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An Abstract of the Act passed in this Tenth Year of His Majesty's Reign, Intituled, An Act for explaining and amending an Act of the last Session of Parliament, Intituled, An Act to oblige all Persons, being Papists, in that Part of Great Britain called Scotland, and all Persons in Great Britain, refusing or neglecting to take the Oaths appointed for the Security of His Majesty's Person and Government, by several Acts herein mentioned, to Register their Names and real Estates, and for enlarging the Time for taking the said Oaths, and making such Registers, and for allowing farther Time for the Enrolment of Deeds or Wills made by Papists, which have been omitted to be entrolled, pursuant to an Act of the Third Year of His Majesty's Reign; and also for giving Relief to Protestant Lessees.

THE Preamble recites the said former Act so to be explained and amended, and then it is enacted, That nothing in the said recited Act contained shall be construed to extend to oblige any Woman whatsoever to take the said Oaths, or to take and subscribe the said Oaths, and subscribe the said Assurance, or to register her Name, or real Estate; nor to oblige any Persons whatsoever to take the said Oaths, or to take and subscribe the said Oaths, and subscribe the said Assurance, or to register their Names, and real Estates, who had only an Estate or Interest in Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, in Reversion, or Remainder Expectant, upon the Determination of any Estate-Tail, or Estate for Life or Lives, or for Years determinable on any Life or Lives, (where no Rent was reserved on such Estate for Life or Lives, or for Years) or who had only an Estate or Interest in Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, as Mortgages, or by way of Security for Money, or Relief of any Engagement, or by way of Warranty, not being in the actual Possession thereof, or who had only an Estate or Interest in Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, in Trust for some other Person or Persons, and not for their own Use or Benefit; or who had only an Estate or Interest in Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, as Tenants or Farmers, by virtue of any Lease or Leases, whereupon two Thirds of the full yearly Value, or more, were reserved; or who had not at some Time, between the Twenty seventh Day of May, and the Twenty fifth Day of December, in the Year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and twenty three, any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, of the clear yearly Value of Ten Pounds, or upwards, over and above all Reprises whereof they, or some Person or Persons in Trust for them, or for their Benefit, were in the Possession and Receipt of the Rents or Profits; or who had at any Time, before the Twenty seventh Day of May, in the Year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and twenty three, taken the Oaths prescribed and appointed by the said Act, made in the First Year of His Majesty's Reign, in either House of Parliament, or in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at Westminster, or at any General or Quarter-Sessions of the Peace; or who had, at any Time before the said Twenty seventh Day of May, One thousand seven hundred and twenty three, taken and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance, subscribed the Assurance,

and taken and signed the Oath of Abjuration, as directed to be taken and subscribed by the said last mentioned Act, or any subsequent Act, in the Court of Session, Court of Justiciary or Exchequer in Scotland, or at any Quarter-Sessions of the Peace, or before any Sheriffs or Stewarts, or their Deputies, in open Court, held for some Shire, Stewartry, City, or Burgh, in Scotland, or as a Justice or Justices of the Peace, or as Magistrate or Town-Counsellor of any Royal Borough, or Voter for a Representative in Parliament for any County or Place in Scotland respectively: But all and every such Person and Persons are thereby declared to be freed, indemnified, and discharged, and are thereby freed, indemnified, and discharged from all Penalties and Forfeitures for or by Reason of his, her, or their not taking the said Oaths, or not taking and subscribing the said Oaths, and subscribing the said Assurance, or not registering his, her, or their Names, and real Estates, in pursuance of the said recited Act.

