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and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That it shall and may be lawful for the Commissioners of the Treasury for the Time being from Time to Time, by Warrant under their Hands, to cause or direct any Number of Exchequer Bills to be made out at the Receipt of His Majesty's Exchequer at *Westminster* for any Sum or Sums of Money not exceeding in the whole the Sum of One Million Pounds; and such Exchequer Bills shall be made out in the same or like Manner, Form, and Order, and according to the same or like Rules and Directions, except where other Directions for making out the same are particularly expressed in this Act, as are directed and prescribed in and by an Act passed in the Forty-eighth Year of the Reign of His Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act for regulating the issuing and paying off of Exchequer Bills.*

Treasury authorized to direct Exchequer Bills to be made out to the Amount of One Million.

48 G. 3. c. 1.

II. And be it further enacted, That, save as aforesaid, all and every the Clauses, Provisoes, Privileges, Advantages, Penalties, Forfeitures, and Disabilities contained in the said recited Act of the Forty-eighth Year of the Reign of His Majesty King *George* the Third shall be applied and extend to the Exchequer Bills to be made in pursuance of this Act as fully and effectually to all Intents and Purposes as if the said several Clauses or Provisoes had been particularly repeated and re-enacted in the Body of this Act.

Provisions of 48 G. 3. c. 1. to extend to this Act.

III. And be it enacted, That the said Exchequer Bills to be made out in pursuance of this Act shall and may bear an Interest not exceeding the Rate of Three-pence Halfpenny *per Centum per Diem* upon or in respect of the whole of the Monies respectively contained therein; and the Principal Sum contained in such Exchequer Bills, and the Interest accruing due thereon, shall be made payable at such Periods and at such Places as shall be fixed by the said Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury; nevertheless so as that all such Bills as shall be made out in pursuance of this Act shall be made payable within Five Years from the Date thereof; and that the Principal Sum contained in every such Bill, and such Interest as may be due thereon, shall be paid off and discharged, either together or separately, upon the Days and Times respectively appointed for the Payment thereof.

Exchequer Bills to bear Interest, and be made at what Dates.

IV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That all and every the Exchequer Bills to be made out by virtue of this Act, or so many of them as shall from Time to Time remain undischarged and uncancelled after the respective Days on which they shall become due and payable, shall and may after that Time pass and be current to all and every the Receivers and Collectors, in *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, of the Customs, Excise, or any Revenue, Supply, Aid, or Tax whatsoever due or payable to His Majesty, His Heirs or Successors, and also at the Receipt of the Exchequer in *Great Britain*, and at the Bank of *Ireland*, to the Credit and Account of the Teller of His Majesty's Exchequer in *Ireland*, from the said Receivers or Collectors; but no such Receiver or Collector shall exchange, at any Time before the said Day of Payment thereof, for any Money of such Revenues, Aid, Taxes, or Supplies in his Hands, any Exchequer

Exchequer Bills to be current with Collectors of Excise when due.

Bill which shall have been issued as aforesaid by virtue of this Act, nor shall any Action be maintained against such Receiver or Collector for neglecting or refusing to exchange any such Exchequer Bill for ready Money before the said Day of Payment thereof, any thing in this Act contained to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding; and that such of the same Bills as shall be received at the said Receipt of the Exchequer in *Great Britain*, and at the said Bank of *Ireland*, to the Credit and Account of the said Teller of His Majesty's Exchequer there, shall and may be locked up and secured as Cash, according to the Course of the said Exchequers of *Great Britain* and *Ireland* respectively settled and established by Law for locking up and securing Monies received in Specie at the said Exchequer of *Great Britain* or Bank of *Ireland*, to the Credit and Account of the Teller of the said Exchequer of *Ireland* respectively.

Exchequer Bills to be issued agreeably to Certificates of Commissioners of the Treasury.

V. And be it enacted, That when and so often as any Advances may become payable under the Provisions herein-after contained it shall and may be lawful for the Lord Lieutenant of *Ireland* to certify to the Commissioners of the Treasury the Amount of the Exchequer Bills required, as Occasion shall arise for such Advances, and thereupon the said Lords Commissioners of the Treasury shall certify to the Auditor of the Receipt of His Majesty's Exchequer at *Westminster* for the Time being the Amount of Exchequer Bills so required; and such Auditor shall, on such Certificate of the Commissioners of the Treasury being deposited in his Office, cause and direct such Exchequer Bill or Bills to such Amount and payable at such Periods and bearing such Rate of Interest as may be expressed in the said Certificate of the Commissioners of the Treasury, to be delivered to the Teller of His Majesty's Exchequer of *Ireland*, or to such Person as shall be by such Teller duly authorized on his Behalf to receive the same, and such Bill or Bills shall be by such Teller issued and delivered, upon the Warrant in Writing of the said Lord Lieutenant, to the Person or Persons in such Warrant named; and every such Exchequer Bill shall bear Date on the Day on which the said Lords Commissioners of the Treasury shall appoint and direct, and shall and may be signed by the Auditor of the Receipt of His Majesty's Exchequer at *Westminster*, or in his Name by any Person duly authorized so to do.

Banks of England or Ireland, or Provincial Bank, may advance Money on Exchequer Bills.

VI. And be it enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, or the Governor and Company of the Bank of *Ireland*, or for the Directors and Company of the Provincial Bank of *Ireland*, respectively to advance or lend to His Majesty, at the respective Receipts of the Exchequers of *Great Britain* or *Ireland*, upon the Credit of the Exchequer Bills issued under this Act, any Sum or Sums of Money not exceeding in the whole the Sum of One million Pounds, any thing in an Act made in the Fifth and Sixth Years of the Reign of King *William* and Queen *Mary*, intituled *An Act for granting to Their Majesties several Rates and Duties upon Tonnage of Ships and Vessels, and upon Beer, Ale, and other Liquors, for securing certain Recompences and Advantages in the said Act mentioned to such Persons as shall voluntarily advance the Sum of One million five hundred thousand Pounds towards carrying the War against*

5 & 6 W & M. c. 20

against France, or in any other Act or Acts to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding.

Any Person entitled to any Tithes for 1831, 1832, or 1833, may apply to Lord Lieutenant for Relief under this Act by Memorial.

What Memorial and Schedule shall contain.

If Value of Tithes shall not be ascertained by Composition, such Tithes to be estimated on Average of Sums paid during 1823, 1829, and 1830.

