

ANNO TRICESIMO NONO

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An Act for the more effectual Suppreſſion of Societies eſtabliſhed for Seditious and Treaſonable Purpoſes; and for better preventing Treaſonable and Seditious Practices. [12th *July* 1799.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS a traitorous Conſpiracy has long been carried on, in conjunction with the Perſons from Time to Time exerciſing the Powers of Government in *France*, to overturn the Laws, Conſtitution, and Government, and every exiſting Eſtabliſhment, Civil and Eccleſiaſtical, both in *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, and to diſſolve the Connection between the Two Kingdoms, ſo neceſſary to the Security and Proſperity of both: And whereas, in purſuance of ſuch Deſign, and in order to carry the ſame into Effect, divers Societies have been of late Years inſtituted in this Kingdom, and in the Kingdom of *Ireland*, of a new and dangerous Nature, inconſiſtent with Publick Tranquillity, and with the Exiſtence of regular Government, particularly certain Societies calling themſelves *Societies of United Engliſhmen, United Scotſmen, United Britons, United Iriſhmen*, and *The London Correſponding Society*: And whereas the Members of many of ſuch Societies have taken unlawful Oaths and Engagements of Fidelity and Secrecy, and uſed ſecret Signs,

and appointed Committees, Secretaries, and other Officers, in a ſecret Manner; and many of ſuch Societies are compoſed of different Diviſions, Branches, or Parts, which communicate with each other by Secretaries, Delegates, or otherwiſe, and by means thereof maintain an Influence over large Bodies of Men, and delude many ignorant and unwary Perſons into the Commiſſion of Acts highly criminal: And whereas it is expedient and neceſſary that all ſuch Societies as aforeſaid, and all Societies of the like Nature, ſhould be utterly ſuppreſſed and prohibited, as unlawful Combinations and Confederacies, highly dangerous to the Peace and Tranquillity of theſe Kingdoms and to the Conſtitution of the Government thereof as by Law eſtabliſhed: 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, from and after the paſſing of this Act, all the ſaid Societies of *United Engliſhmen*, *United Scotſmen*, *United Iriſhmen*, and *United Britons*, and the ſaid Society commonly called *The London Correſponding Society*, and all other Societies called *Correſponding Societies*, of any other City, Town, or Place, ſhall be, and the ſame are hereby utterly ſuppreſſed and prohibited, as being unlawful Combinations and Confederacies againſt the Government of Our Sovereign Lord the King, and againſt the Peace and Security of His Majeſty's liege Subjects.

Certain Societies ſuppreſſed.

II. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That, from and after the paſſing of this Act, all and every the ſaid Societies, and alſo every other Society now eſtabliſhed, or hereafter to be eſtabliſhed, the Members whereof ſhall, according to the Rules thereof, or to any Proviſion or Agreement for that Purpoſe, be required or admitted to take any Oath or Engagement, which ſhall be an unlawful Oath or Engagement within the Intent and Meaning of an Act, paſſed in the Thirty-ſeventh Year of His Majeſty's Reign, intituled, *An Act for more effectually preventing the adminiſtering or taking of unlawful Oaths*, or to take any Oath not required or authorized by Law; and every Society, the Members whereof, or any of them, ſhall take, or in any Manner bind themſelves by any ſuch Oath or Engagement, on becoming or in conſequence of being Members of ſuch Society; and every Society, the Members whereof ſhall take, ſubſcribe, or aſſent, to any Teſt or Declaration not required by Law, or not authorized in Manner herein-after mentioned; and every Society, of which the Names of the Members, or of any of them, ſhall be kept ſecret from the Society at large, or which ſhall have any Committee or ſelect Body ſo choſen or appointed, that the Members conſtituting the ſame ſhall not be known by the Society at large to be Members of ſuch Committee or ſelect Body, or which ſhall have any Preſident, Treaſurer, Secretary, Delegate, or other Officer ſo choſen or appointed, that the Election or Appointment of ſuch Perſons to ſuch Offices ſhall not be known to the Society at large, or of which the Names of all the Members, and of all Committees or ſelect Bodies of Members, and of all Preſidents, Treaſurers, Secretaries, Delegates, and other Officers, ſhall not be entered in a Book or Books to be kept for that Purpoſe, and to be open to the Inſpection of all the Members of ſuch Society; and every Society which ſhall be compoſed of different Diviſions or Branches, or of different Parts, acting in any Manner ſeparately or diſtinct from each other, or of which any Part ſhall have any ſeparate or diſtinct

All Societies, the Members whereof ſhall be required to take any Oath not authorized by Law, or ſhall have any Committees not known to the Society at large, *etc.* to be deemed unlawful,

diſtinct Preſident, Secretary, Treaſurer, Delegate, or other Officer, elected or appointed by or for ſuch Part, or to act as an Officer for ſuch Part; ſhall be deemed and taken to be unlawful Combinations and Confederacies; and every Perſon who, from and after the paſſing of this Act, ſhall become a Member of any ſuch Society, or who, being a Member of any ſuch Society at the paſſing of this Act, ſhall afterwards act as a Member thereof; and every Perſon who, after the paſſing of this Act, ſhall directly or indirectly maintain Correſpondence or Intercourſe with any ſuch Society, or with any Diviſion, Branch, Committee, or other ſelect Body, Preſident, Treaſurer, Secretary, Delegate, or other Officer, or Member thereof as ſuch, or who ſhall, by Contribution of Money or otherwiſe, aid, abet, or ſupport ſuch Society, or any Members or Officers thereof as ſuch; ſhall be deemed guilty of an unlawful Combination and Confederacy.

and Members thereof, and Perſons correſponding, &c. with them, guilty of an unlawful Combination.

