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AN ACT for Indemnifying such Persons as have acted, since the Twenty-fifth Day of March One thousand Seven hundred and Ninety-nine, for the Preservation of the Public Peace, and Suppression of Insurrections and Rebellion prevailing in several Districts of that Part of the United Kingdom called *Ireland*.

Note.—*The Figures in the Margin denote the Number of the Presses in the Ingrossment.*

WHEREAS a most daring and unnatural Rebellion broke out in that Part of the United Kingdom called *Ireland*, on the Twenty-third Day of May One thousand Seven hundred and Ninety-eight, and several Districts within the same have since continued to be disturbed by traitorous Conspiracies and Insurrections, whereby the Persons and Properties of many of His Majesty's peaceable and loyal Subjects have been grievously injured, and many of them have lost their Lives: 1

And whereas several Officers Civil and Military, and other Persons, in order to preserve the Public Peace, the Lives and Properties of His Majesty's peaceable and loyal Subjects, and to suppress the said Rebellion, have apprehended several Persons suspected of being concerned in the said Insurrections and Rebellion, without due Authority required by Law, and have done divers other Acts in Suppression of the said Insurrections and Rebellion, not justifiable by Law; which several Acts were so much for the Public Service, and so necessary for the Suppression of such Insurrections and Rebellion, that the Persons by whom they were transacted ought to be indemnified;

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2 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 all Personal Actions and Suits, all Indictments, Informations, Attachments, Prosecutions, and Proceedings whatsoever, Judgments and Orders, if any be, against such Officers Civil or Military, or other Persons as aforesaid, for or by reason of any Matter or Thing commanded, ordered, directed, or done since the Twenty-fifth Day of March One thousand Seven hundred and Ninety-nine, in order to suppress the said Insurrections and Rebellion, and for the Preservation of the Public Peace in that Part of the United Kingdom called *Ireland*, shall be discharged and made void; and that every Person by whom any such Act, Matter, or Thing, shall have been advised, commanded, ordered, directed, or done, for the Purposes aforesaid, since the Twenty-fifth Day of March One thousand Seven hundred and Ninety-nine, shall be freed, acquitted, and indemnified, as well against the KING's Most Excellent Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, as against all and every other Person and Persons whomsoever.

3 And be it further Enacted, That if any Prosecution, Action, or Suit, Criminal or Civil, hath been or shall be instituted, commenced, or prosecuted, against any Person for any such Act, Matter, or Thing, so advised, commanded, ordered, directed, or done for the Purposes aforesaid, or any of them, in that Part of the United Kingdom called *Ireland*, since the Twenty-fifth Day of March One thousand Seven hundred and Ninety-nine, he or she may plead the General Issue, and give this Act and the special Matter in Evidence; and if the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs in any such Action shall become Nonsuit, or forbear further Prosecution, or suffer Discontinuance, or if a Verdict shall be found against such Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, the Defendant or Defendants shall recover his, her, or their Double Costs; for which he, she, or they shall have the like Remedy as in other Cases in which Costs are given by Law to Defendants.

And be it further Enacted, That if any Action, Suit, Indictment, Information, Prosecution, or other Proceeding hath been or shall be brought, commenced, preferred, exhibited, or had, in any Court in that Part of the United Kingdom called *Ireland*, against any Person or Persons, for or on Account of any such Act, Matter, or Thing as aforesaid, it shall be lawful for the Defendant or Defendants in any such Action, Suit, Indictment, Information, Prosecution, or Proceeding, or for any of them, to apply by Motion, Petition, or otherwise, in a summary Way, to the Court in which the

the same hath been or shall be brought, commenced, preferred, exhibited, or had, or shall be depending, if such Court shall be sitting, and if not sitting, then to any One of the Judges or Justices of such Court, to stay all further Proceedings in such Action, Suit, Indictment, Information, Prosecution, or Proceeding; and such Court, or any Judge or Justice thereof, when the said Court shall not be sitting, is hereby respectively authorized and required to examine the Matter of such Application, and upon Proof by the Oath or Affidavit of the Person or Persons making such Application, or of any of them, or upon any other Proof made to the Satisfaction of such Court, Judge, or Justice respectively, that such Action, Suit, Indictment, Information, Prosecution, or Proceeding respectively is brought, commenced, preferred, exhibited, or had, for or on Account of any such Act, Matter, or Thing as aforesaid, to make an Order for staying Execution, and all other Proceedings in such Action, Suit, Indictment, Information, Prosecution, or Proceeding, in whatever State the same shall or may respectively then be, and although Judgment shall have been entered up of Record or given, or any Writ of Error or Appeal shall have been brought or made, or shall be depending therein; and the Court, or Judge or Justice, making such Order for Stay of Proceedings, shall also order unto the Defendant or Defendants, and he, she, or they shall respectively have and be entitled to Double Costs, for such Proceedings as shall have been had or carried on respectively in any such Action, Suit, Indictment, Information, Prosecution, or other Proceeding, after the passing of this Act; for which Costs he, she, or they respectively shall have like Remedy as in Cases where Costs are by Law given to Defendants. 4

Provided always, and be it Enacted, That it shall be lawful for any Person or Persons being a Party or Parties to any such Action, Suit, Indictment, Information, Prosecution, or other Proceeding, to apply by Motion, Petition, or otherwise, in a summary Way, to the Court in which the same shall have been brought, commenced, preferred, exhibited, or had, or shall be depending, to vacate, discharge, or set aside any Order made as aforesaid, by any Judge or Justice of that Court, for staying Proceedings, or for Payment of Costs as aforesaid, so as such Application shall be made within the first Ten Days on which such Court shall sit next after the making of any such Order by any Judge or Justice as aforesaid; and such Court is hereby authorized and required to examine the Matter of such Application, and to make such Order therein, as if the Application had been made originally to the said Court; but nevertheless and in the mean Time, and until such Application shall be

be made to the said Court, and unless the said Court shall think fit to vacate, discharge, set aside, or reverse such Order, made by any Judge or Justice as aforesaid, the same shall continue in full Force to all Intents and Purposes whatever.

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