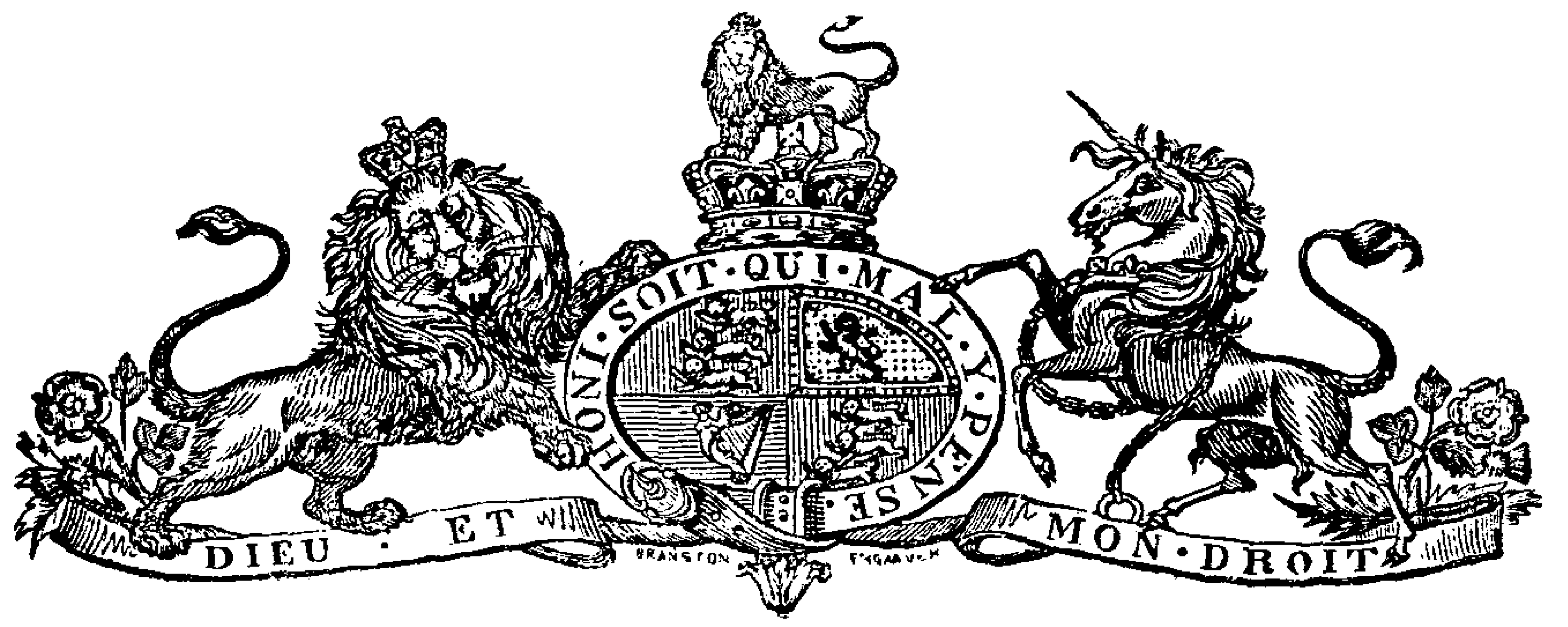


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Cap. i.

An Act to change the Name of the Protestant Dissenters and General Life and Fire Insurance Company to the General Life and Fire Assurance Company, and to extend to the Company, by its new Name, the Powers of the Act enabling the Company to sue and be sued in the Name of the Chairman, Deputy Chairman, or any One of the Directors, or of the Secretary of the Company.

[18th *March* 1847.]