And for enlarging the Time for taking the said Oaths, within England, Wales, and the Town of Berwick upon Tweed, and for taking and subscribing the said Oaths, and subscribing the said Assurance, within Scotland, by Persons by the said Act obliged and intended to take and subscribe the same, or any of them respectively, or in Default thereof, for registering the Names and real Estates of such Persons; it is further enacted, That all and every Person and Persons who, by the true Intent and Meaning of the said recited Act, according to the Declaration before-mentioned, was or were required to take the said Oaths, or to take and subscribe the said Oaths, and subscribe the said Assurance, not having taken and subscribed the same respectively, pursuant to the Directions of the said recited Act, shall take the said Oaths, or take and subscribe the said Oaths, and subscribe the said Assurance, in some of the Courts or Places wherein the same were in and by the said recited Act appointed to be taken by such Person and Persons respectively, or in such Court or Place, and in such Manner, as is by this Act directed, on or before the Twenty eighth Day of November, One thousand seven hundred and twenty four, and thereupon shall be discharged from any Obligation to register his or their Names and real Estate or Estates, in pursuance of the said recited Act; and in Default of taking the said Oaths, or taking and subscribing the said Oaths, and subscribing the said Assurance respectively, as the Case shall require, in such Manner, and within such Time, as is for that Purpose above-mentioned, all and every such Person and Persons shall, on or before the Twenty fourth Day of June, One thousand seven hundred and twenty five, register, or cause or procure to be registred, his or their Name or Names, and all such Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, whereof he or they, or any Person or Persons in Trust for him or them, or for his or their Benefit, shall be in Possession, or in the Receipt or Perception of the Rents or Profits which shall be situate, lying, or arising within Great Britain, in such Courts and Places, and in such Manner and Form, as are after for that Purpose respectively directed and appointed.

And it is further enacted, That every such Registry shall express in what Parish, Township, Burgh, or Place,

Place such Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, and every Part thereof lie or arise, and who, for the Time being, is or are the Possessor or Possessors thereof, and of every Part thereof, and what Estate or Interest he or they, whose Name or Names is or shall be so registred respectively, have in the same, and every Part and Parcel thereof respectively, and the annual Value thereof, or the yearly Rent reserved to him or them for the same (if the same shall be Lett) and if the same shall be Lett by Lease for any certain Term, then by whom such Lease was made, what yearly or other Rent is reserved thereupon, and what Fine or Sum of Money was paid for such Lease thereof, in case the same was made by the Person making such Registry, or any Person in Trust for him, or that he was Party or Privy thereunto, and the Time and Day of the Month and Year when such Registry shall be made, which Registry shall be entered in a Parchment Book or Books, Roll or Rolls, which shall be kept by the Clerk of the Peace for every County, Riding, and Division where such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments shall respectively lie, arise, or be, within England, Wales, or the Town of Berwick upon Tweed; and if such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments shall lie, arise, or be within Scotland, then by the Sheriff or Sheriff Depute of such Shire or County wherein the same shall respectively lie, arise, or be, or by the Keeper of the General Registry of Seisins at Edinburgh.

And every Person, whose Name shall or ought to be registred, as aforesaid, is required to take Care that his Name be, within the Time allowed for making such Registry, subscribed to such Registry, or Entry in the said Books or Rolls, at the General or Quarter-Sessions of the Peace, in the Presence of two or more Justices of the Peace for the County, Riding, or Division where such Registry shall be made in England, Wales, or the Town of Berwick upon Tweed; and where such Registry shall be made in Scotland, in open Court before such Sheriff or Sheriff Depute, or the Keeper of the General Registry of Seisins at Edinburgh by himself, whose Name and Estate shall be so registred, or by his Attorney or Attornies thereunto lawfully authorized by Letter of Attorney under his Hand and Seal, executed by him in the Presence of two or more Witnesses, one of which Witnesses, at the least, shall make Proof of such Execution upon Oath, in the Court or Place where such Name shall be subscribed, or Registry produced; and the Justices of the said Court of General or Quarter-Sessions, Sheriffs, and Sheriffs Deputes, and the Keeper of the General Registry of Seisins at Edinburgh, are respectively impowered and required to examine such Witnesses upon Oath for that Purpose; and two of the Justices of the Peace then present, or such Sheriff or Sheriff Depute, or the Keeper of the General Registry of Seisins at Edinburgh, shall subscribe his or their Names to every such Entry, which shall be so made before them, as Witnesses that the same was duly made, as aforesaid, and in Default thereof, each of the said Justices then present, or the said Sheriff or Sheriff Depute, or the Keeper of the General Registry of Seisins at Edinburgh, shall forfeit Twenty Pounds to the King.

