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Cap. 182.

An Act to enable the Royal Exchange Insurance Company of *Ireland* to sue and be sued in the Name of their Secretary. [19*th June* 1809.]

WHEREAS several Persons have formed themselves into a Society or Partnership in the City of *Dublin*, under the Name of the Royal Exchange Insurance Company of *Ireland*, and have subscribed or raised very considerable Sums in order to carry on the Business of insuring Ships and Merchandize from the Hazard and Danger of the Seas, and so forth, and also for insuring Houses and other Property from Loss or Damage by Fire, and also to effect Insurances on Lives, and to grant and purchase Annuities: And whereas the Public hath been greatly benefited by the Formation of such Societies or Partnerships for the Purposes aforesaid, with competent Capitals to carry on the same, and a considerable Revenue is derived to His Majesty therefrom: And whereas Difficulties have arisen, and may from Time to Time arise, as well in recovering Debts which are, or shall or may grow due to the said Society or Partnership called "The Royal Exchange Insurance Company of *Ireland*," as in prosecuting Persons who may steal or embezzle the Property of, or who may commit or be guilty of any other Offence against or with the Intent to injure or defraud the said Society or Partnership, as by Law all the several Members, Partners, or Proprietors of and in such Society or Partnership for the Time being, must in such Cases sue and prosecute by their several and distinct Names and Descriptions: Wherefore for avoiding and removing such Difficulties, and for more easily carrying into execution the several Undertakings herein-before mentioned: May it 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 all Actions and Suits to be commenced or instituted by or on Behalf of the said Society or Partnership,

Actions may be brought in the Name of the Secretary.

ſhip, or of the Members, Partners, or Proprietors intereſted therein for the Time being againſt any Perſon or Perſons, (whether ſuch Perſon or Perſons is, are, or ſhall then be a Member or Members, Partner or Partners, or Proprietor or Proprietors of and in the ſaid Society or Partnerſhip or not,) or againſt any Body or Bodies Politic or Corporate, ſhall or lawfully may be commenced or inſtituted and proſecuted in the Name or Names of the Secretary or Secretaries for the Time being, of the ſaid Society or Partnerſhip, as the nominal Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, for and on Behalf of the ſaid Society or Partnerſhip, or of the Members thereof, or Partners or Proprietors intereſted therein, for the Time being; and all Actions and Suits to be commenced or inſtituted againſt the ſaid Society or Partnerſhip, ſhall be commenced, inſtituted, and proſecuted againſt the Secretary or Secretaries, for the Time being, of the ſaid Society or Partnerſhip, as the Nominal Defendant, for and on the Behalf of the ſaid Society or Partnerſhip; and that all Proſecutions to be brought or inſtituted by or on the Behalf of the ſaid Society or Partnerſhip for Fraud upon, or againſt, or for Embezzlement, Robbery, or ſtealing the Property of the ſaid Society or Partnerſhip, or for any other Offence committed againſt, or with the Intent to injure or defraud the ſaid Society or Partnerſhip, or the Members thereof, or the Partners or Proprietors therein for the Time being, ſhall or lawfully may be ſo brought or inſtituted and carried on in the Name or Names of the Secretary or Secretaries for the Time being, of the ſaid Society or Partnerſhip; and in all Indictments and Informations it ſhall be lawful to ſtate the Property of the ſaid Society or Partnerſhip to be the Property of the Secretary or Secretaries, for the Time being, of the ſaid Society or Partnerſhip; and any Offence committed with the Intent to injure or defraud the ſaid Society or Partnerſhip, or the Members thereof, or the Partners or Proprietors intereſted therein, for the Time being, ſhall and lawfully may, in ſuch Proſecution, be laid to have been committed with Intent to injure or defraud the Secretary or Secretaries, for the Time being, of the ſaid Society or Partnerſhip, and any Offender or Offenders may thereupon be lawfully convicted of any ſuch Offence, and the Death, Reſignation, or Removal, or other Act of ſuch Secretary or Secretaries, ſhall not abate any ſuch Action, Suit, or Proſecution.

Act not to incorporate, or relieve from Reſponſibility.

II. Provided always, That nothing herein contained ſhall extend or be deemed, conſtrued, or taken to extend to incorporate the ſaid Society or Partnerſhip, or to relieve or diſcharge the ſaid Society or Partnerſhip or any of the Members thereof or Partners or Proprietors therein for the Time being reſpectively from any Reſponſibility, Contracts, Duties, or Obligations whatſoever, which by Law they may now or at any Time hereafter be ſubject or liable to either as between ſuch Society or Partnerſhip and others, or between the or any of the individual Members of ſuch Society or Partnerſhip and others, or among themſelves, or in any other manner whatſoever.

Public Act.

III. And be it further enacted, That this Act ſhall be deemed and taken to be a Public Act, and ſhall be judicially taken Notice of as ſuch by all Judges, Juſtices, and others, without being ſpecially pleaded.

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