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the Third Year of the Reign of Her present Majesty Queen *Victoria*, intituled *An Act to* 3 & 4 Vict.
enable the Protestant Dissenters and General Life and Fire c. 20.
Insurance Company to sue and be sued in the Name of the Chairman, Deputy Chairman, or any One of the Directors, or of the Secretary of the said Company, after reciting, amongst other things, that several Persons had formed themselves into a Company or Partnership in the City of *London*, by the Name of "The Protestant Dissenters and General Life and Fire Insurance Company," in order to carry on the Business of making or effecting Assurances on Lives and Survivorships, and against Loss or Damage by Fire, and all such other As-

surances on Events and Contingencies, either connected with the Duration of Life or otherwise, as might be effected according to Law, and of granting Annuities, immediate, deferred, and contingent on Survivorship, or otherwise, and Endowments, and of purchasing and selling Reversionary, Life, and other Interests and Securities, and to make Loans and Advances, to be assured out of or in proportion to the Premiums or Sums paid by them, and generally to carry on the Business usually called or known as Fire Insurance and Life Insurance, and all Matters connected therewith, it was enacted, that from and after the passing of the said Act all Actions and Suits whatsoever against any Person or Persons already indebted or who might be thereafter indebted to the said Company called "The Protestant Dissenters and General Life and Fire Insurance Company," and all Actions, Suits, and other Proceedings whatsoever at Law or in Equity for any Injury on Wrong done to any Real or Personal Property of the said Company, in whomsoever the same might for the Time being be vested, whether in the said Company or in some Person or Persons in trust for the said Company, or in some Person or Persons for the Use and Benefit thereof, or upon or in respect of any present or future Liability or Liabilities to the said Company, or to any Person or Persons in trust for the said Company, or to any Person or Persons to the Use or Benefit thereof, or upon any Bonds, Covenants, Contracts, or Agreements which already had been or thereafter should be given or entered into with the said Company, or to or with any Person or Persons whomsoever in trust for the said Company, or to or with any Person or Persons for the Use or Benefit thereof, or wherein the said Company was or should be interested, and all Instruments, Petitions, and other Proceedings for or incidental to the issuing or prosecuting any Fiat in or Commission of Bankruptcy in *England* or *Ireland*, or any Sequestration in *Scotland* against any Person or Persons already indebted or who might be thereafter indebted to the said Company, or to any Person or Persons in trust for the said Company, or to any Person or Persons for the Use or Benefit thereof, and liable to be made bankrupt by the Laws then or at any Time thereafter in force relative to Bankrupts and Traders in *England* and *Ireland*, or to Sequestrations in *Scotland*, and all Proceedings at Law or in Equity under any Commission of or Fiat in Bankruptcy, or under any Sequestration, by, for, or on behalf of the said Company, or wherein the said Company was or should be concerned or interested, and generally all other Proceedings whatsoever at Law or in Equity to be commenced, instituted, or carried on by or on behalf of the said Company, or wherein the said Company was or should be concerned or interested, against any Person or Persons, or Body or Bodies Politic or Corporate, or others, whether such Person or Persons, or any of such Persons, or such Body or Bodies Politic or Corporate, or any Member or Members thereof respectively, was or were or should be a Proprietor or Proprietors of the said Company or not, should and lawfully might be commenced, instituted, presented, and prosecuted, or carried on in the Name of the Person who should be the Chairman of the said Company at the Time such Action, Suit, or Proceeding should be commenced or instituted, or such Petition presented, or in the Name of the Deputy Chairman, or of any one Director for the Time being of the said Company, or in the Name of the Secretary for