And all and every such Clerk and Clerks of the Peace, Sheriffs or Sheriffs Deputes, are respectively required to keep Parchment Books or Parchment Rolls at some notorious Place in the County, Shire, Riding, or Division, in which they shall act as Clerks of the Peace, Sheriffs or Sheriffs Deputes; and the Keeper of the General Registry of Seisins at Edinburgh, shall keep such Books or Rolls in his publick Office there, and all such Officers respectively shall, by themselves or their lawful Deputies, register and enter in the said Books or Rolls the Christian and Surnames of all and every such Person or Persons, who shall come in Person, and desire to be registred, as aforesaid,

or shall send any Writing under his or their Hands to such Officers or their Deputies, respectively, desiring him or them to register his or their Name or Names; and shall also register the Estates in Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments of every such Person and Persons, in such Manner, and in such Words, as he or they shall, by any Writing, signed by him or them respectively, desire such Officer, or Officers, or his or their Deputy or Deputies respectively, to register the same; Provided the Person or Persons, who desire such Registry to be made, shall tender and pay to such Officer or Officers, or his or their lawful Deputy or Deputies, the Fees appointed to be paid unto him or them for such Registering, and so that they apply to him or them to enter such Registry, and deliver to him or them in Writing, the Words he or they respectively desire to have so registred or entered Ten Days at the least before the holding of the General or Quarter-Sessions, or Sheriffs Court, where the Entries thereof are to be subscribed, as aforesaid; and such Officer or Officers, his or their lawful Deputy or Deputies, shall respectively enter such Persons Names, and Registry of their Estates, before the next General or Quarter-Sessions of the Peace, or Sheriffs Court, or in case of such Registry in the General Registry of Seisins at Edinburgh, within Ten Days after such Delivery in the said Books or Rolls, and every such Clerk of the Peace, Sheriff or Sheriff Depute, shall carry the said Books and Rolls, in which such Entries shall be so made, with him or them to the next, and every other General or Quarter-Sessions of the Peace, or Sheriffs Court, to be held for the County, Riding, Division, or Place, where such Entry shall be made respectively, until the Time of such subscribing the same shall be expired, to the end that all and every the Persons registering, as aforesaid, or their respective Attorney or Attornies, may have an Opportunity to come to the said Sessions, or Sheriffs Court, and subscribe the Names of the Persons so to be registred to the same; and every such Clerk of the Peace, Sheriff, and Sheriff Depute, and the Keeper of the General Registry of Seisins at Edinburgh, shall keep Alphabetical Tables of the Surnames of all and every such Person and Persons, whose Names and Estates shall be so registred in his Books or Rolls respectively, and of the Parishes and Townships where the Lands so registred lie, with reference to the Place in the Book or Books, Roll or Rolls, where such Claims and Lands shall be registred; and shall also carefully keep all such Letters of Attorney as shall be so proved, as aforesaid, upon a File, together with such Books and Rolls, and shall likewise enter such Letters of Attorney upon Record, and shall have for such Registry and Entering on Record, a Fee of Three Pence for every Two hundred Words contained in such Registry and Entry on Record, and no more, to be paid by the Persons registering the same, and shall also have the Sum of Four Pence, and no more, for every Search that shall be made for the Name or Estate of any Person, and is required, on the Request of any Person or Persons, who shall pay or tender such Fees, to make such Search, and to permit and suffer such Person or Persons to inspect the said Tables, Books, and Rolls, and such Letters of Attorney, as shall be so filed, and to give Copies of such Registries, subscribed by himself or his lawful Deputy, to every Person and Persons who shall desire such Copies, and tender him the Fees appointed to be paid for the same, and shall suffer such Person, who shall request him so to do, to examine the same with the Rolls or Books by him kept, and for so doing shall take a Fee of Three Pence for every Two hundred Words contained in every such Copy as shall be so taken, and no more; and if any Clerk of the Peace, Sheriff or Sheriff Depute, or Keeper of the General Registry of Seisins at Edinburgh, shall neglect or refuse to do any of the Matters or Things appointed to be done

done by him, and be thereof lawfully convicted, he shall forfeit his Office, and shall also forfeit One hundred Pounds to the Party grieved, to be recovered by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint or Information in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at Westminster, in case such Offence be committed in that Part of Great Britain called England, Wales, or the Town of Berwick upon Tweed; and in case such Offence be committed in that Part of Great Britain called Scotland, then to be recovered in His Majesty's Court of Exchequer in Scotland.

And it is further enacted, That where it shall happen that any Manor, or reputed Manor, Demesne Lands, or entire Farm, shall lie in more Counties than one, the Registering of such Manor, Demesne Lands or Farms, or of any Rent or Fine issuing thereout, or charged thereupon, in the County only where the Manor-House, or the House or Houses for the said Farm or Lands do lie, and not in several Counties, (it being expressed in such Registering, that the same do extend into such other County or Counties) shall be a sufficient Registering of such entire Manor, Farm, or Lands, within the true Intent and Meaning of the Act.

