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CAP. XLIX.

An Act to allow Quakers and Moravians to make Affirmation in all Cases where an Oath is or shall be required. [28th *August* 1833.]

WHEREAS it is expedient and reasonable that the solemn Affirmation of Persons of the Persuasion of the People called Quakers, and of Moravians, should be allowed in all Cases where an Oath is or shall be required; 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 every Person of the Persuasion of the People called Quakers, and every Moravian, be permitted to make his or her solemn Affirmation or Declaration, instead of taking an Oath, in all Places and for all Purposes whatsoever where an Oath is or shall be required either by the Common Law or by any Act of Parliament already made or hereafter to be made, which said Affirmation or Declaration shall be of the same Force and Effect as if he or she had taken an Oath in the usual Form; and if any such Person making such solemn Affirmation or Declaration shall be lawfully convicted wilfully, falsely, and corruptly to have affirmed or declared any Matter or Thing, which if the same had been in the usual Form would have amounted to wilful and corrupt Perjury, he or she shall incur the same Penalties and Forfeitures as by the Laws and Statutes of this Realm are enacted against Persons convicted of wilful and corrupt Perjury, any Law, Statute, or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding: Provided always, that every such

Quakers and Moravians permitted to make a solemn Affirmation or Declaration instead of an Oath.

Penalty on affirming or declaring falsely.

such Affirmation or Declaration shall be in the Words following; (that is to say,)

Form of Declaration.

'I *A. B.* being one of the People called Quakers [*or* one of the Persuasion of the People called Quakers, *or* of the United Brethren called Moravians, *as the Case may be*,] do solemnly, sincerely, and truly declare and affirm.'

Form of Affirmation in lieu of Oath of Abjuration.

II. And whereas some Doubts may arise as to the Form of the Affirmation to be taken in lieu of the Oath of Abjuration by Persons of the Persuasion of the People called Quakers; be it therefore enacted, That instead of the Form of Affirmation prescribed in lieu of the Abjuration Oath by an Act of the Eighth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the First, intituled *An Act for granting the People called Quakers such Forms of Affirmation or Declaration as may remove the Difficulties which many of them lie under*, and instead of the Form of the Oath of Abjuration prescribed by an Act of the Sixth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act for altering the Oath of Abjuration and the Assurance, and for amending so much of an Act of the Seventh Year of Her late Majesty Queen* Anne, *intituled 'An Act for the Improvement of the Union of the Two Kingdoms,' as after the Time therein limited requires the Delivery of certain Lists and Copies therein mentioned to Persons indicted of High Treason or Misprision of Treason*, every Person of the Persuasion of the People called Quakers shall be permitted to make his or her solemn Affirmation in the following Words; (*videlicet*,)

8 G. 1. c. 6.

6 G. 3. c. 53.

'I *A. B.* [being one of the People called Quakers, [*or* one of the Persuasion of the People called Quakers, *or* of the United Brethren called Moravians, *as the Case may be*], do solemnly, sincerely, and truly acknowledge, profess, testify, and declare, That King *William* is lawful and rightful King of this Realm, and of all other His Dominions and Countries thereunto belonging: And I do solemnly and sincerely declare, That I do believe that not any of the Descendants of the Person who pretended to be Prince of *Wales* during the Life of the late King *James* the Second, and since his Decease pretended to be and took upon himself the Style and Title of King of *England* by the Name of *James* the Third, or of *Scotland* by the Name of *James* the Eighth, or the Style and Title of King of *Great Britain*, hath any Right or Title whatsoever to the Crown of this Realm, or any other the Dominions thereunto belonging; and I do renounce and refuse any Allegiance or Obedience to any of them: And I do solemnly promise, That I will be true and faithful and bear true Allegiance to King *William*, and to Him will be faithful against all traitorous Conspiracies and Attempts whatsoever which shall be made against His Person, Crown, or Dignity; and I will do my best Endeavour to disclose and make known to King *William* and His Successors all Treasons and traitorous Conspiracies which I shall know to be made against Him or any of Them; and I will be true and faithful to the Succession of the Crown, against the Descendants of the said *James*, and against all other Persons whatsoever, which Succession by an Act, intituled *An Act for the further Limitation of the Crown, and better securing the Rights and Liberties of the Subject*, is and stands

'limited to the Princess *Sophia* Electoress and Duchess Dowager of 'Hanover, and the Heirs of her Body, being Protestants: And all 'these Things I do plainly and sincerely acknowledge, promise, and 'declare, according to these express Words by me spoken, and ac- 'cording to the plain and common Sense and Understanding of the 'same Words, without any Equivocation, mental Evasion, or secret 'Reservation whatsoever: And I do make this Recognition, Ac- 'knowledgment, Renunciation, and Promise heartily, willingly, and 'truly.'

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