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CAP. LXII.

An Act to abolish a certain Declaration, commonly called the Declaration against Transubstantiation, the Invocation of the Saints, and the Sacrifice of the Mass, as practised in the Church of *Rome*; and to render it unnecessary to take, make, or subscribe the same as a Qualification for the Exercise or Enjoyment of any Civil Office, Franchise, or Right. [25th *July* 1867.]

WHEREAS by various Acts a certain Declaration, commonly called the Declaration against Transubstantiation and the Invocation of Saints, and the Sacrifice of the Mass, as practised in the Church of *Rome*, and which Declaration is more fully set forth in the Schedule to this Act annexed, is required to be taken, made, and subscribed by the Subjects of Her Majesty for the Enjoyment of certain Civil Offices, Franchises, and Rights:

And whereas it is expedient to alter the Law in that respect, and to abolish the said Declaration:

Be it enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal,

poral, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, as follows:

Repeal of all Provisions in recited Acts requiring said Declaration to be taken as Qualification for Office.

1. From and after the passing of this Act all such Parts of the said Acts as require the said Declaration to be taken, made, or subscribed by any of Her Majesty's Subjects as a Qualification for the Exercise or Enjoyment of any Civil Office, Franchise, or Right shall be and the same are hereby repealed, and it shall not be obligatory for any Person hereafter to take, make, or subscribe the said Declaration as a Qualification for the Exercise or Enjoyment of any Civil Office, Franchise, or Right within the Realm.

Nothing in this Act to enable Roman Catholics to hold Offices other than those they are now entitled to hold.

2. Nothing in this Act contained shall be construed to enable any Person professing the Roman Catholic Religion to exercise or enjoy any Civil Office, Franchise, or Right for the Exercise or Enjoyment of which the taking, making, or subscribing the Declaration by this Act abolished is now by Law a necessary Qualification, or any other Civil Office, Franchise, or Right from which he is now by Law excluded.

SCHEDULE.

Declaration used in England against Transubstantiation, the Invocation of Saints, and the Sacrifice of the Mass, prescribed by 30 *Car. II., Stat. II., c.* 1.

I, *A.B.*, do solemnly and sincerely, in the Presence of God, profess, testify, and declare that I do believe that in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper there is not any Transubstantiation of the Elements of Bread and Wine into the Body and Blood of Christ at or after the Consecration thereof by any Person whatsoever; and that the Invocation or Adoration of the Virgin Mary or any other Saint, and the Sacrifice of the Mass, as they are now used in the Church of Rome, are superstitious and idolatrous: And I do solemnly, in the Presence of God, profess, testify, and declare that I do make this Declaration, and every Part thereof, in the plain and ordinary Sense of the Words read unto me as they are commonly understood by English Protestants, without any Evasion, Equivocation, or mental Reservation whatsoever, and without any Dispensation already granted me for this Purpose by the Pope or any other Authority or Person whatsoever, or without any Hope of any such Dispensation from any Person or Authority whatsoever, or without thinking that I am or can be acquitted before God or Man, or absolved of this Declaration, or any Part thereof, although the Pope or any other Person or Persons or Power whatsoever should dispense with or annul the same, or declare that it was null and void from the Beginning.

Declaration used in Ireland against Transubstantiation, the Invocation of Saints, and the Sacrifice of the Mass, prescribed by 3 *W. & M. c.* 2. (*Eng.*)

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Saint, and the Sacrifice of the Mass, as they are now used in the Church of Rome, are superstitious and idolatrous: And I do solemnly, in the Presence of God, profess, testify, and declare that I do make this Declaration, and every Part thereof, in the plain and ordinary Sense of the Words read unto me as they are commonly understood by Protestants, without any Evasion, Equivocation, or mental Reservation whatsoever, and without any Dispensation already granted me for this Purpose by the Pope or any other Authority or Person whatsoever, or without any Hope of any such Dispensation from any Person or Authority whatsoever, or without believing that I am or can be acquitted before God or Man, or absolved of this Declaration, or any Part thereof, although the Pope or any other Person or Persons or Power whatsoever should dispense with or annul the same, or declare that it was null and void from the Beginning.

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