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C A P. XLIV.

An Act to exclude Persons holding certain Judicial Offices in *Ireland*, from being Members of the House of Commons. [28th *May* 1821.]

WHEREAS it is expedient that Persons holding certain Judicial Offices herein-after mentioned, should be rendered incapable of being Members of the House of Commons, during the Time they hold the said Offices respectively; therefore 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 from and after the passing of this Act, no Person holding the Office of Lord Chancellor in *Ireland*, Master of the Rolls in *Ireland*, or being One of the Twelve Judges of the Courts of King's Bench, Common Pleas, and Exchequer in *Ireland*, or being a Master in Chancery in *Ireland*, shall be capable of being elected, or of sitting or voting as a Member of the House of Commons.

Lord Chancellor, Master of the Rolls, Judges, and Masters in Chancery, in Ireland, incapable of sitting in the House of Commons.

II. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person, hereby declared to be incapable to sit or vote in the House of Commons, shall nevertheless be returned as a Member to serve in Parliament for any County, Stewartry, City, Borough, Town, Cinque Port, or Place, such Election and Return are hereby enacted and declared to be void to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever; and

Persons sitting who are disabled, to pay Penalty, with Costs of Suit.

if any Person, disabled and declared incapable by this Act to be elected, shall after the passing of this Act presume to sit or vote as a Member of the House of Commons, such Person so sitting and voting shall forfeit the Sum of Five hundred Pounds for every Day in which he shall sit or vote in the said House of Commons, to such Person or Persons who shall sue for the same in any of His Majesty's Courts at *Westminster*; and the Money so forfeited shall be recovered by the Persons so suing, with full Costs of Suit, in any of the said Courts, by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, in which no Essoign, Privilege, Protection, or Wager of Law shall be allowed, and only One Imparlance; and shall from thenceforth be incapable of taking, holding, or enjoying any Office of Honour or Profit under His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors.

Act not to extend to any Election had before the passing hereof.

III. Provided always, and be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend to make void any Election had before the passing of this Act, or to disable from sitting and voting in the said House of Commons, or subject to any Penalty or Forfeiture whatsoever, any Person elected to serve as a Member in the said House before the passing of this Act.

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