VII. And be it enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for any Person entitled to any Tithes arising out of Lands in *Ireland* for the Years One thousand eight hundred and thirty-one or One thousand eight hundred and thirty-two, or for this present Year One thousand eight hundred and thirty-three, to make Application, at any Time within Three Calendar Months after the passing of this Act, to the said Lord Lieutenant, praying Relief under this Act in respect of such Tithes; and such Application shall be made by a Memorial, showing the Tithes in respect whereof such Relief may be sought, and the Right and Interest of such Person in and to the same, and the Amount or Value thereof, computed as herein-after mentioned; and to each such Memorial shall be annexed a Schedule, specifying the several Lands out of which and the Year in which such Tithes may have so arisen or arise, and the Amount or Value arising out of each Holding respectively, and the Names and Descriptions of the several Persons chargeable with each Item thereof in each Year, and what, if any, Portion thereof has been paid or satisfied, and the Sums remaining due by each of such Persons respectively; and if the Value of the Tithes arising out of such Lands shall not have been ascertained by Composition, Agreement, or otherwise, then and in such Case the Value thereof shall in every such Memorial be estimated and calculated on the Average of the Sums annually paid or agreed or adjudged to be paid on account of the Tithes of the same Lands during and for the Years One thousand eight hundred and twenty-eight, One thousand eight hundred and twenty-nine, and One thousand eight hundred and thirty; and such Memorial and Schedule shall distinguish accordingly the Tithes payable under and by virtue of any Composition or Agreement, and those not so payable; and the several Matters set forth and alleged in each such Memorial and Schedule shall be verified upon Oath by the Memorialist, such Oath to be administered by any Justice of the Peace for the County in which such Memorialist usually resides; and with every such Memorial and Schedule a Duplicate thereof shall be transmitted to the said Lord Lieutenant by the Memorialist: Provided always, that if it shall be made to appear by the Oath of such Memorialist that Evidence of the Sums paid or agreed or adjudged to be paid as aforesaid cannot be had by reference to any Books of Accounts, Papers, or Documents in the Power or Possession of such Memorialist, or of his Agents, Bailiffs, or Proctors, or by any Adjudications which may have been made in respect of such Tithes for and during the Years aforesaid, then and in such Case it shall be lawful for such Memorialist to estimate and calculate the Value thereof according to the best Information he can obtain, and to verify the same to the best of his Belief and Information as aforesaid.

No Tithes for 1831 and 1832 to be included in Memorial not due by Per-

VIII. Provided always, and be it enacted, That no Tithes for the Years One thousand eight hundred and thirty-one or One thousand eight hundred and thirty-two shall be included in any such Memorial or Schedule which may be due and owing from or by Persons who do not at the Time of presenting such Memorial continue interested in

in or in occupation of the Lands out of which such Tithes may have arisen; nor shall any Composition for Tithes be included in such Memorial and Schedule the Payment of which Composition may have been agreed for and undertaken by any Person entitled to enter into such Agreement and Undertaking under and pursuant to the Provisions of an Act passed in the last Session of Parliament, intituled *An Act to amend Three Acts passed respectively in the Fourth, Fifth, and in the Seventh and Eighth Years of the Reign of His late Majesty King* George *the Fourth, providing for the establishing of Compositions for Tithes in* Ireland; *and to make such Compositions permanent.*

Persons interested in or in occupation of Lands out of which same may have arisen.

2 & 3 W. 4. c. 119.

IX. And be it further enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act it shall not be lawful to take any such Proceedings for the Recovery of any Tithes or Arrears of Tithes which may have become vested in His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, under and by virtue of an Act passed in the Second Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act to facilitate the Recovery of Tithes in certain Cases in* Ireland, *and for Relief of the Clergy of the Established Church*, as by such Act directed; and every Court wherein any such Proceedings may have been taken shall forthwith stay such Proceedings, and in case any Writ or Process of Execution shall have issued, set aside the same, and discharge the Defendant if taken thereunder; and any Ecclesiastical Person who may be desirous of Relief under this Act, in respect of any Tithes for the Year One thousand eight hundred and thirty-one, shall and may include in such Memorial and Schedule as herein-before mentioned the Tithes to which such Ecclesiastical Person may have been entitled for the said Year One thousand eight hundred and thirty-one, although he may have received Relief under the said recited Act, any thing in the said recited Act divesting such Ecclesiastical Person of the Right to such Tithes to the contrary notwithstanding: Provided always, that in such Case any Ecclesiastical Person desirous of Relief under this Act shall state in his Memorial the Sums advanced to him under Authority of the said recited Act.

No Proceedings for Recovery of Tithes shall be taken under 2 W. 4. c. 41., and Proceedings already taken shall be stayed.

Tithes of 1831 may be included in Memorial, although Relief obtained under recited Act.

In such Case Sums advanced to be stated.

X. And be it enacted, That upon every such Application, and due Consideration of the several Matters stated in each such Memorial and Schedule, it shall and may be lawful for the said Lord Lieutenant of *Ireland*, by and with the Advice and Consent of His Majesty's Privy Council there, to declare the Person making such Application as aforesaid entitled to Relief under this Act, and upon such Declaration the Right, Title, and Interest of such Person in and to all Tithes due and unpaid for the Years One thousand eight hundred and thirty-one, One thousand eight hundred and thirty-two, and One thousand eight hundred and thirty-three, save and except the Tithes and Compositions herein-before directed not to be included in his said Memorial and Schedule, and also his Right, Title, and Interest in and to all Tithes remaining due and unpaid for any Year previous to the Year One thousand eight hundred and thirty-one, shall wholly cease and determine.

Lord Lieutenant may declare Person making Application entitled to Relief, and thereupon his Right to Tithes in his Memorial, and all Arrears previous to 1831, shall cease.

Declaration only to decide Right to Relief.

No subsequent Decision to prejudice Right of Crown to Recovery of Advances.

XI. Provided, and be it enacted, That the Declaration of such Lord Lieutenant and Council on the Right of any Memorialist under this Act shall be deemed and taken only to decide the Right of such Memorialist to Relief under this Act; but that the Determination of any Tribunal or Court of Justice upon the Right of Property in the Tithes included in such Memorial and Schedule shall not prejudice the Recovery by His Majesty of any Advances made under this Act, or any Instalment thereof, in manner herein-after provided, of and from the Person who shall be entitled to the Receipt of the Composition for such Tithes.

Lord Lieutenant shall cause Notice of Application to be inserted in Dublin Gazette, &c. and to be posted in Parish.

Notice shall declare where Copy of Memorial deposited for public Inspection.

