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GEORGII III. REGIS.

CAP. VI.

An Act to make perpetual certain Parts of an Act of the Thirty-sixth Year of His present Majesty, for the Safety and Preservation of His Majesty's Person and Government against Treasonable and Seditious Practices and Attempts; and for the Safety and Preservation of the Person of His Royal Highness The Prince Regent against Treasonable Practices and Attempts.

[17th *March* 1817.]

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the Thirty-sixth Year of His present Majesty's Reign, intituled *An Act for the Safety and Preservation of His Majesty's Person and Government against Treasonable and Seditious Practices and Attempts*, it was amongst other Things enacted, that if any Person or Persons whatsoever, after the Day of the passing of that Act, during the natural Life of His Majesty, and until the End of the next Session of Parliament after the Demise of the Crown, should, within the Realm or without, compass, imagine, invent, devise, or intend Death or Destruction, or any bodily Harm tending to Death or Destruction, Maim or Wounding, Imprisonment or Restraint, of the Person of His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, or to deprive or depose Him or them from the Stile, Honour, or Kingly Name of the Imperial Crown of this Realm, or of any other of His Majesty's Dominions or Countries, or to levy War against His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, 36 G. 3. c. 7.

Succeſſors, within this Realm, in order by Force or Conſtraint to compel Him or them to change His or their Meaſures or Counſels, or in order to put any Force or Conſtraint upon or to intimidate or overawe both Houſes or either Houſe of Parliament, or to move or ſtir any Foreigner or Stranger with Force to invade this Realm or any other His Majeſty's Dominions or Countries under the Obeiſance of His Majeſty, His Heirs and Succeſſors, and ſuch Compaſſings, Imaginations, Inventions, Devices or Intentions, or any of them, ſhould expreſs, utter, or declare, by publiſhing any Printing or Writing, or by any overt Act or Deed, being legally convicted thereof upon the Oaths of Two lawful and credible Witneſſes upon Trial, or otherwiſe convicted or attainted by due Courſe of Law, then every ſuch Perſon and Perſons ſo as aforeſaid offending ſhould be deemed, declared, and adjudged to be a Traitor and Traitors, and ſhould ſuffer Pains of Death, and alſo loſe and forfeit as in Caſes of High Treaſon: And whereas it is neceſſary and expedient that ſuch of the Proviſions of the ſaid Act as would expire at the End of the next Seſſion of Parliament after the Demiſe of the Crown ſhould be further continued and made perpetual; 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 all and every the herein-before recited Proviſions which relate to the Heirs and Succeſſors of His Majeſty, the Sovereigns of theſe Realms, ſhall be and the ſame are hereby made perpetual.

Proviſions of recited Act made perpetual.

For better Preſervation of the Perſon of His Royal Highneſs The Prince Regent.

II. And whereas, in conſequence of the daring Outrages offered to the Perſon of His Royal Highneſs The Prince Regent of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, in the Exerciſe and Adminiſtration of the Royal Power and Authority to the Crown of theſe Realms belonging, in His Paſſage to and from the Parliament, at the Opening of this preſent Seſſion, it is expedient, for the Security and Preſervation of the Perſon of the ſame His Royal Highneſs The Prince Regent, to extend certain of the Proviſions of the ſaid Act; be it therefore enacted, That if any Perſon or Perſons whatſoever, after the Day of paſſing this Act, during the Period in which His Royal Highneſs The Prince Regent ſhall remain in the Perſonal Exerciſe of the Royal Authority, ſhall, within the Realm or without, compaſs, imagine, invent, deviſe, or intend Death or Deſtruction, or any bodily Harm tending to Death or Deſtruction, Maim or Wounding, Impriſonment or Reſtraint, of the Perſon of the ſame His Royal Highneſs The Prince Regent, and ſuch Compaſſings, Imaginations, Inventions, Deviſes, or Intentions, or any of them, ſhall expreſs, utter, or declare, by publiſhing any Printing or Writing, or by any overt Act or Deed, being legally convicted thereof upon the Oaths of Two lawful and credible Witneſſes upon Trial, or otherwiſe convicted or attainted by due Courſe of Law, then every ſuch Perſon and Perſons ſo as aforeſaid offending ſhall be deemed, declared, and adjudged to be a Traitor and Traitors, and ſhall ſuffer Pains of Death, and alſo loſe and forfeit as in Caſes of High Treaſon.

Extending Proviſions of 39 & 40 G. 3. c. 93. to His Royal Highneſs

III. And whereas it is expedient to extend the Proviſions of a certain Act paſſed in the Thirty-ninth and Fortieth Years of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, intituled *An Act for regulating Trials for High Treaſon and Miſpriſion of Treaſon in certain Caſes*; be it therefore enacted, That from and after the paſſing of this Act, all and every the Clauſes, Pro-

visions, and Regulations in the said Act contained shall extend, and be deemed, taken, and construed to extend, to all and every Case of High Treason in compassing or imagining the Death of His Royal Highness The Prince Regent, and Misprision of such Treason, where the overt Act or overt Acts which shall be alleged in the Indictment for such Offence shall be Assassination or Killing of His Royal Highness The Prince Regent, or any direct Attempt against His Life, or any direct Attempt against His Person whereby His Life may be endangered or His Person may suffer bodily Harm. The Prince Regent.

IV. Provided, and be it further enacted, That all and every Person and Persons that shall at any Time be accused, or indicted or prosecuted for any Offence made or declared to be High Treason by this Act, shall be entitled to the Benefit of the Act made in the Seventh Year of His late Majesty King *William* the Third, intituled *An Act for regulating of Trials in Cases of Treason and Misprision of Treason;* and also to the Provisions made by another Act, passed in the Seventh Year of Her late Majesty Queen *Anne*, intituled *An Act for improving the Union of the Two Kingdoms*; save and except in Cases of High Treason in compassing or imagining the Death of any Heir or Successor of His Majesty, or the Death of His Royal Highness The Prince Regent, and of Misprision of such Treason, where the overt Act or overt Acts of such Treason which shall be alleged in the Indictment for such Offence shall be Assassination or Killing of any Heir or Successor of His Majesty, or Assassination or Killing of His Royal Highness The Prince Regent, or any direct Attempt against the Life of any Heir or Successor of His Majesty, or any such Attempt against the Life of The Prince Regent, or any direct Attempt against the Person of any Heir or Successor of His Majesty, or against the Person of The Prince Regent, whereby the Life of such Heir or Successor, or the Life of The Prince Regent, may be endangered, or the Person of such Heir or Successor, or of The Prince Regent, may suffer bodily Harm. Persons accused of High Treason entitled to the Benefit of 7 Gul. 3. c. 3. and 7 A. c. 21. except in Cases herein mentioned.

V. Provided also, and be it enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend to prevent or affect any Prosecution, by Information or Indictment, to which any Person or Persons would have been or would be liable if this Act had not been enacted, for any Offence within the Provisions of this Act, unless the Party shall have been first prosecuted under this Act. Not to affect Prosecutions to which Persons would be liable if this Act had not passed.

VI. Provided also, and be it enacted, That the Statute of the Fifty-fourth Year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled *An Act to alter the Punishment in certain Cases of High Treason*, shall have the same Effect as to Sentences and Judgements to be pronounced and awarded under this Act, as if this Act had been made and passed before the said Act of the Fifty-fourth Year of His Majesty's Reign. 54 G. 3. c. 146. as to Judgements, extended to this Act.

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