III. Provided always nevertheleſs, and be it enacted, That nothing herein contained ſhall extend to any Declaration to be taken, ſubſcribed, or aſſented to by the Members of any Society, in caſe the Form of ſuch Declaration ſhall have been firſt approved and ſubſcribed by Two or more of His Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace for the County, Stewartry, Riding, Diviſion, or Place, where ſuch Society ſhall ordinarily aſſemble, and ſhall have been regiſtered with the Clerk of the Peace, or his Deputy, for ſuch County, Stewartry, Riding, Diviſion, or Place, for which there ſhall be paid a Fee of One Shilling and no more; but that ſuch Approbation of the Juſtices as aforeſaid ſhall remain valid and effectual no longer than until the next General Seſſion for ſuch County, Stewartry, Riding, Diviſion, or Place, unleſs the ſame ſhall, on Application made by the Parties concerned, be confirmed by the major Part of the Juſtices preſent at ſuch General Seſſion; and if the ſame ſhall not be then and there ſo confirmed, the Proviſions of this Act ſhall from thenceforth extend to ſuch Declaration, and to all Societies or Perſons ſubſcribing the ſame, in ſo far as may relate to all Acts which may be done by them, or any of them, ſubſequent to the holding of ſuch General Seſſion.

Act not to extend to Declarations approved by Two Juſtices, and regiſtered with the Clerk of the Peace.

Such Approbation to be confirmed at the next General Quarter Seſſion.

IV. Provided alſo, and be it enacted, That no Perſon who, at or before the paſſing of this Act, ſhall be, or ſhall have been a Member of any ſuch Society, ſhall be liable to any Pain or Penalty for having been a Member of ſuch Society at or before the paſſing of this Act, in caſe ſuch Perſon ſhall not in any Manner act as a Member of ſuch Society at any Time after the paſſing of this Act.

Members not acting after paſſing this Act, not liable to Penalty.

V. And whereas certain Societies have been long accuſtomed to be holden in this Kingdom under the Denomination of *Lodges of Free Maſons*, the Meetings whereof have been in great Meaſure directed to charitable Purpoſes; be it therefore enacted, That nothing in this Act ſhall extend to the Meetings of any ſuch Society or Lodge which ſhall, before the paſſing of this Act, have been uſually holden under the ſaid Denomination and in conformity to the Rules prevailing among the ſaid Societies of Free Maſons.

Not to extend to regular Lodges of Free Maſons held before paſſing this Act;

VI. Provided always, That this Exemption ſhall not extend to any ſuch Society, unleſs Two of the Members compoſing the ſame ſhall cer-

But Two Members of each Lodge ſhall certify

the ſame on Oath, and depoſit ſuch Certificate within Two Months with the Clerk of the Peace, with whom the Name of the Society, the Names of the Members, and the Time and Place of Meeting, ſhall be regiſtered yearly.

tify upon Oath, (which Oath any Juſtice of the Peace or other Magiſtrate is hereby empowered to adminiſter), that ſuch Society or Lodge has, before the paſſing of this Act, been uſually held under the Denomination of a *Lodge of Free Maſons*, and in conformity to the Rules prevailing among the Societies or Lodges of Free Maſons in this Kingdom; which Certificate, duly atteſted by the Magiſtrate before whom the ſame ſhall be ſworn, and ſubſcribed by the Perſons ſo certifying, ſhall, within the Space of Two Calendar Months after the paſſing of this Act, be depoſited with the Clerk of the Peace for the County, Stewartry, Riding, Diviſion, Shire, or Place, where ſuch Society or Lodge hath been uſually held: Provided alſo, That this Exemption ſhall not extend to any ſuch Society or Lodge, unleſs the Name or Denomination thereof, and the uſual Place or Places, and the Time or Times of its Meetings, and the Names and Deſcriptions of all and every the Members thereof, be regiſtered with ſuch Clerk of the Peace as aforeſaid, within Two Months after the paſſing of this Act, and alſo on or before the Twenty-fifth Day of *March* in every ſucceeding Year.

Clerk of the Peace to lay ſuch Certificate and Regiſtry before the General Seſſion yearly, who may order any Lodge to be diſcontinued, if likely to be injurious to the publick Peace.

VII. And be it enacted, That the Clerk of the Peace, or the Perſon acting in his Behalf, in any ſuch County, Stewartry, Riding, Diviſion, Shire, or Place, is hereby authorized and required to receive ſuch Certificate, and make ſuch Regiſtry as aforeſaid, and to enrol the ſame among the Records of ſuch County, Stewartry, Riding, Diviſion, Shire, or Place, and to lay the ſame, Once in every Year, before the General Seſſion of the Juſtices for ſuch County, Stewartry, Riding, Diviſion, Shire, or Place; and that it ſhall and may be lawful for the ſaid Juſtices, or for the major Part of them, at any of their General Seſſions, if they ſhall ſo think fit, upon Complaint made to them, upon Oath, by any One or more credible Perſons, that the Continuance of the Meetings of any ſuch Lodge or Society is likely to be injurious to the publick Peace and good Order, to direct that the Meetings of any ſuch Society or Lodge within ſuch County, Stewartry, Riding, Diviſion, Shire, or Place, ſhall from thenceforth be diſcontinued; and any ſuch Meeting held, notwithſtanding ſuch Order of Diſcontinuance, and before the ſame ſhall, by the like Authority, be revoked, ſhall be deemed an unlawful Combination and Confederacy under the Proviſions of this Act.

