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C A P. XLIX.

An Act to repeal so much of an Act passed in *Ireland* in the Fourth Year of King *George* the First, for the better regulating the Town of *Galway*, and for strengthening the Protestant Interest therein, as limits the Franchise created by the said Act to Protestants only. [15th *October* 1831.]

WHEREAS an Act was passed in the Parliament of *Ireland* in the Fourth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the First, intituled *An Act for the better* 4 G. 1. c. 15.
regulating the Town of Galway, *and for strengthening the Protestant* s. 5. (I.)
Interest therein, whereby it is amongst other things enacted, that all and every Person and Persons who profess him or themselves of any Trade, Mystery, or Handicraft, that do or shall come to inhabit, dwell, or reside in the said Town of *Galway*, in order to follow their respective Trades, shall and he and they are thereby declared to be free of the Town and Corporation of *Galway*, and also of that Company and Corporation to which their respective Trades belong, without paying any thing for their Freedom; and it is thereby further enacted, that such Person or Persons shall continue Freemen of such Corporation or Company as long as he or they inhabit or dwell in the said Town, and no longer, and shall be exempted and freed from all Corporation Taxes and Fines for not serving as Beadle, for the Space of Seven Years next after his or their coming to inhabit in

4 G. 1. c. 15. s. 6. (I.) the said Town: And whereas it is by the said recited Act of the Parliament of *Ireland* further provided, that no Person or Persons are to have the Benefit of their Freedoms aforesaid unless he or they have been professed Protestants for Seven Years or upwards next before his or their demanding their Freedoms pursuant to the said Act, and shall also take the usual Oaths of Freemen, and also the Oaths of Allegiance, Supremacy, and Abjuration, and make and subscribe the Declaration commonly called the Declaration against Transubstantiation, before the Mayor of the Town: And whereas by an Act passed in the Parliament of the United Kingdom in the 10 G. 4. c. 7. Tenth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty, intituled *An Act for the Relief of His Majesty's Roman Catholic Subjects*, after reciting that by various Acts of Parliament certain Restraints and Disabilities were imposed on the Roman Catholic Subjects of His Majesty, to which other Subjects of His Majesty were not liable, and that it was expedient that such Restraints and Disabilities should be thenceforth discontinued; and after reciting further, that by various Acts certain Oaths, and certain Declarations, commonly called the Declaration against Transubstantiation, and the Invocation of Saints, and the Sacrifice of the Mass, as practised in the Church of *Rome*, are or may be required to be taken, made, and subscribed by the Subjects of His Majesty, as Qualifications for sitting and voting in Parliament, and for the Enjoyment of certain Offices, Franchises, and Civil Rights; it was enacted, that from and after the Commencement of the said recited Act of the Parliament of the United Kingdom all such Parts of the said Acts as require the said Declarations or either of them to be made or subscribed by any of His Majesty's Subjects as a Qualification for sitting and voting in Parliament, or for the Exercise or Enjoyment of any Office, Franchise, or Civil Right, be and the same were (save as in the said Act thereafter provided and excepted) thereby repealed: And whereas it is expedient, in conformity to the Provisions of the said recited Act of the Parliament of the United Kingdom, to amend the said recited Act of the Parliament of *Ireland* so as to place the Roman Catholics of the Town of *Galway* on an Equality with His Majesty's other Subjects as regards the Freedom of the said Town and Corporation of *Galway*, and of any Company and Corporation therein; be it therefore enacted by the King'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 from and after the passing of this Act so much of the said recited Act of the Parliament of *Ireland* as requires that Persons claiming their Freedom, or being admitted thereunto under the said Act, shall have been professed Protestants for Seven Years or upwards next before their claiming their Freedom, shall be and the same is hereby repealed.

So much of recited Act of 4 G. 1. as relates to Persons claiming their Freedom, repealed.

Oaths to be taken by Persons on taking their Freedom.

II. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act every Roman Catholic who shall at any Time claim or be admitted to the Freedom of the said Town and Corporation of *Galway*, or of any Company or Corporation therein, under the Provisions of the said recited Act of the Parliament of *Ireland*, shall, in addition to the usual Oaths of a Freeman, take the Oath

Oath set forth in the said recited Act of the Parliament of the United Kingdom; and that the said last-mentioned Oath, which the Mayor of the said Town of *Galway* is hereby empowered and required to administer, shall be taken instead of the Oaths of Allegiance, Supremacy, and Abjuration, and of the Declaration against Transubstantiation, required by the said recited Act of the Parliament of *Ireland*.

Empowering Roman Catholics to take up their Freedom,&c.

III. And be it further enacted, That every Roman Catholic Subject of His Majesty, who under the said herein-before recited Act of the Parliament of *Ireland* would have been, at or before the passing of this Act, entitled to the Freedom of the Town and Corporation of *Galway*, had he been a professed Protestant as aforesaid, shall from and after the passing of this Act be deemed and taken to be entitled thereto without taking or subscribing the Oaths of Allegiance and Abjuration, or making and subscribing the Declaration against Transubstantiation, but shall, instead of the said Oaths and Declaration, take and subscribe the said Oath set forth in the said Act of the Parliament of the United Kingdom, before the Mayor of the said Town of *Galway*, who is hereby empowered and required to administer the same.

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