XII. And be it further enacted, That the said Lord Lieutenant and Council shall cause a Notice of every Application which shall be made to them under this Act, and upon which they shall declare the Applicant entitled to Relief, to be inserted in the *Dublin Gazette*, and in some Newspaper commonly circulated in the Neighbourhood of the Parish to the Tithes whereof such Application shall relate, and also to be posted on the usual Places for posting Notices of Applications for Grand Jury Presentments in such Parish; and every such Notice shall mention some convenient Dwelling House in or near to such Parish where a true Copy of every such Memorial and Schedule shall be deposited and remain for and during Twenty-one Days (*Sunday* not included in such Computation) next ensuing the Date of such Notice, and between the Hours of Ten in the Morning and Four in the Afternoon of each Day, open to public Inspection; and the said Lord Lieutenant and Council shall cause a Copy of every such Memorial and Schedule to be so deposited for public Inspection accordingly, and it shall and may be lawful for any Person to make any Extract therefrom without Fee or Reward; and the Publication in the *Dublin Gazette* of any such Notice as aforesaid shall be sufficient Evidence of the Application mentioned therein, and of the Party making the same having been declared by the said Lord Lieutenant and Council to be entitled to Relief under this Act.

Such Publication to be Evidence of Party being entitled to Relief.

A Special Sessions shall be held for revising Memorials and Schedules, of which Notice shall be given.

XIII. And be it further enacted, That Special Sessions for the Purpose of revising all Memorials and Schedules relating to the Tithes arising out of Lands situate in each County shall be held in each such County by and before the Assistant Barrister or Chairman of the Sessions of such or any adjoining County, or a Deputy to be appointed in manner herein-after provided; and such Special Sessions shall be held at such Times and Places, and observe such Order in the Revision of all such Memorials and Schedules, as the said Lord Lieutenant shall direct; and the Clerk of the Peace in and for each such County, or his Deputy, shall, Twenty-one Days at least before the first Day appointed for the holding of such Special Sessions, cause to be posted in conspicuous Places within each County Notices that such Session will be holden for the Revision of such Memorials and Schedules on the Days and at the Places appointed for that Purpose, and shall specify the Memorials and Schedules to be revised pursuant to such Direction of the said Lord Lieutenant at each such Time and Place appointed for the holding of such Special Sessions, and shall require the Parties desirous of making

making Objections to any Charge or Item in any such Memorial and Schedule to enter the same with such Clerk of the Peace on or before the first Day of the meeting of the Special Sessions appointed for the Revision of the Memorial and Schedule to which such Objections may relate; and in the Case of Memorials relating to Tithes which arise out of Lands situate in different Counties, such Lord Lieutenant shall and may refer the same for Revision to the Special Sessions holden in any of such Counties; and such Lands shall for the Purposes of this Act be deemed and taken to be all situate in such County.

Persons intending to object to Schedule shall give Notice to Memorialist, his Agent, or the High Constable, who shall transmit same to Clerk of Peace.

XIV. And be it enacted, That every Person who may think himself aggrieved by any Charge made or Credit omitted in any such Schedule shall Six clear Days before the Day appointed for the Revision of each such Memorial and Schedule as aforesaid give to the Memorialist, or his known Agent, Bailiff, or Tithe Proctor, or leave at the Dwelling House of such Memorialist, or of his said Agent, Bailiff, or Tithe Proctor, or in case the said Memorialist or his Agent shall not reside in the Parish, then to the High Constable of the Barony, a Notice in Writing of his Intention to object to such Charge, or to claim such Credit; and such High Constable shall without Delay transmit all Notices so given to him to the Clerk of the Peace, who shall enter the same, and deliver, upon Demand, a List thereof to the Memorialist concerned therein, who shall pay for such List a Fee of Five Shillings and no more.

Clerk of Peace shall attend such Sessions, and enter Objections to Memorials and Schedules.

XV. And be it enacted, That the Clerk of the Peace for each such County respectively, or his Deputy, shall attend at each such Special Sessions, and shall in a Book to be by him for that Purpose provided, and which Book shall be a Record of the County, enter all such Objections to any such Memorial and Schedule as he shall be thereunto required; and the Lord Lieutenant shall cause the Original of every such Memorial and Schedule to be transmitted to the said Clerk of the Peace for the County in which such Memorial and Schedule is to be revised.

Assistant Barrister at such Special Sessions shall hear and decide upon all Objections to such Memorials and Schedules as upon Causes by Civil Bill;

XVI. And be it enacted, That the Barrister presiding at each such Special Sessions shall hear and decide upon all such Objections to any Charge or Item in each Memorial and Schedule as shall be entered with the Clerk of the Peace in manner aforesaid, in the Order in which the same may have been so entered, and shall have all such Powers of administering Oaths to Witnesses and Parties, and compelling the Attendance of such Witnesses and Parties, and for punishing Persons giving false Testimony, and for trying any controverted Fact by a Jury, and in all respects have and exercise such Jurisdictions and Powers concerning the Revision of such Memorials and Schedules, and the Determination of all Objections thereto, as any Assistant Barrister is empowered to exercise in respect of any Cause or Proceeding by Civil Bill before such Assistant Barrister: Provided always, that in case of any Objection to any Charge or the Amount of any Charge contained in any such Memorial and Schedule, the Memorialist shall be required to give Evidence in support of the same, in like Manner as the Plaintiff or Suitor in any

any such Cause or Proceeding by Civil Bill; and in case of Credit being claimed for the Render or Payment of any Tithe or Sum on account thereof, omitted in any such Memorial and Schedule, the Person claiming such Credit shall be entitled and required to establish the same according to the Course and Practice of Proceedings by Civil Bill before any Assistant Barrister: Provided always, that no Objection entered as aforesaid with the Clerk of the Peace shall be heard, unless the Person making the same shall, if so required by such Barrister, prove to the Satisfaction of such Barrister that Notice of such Objection shall have been given in manner herein-before appointed; and every such Objection shall be dealt with as if the same were a Cause or Proceeding by Civil Bill, in so far as may be consistent with this Act; and the Decision of such Barrister presiding at such Special Sessions on each such Objection shall be deemed and taken to be a Decree or Dismiss, as the Case may be; save that no Process shall issue to enforce the same, and that no Appeal shall lie therefrom; and for the entering of every such Objection, and the signing of every such Decision, and for returning any Jury and entering any Verdict, or attending any Hearing or drawing up any Decision, the like Fees shall be payable, and no more, as are by Law payable on the entering of any Cause, or signing any Decree or Dismiss, or returning any Jury or entering any Verdict, or attending any Hearing or drawing up any Decree or Dismiss, in any such Proceeding by Civil Bill before any Assistant Barrister; and every Sheriff, Clerk of the Peace, or other Officer shall give Attendance and do all such Matters and Things at such Special Sessions as he may be bound to do at any Sessions held before the Assistant Barrister of any County for the hearing and determining Causes by Civil Bill.

save that no Process shall issue, nor Appeal lie therefrom.