And it is further enacted, That the respective Clerks of the Peace shall, before the Twenty ninth Day of September, One thousand seven hundred and twenty five, sign and return the Copies of such Registries, made within England, Wales, and the Town of Berwick upon Tweed, into the Office of the King's Remembrancer of the Court of Exchequer at Westminster, there to be kept; and the Keeper of the General Registry of Seisins at Edinburgh, and the several Sheriffs or Sheriffs Deputes, shall, before the Twenty ninth Day of September, One thousand seven hundred and twenty five, sign and return true Copies of such Registries made in Scotland, into the Office of the King's Remembrancer of the Court of Exchequer in Scotland, there to be kept.

And it is further enacted, That in case any Person or Persons who, by the true Intent and Meaning of the said recited Act, according to the Declaration before-mentioned, was or were required to take the said Oaths, or to take and subscribe the said Oaths, and subscribe the said Assurance, not having taken and subscribed the same respectively, pursuant to the Directions of the said recited Act, shall neglect to take the said Oaths, or to take and subscribe the said Oaths, and subscribe the said Assurance respectively, as the Case shall require, and shall not register, or cause to be registred his or their Name and Names, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, required to be registred in such Courts and Places, in such Manner, and within such Times, as are before respectively appointed and limited for the doing thereof; all and every Person and Persons, so offending, shall forfeit the full Value of One Year's Rents and Profits of all such Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments not registred, which he or they ought to have registred in pursuance of this Act; two Third Parts thereof to His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, and the other Third Part thereof to such Person or Persons who shall sue for the same, by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at Westminster, where such Forfeitures shall arise within England, Wales, or the Town of Berwick upon Tweed, or in His Majesty's Court of Exchequer in Scotland, where such Forfeitures shall arise within that Part of Great Britain called Scotland.

Provided, That if any Person or Persons, who is or are required to take the said Oaths, or to take and subscribe the said Oaths, and subscribe the said Assurance, or to make such Registry, as aforesaid, shall, on the Twenty first Day of April, One thousand seven hundred and twenty four, be in Prison, or beyond the Seas, or *Non compos mentis*, or absolutely disabled by Sickness, or other Infirmary, from resorting to a proper Court to take the said Oaths, and shall continue so in Prison, beyond the Seas, *Non compos mentis*, or under such Disability, until the First Day of November,

One thousand seven hundred and twenty four; then, and in every such Case, if such Person or Persons shall take the said Oaths, or take and subscribe the said Oaths, and subscribe the said Assurance respectively, as the Case shall require, in such Court or Place, and in such Manner, as is hereby before appointed, within the Space of Six Months after his or their Enlargement out of Prison, Return from beyond the Seas, becoming of sound Mind, or such Disability removed, or in Default thereof, shall, within the Space of Six Months, after such Default made, register, or cause to be registred, his or their Name or Names, and all such Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, as are before required and intended to be registred; then and in every such Case, all and every such Person and Persons shall be taken and adjudged to have complied with the true Intent and Meaning of the Act, and shall be absolutely indemnified from all Penalties and Forfeitures thereby inflicted: Provided, That nothing in the said recited Act, or in this Act contained, shall extend, or be construed to extend to oblige any Person or Persons whatsoever to take the said Oaths, or to take and subscribe the said Oaths, and subscribe the said Assurance, or to register his or their Name or Names, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or any of them, who, upon the Twenty first Day of April, One thousand seven hundred and twenty four, shall be of the Age of Seventy Years, or upwards.

Provided That no Action or Suit whatsoever, for any Penalty or Forfeiture for not taking the said Oaths, or not taking and subscribing the said Oaths, and subscribing the said Assurance, or for not registering of Names, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, in pursuance of this Act, shall be commenced or brought against any Person or Persons, after the Space of Six Months, to be accounted from the time of the Offence committed.

And it is further enacted, That so much of the said recited Act, as inflicts any Forfeiture of the Fee-Simple or Inheritance, or of any Estate or Interest in any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, for or on Account of not taking the said Oaths, or not taking and subscribing the said Oaths, and subscribing the said Assurance, or not registering the Names and real Estates of any Person or Persons, shall be repealed and made void.