the Time being of the said Company, as the nominal Plaintiff, Pursuer, Complainer, Appellant, or Petitioner, or as acting in any other Character for or on behalf of the said Company, and all Actions, Suits, and other Proceedings at Law or in Equity to be commenced, instituted, or prosecuted against the said Company by any Person or Persons, or Body or Bodies Politic or Corporate, whether such Person or Persons, or any of such Persons, or such Body or Bodies Politic or Corporate, or any Member or Members thereof respectively, was or were or should be a Proprietor or Proprietors of the said Company or not, should and lawfully might be commenced, instituted, and prosecuted against the said Chairman for the Time being, or against the Deputy Chairman, or any one Director for the Time being of the said Company, or against the Secretary for the Time being of the said Company, as the nominal Defendant, Respondent, or Defender in such last-mentioned Actions, Suits, or Proceedings for or on behalf of the said Company; and the Death, Resignation or Removal, or any other Act of such Chairman, Deputy Chairman, Director, or Secretary should not abate or prejudice any Action, Suit, Petition, or other Proceeding at Law or in Equity commenced or instituted under the said Act, but the same might be continued, prosecuted, carried on, or defended in the Name of any one other Chairman, Deputy Chairman, Director, or Secretary for the Time being of the said Company; and by the said Act it was further enacted, that it should be lawful for the said Company, by the Chairman, Deputy Chairman, or any Director, or the Secretary for the Time being of the said Company, to prefer any Indictment or Indictments, Information or Informations, or other Criminal Proceeding or Proceedings in any Court or Courts against any Person or Persons for any Offence already committed or which should be thereafter committed against the said Company; and in all Indictments, Informations, and other Proceedings against any Person or Persons, whether such Person or Persons, or any of such Persons, be a Proprietor or Proprietors of the said Company or not, for feloniously taking, stealing, or embezzling, damaging, or destroying, or for any Offence whatever relating to any Goods, Chattels, Notes, Bills, Bonds, Deeds, or any Securities, Monies, Effects, or any Real or Personal Property whatever of or belonging to the said Company, in whomsoever the same might be vested, whether in the Company or some Person or Persons in trust for the said Company, or in some Person or Persons for the Use or Benefit thereof, such Goods, Chattels, Notes, Bills, Bonds, Deeds, Securities, Monies, Effects, or Property respectively might be laid and stated to be the Goods, Chattels, Notes, Bills, Bonds, Deeds, Securities, Monies, Effects, or Property respectively of "The Protestant Dissenters and General Life and Fire Insurance Company;" and in all Indictments, Informations, and other Proceedings against any Person or Persons, whether such Person or Persons, or any of such Persons, be a Proprietor or Proprietors of the said Company or not, for any Conspiracy, Crime, Fraud, or Offence already committed or which should thereafter be committed with Intent to injure or defraud the said Company, the same might be laid and stated to have been done with Intent to injure or defraud "The Protestant Dissenters and General Life and Fire Insurance Company;" and it should not be necessary to state in any Indictment, Information, or other Proceeding the Name or Names of

all or any of the Persons then or at any Time thereafter constituting the said Company; and any Offender or Offenders should or might thereupon be lawfully convicted of such Conspiracy, Crime, Fraud, or Offence in as full, valid, and effectual a Manner, to all Intents and Purposes, as if the Names of all the Persons constituting the said Company, and the Name or Names of the Person or Persons in whom the Goods, Chattels, Notes, Bills, Bonds, Deeds, Securities, Monies, Effects, or Property relating to which such Indictment, Information, or other Proceeding should be preferred should or might be vested in trust for the said Company, were inserted or used in such Indictment, Information, or other Proceeding or Proceedings consequent or attendant thereon; and by the said Act other Powers, Authorities, Privileges, and Advantages were given to or vested in the said Company and the Officers and Proprietors thereof: And whereas the Proprietors of the said Company are desirous that the Name, Style, or Title of the Company should be altered, and that the Name, Style, or Title of "The General Life and Fire Assurance Company" should be substituted in lieu of the present Name, Style, or Title of the Company: And whereas it is expedient that the said recited Act should be altered and amended, but the same cannot be effected without the Authority of Parliament: May it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted; and be it 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 first *Monday* next after the passing of this Act the said Company or Copartnership heretofore called or known by the Name of "The Protestant Dissenters and General Life and Fire Insurance Company" shall no longer be called by that Name, but the said Company or Copartnership shall be called and known and continue to be carried on by and under the Name or Style of "The General Life and Fire Assurance Company," and by that Name or Style shall and may use, exercise, and enjoy all such and the same Powers and Authorities, Rights, Privileges, Liberties, and Advantages, and have, hold, retain, possess, and keep, and be entitled unto all such and the same Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, Sums of Money, Stocks, Securities for Money, Debts, Goods, Chattels, Effects, and Property of every Description, as at any Time before or at the Time of the Commencement of this Act were or might be used, exercised, or enjoyed, or were or was held or possessed, by the said Company or Copartnership, or by any Trustee or Trustees for them, or did belong or were due and owing to the said Company or Copartnership, or any Trustee or Trustees for them, or as the said Company or Copartnership were entitled unto by or under the Name or Style of "The Protestant Dissenters and General Life and Fire Insurance Company," in the same Manner in all respects as if the said Company or Copartnership had been originally formed or established, and had always been carried on, under the Name or Style of "The General Life and Fire Assurance Company."