Fees.

Assistant Barrister may award Costs.

XVII. And be it enacted, That the said Assistant Barrister or Chairman shall award such Costs upon the hearing of every such Objection, to be paid by or to the Memorialist or Party making such Objection, as any Assistant Barrister may have Power and Authority to award on any Proceeding by Civil Bill, to be paid by or to the Plaintiff or Defendant therein; and such Costs shall be in like Manner taxed; and for the Recovery and levying of any such Costs Execution shall and may issue, as in any such Proceedings by Civil Bill, against the Body or Goods of the Party against whom such Award shall be made.

Assistant Barrister shall amend the Memorial and Schedule, and transmit same to Lord Lieutenant, who shall thereupon direct Sum appearing due therein to be advanced to

XVIII. And be it enacted, That the Assistant Barrister or Chairman presiding at each such Special Sessions, having heard and decided upon all such Objections as may be made to each such Memorial and Schedule, shall amend the same accordingly, and transmit such Memorial and Schedule, so amended, with his Signature thereunto attached, to the said Lord Lieutenant, who shall thereupon authorize and direct such Sum to be advanced to the said Memorialist as shall appear by his said Memorial and Schedule, so amended and attested, to be due and owing to him on account of the Tithes included in such Memorial and Schedule, deducting thereout Twenty-five Pounds *per Centum* on the Amount of such of the said Tithes as shall so appear due and owing for the Years One thousand eight hundred and

and thirty-one and One thousand eight hundred and thirty-two, or either of them, and Fifteen Pounds *per Centum* on the Amount of such of the said Tithes as shall appear due and owing for the Year One thousand eight hundred and thirty-three, and also deducting, in the Case of every Ecclesiastical Person who may have received Relief under the said recited Act of the Second Year of His present Majesty's Reign, any Monies which may have been advanced to him under Authority of that Act.

Memorialist, deducting certain Percentages.

XIX. And be it enacted, That the said Lord Lieutenant shall cause every such original Memorial and Schedule so amended, together with a Certificate under his Hand of the Amount of the Advances made to the Memorialist, to be lodged with the proper Officer in the Office of the Remembrancer of the Court of Exchequer in *Ireland*, there to remain of Record; and that the Amount stated in each such Certificate to have been so advanced shall be repaid by Five equal Instalments, the first thereof to be made on the First Day of *November* which will be in the Year One thousand eight hundred and thirty-four, and One of the Four remaining Instalments to be paid on each First Day of *November* in the next succeeding Four Years; and such Instalments shall be payable by the Person who shall from Time to Time be entitled to the Receipt of the Composition for Tithes to which or to any Arrears whereof the Memorialist in respect of whose Right such Advance may have been made shall be or may have been entitled, or which shall be or have been established in lieu of the Tithes to which or to any Arrears whereof such Memorialist shall be or have been entitled; and each such Instalment shall be paid to the Collector of Excise of the District, or otherwise, as the Commissioners of the Treasury shall direct; and in default of Payment of any such Instalment on the Day when the same shall fall due, or within Three Months thereafter, such Instalment shall be recoverable as a Debt upon Record due, by the Person at such Time entitled to the Receipt of such Composition as aforesaid, to the King's Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, with all Costs and Charges attending the same; provided that no Process shall issue against the Body of any Person owing such Instalment, and provided that no Landlord who may have agreed and undertaken to pay any such Composition shall be deemed to be, within the Meaning of this Act, the Person entitled to the Receipt of such Composition, any thing in the said recited Act of the last Session of Parliament entitling such Landlord to recover such Composition over against any Person whatsoever to the contrary notwithstanding.

Original Memorial, with a Certificate of Advances, to be recorded in the Exchequer, and such Advances repaid by Five Instalments in the next Five Years.

XX. And be it further enacted, That the Monies from Time to Time paid or recovered in manner aforesaid shall be transmitted, in such Manner as the Commissioners of the Treasury shall direct, to the Credit and Account of the Teller of the Receipt of His Majesty's Exchequer in *Ireland*, distinctly and apart from all other Monies; and that it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners of the Treasury, by Warrant under their Hands, to order and direct that all or any Part of the Sum or Sums of Money from Time to Time arising or accruing to the Credit of the Account of the said Teller of His

Monies repaid, how to be applied.

Majesty's Exchequer in *Ireland*, under the Provisions herein made, shall be issued to such Person or Persons in such Warrant named, for the Purpose of being remitted and transferred to the Receipt of His Majesty's Exchequer at *Westminster*; and that there shall be provided and kept in the Office of the Auditor of the Receipt of the said Exchequer at *Westminster* a Book or Books in which all the Monies paid to the Credit and Account of the said Teller by virtue of this Act, and remitted and transferred as aforesaid, shall be entered separate and apart from all other Monies paid into the said Receipt upon any other Account whatever; and that all the Monies so paid to the Credit and Account of the said Teller by virtue of this Act, and remitted and transferred as aforesaid, shall be subject and liable to the Uses and Purposes herein-after mentioned; (that is to say,) in the first place, for paying off and discharging all the Exchequer Bills to be made out and issued by virtue of this Act, with such Interest as shall be payable thereon, at the respective Days and Times and in the Order and Course in which the same may be directed to be discharged; and all such Exchequer Bills, and Interest thereon, as aforesaid, shall be and are hereby charged and chargeable upon and shall be repaid and borne by and out of the first Monies that shall so arise in and to the Credit and Account of the said Teller of the Receipt of His Majesty's Exchequer in *Ireland* accordingly; and the Surplus of such Monies, if any, shall be carried to and make Part of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*.

Treasury to cause Accounts to be taken of all Bills falling due and Money applicable thereto at the Time; and in case of Deficiency in the Exchequer for Payment thereof, the same to be supplied out of the Aids for the current Year, or the Consolidated Fund.

