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C A P. XXXVI.

An Act to discourage the granting of Leases in Joint Tenancy in *Ireland*. [27th *June* 1823.]

WHEREAS the Practice of granting Leases to Persons jointly, in common, or in partnership, still prevails in some Parts of *Ireland*, to the material Prejudice of the Improvement of the People: And whereas the Continuance of such Practice is much induced by the Facility thereby afforded of multiplying Qualifications (often colourable only) to vote for Members to serve in Parliament, contrary to the Spirit of the Laws and Constitution: And whereas it is highly expedient such Inducement should cease: 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 after the passing of this Act, it shall not be lawful for any Person to register any Freehold under the yearly Value of Twenty Pounds, held by virtue of any Lease, Deed, or other Instrument, given or executed to any Person or Persons jointly, in common, or in partnership, after the First Day of *July* next, or vote for a Member or Members to serve in Parliament for any Place in *Ireland* by virtue of any such Freehold.

No Person to register any Freehold under 20*l.* held jointly by virtue of any Lease dated after 1st July 1823, or vote for any Member of Parliament.

II. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That every Person offering to register any Freehold under the yearly Value of Twenty Pounds, shall add to any Oath or Oaths which he may be legally required to take, the following Words; " And that I do not " hold

Addition to Oath of Freeholders under 20*l.*

" hold my said Freehold by virtue of any Lease, Deed, or other " Instrument, executed after the First Day of *July* One thousand " eight hundred and twenty-three, given or executed to any Person " or Persons jointly, or in common, or in partnership;" which Addition to such Oath or Oaths the Person or Persons legally authorized to administer such Oath or Oaths is and are hereby empowered and required to administer: Provided always, that nothing in this Act shall be construed to extend to Persons who have registered or shall register Freeholds under the yearly Value of Twenty Pounds, under a Lease or Leases for Lives, renewable for ever, pursuant to the Provisions of an Act made in the First Year of His present Majesty's Reign, intituled *An Act for the better regulating of Polls, and for making further Provision touching the Election of Members to serve in Parliament for* Ireland.

Not to extend to Persons registering Freeholds under 20*l.* Value under a Lease for Lives renewable for ever. 60 G. 3. & 1 G. 4. c. 11.

Persons swearing falsely guilty of Perjury.

III. And be it further enacted, That in case any Person shall wilfully and corruptly swear falsely in the said Addition to the said Oath or Oaths, and shall be thereof duly convicted, such Person shall be deemed guilty of Perjury, and shall suffer the like Pains and Penalties, and incur the same Disabilities, as Persons guilty of wilful and corrupt Perjury are subject to and incur.

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