And then it recites an Act made in the Eighth Year of His Majesty's Reign, (Intituled, *An Act for granting the People called Quakers, such Forms of Affirmation or Declaration, as may remove the Difficulties which many of them lie under,*) and afterwards Declares and Enacts, That all and every Person and Persons, being of the People called Quakers, who hath or have, at any time heretofore, in any of the Courts or Places aforesaid, made and subscribed, or who shall, in any of the said Courts or Places, within the respective Times by this Act before limited and appointed, make and subscribe the Declaration of Fidelity, and take the Effect of the Abjuration Oath, appointed by the said recited Act of the Eighth Year of His Majesty's Reign; all and every such Quaker and Quakers, so having taken and subscribed, or who shall, as aforesaid, take and subscribe such Declaration of Fidelity, and Effect of the Abjuration Oath, hath and have complied, and shall be deemed and taken to have complied with the true Intent and Meaning of the said recited Act of the last Session of Parliament, and of this Act, and shall be discharged from all Penalties and Forfeitures for not taking the said Oaths, or not registering his or their Estate or Estates.

And it is further enacted, That if any Person or Persons, being a Protestant or Protestants, in that Part of Great Britain called Scotland, hath or have taken and subscribed, or shall, within the respective Times by this Act limited, take and subscribe the Oath, appointed to be taken by Ministers and Preachers in Scotland, by an Act of the Fifth Year of His present Majesty's Reign, (Intituled, *An Act for making more effectual the Laws,* appointing

appointing the Oaths for Security of the Government to be taken by Ministers and Preachers in Churches and Meeting-Houses in Scotland) instead and lieu of the Abjuration Oath, such Person and Persons shall be deemed and taken to have complied with the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, in as full and ample Manner, as if such Person had taken the said Oath of Abjuration, and shall not incur any of the Penalties or Forfeitures inflicted by this Act.

And for the better Discovery of Papists, and reputed Papists, in that Part of Great Britain called Scotland, it is further enacted, That all Papists, reputed Papists, and Persons professing the Popish Religion in Scotland, as aforesaid, shall, (if required) at the Time of taking and subscribing the Oaths of Allegiance and Abjuration, and repeating and subscribing the Assurance, as is herein before directed and required, make and subscribe the Declaration called the *Formula*, as the same is recited in an Act of Parliament of Scotland, passed in the Year One thousand seven hundred, (intituled, *An Act for preventing the Growth of Popery*) and in case such Papist, or reputed Papist, shall neglect or refuse to make and subscribe the said *Formula*, at such Time and Times, as are herein before directed, such Papist, or reputed Papist, shall be obliged to register, or cause to be registered his or their Names, and all such Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, as are hereby required and intended to be registered, in such Manner and Form, and within such Time, as are herein before directed, or in Default thereof shall be liable to and incur the like Penalties and Forfeitures, as are by this Act inflicted and enacted against such Persons, as shall neglect, or refuse to take the several Oaths appointed by this Act to be taken, or, in case of such Refusal, shall neglect to make, or cause to be made such Registry as aforesaid.

And it is enacted, That for taking and subscribing the Oaths and Assurance, appointed by this Act, or the said recited Act, Three Pence shall be paid, and no more; and for any Certificate thereof (if required) Six Pence, and no more.

And it is further enacted, That upon any Tryal to be had in any Suit or Prosecution to be commenced for any Penalty or Forfeiture for not taking the said Oaths, or not taking and subscribing the said Oaths, or subscribing the said Assurance, or for not making such Registry, as aforesaid, a Certificate, that the Defendant, in such Suit or Prosecution, had in any of the Courts or Places aforesaid, taken the said Oaths, or taken and subscribed the said Oaths, and subscribed the said Assurance, or made and subscribed such Declaration of Fidelity, or taken the Effect of the Abjuration Oath (in case such Defendant be one of the People called Quakers) or taken the said Oath appointed to be taken by Ministers and Preachers in Scotland instead of the Abjuration Oath (in case such Defendant be a Protestant, residing within that Part of Great Britain called Scotland) such Certificate, being made under the Hand of the proper Officer of such Court or Place, usually making such Certificates, shall be allowed as Evidence of such Defendants having taken the said Oaths, or taken and subscribed the said Oaths, and subscribed the said Assurance, or having made and subscribed such Declaration of Fidelity, or taken the Effect of the Abjuration Oath respectively, as aforesaid.