How Offenders may be proceeded againſt,

and how puniſhed.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That every Perſon who, at any Time after the paſſing of this Act, ſhall, in Breach of the Proviſions thereof, be guilty of any ſuch unlawful Combination and Confederacy, as in this Act is deſcribed, ſhall and may be proceeded againſt for ſuch Offence in a ſummary Way, either before One or more Juſtice or Juſtices of the Peace for the County, Stewartry, Riding, Diviſion, City, Town, or Place, where ſuch Perſon ſhall happen to be, or by Indictment to be preferred in the County, Riding, Diviſion, City, Town, or Place, in *England*, wherein ſuch Offence ſhall be committed, or by Indictment in the Court of Juſticiary, or in any of the Circuit Courts in *Scotland*, if the Offence ſhall be committed in *Scotland*; and every Perſon being convicted of any ſuch Offence, on the Oath of One or more credible Witneſs or Witneſſes, by ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices as aforeſaid, ſhall be by him or them committed to the Common Gaol or Houſe of Correction for ſuch County, Stewartry, Riding, Diviſion, City, Town, or Place, there to remain, without Bail or Mainprize, for the Term of Three Calendar

lendar Months, or ſhall be by ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices adjudged to forfeit and pay the Sum of Twenty Pounds, as to ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices ſhall ſeem meet; and in caſe ſuch Sum of Money ſhall not be forthwith paid into the Hands of ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices, he or they ſhall, by Warrant under his or their Hand and Seal, or Hands and Seals, cauſe the ſame to be levied by Diſtreſs and Sale of the Offender's Goods and Chattels, together with all Coſts and Charges attending ſuch Diſtreſs and Sale, and, for Want of ſufficient Diſtreſs, ſhall commit ſuch Offender to the Common Gaol or Houſe of Correction of ſuch County, Stewartry, Riding, Diviſion, City, Town, or Place as aforeſaid, for any Time not exceeding Three Calendar Months; and every Perſon convicted of any ſuch Offence upon Indictment by due Courſe of Law, ſhall and may be tranſported for the Term of Seven Years, in the Manner provided by Law for Tranſportation of Offenders, or impriſoned for any Time not exceeding Two Years, as the Court before whom ſuch Offender ſhall be tried ſhall think fit; and every ſuch Offender, who ſhall be ordered to be tranſported, ſhall be ſubject and liable to all Laws concerning Offenders ordered to be tranſported.

Juſtices may mitigate Puniſhment.

IX. Provided always, That it ſhall be lawful for the Juſtice or Juſtices of the Peace, by or before whom any Perſons ſhall, in purſuance of this Act, be convicted of any unlawful Combination or Confederacy, and ſuch Juſtice and Juſtices is and are hereby authorized and empowered (if he or they ſhall ſee Cauſe) to mitigate and leſſen the Puniſhment herein-before directed to be inflicted upon any Offender againſt this Act, ſo convicted as aforeſaid, ſo as ſuch Puniſhment be not thereby reduced to leſs than One Third of the Puniſhment hereby directed to be inflicted as aforeſaid, whether ſuch Puniſhment ſhall be by Impriſonment or Fine.

Perſons proſecuted either before a Juſtice, or indicted, not liable to other Proſecution.

X. Provided alſo, and be it further enacted, That any Perſon who ſhall be proſecuted before any Juſtice or Juſtices of the Peace, in a ſummary Way, for any Offence againſt this Act, and ſhall be convicted or acquitted by ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices, ſhall not afterwards be proſecuted, or be liable to be proſecuted, by Indictment or otherwiſe, for the ſame Offence; and ſo in like Manner any Perſon who ſhall be convicted or acquitted upon any Indictment for any Offence againſt this Act, ſhall not afterwards be proſecuted, or be liable to be proſecuted before any Juſtice or Juſtices of the Peace, in a ſummary Way, for the ſame Offence.

Offenders may be indicted, if not proſecuted under this Act.

XI. Provided alſo, That nothing in this Act contained ſhall extend to prevent any Proſecution by Indictment, or otherwiſe, for any Thing which ſhall be an Offence within the Intent and Meaning of this Act, and which might have been ſo proſecuted if this Act had not been made, unleſs the Offender ſhall have been proſecuted for ſuch Offence under this Act, and convicted or acquitted of ſuch Offence; ſave only that no Perſon ſhall be proſecuted for having been, before the paſſing of this Act, a Member of any Society hereby declared to be an unlawful Combination and Confederacy, if ſuch Perſon ſhall not in any Manner have acted as a Member of ſuch Society after the paſſing of this Act.

Perſons in Cuſtody or on Bail, at paſſing this Act, ſtill liable to Proſecution.

XII. Provided always, That nothing herein contained ſhall extend to diſcharge any Perſon in Cuſtody at the paſſing of this Act, or who, having been in Cuſtody, ſhall have been diſcharged, on Bail or Recognizance, from any Proſecution which might have been had againſt ſuch Perſon if this Act had not been made.

Penalty for permitting unlawful Meetings.

XIII. And be it further enacted, That if any Perſon ſhall knowingly permit any Meeting of any Society hereby declared to be an unlawful Combination or Confederacy, or of any Diviſion, Branch, or Committee of ſuch Society, to be held in his or her Houſe or Apartment, ſuch Perſon ſhall, for the Firſt Offence, forfeit the Sum of Five Pounds, and ſhall, for any ſuch Offence committed after the Date of his or her Conviction for ſuch Firſt Offence, be deemed guilty of an unlawful Combination and Confederacy in Breach of this Act.

Juſtices on Oath of an unlawful Meeting being held, may declare the Licence of the Houſe forfeited.

XIV. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall be lawful for any Two or more Juſtices of the Peace acting for any County, Stewartry, Riding, Diviſion, City, Town, or Place, upon Evidence on Oath that any Meeting of any Society, hereby declared to be an unlawful Combination and Confederacy, or any Meeting for any ſeditious Purpoſe, hath been held, after the paſſing of this Act, at any Houſe, Room, or Place, licenſed for the Sale of Ale, Beer, Wine, or Spirituous Liquors, to adjudge and declare the Licence or Licences for ſelling Ale, Beer, Wine, or Spirituous Liquors, granted to the Perſon or Perſons keeping ſuch Houſe, Room, or Place, to have been forfeited; and the Perſon or Perſons ſo keeping ſuch Houſe, Room, or Place, ſhall, from and after the Day of the Date of ſuch Adjudication and Declaration, be ſubject and liable to all and every the Penalties and Forfeitures for any Act done after that Day, which ſuch Perſon or Perſons would be ſubject and liable to, if ſuch Licence or Licences had expired, or otherwiſe determined on that Day.

