ANNO SEPTIMO

GEORGII IV. REGIS.

Cap. xxxii.

An Act to enable His Majesty to license a Playhouse within the Town and Port of *Ramsgate* in the Isle of *Thanet* in the County of *Kent*.

[11th *April* 1826.]

WHEREAS the Town of *Ramsgate* hath of late Years greatly increased both in Buildings and Inhabitants, owing to the numerous Resort of Persons who frequent the same on account of the Convenience of Sea Bathing and the Salubrity of the Air: And whereas the Inhabitants of the said Town, in order to contribute to the rational Amusement of the Company so resorting thereto, are desirous of having a licensed Theatre or Playhouse there: And whereas it is in and by an Act of Parliament, passed in the Tenth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Second, intituled *An Act to explain and amend so much of an Act made in the Twelfth Year of the Reign of Queen* Anne, *intituled 'An Act for reducing the Laws relating to Rogues, Vagabonds, 'sturdy Beggars, and Vagrants into One Act of Parliament, and for the 'more effectual punishing such Rogues, Vagabonds, sturdy Beggars, and 'Vagrants, and sending them whither they ought to be sent,'* provided, that no Person or Persons shall be authorized by virtue of any Letters Patent from His Majesty, His Heirs, Successors, or Predecessors, or by the Licence of the Lord Chamberlain of His Majesty's Household for the Time being, to act, represent, or perform, for Hire, Gain, or Reward, any Interlude, Tragedy, Comedy, Opera, Play, Farce, or other Entertain- 10 G. 2. c. 28.

ment of the Stage, or any Part or Parts therein, in any Part of *Great Britain*, except in the City of *Westminster* and within the Liberties thereof, and in such Places where His Majesty, His Heirs or Successors, shall in their Royal Persons reside, and during such Residence only, any thing therein contained to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding: May it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted; and 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 it shall and may be lawful for His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, to grant Letters Patent for establishing a Theatre within the said Town of *Ramsgate*, from the First Day of *October* to the First Day of *February* in every Year, and which Theatre or Playhouse shall be entitled to all the Privileges, and subject to all the Regulations, to which any Theatre or Playhouse in *Great Britain* is entitled and subjected, any thing in the said recited Act contained to the contrary thereof notwithstanding: Provided nevertheless, that no such Theatre or Playhouse shall be open for the acting or representing or performing any Entertainment of the Stage as aforesaid on any *Saturday* during the said Periods.

His Majesty may grant Letters Patent for establishing a Theatre at Ramsgate, within the Periods hereinmentioned.

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