And it is further enacted, That if any Officer shall knowingly give or sign a false Certificate of any Person having taken the said Oaths, or taken and subscribed the said Oaths, and subscribed the said Assurance, or any of them, or having made and subscribed such Declaration of Fidelity, or taken the Effect of the Abjuration Oath, as aforesaid, or if any Person shall forge, raise, alter, or counterfeit any such Certificate or Certificates, or shall personate any other Person, or cause or procure any Person to personate another Person in taking the said Oaths, or in taking and subscribing the said Oaths, and subscribing the said Assurance, or any of them, or in making and sub-

scribing such Declaration of Fidelity, or taking the Effect of the Abjuration Oath, as aforesaid, in any of the Courts or Places aforesaid, every Officer so offending, being thereof lawfully convicted on an Indictment or Information, shall forfeit his Office, and shall also forfeit One Hundred Pounds, one Moiety thereof to His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, and the other Moiety to him or them who shall sue for the same, by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at Westminster, in case such Offence shall be committed within England, Wales, or the Town of Berwick upon Tweed, or in His Majesty's Court of Exchequer in Scotland, in case such Offence shall be committed within Scotland: And every Person offending in any other of the Premises, being thereof lawfully convicted on an Indictment or Information, shall incur and suffer such Penalties, Forfeitures and Disabilities, as Persons convicted of wilful and corrupt Perjury at the Common Law are liable unto, in case such Offence shall be committed within England, Wales, or the Town of Berwick upon Tweed; and in case such Offence shall be committed in Scotland, then every such Offender, being thereof lawfully convicted, shall incur and suffer such Penalties, Forfeitures, and Disabilities, as Persons convicted of wilful Perjury by the Law of Scotland are liable unto: And in every such case of a false Certificate, or of any Person personating another Person in taking the said Oaths, or in taking and subscribing the said Oaths, and subscribing the said Assurance, or any of them, or in making and subscribing such Declaration of Fidelity, or taking the Effect of the Abjuration Oath, as aforesaid, all and every the Certificate and Certificates, Record and Records thereof, shall be wholly void and of none Effect: Provided, That if any Person or Persons have or hath already registered his, her, or their Real Estate or Estates, or any Part thereof, in pursuance of the said recited Act of Parliament, who is or are hereby excused or exempted from Registering his, her, or their Estates, such Person or Persons shall be at Liberty to withdraw such Registry of their said Estates, and the Clerks of the Peace, and all other Officers, with whom such Registries are lodged, entered, or made, are hereby authorized and required, at the Request of the Party, who hath so registered, to discharge and vacate the same.

And whereas the following Words are contained in the latter Part of the Oath of Abjuration, viz. (*Upon the true Faith of a Christian*) it is further enacted, That whenever any of His Majesty's Subjects, professing the Jewish Religion, shall present himself to take the said Oath of Abjuration, in pursuance of the above recited Act, or of this present Act, the said Words (*Upon the true Faith of a Christian*) shall be omitted out of the said Oath in administering the same to such Person, and the taking the said Oath by such Person professing the Jewish Religion, without the Words aforesaid, in like manner as Jews are admitted to be sworn to give Evidence in Courts of Justice, shall be deemed to be a sufficient taking of the Abjuration Oath within the meaning of this and the said recited Act.

And whereas by a Clause in an Act of Parliament, passed in the Third Year of His present Majesty's Reign (intituled, *An Act for Explaining an Act passed in the last Session of Parliament, intituled, An Act to oblige Papists to register their Names and Real Estates; And for Enlarging the Time for such Registering, and for Securing Purchases made by Protestants*) It is enacted, That from and after the Nine and twentieth Day of September, One thousand seven Hundred and seventeenth, no Manors, Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, or any Interest therein, or Rent or Profit thereout, should pass, alter, or change from any Papist or Person professing the Popish Religion, by any Deed or Will, except such Deed within six Months after the Date, and such Will within six Months after the Death of the Testator, should be enrolled in one of the King's Courts of Record at Westminster, or else within the same County or Counties