Every Place of lecturing, debating, or reading, for the Purpoſe of raiſing Money, to be deemed diſorderly, unleſs previouſly licenſed.

XV. And whereas divers Places have of late been uſed for delivering Lectures or Diſcourſes, and holding Debates, which are not within the Proviſions of the Act, paſſed in the Thirty-ſixth Year of His Majeſty's Reign, for the more effectually preventing ſeditious Meetings and Aſſemblies, but which Lectures, Diſcourſes, or Debates, have in many Inſtances been of a ſeditious and immoral Nature; and other Places have of late been uſed for ſeditious and immoral Purpoſes, under the Pretence of being Places of Meeting for the Purpoſe of reading Books, Pamphlets, Newſpapers, or other Publications; be it further enacted, That every Houſe, Room, Field, or other Place, at or in which any Lecture or Diſcourſe ſhall be publickly delivered, or any publick Debate ſhall be had on any Subject whatever, for the Purpoſe of raiſing or collecting Money, or any other valuable Thing from the Perſons admitted, or to which any Perſon ſhall be admitted by Payment of Money, or by any Ticket or Token of any Kind delivered in conſideration of Money or any other valuable Thing, or in conſequence of paying or giving, or having paid or given, or having agreed to pay or give, in any Manner, any Money or other valuable Thing, or where any Money or other valuable Thing ſhall be received from any Perſon admitted either under Pretence of paying for any Refreſhment or other Thing, or under any other Pretence, or for any other Cauſe, or by Means of any Device

† 36 Geo. III. c. 8.

Device or Contrivance whatever; and every Houſe, Room, or Place, which ſhall be opened or uſed as a Place of Meeting, for the Purpoſe of reading Books, Pamphlets, Newſpapers, or other Publications, and to which any Perſon ſhall be admitted by Payment of Money, or by any Ticket or Token of any Kind delivered in conſideration of Money or other valuable Thing, or in conſequence of paying or giving, or having paid or given, or having agreed to pay or give, any Money or other valuable Thing, or where any Money or other valuable Thing ſhall be received from any Perſon admitted either under Pretence of paying for any Refreſhment or other Thing, or under any other Pretence, or for any other Cauſe, or by means of any Device or Contrivance whatever; ſhall be deemed a diſorderly Houſe or Place within the Intent and Meaning of the ſaid Act, paſſed in the Thirty-ſixth Year of His Majeſty's Reign, for the more effectually preventing ſeditious Meetings and Aſſemblies, unleſs the ſame ſhall have been previouſly licenſed in Manner herein-after mentioned; and the Perſon by whom ſuch Houſe, Room, Field, or Place, ſhall be opened or uſed, for any of the Purpoſes aforeſaid, ſhall forfeit the Sum of One hundred Pounds, for every Day or Time that ſuch Houſe, Room, Field, or Place, ſhall be opened or uſed as aforeſaid, to ſuch Perſon as will ſue for the ſame, and be otherwiſe puniſhed as the Law directs in Caſes of diſorderly Houſes; and every Perſon managing or conducting the Proceedings, or acting as Moderator, Preſident, or Chairman, at ſuch Houſe, Room, Field, or Place, ſo opened or uſed as aforeſaid, or therein debating, or delivering any Diſcourſe or Lecture, or furniſhing or delivering any Book, Pamphlet, Newſpaper, or other Publication as aforeſaid; and alſo every Perſon who ſhall pay, give, collect, or receive, or agree to pay, give, collect, or receive any Money, or any Thing, for or in reſpect of the Admiſſion of any Perſon into any ſuch Houſe, Room, Field, or Place, or ſhall deliver out, diſtribute, or receive any ſuch Ticket or Tickets, or Token or Tokens as aforeſaid, knowing ſuch Houſe, Room, Field, or Place to be opened or uſed for any ſuch Purpoſe as aforeſaid, ſhall, for every ſuch Offence, forfeit the Sum of Twenty Pounds.

Penalty on Perſons opening ſuch Houſes, conducting the Proceedings, debating, furniſhing Books, paying or collecting Money for Admiſſion, &c.

XVI. And be it further enacted, That any Perſon who ſhall at any Time hereafter appear, act, or behave him or herſelf as Maſter or Miſtreſs, or as the Perſon having the Command, Government, or Management of any ſuch Houſe, Room, Field, or Place as aforeſaid, ſhall be deemed and taken to be a Perſon by whom the ſame is opened or uſed as aforeſaid, and ſhall be liable to be ſued or proſecuted, and puniſhed as ſuch, notwithſtanding he or ſhe be not in Fact the real Owner or Occupier thereof.

Perſon appearing as Maſter liable to Proſecution, altho' not the real Occupier of the Houſe.

