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An Act to regulate the Appointment of Juries in the *East Indies*. [5th *May* 1826.]

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the Thirteenth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act for establishing certain Regulations for the better Management of the Affairs of the* East India *Company, as well in* India *as in* Europe, it is among other Thing enacted, that all Offences and Misdemeanors which shall be laid, tried, and inquired of in the Supreme Court of Judicature at *Fort William* in *Bengal*, shall be tried by a Jury of *British* Subjects resident in the Town of *Calcutta*, and not otherwise: And whereas it is expedient that the Right and Duty of serving on Juries within the Limits of the local Jurisdiction of the several Supreme Courts at *Calcutta*, *Madras*, and *Bombay*, should be further extended: May it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted; and be it 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 good and sufficient Persons resident within the Limits of the several Towns of *Calcutta*, *Madras*, and *Bombay*, and not being the Subjects of any Foreign State, shall, according to such Rules, and subject to such Qualifications as shall be fixed in manner herein-after mentioned, be deemed capable of serving as Jurors on Grand or Petit Juries, and upon all other Inquests, and shall be liable to be summoned accordingly; any thing in the said Act, or in any other Act, Charter, or Usage, to the contrary notwithstanding.

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All Persons resident in Calcutta, Madras, and Bombay, qualified as after mentioned, to be deemed capable of serving on Juries.

Courts may make Rules with respect to Qualification, &c.

which shall be laid before His Majesty.

II. And be it further enacted, That the respective Courts of Judicature at *Calcutta*, *Madras*, and *Bombay*, shall have Power from Time to Time to make and establish such Rules with respect to the Qualification, Appointment, Form of summoning, challenging, and Service of such Jurors, and such other Regulations relating thereto, as they may respectively deem expedient and proper: Provided always, that Copies of all such Rules and Regulations as shall be so made and established by such Courts of Judicature, shall be certified under the Hands and Seals of the Judges of such Courts to the President of the Board of Commissioners for the Affairs of *India*, to be laid before His Majesty for His Royal Approbation, Correction, or Refusal; and such Rules and Regulations shall be observed until the same shall be repealed or varied, and in the last Case with such Variation as shall be made therein.

Juries to consist of Persons professing the Christian Religion.

III. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That the Grand Juries in all Cases, and all Juries for the Trial of Persons professing the Christian Religion, shall consist wholly of Persons professing the Christian Religion.

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