CAP. VI.

An Act to indemnify the Governor General and other Persons in respect of certain Acts done in the Administration of the Government of the *British* Territories in the *East Indies* subsequent to the Twenty-second Day of *April* One thousand eight hundred and thirty-four, and to make those Acts valid. [13th *April* 1835.]

'WHEREAS under and by virtue of an Act of Parliament made and passed in the Fourth Year of the Reign of His
3 & 4 W. 4. c. 85. 'present Majesty, intituled *An Act for effecting an Arrangement* 'with the East India *Company, and for the better Government of* 'His Majesty's Indian *Territories, till the Thirtieth Day of* April 'One thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, the Superintendence, 'Direction, and Control of the whole Civil and Military Government of all the *British* Territories and Revenues in *India* is 'vested in a Governor General and Councillors, styled "The 'Governor General of *India* in Council;" and it is thereby enacted 'that there shall be Four Ordinary Members of the said Council, 'to be appointed by the Court of Directors of the said Company, 'as therein mentioned; and it is thereby enacted that the Person 'who should be Governor General of the Presidency of *Fort* 'William in *Bengal* on the Twenty-second Day of *April* One 'thousand eight hundred and thirty-four should be the First Governor General of *India* under that Act, and that such Persons as 'should be Members of Council of the same Presidency on that 'Day should be respectively Members of the Council constituted 'by that Act; and it is also enacted that the said Council shall 'from Time to Time assemble at such Place or Places as shall be 'appointed by the said Governor General in Council within the 'said Territories; and various Provisions are made for the Administration of the Government of the said Territories, all of which 'it is thereby enacted shall commence and take effect from and 'after the Twenty-second Day of *April* then next, (that is to say,) 'from and after the Twenty-second Day of *April* One thousand 'eight hundred and thirty-four: And whereas by a Commission 'under the Seal of the Honorable the *East India* Company, bearing Date the Twenty-seventh Day of *December* One thousand 'eight hundred and thirty-three, duly issued by Order of the Court 'of Directors of the said Company in that Behalf, the said Court 'did appoint Lord *William Cavendish Bentinck* to be Governor 'General of *India*, to take upon himself the said Office upon and 'from the Twenty-second Day of *April* One thousand eight hundred 'and thirty-four, and did further appoint *William Blunt* Esquire, 'Alexander *Ross* Esquire, *William Byam Martin* Esquire, and 'Thomas *Babington Macaulay* Esquire, to be respectively the First, 'Second, Third, and Fourth Ordinary Members of the said Council; and by another Commission bearing the same Date the said 'Court did appoint Sir *Charles Theophilus Metcalfe* Baronet to be 'Governor of the Presidency of *Agra*, which Presidency is by the 'said recited Act directed to be constituted, to take upon himself 'the said Office upon and from the said Twenty-second Day of 'April One thousand eight hundred and thirty-four: And whereas

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'under and by virtue of the former Appointments of the Court 'of Directors of the said Company at the Time of issuing the said 'Commissions, and from thence until the Twenty-second of *April* 'One thousand eight hundred and thirty-four, the said Lord '*William Cavendish Bentinck* was Governor of the Presidency of '*Fort William* in *Bengal*, and the said Sir *Charles Theophilus* '*Metcalfe* and the said *William Blunt* and *Alexander Ross* were 'respectively Members of the Council of the said Presidency, and 'in virtue of the Provisions of former Acts the said Sir *Charles* '*Theophilus Metcalfe* was also Vice President of the said Council: 'And whereas on the said Twenty-second Day of *April* One thou-'sand eight hundred and thirty-four the said Lord *William Caven-'dish Bentinck* was, in consequence of Ill-health, at *Ootacamund* in 'the Presidency of *Madras*, and the said Sir *Charles Theophilus* '*Metcalfe* and the aforesaid *William Blunt* were at *Calcutta*, and 'the said *Alexander Ross*, *William Byam Martin*, and *Thomas* '*Babington Macaulay* were not in the *East Indies*, and Lieutenant 'Colonel *William Morrison*, who had been appointed by the said 'Court a Provisional Councillor of *India*, was in *Mysore*; and for 'these and other Reasons the Government of the said Presidency 'and other the Territories belonging to the *East India* Company 'in *India* was administered for a Time otherwise than in accordance 'with the said recited Act; and it is expedient that the said Lord '*William Cavendish Bentinck*, and Sir *Charles Theophilus Metcalfe* 'and *William Blunt*, and all other Persons by whom the said 'Government was so administered, and all Persons acting under 'the Order of them or of any or either of them, should be indem-'nified in manner herein-after mentioned, and their Acts rendered 'valid:' 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 the said Lord *William Cavendish Bentinck*, Sir *Charles Theophilus Metcalfe*, and *William Blunt*, and also the several Persons who at any Time after the said Twenty-second Day of *April* One thousand eight hundred and thirty-four were or acted as Members of the Council of *India*, and also all Persons acting under the Authority of them or any or either of them, shall be and they are jointly and severally hereby indemnified, freed, and discharged from and against all Actions, Suits, Prosecutions, and Penalties whatsoever, for or on account or in respect of all or any Acts, Matters, and Things whatsoever done, ordered, directed, or authorized by the said Governor General and Vice President and Members of Council, or any or either of them, or by any Person or Persons acting under the Authority of them or of any or either of them; so only and provided that such Acts, Matters, and Things shall have been done, ordered, directed, or authorized *bonâ fide* in the Exercise of the Administration of the Government of the *British* Territories in the *East Indies*, between the said Twenty-second Day of *April* One thousand eight hundred and thirty-four and the First Day of *January* One thousand eight hundred and thirty-five.

Governor General, Vice President, and Members of Council in India, &c. indemnified for all Acts done by them between 22d April 1834 and 1st January 1835;

II. And be it further enacted and declared, That all such Acts, Matters, and Things shall be as valid and effectual, and shall be and be deemed to be of as much Force, Validity, and Effect, as if the same had been expressly authorized by the said recited Act.

and such Acts to be valid.