XVII. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall be lawful for any Juſtice or Juſtices of the Peace of any County, Stewartry, City, Borough, Town, or Place, who ſhall, by Information upon Oath, have Reaſon to ſuſpect that any Houſe, Room, Field, or Place, or any Parts or Part thereof, are or is opened or uſed for the Purpoſe of delivering Lectures or Diſcourſes, or for publick Debate, or for the Purpoſe of reading Books, Pamphlets, Newſpapers, or other Publications, contrary to the Proviſions of this Act, to go to ſuch Houſe, Room, Field, or Place, and demand to be admitted therein; and in caſe ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices ſhall

Juſtices, by Information on Oath, ſuſpecting any Place is opened for lecturing, *etc.* may demand Admittance, and if refuſed, the Place to be deemed diſorderly, and

the Perſon ſo refuſing to forfeit 20*l.*

ſhall be refuſed Admittance to ſuch Houſe, Room, Field, or Place, or any Part thereof, the ſame ſhall be deemed a diſorderly Houſe or Place, within the Intent and Meaning of this Act, and of the ſaid recited Act of the Thirty-ſixth Year aforeſaid; and all and every the Proviſions herein-before and in the ſaid recited Act contained, reſpecting any Houſe, Room, Field, or Place, therein or herein-before declared to be a diſorderly Houſe or Place, ſhall be applied to ſuch Houſe, Room, Field, or Place, where ſuch Admittance ſhall have been refuſed as aforeſaid; and every Perſon refuſing ſuch Admittance ſhall forfeit the Sum of Twenty Pounds.

Juſtices in Seſſion may grant Licences for lecturing or reading, and may revoke them.

XVIII. Provided nevertheleſs, and be it enacted, That it ſhall be lawful for Two or more Juſtices of the Peace for the County, Stewartry, City, Borough, Town, or Place, where any Houſe, Room, or other Building, ſhall be intended to be opened for any of the Purpoſes aforeſaid, by Writing under their Hands and Seals, at their General Seſſions of the Peace, or at any Special Seſſion to be held for the particular Purpoſe, to grant a Licence to any Perſon or Perſons deſiring the ſame, to open ſuch Houſe, Room, or other Building, for the Purpoſe of delivering for Money any ſuch Lectures or Diſcourſes as aforeſaid, on any Subjects, the ſame being clearly expreſſed in ſuch Licence, or for the Purpoſe of reading Books, Pamphlets, Newſpapers, or other Publications; for which Licence a Fee of One Shilling, and no more, ſhall be paid, and the ſame ſhall be in force for the Space of One Year, and no longer, or for any leſs Space of Time, therein to be ſpecified; and which Licence it ſhall be lawful for the Juſtices of the Peace of the ſame County, Stewartry, City, Borough, Town, or Place, at any General Seſſions of the Peace, to revoke and declare void, and no longer in force, by any Order of ſuch Juſtices; a Copy whereof ſhall be delivered to, or ſerved upon the Perſon to whom the ſaid Licence ſo revoked ſhall have been granted, or ſhall be left at the Houſe, Room, or Building, for which ſuch Licence ſhall have been granted, and thereupon ſuch Licence ſhall ceaſe and determine, and be thenceforth utterly void and of no Effect.

Juſtices may demand Admittance to any licenſed Place, and if refuſed it ſhall be deemed diſorderly, and the Perſon ſo refuſing ſhall forfeit 20*l.*

XIX. Provided always, and be it enacted, That it ſhall be lawful for any Juſtice or Juſtices of the Peace of any County, Stewartry, City, Borough, Town, or Place, where any ſuch Houſe, Room, or other Building ſhall be licenſed, as herein provided, to go to ſuch Houſe, Room, or Building, ſo licenſed, at the Time of delivering any ſuch Lecture or Diſcourſe therein as aforeſaid, or at the Time appointed for delivering any ſuch Lecture or Diſcourſe, or whilſt ſuch Houſe, Room, or Building ſhall be opened or uſed, or during the Time appointed for uſing the ſame as a Place for reading Books, Pamphlets, Newſpapers, or other Publications as aforeſaid, and demand to be admitted therein; and in caſe ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices ſhall be refuſed Admittance to ſuch Houſe, Room, or Building, the ſame ſhall be deemed, notwithſtanding any ſuch Licence as aforeſaid, a diſorderly Houſe or Place, within the Meaning of this Act; and all and every the Proviſions herein-before contained, reſpecting any Houſe, Room, Field, or Place, herein-before declared to be a diſorderly Houſe or Place, ſhall be applied to ſuch Houſe, Room, or Building ſo licenſed as aforeſaid, where ſuch Admittance ſhall have been refuſed as aforeſaid; and every Perſon refuſing ſuch Admittance ſhall forfeit the Sum of Twenty Pounds.

XX. Provided

XX. Provided alſo, and be it enacted, That it ſhall be lawful for any Two Juſtices of the Peace acting for any County, Stewartry, Riding, Diviſion, City, Town, or Place, upon Evidence, on Oath, that any Houſe, Room, or Place, ſo licenſed and opened as aforeſaid, is commonly uſed for the Purpoſe of delivering there Lectures or Diſcourſes of a ſeditious or immoral Tendency, or that Books, Pamphlets, Newſpapers, or other Publications of a ſeditious or immoral Nature, are there commonly kept and delivered to be read, to adjudge and declare the Licence for opening the ſame to have been forfeited; and ſuch Licence ſhall thereupon ceaſe and determine, and ſhall thenceforth be utterly void and of no Effect.

Juſtices on Evidence on Oath that any licenſed Place is uſed for Lectures of a ſeditious or immoral Tendency, *etc.* may declare the Licence forfeited.

XXI. Provided alſo, That every Houſe, Room, or Place, licenſed for the Sale of Ale, Beer, Wine, or Spirituous Liquors, ſhall alſo be deemed a Houſe or Place licenſed for the Purpoſe of reading Books, Pamphlets, and other Publications, within the Intent and Meaning of this Act; but nevertheleſs it ſhall be lawful to and for any Two or more Juſtices of the Peace for the County, Stewartry, Riding, Diviſion, City, Borough, Town, or Place, where ſuch Houſe, Room, or Place ſhall be, upon Evidence on Oath that Books, Pamphlets, or other Publications of a ſeditious or immoral Nature, are uſually diſtributed for the Purpoſe of being read at ſuch Houſe, Room, or Place, to adjudge and declare the Licence or Licences for ſelling Ale, Beer, Wine, or Spirituous Liquors, under the Authority whereof ſuch Houſe, Room, or Place, ſhall be uſed for the Purpoſe of ſelling Ale, Beer, Wine, or Spirituous Liquors, to have been forfeited, and the Perſon or Perſons ſo keeping ſuch Houſe, Room, or Place, ſhall, from and after the Day of the Date of ſuch Adjudication and Declaration, be ſubject and liable to all and every the Penalties and Forfeitures which ſuch Perſon or Perſons would be ſubject and liable to, if ſuch Licence or Licences had expired, or otherwiſe determined, on that Day for any Act done after that Day.