Counties wherein the Manors, Lands, and Tenements lie, in such manner as therein, for that Purpose, is particularly directed: And whereas several of His Majesty's Protestant Subjects since the Nine and twentieth of September, One thousand seven hundred and seventeen, have purchased Lands, and taken Leases, as well as Rack Rents, as upon Fines, from Papists, or Persons professing the Popish Religion, and have neglected or omitted to enrol their Purchase Deeds, and Leases, within the Time limited by the said Clause in the said Act for the Enrolment thereof, and are in danger of being defeated of their said Purchases and Leases: And whereas since the twenty ninth Day of September, One thousand seven hundred and seventeen, several Infants, and others, claiming under the Last Wills and Testaments of Papists, or Persons professing the Popish Religion, may be defeated of the Lands so devised to them through the Neglect or Omission of the Executors or Trustees of such Wills to enroll the same in due Time, according to the Direction of the said Clause in the said Act; to relieve therefore such Protestant Lessees, and all such Persons as have neglected or omitted to enroll their Deeds or Wills in due Time, as aforesaid; it is enacted, That every Deed and Will made since the Twenty ninth Day of September, One thousand seven hundred and Seventeen, in order to pass, alter, or change any Manors, Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, or any Interest therein, or Rent or Profit thereout, from any Papist, or Person professing the Popish Religion, though not enrolled, shall be as good and effectual in Law, as the same would have been, in Case the said Deeds and Wills had been enrolled within the Time limited by the said Clause in the said Act for the Inrolment thereof, provided the same Deeds and Bills shall be enrolled on or before the Twenty Ninth Day of September, One thousand seven hundred and twenty four, in such Manner, as by the said Clause in the said Act is directed: And that all and every Lease and Leases, made by Papists, or Persons professing the Popish Religion, to any Protestant, of any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, since the Twenty ninth Day of September, One thousand seven hundred and seventeen, or hereafter to be made, whereon the full yearly Value thereof, or the ancient and most accustomed yearly Rent, or more, have been, or shall be reserved, shall be as good and effectual in Law, though the same have not been, or shall not hereafter be enrolled, as the same would have been, in case the said Clause in the said Act had never been made: Provided always, That nothing herein contained shall extend, or be construed to extend to make good any such Deed, Will, or Lease already made, and not inrolled, of the Want of Inrolment whereof, Advantage shall have been taken by any Action or Suit commenced, or lawful Entry made, on or before the Sixth Day of March, One thousand seven hundred and twenty three; but every such Deed, Will, and Lease, shall remain of such Force and Effect only as the same would have had, in case this Act had never been made, and of none other.

Vicna, April 8, N. S. The 5th Instant about Eight in the Evening the Empress was brought to Bed of an Archduchess. The 6th there was a very numerous and splendid Appearance at Court of the Nobility and foreign Ministers, who made their Compliments on this Occasion to the Emperour: His Imperial Majesty made a Present to the Empress of a Diamond valued at 5000 Florins: In the Evening the young Archduchess was Christened and Named Maria, Amalia, Carolina, Ludovica, Ludomilla, Anna; the Service being performed by the Pope's Nuncio, assisted by four Prelates, the King of Poland being Godfather by his Proxy the Prince Emanuel of Savoy, and the Empress Dowager Amalia being God-

mother. The two Leopoldine Archduchesses were present on this Occasion, as was also the Hereditary Prince of Lorraine, together with the chief of the Nobility and the foreign Ministers.

Lisbon, April 12, N. S. On the 4th Instant the Marquess de Capexelatro, Spanish Ambassador at this Court, had a public Audience of his Portuguese Majesty, at which he delivered a new Credential Letter from King Lewis his Master. The 10th a Man of War of 56 Guns, called Nossa Senora das Undas, was launched in the Presence of the whole Court. The same Day the African Company lately established here opened their Books for the first Time. Only the Portuguese are permitted to subscribe during the three first Days: After which the Subscriptions of Foreigners will be received.

Stamp-Office.

