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GEORGII III. REGIS.

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CAP. LXXIII.

An Act for exempting certain ſpecifick Legacies which ſhall be given to Bodies Corporate, or other Publick Bodies, from the Payment of Duty; and alſo the Legacy of Books and other Articles given by the Will of the late Reverend *Clayton Mordaunt Cracherode* to the Truſtees of the *Britiſh* Muſeum.

[12th *July* 1799.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is expedient that certain ſpecifick Legacies given to Bodies Corporate, and other Publick Bodies and Societies, ſhould be exempted from the Duties impoſed on Legacies; 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 Legacy, conſiſting of Books, Prints, Pictures, Statues, Gems, Coins, Medals, Specimens of Natural Hiſtory, or other ſpecifick Articles, which ſhall be given or bequeathed to or in Truſt for any Body Corporate, whether Aggregate or Sole, or to the Society of *Serjeants Inn*, or any of the Inns of Court or Chancery, or any endowed School, in order to be kept and preſerved by ſuch Body Corporate, Society, or School, and not for the Purpoſes of Sale, ſhall be liable to any Duty impoſed on Legacies by any Law now in force.

No Legacy of Books, &c. bequeathed to any Body Corporate, &c. to be preſerved, ſhall be liable to any Duty.

The Legacy of the Reverend *Clayton Mordaunt Cracherode* to the *Britiſh* Muſeum of Books, &c. ſhall be exempted from Duty.

II. And whereas the late Reverend *Clayton Mordaunt Cracherode*, Maſter of Arts, and One of the Truſtees of the *Britiſh* Muſeum, hath bequeathed to the ſaid Truſtees and their Succeſſors, a very valuable Collection of Books, Drawings, and Prints, and alſo of Gems, Coins, Medals, and Specimens of Natural Hiſtory, together with the Cabinets in which the ſame are contained; all which Articles have been collected with the greateſt Care and Judgement, and at an Expence amounting to a very conſiderable Sum; be it therefore further enacted, That the ſaid Legacy ſhall be exempted from the Payment of any Duty to which the ſame is now liable.

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