Every Alehouſe, *etc.* to be deemed licenſed for Reading; but Juſtices, on Evidence on Oath that ſeditious or immoral Publications are read, may declare the Licence forfeited.

XXII. Provided always, That nothing in this Act contained ſhall extend, or be conſtrued to extend, to any Lecture or Diſcourſes to be delivered in any of the Univerſities of theſe Kingdoms by any Member thereof, or any Perſon authorized by the Chancellor, Vice Chancellor, or other proper Officers of ſuch Univerſities reſpectively, or to any Lecture or Diſcourſe to be delivered in the Publick Hall of any of the Inns of Court or Chancery, by any Perſon authorized by the Benchers of the Inns of Court, or by the Profeſſors in *Greſham* College; and that no Payment made to any Schoolmaſter, or other Perſon by Law allowed to teach and inſtruct Youth, in reſpect of any Lectures or Diſcourſes delivered by ſuch Schoolmaſter or other Perſon, for the Inſtruction only of ſuch Youth as ſhall be committed to his Inſtruction, ſhall be deemed a Payment of Money for Admiſſion to ſuch Lectures or Diſcourſes, within the Intent and Meaning of this Act.

Not to extend to Lectures delivered in the Univerſities, or the Hall of any of the Inns of Court, or by the Profeſſors in *Greſham* College.

Payments to Schoolmaſters not deemed Payments for Admiſſion to Lectures.

XXIII. And whereas many Societies, eſtabliſhed of late Years for treaſonable and ſeditious Purpoſes, and eſpecially the ſaid Societies of *United Engliſhmen*, *United Scotſmen*, *United Iriſhmen*, and *United Britons*, and the ſaid Society called *The London Correſponding Society*, and other Correſponding Societies, have at various Times cauſed to be publiſhed, in great Quantities, divers printed Papers of an irreligious, treaſonable, and ſeditious

Printers to give a Notice in the Form in the annexed Schedule to the Clerk of the Peace, who ſhall grant a Certi-

ficate, and file the Notice, and tranſmit an atteſted Copy to the Secretary of State.

ditious Nature, tending to revile our holy Religion, and to bring the Profeſſion and Worſhip thereof into Contempt among the Ignorant, and alſo to excite Hatred and Contempt of His Majeſty's Royal Perſon, Government, and Laws, and of the happy Conſtitution of theſe Realms, as by Law eſtabliſhed, and utterly to eradicate all Principles of Religion and Morality; and ſuch Societies have diſperſed ſuch printed Papers among the lower Claſſes of the Community, either *gratis*, or at very low Prices, and with an Activity and Profuſion beyond all former Example: And whereas all Perſons printing or publiſhing any Papers or Writings are by Law anſwerable for the Contents thereof, but ſuch Reſponſibility hath of late been in a great Degree eluded by the ſecret Printing and Publication of ſuch ſeditious, immoral, and irreligious Papers or Writings as aforeſaid, and it is therefore highly important to the Publick Peace that it ſhould in future be known by whom any ſuch Papers ſhall be printed; be it enacted, That, from and after the Expiration of Forty Days from the Day of paſſing this Act, every Perſon having any Printing Preſs, or Types for Printing, ſhall cauſe a Notice thereof, ſigned in the Preſence of and atteſted by One Witneſs, to be delivered to the Clerk of the Peace acting for the County, Stewartry, Riding, Diviſion, City, Borough, Town, or Place, where the ſame ſhall be intended to be uſed, or his Deputy, according to the Form preſcribed in the Schedule hereunto annexed; and ſuch Clerk of the Peace, or Deputy reſpectively, ſhall, and he is hereby authorized and required to grant a Certificate in the Form preſcribed in the Schedule hereunto annexed, for which ſuch Clerk of the Peace, or Deputy, ſhall receive the Fee of One Shilling, and no more, and ſuch Clerk of the Peace, or his Deputy, ſhall file ſuch Notice, and tranſmit an atteſted Copy thereof to One of His Majeſty's Principal Secretaries of State; and every Perſon who, not having delivered ſuch Notice, and obtained ſuch Certificate as aforeſaid, ſhall, from and after the Expiration of Forty Days next after the paſſing of this Act, keep or uſe any Printing Preſs or Types for Printing, or having delivered ſuch Notice, and obtained ſuch Certificate as aforeſaid, ſhall uſe any Printing Preſs or Types for Printing in any other Place than the Place expreſſed in ſuch Notice, ſhall forfeit and loſe the Sum of Twenty Pounds.

Penalty of 20 *l.* for keeping Preſſes or Types without Notice, or uſing them in any Place not expreſſed therein.

Not to extend to His Majeſty's Printers, or the Univerſities in *England*.

XXIV. Provided alſo, That nothing herein contained ſhall extend to His Majeſty's Printers for *England* and *Scotland*, or to the Publick Preſſes belonging to the Univerſities of *Oxford* and *Cambridge* reſpectively.

Letter Founders and Printing Preſs Makers to give a Notice, in the Form in the annexed Schedule, to the Clerk of the Peace, who ſhall grant a Certificate, and file the Notice, and tranſmit an atteſted Copy to the Secretary of State.