The Commissioners for managing His Majesty's Stamp Duties do hereby give Notice, That by a Clause in the Act of Parliament, for continuing the Duties on Malt, Mum, Cyder, &c. For Relief of all Masters and Mistresses who have omitted to pay His Majesty's Duties of SIX PENCE IN THE POUND for every Sum of Fifty Pounds or under, and of TWELVE PENCE IN THE POUND for every Sum amounting to more than Fifty Pounds Given, Paid, Contracted or Agreed for with Clerks and Apprentices, within the respective Times limited by the several Acts of Parliament in that Case made; Or who have omitted to insert and write in Words at length in the Indentures, or other Writings, containing the Covenants and Agreements relating to the Service of such Clerks or Apprentices the full Sum or Sums of Money received, or in any wise directly or indirectly Given, Paid, Agreed or Contracted for; All such Masters and Mistresses are Acquitted and Discharged of and from all Penalties incurred by such Omissions, upon Payment of the said Duties on or before the Twenty Ninth Day of September, 1714. And for preventing the like Omissions for the future, the said Commissioners do hereby further give Notice, That the Times limited by the Act of Parliament, which grants the said Duties for the Payment thereof, are ONE MONTH after the Dates of such Indentures or Contracts as are executed within the Limits of the Bills of Mortality, and TWO MONTHS after the Dates of such Indentures or Contracts as are executed elsewhere throughout the Kingdom of Great Britain; and that on Neglect of Payment within the respective Times before-mentioned, Every Master or Mistress so neglecting, incurs a Penalty of Fifty Pounds with Costs of Suit, and the Clerk or Apprentice is made incapable of exercising the intended Trade or Employment, or of being made free of any City, Corporation, or Company. And the Indentures and Contracts are also void, and of no Effect. And in Case the full Sum or Sums of Money be not inserted, or written in Words at length in such Indentures or Contracts as aforesaid, the Master or Mistress thereby forfeits double the Sum which he or she really receives or agrees for. And all Persons neglecting or refusing to comply with the Terms of the said Acts of Parliament for the future, will be prosecuted for such Neglect or Refusal.

Advertisements.

WHEREAS a Commission of Bankrupt is awarded against Edmund Liscells, of George-Alley near Thames-street, London, Dyer, and he being declared a Bankrupt; is hereby required to surrender himself to the Commissioners on the 23d and 30th of April Instant, and on the 14th of May next, at Three in the Afternoon, at Guildhall, London; at the second of which Sittings the Creditors are to come prepared to prove their Debts, pay Contribution-Money, and chuse Assignees. All Persons indebted to the said Bankrupt, or that have any Goods or Effects of his in their Hands, are desired to give Notice thereof to Mr. William Myers, Attorney, in King-street near Guildhall, London.

THE Commissioners in a Commission of Bankrupt awarded against Richard Brocklesby, late of King-street, Westminster, Vintner, intend to meet on the 28th of April Instant, at Three in the Afternoon, at Guildhall, London, to make a Dividend of the said Bankrupt's Estate; when and where the Creditors who have not already proved their Debts, and paid their Contribution Money, are to come prepared to do the same, or they will be excluded the Benefit of the said Dividend.

TH E Commissioners in a Commission of Bankrupt awarded against Henry Witheridge, of Bow alias Nymett Tracy in the County of Devon, Sergeant, intend to meet on the 14th of May next, by Two in the Afternoon, at the House of John Wills, in the City of Exeter, commonly called Will's Coffee-House, in order to make a Dividend of the said Bankrupt's Estate; when and where the Creditors who have not already proved their Debts, and paid their Contribution-Money, are then to come prepared to do the same, or they will be excluded the Benefit of the said Dividend.

WHEREAS Thomas Overton, of Sleeford, in the County of Lincoln, Ironmonger, hath surrendered himself (pursuant to Notice) and been twice examined; This is to give Notice, that he will attend the Commissioners on the 23d of April Instant, at Three in the Afternoon, at the White Hart in Boston, to finish his Examination; when and where the Creditors are to come prepared to prove their Debts, pay Contributions-Money, and assent to or dissent from the Allowance of his Certificate.

WHEREAS John George, late of Taunton in the County of Somerset, Chapman, hath surrendered himself (pursuant to Notice) and been twice examined; This is to give

Notice, that he will attend the Commissioners on the 30th of April Instant, at Ten in the Forenoon, at the Royal Coffee-House in Corn-street, Bristol, to finish his Examination; when and where the Creditors are to come prepared to prove their Debts, pay Contribution-Money, and assent to or dissent from the Allowance of his Certificate.

WHEREAS the acting Commissioners in a Commission of Bankrupt awarded against John Watlington, late of the Parish of Cripplegate, London, Brewer, have certified to the Right Honourable Thomas Earl of Macclesfield, Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain, that the said John Watlington hath in all things conformed himself according to the Directions of the several Acts of Parliament made concerning Bankrupts; This is to give Notice, that his Certificate will be allowed and confirmed as the said Acts direct, unless Cause be shewn to the contrary on or before the 4th of May next.

In the Gazette of Tuesday the 7th of April Instant, in the Certificate of Francis Harris, for the 27th of April next, read the 27th of April Instant.