XXI. And be it further enacted, That on the several Days and Times on which any Exchequer Bills made pursuant to the Directions of this Act shall become payable, or within Ten Days thereafter, the said Commissioners of the Treasury shall cause a true and right Account to be taken and attested by the proper Officers of all such Exchequer Bills falling due and payable on such respective Days and Times, and of the Monies which shall then be in the Receipt of the Exchequer at *Westminster* applicable to the Payment and Discharge of the same; and if the Money which shall have arisen in the said Exchequer from or on account of the Payments, Remittances, and Transfers to be made, by virtue of the Provisions herein-before contained, by the Teller of His Majesty's Exchequer in *Ireland*, shall not be sufficient to discharge the Principal and Interest due and payable as aforesaid, then such Deficiency shall and may be supplied and made good by and out of the Aids or Supplies which shall be or have been granted for the Service of the Year in which such Exchequer Bills shall become payable; and in case the Monies arising from such Aids or Supplies shall not at the Time be sufficient for that Purpose, then all the said Exchequer Bills remaining undischarged, with the Interest and Charges incident to or attending the same, shall be and are hereby charged and chargeable upon such Monies as at any Time or Times after any such Deficiencies shall happen shall be or remain in the Receipt of the said Exchequer of the said Consolidated Fund, except such Monies of the said Consolidated Fund as may be or have been appropriated to any particular Use or Uses by any Act or Acts of Parliament in that Behalf; and such Monies of the said Consolidated Fund shall and may be issued and

applied from Time to Time, as soon as the same can be regularly stated and ascertained, for and towards paying off, cancelling, and discharging such remaining Exchequer Bills, Interest and Charges, until the whole of them shall be paid off, cancelled, and discharged, or Money sufficient for that Purpose be kept and reserved in the Exchequer, to be payable, on Demand, to the respective Proprietors thereof: Provided always, that whatever Monies shall be so issued out of the Consolidated Fund shall from Time to Time be replaced by and out of the first Supplies to be thereafter granted in Parliament, any thing therein contained to the contrary notwithstanding; and that whatever Monies shall thereafter arise in the said Receipt of the Exchequer, from or on account of the Payments, Remittances, and Transfers to be made, by virtue of the Provisions herein-before contained, by the Teller of His Majesty's Exchequer in *Ireland*, shall be applied towards replacing the Monies before issued out of the said Aids or Supplies or Consolidated Fund, as the Case may be, any thing herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Monies so advanced out of Consolidated Fund to be replaced by other Monies.

XXII. And be it enacted, That the said Lord Lieutenant shall cause a Duplicate of every such Memorial and Schedule so amended as aforesaid, together with an Account of the several Sums, if any, recovered by His Majesty, under the Provisions of the said recited Act of the Second Year of His Majesty's Reign, in respect of the Tithes included in such Memorial and Schedule, and of the Names of the Persons from whom such Sums may have been so recovered, such Memorial, Schedule, and Account being attested by the Signature of the Chief or Under Secretary of such Lord Lieutenant, to be referred to some proper and discreet Person to be by him for that Purpose selected, and who shall be remunerated in such Manner as the said Lord Lieutenant shall think proper; and such Person shall ascertain, by Inspection of such Memorial and Schedule so amended, and of such Account, the Amount of the Sums remaining due and owing on account of Tithes or any Composition for Tithes from and out of the several Lands liable thereto, which Amount, subject to a Deduction of Twenty-five Pounds *per Centum* on so much thereof as shall have accrued due for the Years One thousand eight hundred and thirty-one or One thousand eight hundred and thirty-two, and Fifteen Pounds *per Centum* on so much thereof as shall have accrued due for the Year One thousand eight hundred and thirty-three, shall be the Sum to be added to the Composition for Tithes payable out of each of such Lands respectively in manner herein-after mentioned.

A Duplicate of amended Memorial and Schedule to be referred to some proper Person, who shall ascertain the Sums in arrears, subject to the Deduction of certain Percentages.

XXIII. And be it enacted, That the Person to whom every such Memorial and Schedule shall have been referred as aforesaid shall make out a Return of the several Sums, ascertained in manner herein-before directed, to be added to the Composition for Tithes payable out of each of such Lands respectively, specifying and particularizing such several Lands, and the Amount payable out of each Holding respectively; and such Return shall be attached to the Duplicate of the Memorial and Schedule and Account referred to such Person, and, together therewith, lodged by him, duly attested under his Hand, with the Clerk of the Peace of the County in which such Lands shall be situate, or if such Lands shall be situate

Commissioner to make a Return of Sums to be added to Composition, specifying Particulars, to be attached to Duplicate of Memorial and Schedule, and lodged with Clerk of Peace.

situate in Two or more Counties, then with the Clerk of the Peace of either or any of such Counties; and a certified Copy of or Extract from such Memorial and Schedule, or Return attached thereto, shall be sufficient Evidence to all Intents and Purposes of the several Matters and Things therein set forth.

Terms of Payment of the Sums chargeable on such Lands and of the Composition arising thereout.

XXIV. And be it enacted, That One Fifth of the several Sums appearing by such Return chargeable on such Lands respectively shall be payable thereout, in addition to and together with the Composition for Tithes arising thereout, on the First Day of *November* which will be in the Year One thousand eight hundred and thirty-four, and One of the remaining Four Fifths shall in like Manner be payable on the First Day of *November* in each of the succeeding Four Years; and such Addition to the said Composition shall be payable by the Person from Time to Time liable to the Payment of such Composition to the Memorialist or Person from Time to Time entitled to the Receipt of such Composition; and Payment of such Addition to such Composition shall and may be recovered and levied by all such Ways and Means as by Law provided for the Recovery of such Composition, and as if it were Part thereof; provided that any Landlord who may have agreed for and undertaken the Payment of any Composition shall be deemed to be, within the Meaning of this Act, the Person liable to the Payment thereof.

When the Person owing a Sum for Tithes shall occupy the Land, the Landlord, on paying same, may add such Sum to the Rent, and enforce Payment thereof as such.

XXV. And be it enacted, That whenever the Person appearing by any such amended Memorial and Schedule and Account, so deposited with the Clerk of the Peace as aforesaid, to have owed, at the Time of presenting such Memorial, any Sum for or on account of the Tithes included in such Memorial and Schedule, shall occupy the Land in respect whereof such Tithe ought to have been paid, then and in such Case any Landlord liable to and paying the Sum hereby added to the Composition for Tithes payable in respect of such Land shall be entitled, on each Occasion of paying such additional Sum, to add One Fifth of the Sum appearing by such amended Memorial and Schedule and Account to have been due, at the Time of presenting such Memorial, for Tithes by such Tenant to the Rent payable by such Tenant, and shall and may enforce Payment thereof by all such Ways and Means as by Law provided for the Recovery of Rent: Provided always, that where any superior Landlord shall be liable to the Payment of such Composition, he shall be entitled, upon each such Occasion as aforesaid, to recover, by all such Ways and Means aforesaid, such Fifth of the Arrears of Tithe appearing due by such Schedule and Account as aforesaid from his next immediate Tenant, and such next immediate Tenant shall be entitled, in like Manner and by like Means, to recover the same from the Tenant deriving next under him, and so on successively to the immediate Landlord of such occupying Tenant, who shall be entitled to recover, in like Manner and by like Means, the same of and from such occupying Tenant by whom such Arrears of Tithe may have been incurred.