XXV. And be it further enacted, That, from and after the Expiration of Forty Days after the paſſing of this Act, every Perſon carrying on the Buſineſs of a Letter Founder, or Maker or Seller of Types for Printing, or of Printing Preſſes, ſhall cauſe Notice of his or her Intention to carry on ſuch Buſineſs to be delivered to the Clerk of the Peace of the County, Stewartry, Riding, Diviſion, City, Borough, Town, or Place, where ſuch Perſon ſhall propoſe to carry on ſuch Buſineſs, or his Deputy, in the Form preſcribed in the Schedule to this Act annexed; and ſuch Clerk of the Peace, or his Deputy, ſhall, and he is hereby authorized and required thereupon to grant a Certificate in the Form alſo preſcribed in the ſaid Schedule, for which ſuch Clerk of the Peace, or his Deputy, ſhall receive a Fee of One Shilling, and no more, and ſhall file ſuch Notice, and tranſmit an atteſted Copy thereof to One of His Majeſty's Principal Secretaries of State; and every

Perſon who ſhall, after the Expiration of the ſaid Forty Days, carry on ſuch Buſineſs, or make or ſell any Type for Printing, or Printing Preſs, without having given ſuch Notice, and obtained ſuch Certificate, ſhall forfeit and loſe the Sum of Twenty Pounds.

Penalty of 20*l.* for carrying on ſuch Buſineſſes without giving Notice.

XXVI. And be it further enacted, That every Perſon who ſhall ſell Types for Printing, or Printing Preſſes, as aforeſaid, ſhall keep a fair Account in Writing, of all Perſons to whom any ſuch Types or Preſſes ſhall be ſold, and ſhall produce ſuch Accounts to any Juſtice of the Peace who ſhall require the ſame; and if ſuch Perſon ſhall neglect to keep ſuch Account, or ſhall refuſe to produce the ſame to any ſuch Juſtice, on Demand in Writing to inſpect the ſame, ſuch Perſon ſhall forfeit and loſe, for ſuch Offence, the Sum of Twenty Pounds.

An Account to be kept of Types and Printing Preſſes ſold, and to be produced when required, on Penalty of 20*l.*

XXVII. And be it further enacted, That, from and after the Expiration of Forty Days after the paſſing of this Act, every Perſon who ſhall print any Paper or Book whatſoever, which ſhall be meant or intended to be publiſhed or diſperſed, whether the ſame ſhall be ſold or given away, ſhall print upon the Front of every ſuch Paper, if the ſame ſhall be printed on One Side only, and upon the Firſt and laſt Leaves of every Paper or Book which ſhall conſiſt of more than One Leaf, in legible Characters, his or her Name, and the Name of the City, Town, Pariſh, or Place, and alſo the Name (if any) of the Square, Street, Lane, Court, or Place, in which his or her Dwelling Houſe or uſual Place of Abode ſhall be; and every Perſon who ſhall omit ſo to print his Name and Place of Abode on every ſuch Paper or Book printed by him, and alſo every Perſon who ſhall publiſh or diſperſe, or aſſiſt in publiſhing or diſperſing, either *gratis* or for Money, any printed Paper or Book, which ſhall have been printed after the Expiration of Forty Days from the paſſing of this Act, and on which the Name and Place of Abode of the Perſon printing the ſame ſhall not be printed as aforeſaid, ſhall, for every Copy of ſuch Paper ſo publiſhed or diſperſed by him, forfeit and pay the Sum of Twenty Pounds.

The Name and Abode of the Printer to be printed on every Paper or Book, on Penalty of 20*l.*

XXVIII. And be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained ſhall extend, or be conſtrued to extend, to any Papers printed by the Authority and for the Uſe of either Houſe of Parliament.

Not to extend to Papers printed by Authority of Parliament.

XXIX. And be it further enacted, That every Perſon who, from and after the Expiration of Forty Days after the paſſing of this Act, ſhall print any Paper for Hire, Reward, Gain, or Profit, ſhall carefully preſerve and keep One Copy (at leaſt) of every Paper ſo printed by him or her, on which he or ſhe ſhall write, or cauſe to be written or printed, in fair and legible Characters, the Name and Place of Abode of the Perſon or Perſons by whom he or ſhe ſhall be employed to print the ſame; and every Perſon printing any Paper for Hire, Reward, Gain, or Profit, who ſhall omit or neglect to write, or cauſe to be written or printed as aforeſaid, the Name and Place of his or her Employer on One of ſuch printed Papers, or to keep or preſerve the ſame for the Space of Six Calendar Months next after the Printing thereof, or to produce and ſhew the ſame to any Juſtice of the Peace, who, within the ſaid Space of Six Calendar Months, ſhall require to ſee the ſame, ſhall, for every ſuch Omiſſion, Neglect, or Refuſal, forfeit and loſe the Sum of Twenty Pounds.

Printers to keep a Copy of every Paper they print, and write thereon the Name and Abode of their Employer.

Penalty of 20*l.* for Neglect, or refuſing to produce the Copy within Six Months.

XXX. And

Perſons ſelling, &c. any Paper without the Name and Abode of the Printer, may be taken before a Juſtice to determine whether they have offended againſt this Act.

XXX. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall be lawful for any Perſon, to whom or in whoſe Preſence any printed Paper, not having the Name and Place of Abode of any Perſon printed thereon, in Manner herein-before directed, or having a fictitious or falſe Name or Place of Abode printed thereon, ſhall be ſold, or offered for Sale, or ſhall be delivered *gratis*, or offered ſo to be, or ſhall be paſted, fixed, or left in any publick Place, or in any other Manner expoſed to publick View, to ſeize and detain the Perſons ſo ſelling or offering to ſell, or delivering or offering to deliver, or paſting, fixing, or leaving in any publick Place, or in any other Manner expoſing to publick View, any ſuch printed Paper as aforeſaid, and forthwith to take and convey him or her before ſome Juſtice of the Peace for the County, Stewartry, Riding, Diviſion, City, Borough, Town, or Place, where ſuch Perſon ſhall be ſeized, or to deliver him or her to ſome Conſtable or other Peace Officer, to be taken and conveyed before ſuch Juſtice as aforeſaid, to the Intent that ſuch Juſtice may hear and determine whether ſuch Perſon hath been guilty of any Offence againſt this Act.