Future Name of Company.

Powers of recited Act to be vested in Company

II. And be it enacted, That from and after the Commencement of this Act the said recited Act, and all the Powers, Authorities, Immunities, Privileges, and Advantages, and all Liabilities, thereby conferred

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or imposed upon or vested in the said Company by its present Name of "The Protestant Dissenters and General Life and Fire Insurance Company," or upon or in the Chairman, Deputy Chairman, or any Director, or the Secretary, or any other Officer, or any Proprietor of the said Company, shall be vested in, and may be exercised by, and be enforced against the said Company and the Officers and Proprietors thereof notwithstanding the Change by this Act made in the Name of the said Company; and the said recited Act, and all the Powers and Provisions therein contained, and also the Deed of Settlement constituting the said Company, and all Resolutions of the Proprietors of the said Company altering or amending the same, and all Deeds, Contracts, Policies, and other Instruments entered into by or with the said Company, or any Trustee or Trustees, or Person or Persons on behalf of the said Company, shall be read and construed in all respects as if the said Company had been therein described or referred to by the Name or Style of "The General Life and Fire Assurance Company," instead of the Name or Style of "The Protestant Dissenters and General Life and Fire Insurance Company," any thing in the said Act, or in any such Deed of Settlement, Resolutions, Deed, Contract, Policy, or other Instrument, to the contrary notwithstanding.

by their new Name, and Act to be construed as if the new and not the old Name had been inserted therein.

III. And be it enacted, That no Action, Suit, Bill, Process, Writ, Indictment, Information, or any other Proceeding, whether civil or criminal, which at or before the Commencement of this Act shall have been commenced and shall be then pending, whether at the Suit or Instance of the said Company or Copartnership, or the Chairman, Deputy Chairman, or any Director, or the Secretary of the Company, against any Corporation or against any Person, whether a Proprietor of the Company or not, or at the Suit or Instance of any Corporation or of any Person against the said Company or Copartnership, or the Chairman, Deputy Chairman, or any Director, or the Secretary of the said Company, or any Proprietor of the said Company, shall abate, determine, or be otherwise impeached or affected by reason or in consequence of the aforesaid Change of the Name of the said Company, nor shall any Notice, Tender, Requisition, Warrant, Summons, Pleading, civil or criminal, Writ, or other Process, Record, Deed, Policy, Contract, Agreement, Undertaking, Writing, or Instrument, that shall have been or shall be made, issued, written, or commenced, be deemed to be vacated, discharged, invalidated, prejudiced, or affected by reason of the said Company or Copartnership being therein called or referred to by the Name of "The Protestant Dissenters and General Life and Fire Insurance Company;" and it shall not be necessary in any Bill, Suit, Indictment, Information, Notice, Tender, Requisition, Warrant, Summons, Pleading, civil or criminal, or other Process, nor in any Record, Deed, Contract, Agreement, Writing, or other Instrument or Matter, to aver that the said Company or Copartnership had been called or known from the Time of the Formation thereof, or from the Time of the passing of the said recited Act, until the Commencement of this Act, by the Name of "The Protestant Dissenters and General Life and Fire Insurance Company," and that by this Act the Name of the said Company was changed as aforesaid, and that after the Commencement of this Act the said Company hath been called and known by the Name of "The General Life

Actions, &c. not to abate in consequence of Change of Name.

Life and Fire Assurance Company," but it shall be deemed true, lawful, and sufficient therein to aver the Style and describe the said Company by the Name of "The General Life and Fire Assurance Company," in the same Manner as if the said Company in the Deed of Copartnership constituting or forming the same, and in the said recited Act, had been called or known by the Name of "The General Life and Fire Assurance Company."

Commencement of Act.

IV. And be it enacted, That this Act shall commence and take effect on the first *Monday* next after the passing thereof.

Public Act.

V. And be it enacted, That this Act shall be a Public Act, and shall be judicially taken notice of as such.

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