Remedy when superior Landlord, &c. is liable to Payment of Composition.

Persons liable to Payment of

XXVI. And whereas the Sum to be added to the Composition for Tithes payable out of the several Land liable thereto is herein-before directed

directed to be computed by reference to the Amount of the Sums appearing by every such Memorial and Schedule as aforesaid to remain due and owing for Tithes from and out of such Lands respectively, subject to the Deduction of certain Per-centages herein-before mentioned, and such Deduction is intended as a Bonus to the Persons liable to the Payment of such Compositions, but in some Cases such Persons may be the same Persons by whom such Arrears of Tithes may have been incurred, and it is not just that any Bonus should be afforded to such Persons; be it therefore enacted, That whenever the Person liable to the Payment of the Addition to any Composition payable therewith by the Provisions of this Act shall appear by any such amended Memorial and Schedule and Account as aforesaid to owe any Sum for or on account of any Tithes included therein, such Person shall, over and above such Composition and the Addition payable therewith, be bound to pay on each Occasion of paying such Addition such Sum as shall be equal to Twenty-five Pounds *per Centum* on the Fifth of the Arrears of Tithe due by such Person for the Years One thousand eight hundred and thirty-one and One thousand eight hundred and thirty-two, and Fifteen *per Cent.* on the Fifth of the Arrears of Tithe due by him for the Year One thousand eight hundred and thirty-three; and such Sum, calculated as aforesaid, shall be deemed and taken to be Part of such Compensation, and recoverable as well as the said Addition therewith.

Addition to Composition to be subject to certain Per-centages on the Fifth of Arrears of Tithe due by them for certain Years.

XXVII. And whereas an Act was passed in the last Session of Parliament, intituled *An Act to amend Three Acts, passed respectively in the Fourth, Fifth, and in the Seventh and Eighth Years of the Reign of His late Majesty King* George *the Fourth, providing for the Establishment of Compositions for Tithes in* Ireland, *and to make such Compositions permanent*, whereby it was among other things enacted, that it should be lawful for any Person having in possession any Estate or Interest in Land charged or which may become chargeable with the Payment of any Composition for Tithes, such Person not being a Tenant for any lesser Term than a Term of Twenty-one Years from the Commencement thereof, and any such Person was thereby empowered and entitled to agree for and undertake the Payment of such Composition, on the Terms and in the Manner and subject to the Preference and other Regulations in the said recited Act of the last Session of Parliament contained: And whereas it was by the said last-recited Act further enacted, that the chief Landlord or Lessor seised of any Rent and Reversion in Land charged or which might become chargeable with any such Composition for Tithes should be entitled to agree for and undertake the Payment of such Composition in preference to all other Persons whatsoever, provided that such chief Landlord or Lessor should signify, in manner by the said last-recited Act provided and appointed, his Desire so to do within Six Calendar Months next after the passing of the said last-recited Act: And whereas the Period by the said last-recited Act limited for the Preference of such chief Landlords or Lessors has expired, and it is expedient that further Time should be given to allow such chief Landlords or Lessors to take upon them the Payment of such Compositions; be it therefore enacted, That the chief Landlord or Lessor seised of any Rent or Reversion in

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Chief Landlord or Lessor of Lands chargeable

with Composition for Tithes entitled to undertake Payment of same in Terms of recited Act, in preference to others, provided he shall signify his Desire within 12 Months after passing of this Act.

in Land charged or which may become chargeable with any Composition for Tithes shall be entitled to agree for and undertake the Payment of such Composition on the Terms and in the Manner and subject to the Regulations in the said last-recited Act contained, in preference to all other Persons whatsoever, provided that such Chief Landlord or Lessor shall signify, in manner by the said last-recited Act appointed, his Desire so to do within Twelve Calendar Months next after the passing of this Act: Provided always, that from and after the Expiration of the Period hereby limited for the Preference of such chief Landlords or Lessors it shall and may become lawful for Persons having Estates or Interests derived under such chief Landlords or Lessors, and not being Tenants for any lesser Term than a Term of Twenty-one Years from the Commencement thereof, to agree for and undertake the future Payment of such Compositions, on the Terms, and in the Manner, and subject to the Preference among each other, and to the other Regulations in the said recited Act contained; and provided further, that nothing herein contained shall extend to disturb or invalidate any Agreement or Undertaking for the Payment of such Compositions which may have been entered into before the passing of this Act by any inferior Landlord or Lessor, nor to entitle any superior Landlord to any Preference in such Cases: Provided always, that if such chief Landlord or Lessor as aforesaid shall by Writing under his Hand and Seal renounce his Right to the said Preference hereby given, then it may and shall be lawful for any other Lessor to serve a Notice, and undertake the Duty and Obligation and Liability to Payment, as he could have done by the said recited Act or this Act if the said Twelve Months had expired.

Existing Contracts made by inferior Tenants not to be disturbed.

Production of Title Deeds dispensed with.

XXVIII. And be it further enacted, That the Receipt of Rent, or the Production of any Lease made by any Person claiming any Preference under the said recited Act or this Act, shall be *primâ facie* Evidence of the Estate or Interest of such Person, and that it shall not be necessary for any such Person to produce the Deed, Grant, Conveyance, or Instrument creating such Estate or Interest; any thing in the said recited Act contained to the contrary notwithstanding, unless in the Case of any Dispute as to such Right of Preference being referred to a Master of the Court of Chancery, in manner by the said Act provided, and in such Case such Master shall be at liberty to require the Production of such Deed, Grant, Conveyance, or Instrument, or to receive such other Evidence of the Title and Interest of such Person as to him shall seem fit.

Appeal against Compositions made under Act of last Session on Ground of Excess in the Amount.

