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GEORGII III. REGIS.

CAP. LX.

An Act to permit the Archbishops of *Canterbury* and *York*, and the Bishop of *London*, for the Time being, to admit Persons into Holy Orders specially for the Colonies. [2d *July* 1819.]

WHEREAS it is expedient that the Archbishops and Bishops of this Realm should from Time to Time admit into Holy Orders Persons specially destined for the Cure of Souls in His Majesty's Foreign Possessions, although such Persons may not be provided with the Title required by the Canon of the Church of *England*, of such as are to be made Ministers: And whereas it will greatly tend to the Advancement of Religion within the same, that due Provision shall be regularly made for a Supply of Persons properly qualified to serve as Parsons, Vicars, Curates, or Chaplains; 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 from and after the passing of this Act it shall be lawful for the Archbishop of *Canterbury*, the Archbishop of *York*, or the Bishop of *London*, for the Time being, or any Bishop specially authorized and empowered by any or either of them, to admit into the Holy Orders of Deacon or Priest any Person whom he shall upon Examination deem duly qualified specially for the Purpose of taking upon himself the Cure of Souls, or officiating in any Spiritual Capacity in His Majesty's Colonies or Foreign

Archbishop of Canterbury or York, or Bishop of London, or any Bishop specially authorized by any of them, may ordain specially for the Colonies.

Foreign Possessions and residing therein, and that a Declaration of such Purpose and a written Engagement to perform the same under the Hand of such Person, being deposited in the Hands of such Archbishop or Bishop, shall be held to be a sufficient Title with a View to such Ordination; and that in every such Case it shall be distinctly stated in the Letters of Ordination of every Person so admitted to Holy Orders, that he has been ordained for the Cure of Souls in His Majesty's Foreign Possessions.

The Fact to be stated in the Letters of Ordination.

No Person so ordained capable of holding a Living in Great Britain or Ireland without the Consent of the Bishop of the Diocese, &c.

II. Provided always, and be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That no Person so admitted into the Holy Orders of Deacon or Priest, for the Purpose of taking upon himself the Cure of Souls, or officiating in any Spiritual Capacity in His Majesty's Foreign Possessions, shall be capable of having, holding, or enjoying, or of being admitted to any Parsonage, Vicarage, Benefice, or other Ecclesiastical Promotion or Dignity whatsoever, within the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, or of acting as Curate therein, without the previous Consent and Approbation in Writing of the Bishop of the Diocese under his Hand and Seal in which any such Parsonage, Vicarage, Benefice, or other Ecclesiastical Promotion or Dignity shall be locally situated, nor without the like Consent and Approbation of such one of the said Archbishops, or Bishop of *London*, by whom, or by whose Authority such Person shall have been originally ordained, or in case of the Demise or Translation of such Archbishop or Bishop, of his Successor in the same See: Provided always, that no such Consent and Approbation shall be given by any such Archbishop, or Bishop of *London*, unless the Party applying for the same shall first produce a Testimony of his good Behaviour during the Time of his Residence Abroad, from the Bishop in whose Diocese he may have officiated, or in case there be no Bishop, from the Governor in Council of the Colony in which he may have been resident, or from His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonial Department.

Certificate of good Behaviour to be produced.

Persons ordained by the Bishops of Quebec, Nova Scotia, or Calcutta, equally restrained.

III. And be it further enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act no Person who shall have been admitted into Holy Orders by the Bishops of *Quebec*, *Nova Scotia*, or *Calcutta*, or by any other Bishop or Archbishop than those of *England* or *Ireland*, shall be capable of officiating in any Church or Chapel of *England* or *Ireland* without special Permission from the Archbishop of the Province in which he proposes to officiate, or of having, holding, or enjoying, or of being admitted to any Parsonage or other Ecclesiastical Preferment in *England* or *Ireland*, or of acting as Curate therein, without the Consent and Approbation of the Archbishop of the Province, and also of the Bishop of the Diocese in which any such Parsonage or Ecclesiastical Preferment or Curacy may be situated.

Persons ordained by a Colonial Bishop not possessing or residing in a Diocese, &c. not to be capable

IV. Provided always, That no Person who after the passing of this Act shall have been ordained a Deacon or Priest by a Colonial Bishop, who at the Time of such Ordination did not actually possess an Episcopal Jurisdiction over some Diocese, District, or Place, or was not actually residing within such Division, District, or Place, shall be capable in any Way, or on any Pretence whatever, of at any

Time holding any Parsonage or other Ecclesiastical Preferment within His Majesty's Dominions, or of being a Stipendiary Curate or Chaplain, or of officiating at any Place, or in any Manner, as a Minister of the Established Church of *England* and *Ireland*. of holding Preferment, or acting as a Minister of the established Church.

V. And be it further enacted, That all Admissions, Institutions, and Inductions to Benefices in the Church of *England*, or Church of *Ireland*, and all Appointments to act as Curates therein, which shall be made contrary to the Provisions of this Act, shall be to all Intents and Purposes null and void: Provided always, that nothing herein shall be construed to make void any Admission, Institution, or Induction to any Benefice, or any Appointment as Curate, which shall have been made previous to the passing of this Act. Admissions to Benefices, and Appointments to Curacies, contrary hereto, void.

VI. Provided always, That nothing in this Act contained shall be construed to affect or to repeal any of the Provisions of an Act passed in the Twenty-sixth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act to empower the Archbishop of* Canterbury, *or the Archbishop of* York *for the Time being, to consecrate to the Office of a Bishop, Persons being Subjects or Citizens of Countries out of His Majesty's Dominions*. Act not to affect or to repeal 26 G. 3. c. 84.

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