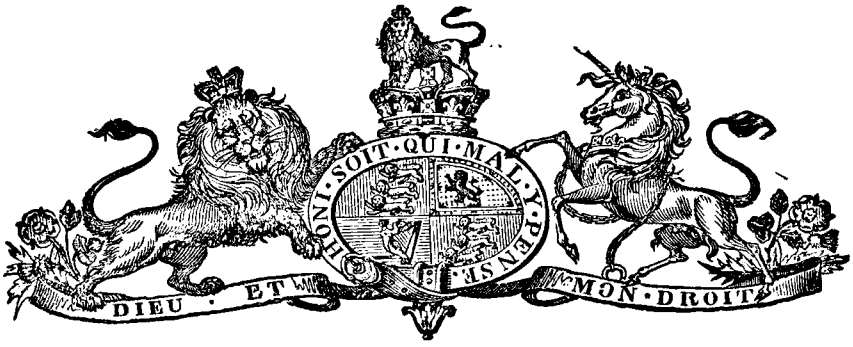


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CAP. XIV.

An Act to amend the Law for the Registration of certain Persons commonly known as "Compound Householders," and to facilitate the Exercise by such Persons of their Right to vote in the Election of Borough Members to serve in Parliament. [3d *July* 1851.]

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the Second Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *William* the Fourth, intituled *An Act to amend the Representation of the People of* England *and* Wales, it is enacted, that no Person shall be registered to vote for Members to serve in Parliament in any Year in respect of the Occupation of Premises in any City or Borough unless such Person shall have been rated in respect of such Premises to all Rates for the Relief of the Poor in the Parish or Township where the same are situated made during the Time of such his Occupation, nor unless such Person shall have paid on or before the Twentieth of *July* in such Year all the Poor's Rates and Assessed Taxes which shall become payable from him in respect of such Premises previously to the Sixth Day of *April* then next preceding: And whereas the said Act was amended, in so far as relates to the Period when such Rates 2 & 3 W. 4. c. 45.

and Taxes shall be required to be paid, by an Act passed in the Session held in the Eleventh and Twelfth Years of Her present Majesty, intituled *An Act to regulate the Times of Payment of Rates and Taxes by Parliamentary Electors:* And whereas by the said firstly-recited Act it is further enacted, that it shall be lawful for any Person occupying Premises in any City or Borough which shall return a Member or Members to serve in any future Parliament to claim to be rated to the Relief of the Poor in respect of such Premises, whether the Landlord shall or shall not be liable to be rated to the Relief of the Poor in respect thereof, and upon such Occupier so claiming, and actually paying or tendering the full Amount of the Rate or Rates, if any, then due in respect of such Premises, the Overseers of the Parish or Township in which such Premises are situated are thereby required to put the Name of such Occupier upon the Rate for the Time being, and in case such Overseer shall neglect or refuse so to do such Occupier shall nevertheless for the Purposes of the said Act be deemed to have been rated to the Relief of the Poor in respect of such Premises from the Period at which the Rate shall have been made in respect of which he shall have so claimed to be rated as aforesaid: And whereas it is often inconvenient or impracticable for such Persons to make continual Claim in respect of each Rate, and many Persons are consequently deprived of the Franchise: Be it therefore enacted by the Queen'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 from and after the passing of this Act no Person so claiming to be rated, and paying or tendering on or before the Twentieth Day of *July* in each Year the full Amount of the Rate or Rates (if any) due in respect of such Premises on the Fifth Day of *January* preceding, shall be required to make any further Claim in regard to any future Rate upon the Premises in respect whereof his Right to vote in any such Election as aforesaid shall arise, but shall be entitled to be put on the List and to be registered as a Voter, provided he shall have occupied the Premises in the Manner and for the Time required by the said firstly-recited Act, and provided the Poor's Rates and Assessed Taxes chargeable upon the same shall have been paid for the Period and up to the Time required by Law in respect of all Persons entitled to vote in the Election of Members of Parliament for any Borough under the Provisions of the said firstly-recited Act.

11 & 12 Vict. c. 90.

Persons having once claimed to be rated in respect of Premises, and paying or tendering, on or before 20th July, the Rates due 5th Jan. preceding, not required to renew such Claim.

The Liability of the Claimant to Rates to continue

II. Provided always, and be it enacted, That every Person so claiming as aforesaid who shall be registered as a Voter in respect of the Premises to which his Claim relates shall, in respect of every Rate

Rate for the Relief of the Poor made and published after such Claim as aforesaid, while he continues to occupy the same Premises and to be a registered Voter in respect thereof, be liable to the same Extent and in the same Manner as in respect of the Rate published next before the making of such Claim. so long as he occupies the Premises and remains on the Register.

III. Provided always, and be it enacted, That in Cases where by any Composition with the Landlord a less Sum shall be payable than the full Amount of Rate which, except for such Composition, would be due in respect of the same Premises, the Occupier claiming to be rated shall not be bound to pay or tender more than the Amount then payable under such Composition. Compositions with Landlord to determine Amount of Rate to which Tenant is liable.

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