XXIX. And be it further enacted, That when any Composition in any Parish shall have been ascertained and fixed by a sole Commissioner nominated by the said Lord Lieutenant, pursuant to the said recited Act of the Second Year of His present Majesty's Reign, it shall and may be lawful for any Seven or more Persons in such Parish, qualified in like Manner as Persons authorized to proceed in execution of the Acts for the establishing of Compositions for Tithes in *Ireland* at any Special Vestry called in such Parish are by such Acts required to be qualified, at any Time within Two Calendar Months after the passing of this Act, to require the Churchwardens of such Parish to summon a Special Vestry for the Purpose of consider-

considering the Propriety of appealing against the Composition so established in such Parish, on the Ground of the Amount of such Composition; and such Churchwardens shall cause public Notice to be given in the usual Manner of giving Notices for holding Vestries that a Special Vestry of Persons qualified according to the Directions of the said recited Acts will be holden on some Day to be named in such Notice, being not less than Seven Days nor more than Fourteen Days from the first Publication thereof, for the Purpose aforesaid; and such Vestry so assembled shall take such Composition into consideration, and may adjourn from Time to Time to any Day or Days not more than Ten Days distant from the first Day of meeting; and if at such Vestry or any Adjournment thereof it shall be determined to appeal against the Composition established in such Parish, such Appeal shall be made to the said Lord Lieutenant in Council, in the Name of such Vestry, on behalf of such Parish; and the Grounds of such Appeal shall be stated in Writing, and signed by the Chairman of such Vestry, and transmitted by him to the Clerk of the Privy Council within Two Days after such Meeting; and it shall be lawful for the said Lord Lieutenant and Council to entertain every Appeal so lodged as aforesaid, and for the Determination thereof to examine into the Nature of the Agreements and Adjudications or other Evidence upon which such Composition may have been calculated, and with regard thereto, at their Pleasure and Discretion, to make such Order for the decreasing the Amount of the Composition stated in the Certificate thereof as to such Lord Lieutenant and Council shall seem fitting; and such Certificate, and the Amount of the Composition ascertained thereby, and the Entry of such Certificate in the Registry of the Diocese, shall be altered and amended in such Manner as shall be directed by such Lord Lieutenant and Council.

Privy Council may refer Appeal to Judge of Assize or Assistant Barrister for his Report.

XXX. Provided, and be it enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for such Lord Lieutenant and Council, if they shall so think fit, to refer the Matter of such Appeal to the next going Judge of Assize or to the Assistant Barrister of the County in which the Parish shall be situate to which such Appeal shall relate, with such Directions as to his Proceeding therein as to them shall seem meet; and such Judge or Assistant Barrister shall, according to such Directions, inquire in open Court into the Matter of such Appeal, and report thereon to the said Lord Lieutenant and Council, who shall, upon due Consideration of such Report, make such Order in respect of the Amount of such Composition so appealed against as to them shall seem fit; and the Certificate and Entry thereof, and Book of Applotment, shall be amended as aforesaid, agreeably to such Order.

If Certificate of Composition not yet laid before Special Vestry to be held for Consideration thereof, such Vestry when holden,

XXXI. Provided always, and be it enacted, That wherever the Certificate of such sole Commissioner, ascertaining and fixing the Amount of any such Composition, shall not have been received by the Churchwardens of any Parish within One Calendar Month after the passing of this Act, then and in such Case the Propriety of appealing against such Composition on the Ground herein-before mentioned shall be determined upon at the Special Vestry to be

assembled may decide on Appeal under this Act as well as under former Acts.

holden, under the Provisions of the said recited Acts for establishing Compositions for Tithes in *Ireland*, for the Consideration of such Certificate; and it shall be lawful for such Vestry to direct that Appeal shall be made against such Certificate on the Ground herein-before mentioned, as well as on account of any thing contained in such Certificate or omitted therefrom to the Prejudice of such Parish, as by the said Acts provided; and in such Case it shall not be lawful to hold any second Special Vestry for the Consideration of the Propriety of appealing against such Composition on the Ground herein-before mentioned; any thing herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Costs on Appeal.

XXXII. And be it enacted, That on the Hearing and Decision of any Appeal which may be made under the Provision of this Act against any Composition established by any sole Commissioner as aforesaid, such Costs as the said Lord Lieutenant, with the Advice and Consent of the said Privy Council, shall think fit to adjudge and direct, shall be paid to or by any Party appealing or appealed against.

Pending Appeal, Proceedings for Relief under this Act suspended.

XXXIII. Provided, and be it further enacted, That no Proceeding shall be taken upon any Application for Relief under this Act in any Case where any Tithes payable under a Composition shall be included in the Memorial of the Applicant, until the Periods by this Act and the said recited Acts for establishing Compositions for Tithes respectively limited for making Appeal against such Composition shall have expired; and in any Case in which such Appeal shall be made all such Proceedings upon such Application shall be suspended until the Determination thereof; and upon such Determination the Memorial and Schedule by which such Application may have been made shall, if need be, be transmitted to the Memorialist, to be by him amended and returned to the said Lord Lieutenant and Council, if he shall so think fit; and upon the Return of any such Memorial and Schedule all such Proceedings as by this Act directed in respect of any Application for Relief thereunder shall and may be taken in respect thereof, although the Time limited by this Act for the making Applications for Relief thereunder shall have expired: Provided always, that such Memorial and Schedule shall be returned within Six Weeks after the same shall have been so transmitted to the Memorialist.

If Amount of Composition altered, Book of Applotment to be altered also.

XXXIV. And be it further enacted, That whenever, upon any Appeal made under this Act or any of the Acts in force for establishing Compositions for Tithes in *Ireland*, the Lord Lieutenant and Council shall make Order for altering the Amount of any Composition or Apportionment thereof, such Order shall relate to and take effect from such Time as such Lord Lieutenant and Council shall think fit to declare; and the Book of Applotment shall in all such Cases be altered and amended as such Lord Lieutenant and Council shall direct.

Tithe Composition shall

XXXV. And whereas by the Acts now in force in *Ireland* for the establishing Compositions for Tithes such Compositions are payable

payable by Two equal half-yearly Payments, one on the First Day of *May* and one on the First Day of *November* in each Year, and it is expedient that such Compositions should be made payable by One yearly Payment on the First Day of *November* in every Year; be it therefore enacted, That so much of the said Acts as authorizes or directs the Collection or Levy of such Compositions by Two equal half-yearly Payments, the one whereof to become due on the First Day of *May* and the other on the First Day of *November* in each and every Year, shall be repealed, and that the Amount of such Compositions shall be collected and levied by One yearly Payment which shall become due on the First Day of *November* in each and every Year, and which shall and may be recovered by all such Ways and Means as by the said recited Acts provided for the Recovery of any such half-yearly Payment as aforesaid.

be henceforth payable by One yearly Payment on the 1st Day of November in each Year.

