witnesses in Criminal Cases:* And whereas the said Act was amended by an Act passed in the Fourth Year of the Reign of His Majesty King *George* the Fourth, intituled *An Act* 4 G. 4. c. 87.
to amend and render more effectual the Provisions of an Act made in the Fiftieth Year of His late Majesty's Reign, for preventing the

administering and taking unlawful Oaths in Ireland: And whereas the Provisions of the said last-recited Act were extended and rendered more effectual by an Act passed in the Session of Parliament holden in the Second and Third Years of the Reign of Her present Majesty, intituled *An Act to extend and render more effectual for Five Years an Act passed in the Fourth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King* George *the Fourth, to amend an Act passed in the Fiftieth Year of His Majesty* George *the Third, for preventing the administering and taking unlawful Oaths in* Ireland: And whereas by an Act of the last Session of Parliament the said last-recited Act was continued for the further Period of One Year from the First Day of *September* in the Year One thousand eight hundred and forty-four, and will expire on the First Day of *September* in this present Year; and it is expedient that the same should be further continued and amended as herein-after provided: 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 the said last-recited Act of the Second and Third Years of the Reign of Her present Majesty, subject to the Amendment herein-after contained, shall be and continue in full Force and Effect for the further Period of Two Years from the said First Day of *September* in this present Year, and until the End of the then next Session of Parliament.

2 & 3 Vict. c. 74.

7 & 8 Vict. c. 78.

Last-recited Act continued for One Year, as hereby amended.

So much of last-recited Act as enacts that Persons having in possession Copies of Passwords, &c. shall be deemed guilty of unlawful Combination, &c. repealed.

II. And be it enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act so much of the said last-recited Act of the Second and Third Years of the Reign of Her present Majesty as enacts, that any Person who after the Day therein mentioned shall knowingly have in his Possession any Copy, written or printed, of any such Password or Passwords as therein mentioned, or other secret Mode of Communication, or of any Oath, Engagement, Test, or Declaration made use of or purporting to be made use of by any such Society as in the said last-recited Act mentioned, or by any Division of any Society declared to be unlawful by the said Act passed in the Fourth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Fourth, and shall not be able satisfactorily to account for the same, shall be deemed guilty of an unlawful Combination and Confederacy, and shall be liable to such and the like Penalties, Proceedings, and Punishment as by the said Act of the Second and Third Years of the Reign of Her present Majesty is provided, shall be and the same is hereby repealed, save and except as to any Matter or Thing heretofore done under the Authority of the same.

Alteration of Act.

III. And be it enacted, That this Act may be amended or repealed by any Act to be passed in this present Session of Parliament.

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