XXXVI. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the said Lord Lieutenant to order and direct that any such Sum or Sums of Money as he shall think necessary shall from Time to Time be advanced out of the Produce of the Consolidated Fund arising in *Ireland* for the defraying of any Expences to be incurred in the carrying this Act into execution, not exceeding the Sum of Two hundred Pounds for carrying the same into Execution in any one County; and that all such Advances shall be made to such Persons, at such Times, in such Manner, and under such Rules and Regulations, as shall from Time to Time be ordered and directed by such Lord Lieutenant, and as shall be signified in the usual Manner by the Chief Secretary of such Lord Lieutenant, or in his Absence by the Under Secretary; and that a Certificate of the Amount of the Money so advanced for carrying this Act into execution in each County, under the Hand of such Chief Secretary or Under Secretary, shall be sent to the Treasurer of the County for which such Money shall have been so advanced; and such Treasurer shall lay such Certificate before the Grand Jury of such County at the next Assizes; and such Grand Jury shall and they are hereby required to present the Amount stated in such Certificate to be raised off such County in the same Manner as any Money presented by any Grand Jury may by Law be raised therefrom; and it shall not be lawful for the Court at any such Assizes to fiat any Presentment for raising any other Money until such Presentment for the Repayment of such Advances be first made and allowed; and whenever the Amount stated in such Certificate shall be levied, the same shall be paid over to the Collector of Excise of the District (or in such other Manner as the Commissioners of the Treasury shall direct), and the Monies so arising shall be applied to replace the Sums so advanced out of the said Consolidated Fund.

Lord Lieutenant may order Advance of Money not exceeding 200*l.* from Consolidated Fund for executing this Act in any County; to be repaid by Grand Jury Presentment.

XXXVII. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Lord Lieutenant of *Ireland*, at his Discretion, to appoint, by Warrant under his Hand, for the Duty of presiding at the Special Sessions to be held under the Provisions of this Act in any County, any Barrister or Barristers of not less than Six Years standing at the *Irish* Bar, to be Assistant to or Deputies of the Assistant Barrister or Chairman; and that all the Powers, Duties, and Authorities given

Lord Lieutent may appoint Barristers of Six Years standing to preside at Special Sessions under this Act.

or imposed by this Act to or upon any Assistant Barrister or Chairman are and shall be by virtue of such Warrant given to and imposed upon such Assistants or Deputies; and that all Acts to be done by such Deputies or Assistants shall be of the same Efficacy in Law as if done by the Assistant Barrister or Chairman upon whom such Duties would have otherwise devolved under this Act; and that all such and the like Fees as would have been payable to any such Assistant Barrister or Chairman at any Special Sessions under the Provisions of this Act shall be paid and payable, for his own Use, to the Deputy or Assistant who may by virtue of such Warrant preside at such Special Sessions; and it shall and may be lawful for the said Lord Lieutenant to grant to any Barrister acting under any such Warrant such Remuneration, in addition to the Amount of Fees so received by him, as such Lord Lieutenant shall think fit, but so that the Amount of such Fees, together with such additional Remuneration, shall not in the whole exceed Five Guineas for each Day during which he may be so employed, over and above his travelling or other Expences; and every such Barrister, after the Termination of his last Sitting, shall lay or cause to be laid before the said Lord Lieutenant a Statement of the Amount of such Fees, and of the Number of Days during which he shall have been employed, and an Account of the travelling and other Expences incurred by him in respect of such Employment, and such Lord Lieutenant shall make an Order for the Amount to be paid to such Barrister out of the Consolidated Fund.

All Proceedings under this Act exempt from Stamp Duty.

XXXVIII. And be it further enacted, That no Stamp Duty shall be paid or chargeable upon any Proceeding, Order, Copy, Instrument, Document, Receipt, or other Matter or Thing occurring, used in, or occasioned by any Proceeding under this Act; any other Act or Acts, or any Law or Usage, to the contrary hereof notwithstanding.

Persons who swear falsely shall suffer as for Perjury.

XXXIX. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons who shall make or take any Oath or Affidavit under or in pursuance of the Provisions of this Act, and therein wilfully or knowingly swear or answer falsely to any Matter or Thing, every such Person, being duly convicted thereof, shall incur and suffer such Penalties, Pains, and Disabilities as Persons convicted of wilful and corrupt Perjury are by Law liable to.

Interpretation of Words and Expressions in this Act.

XL. And be it enacted, That the Words "Lord Lieutenant" or "Lord Lieutenant of *Ireland*", wheresoever used in this Act, shall extend to and include any Lords Justices or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland* for the Time being; and the Words "Commissioners of the Treasury" shall be construed to mean any Three or more of such Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, or the Lord High Treasurer of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, and whenever such Officer there shall be; and the Words "any Person entitled to any Tithes" shall be construed to extend to and include all Ecclesiastical Persons, and Bodies Corporate, Sole, or Aggregate, Lay or Ecclesiastical or Collegiate, and all Incumbents of Parishes, whether Rectors, Vicars, or Curates, and all Impropriators and Appropriators, and every Person or Persons whomsoever being the Owner or Owners

of or entitled in any Manner whatsoever, at Law or in Equity, in his, her, or their own Right, or as Trustees, Devisees, Personal Representatives, Lessees, or otherwise, to any Tithes or Portion or Portions of Tithes, or Composition established in lieu of Tithes, or Portion or Portions of such Composition; and the Word "Tithes" shall extend and be applied to any Composition for Tithes or Portion of Tithes, or Portion of a Composition for Tithes, as well as to Tithes; and the Word "Composition" shall extend and be applied to any Portion or Portions of a Composition as well as to a Composition; and the Word "County" shall extend and be applied to any Riding, County of a City, or County of a Town as well as a County at large; and the Word "Parish" shall extend and be applied to any Extra-parochial Place or Places separately chargeable with any Composition for Tithes as well as to a Parish; and wheresoever the Word "Landlord" or "Person" or "Memorialist" is used in this Act, the Provision shall extend to and include the Heirs, Executors, Administrators, or Assigns of such Landlord or Person or Memorialist; and every Word importing the Singular Number only shall extend and be applied to several Persons or Things as well as one Person or Thing, and every Word importing the Masculine Gender only shall extend and be applied to a Female as well as a Male, save and except where in the Use of any of the Words or Expressions aforesaid the Nature of the Provision or the Context shall exclude such Construction.

Act may be altered this Session.

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

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