Not to extend to Impreſſions of Engravings, or the printing Names and Addreſſes, &c.;

XXXI. Provided always, That nothing herein contained ſhall extend to the Impreſſion of any Engraving, or to the printing by Letter Preſs, of the Name, or the Name and Addreſs, or Buſineſs or Profeſſion, of any Perſon, and the Articles in which he deals, or to any Papers for the Sale of Eſtates or Goods by Auction, or otherwiſe.

nor to alter any Proviſions reſpecting Newſpapers.

XXXII. Provided alſo, That nothing herein contained ſhall extend, or be conſtrued to extend, to alter or vary any Rule, Regulation, or Proviſion contained in any Act of Parliament now in force reſpecting the printing, publiſhing, or diſtributing any printed Newſpaper, or other printed Paper.

A Juſtice may empower a Peace Officer to ſearch for Preſſes and Types he ſuſpects to be illegally uſed, and to ſeize them and the printed Papers found.

XXXIII. And be it further enacted, That if any Juſtice of the Peace, acting for any County, Stewartry, Riding, Diviſion, City, Borough, Town, or Place, ſhall, from Information upon Oath, have Reaſon to ſuſpect that any Printing Preſs or Types for Printing is or are uſed or kept for Uſe without Notice given and Certificate obtained as required by this Act, or in any Place not included in ſuch Notice and Certificate, it ſhall be lawful for ſuch Juſtice, by Warrant under his Hand and Seal, to direct, authorize, and empower any Conſtable, Petty Conſtable, Borſholder, Headborough, or other Peace Officer, in the Day Time, with ſuch Perſon or Perſons as ſhall be called to his Aſſiſtance, to enter into any ſuch Houſe, Room, and Place, and ſearch for any Printing Preſs or Types for Printing; and it ſhall be lawful for every ſuch Peace Officer, with ſuch Aſſiſtance as aforeſaid, to enter into ſuch Houſe, Room, or Place, in the Day Time accordingly, and to ſeize, take, and carry away, every Printing Preſs found therein, together with all the Types and other Articles thereto belonging, and uſed in Printing, and all printed Papers found in ſuch Houſe, Room, or Place.

Proſecutions to be commenced within Three Months after Penalty is incurred.

XXXIV. Provided always, That no Perſon ſhall be proſecuted or ſued for any Penalty impoſed by this Act, unleſs ſuch Proſecution ſhall be commenced, or ſuch Action ſhall be brought, within Three Calendar Months next after ſuch Penalty ſhall have been incurred.

XXXV. And

Recovery of Penalties.

XXXV. And be it further enacted, That any pecuniary Penalty impoſed by this Act, exceeding the Sum of Twenty Pounds, may be ſued for and recovered, by any Perſon who will ſue for the ſame, by Action of Debt, in any of His Majeſty's Courts of Record at *Weſtminſter*, if ſuch Penalty ſhall have been incurred in *England* or *Wales*, or the Town of *Berwick upon Tweed*, and in His Majeſty's Court of Exchequer in *Scotland*, if ſuch Penalty ſhall have been incurred in *Scotland*, in which Action it ſhall be ſufficient to declare or alledge that the Defendant is indebted to the Plaintiff in the Sum of Twenty Pounds, (being the Sum demanded by ſuch Action), being forfeited by an Act, made and paſſed in the Thirty-ninth Year of the Reign of His Majeſty King *George* the Third, intituled, *An Act* [*Here ſet forth the Title of the Act*], and the Plaintiff, if he ſhall recover in any ſuch Action, ſhall have his full Coſts; and any pecuniary Penalty impoſed by this Act, and not exceeding the Sum of Twenty Pounds, and for the Recovery whereof no Proviſion is herein-before contained, ſhall and may be recovered before any Juſtice or Juſtices of the Peace for the County, Stewartry, Riding, Diviſion, City, Town, or Place, in which the ſame ſhall be incurred, or the Perſon having incurred the ſame ſhall happen to be, in a ſummary Way; and in caſe ſuch laſt mentioned Penalty ſhall not be forthwith paid, ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices ſhall, by Warrant under his or their Hand and Seal, or Hands and Seals, and directed to any Conſtable or other Peace Officer, cauſe the ſame to be levied by Diſtreſs and Sale of the Offender's Goods and Chattels, together with all Coſts and Charges attending ſuch Diſtreſs and Sale; and in caſe no ſufficient Diſtreſs can be had or made, ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices ſhall commit the Offender to the Common Gaol or Houſe of Correction for ſuch County, Stewartry, Riding, Diviſion, City, Borough, Town, or Place, there to remain, without Bail or Mainprize, for any Time not exceeding Six Calendar Months, nor leſs than Three Calendar Months.

Application of Penalties.

XXXVI. And be it further enacted, That all pecuniary Penalties and Forfeitures impoſed by this Act ſhall, when recovered, either by Action in any Court, or in a ſummary Way before any Juſtice, be applied and diſpoſed of in Manner herein-after mentioned; that is to ſay, One Moiety thereof to the Plaintiff in any ſuch Action, or the Informer, before any Juſtice, and the other Moiety thereof to His Majeſty, His Heirs and Succeſſors.

Limitation of Actions.

XXXVII. And be it further enacted, That every Action and Suit which ſhall be brought or commenced againſt any Juſtice or Juſtices of the Peace, Conſtable, Peace Officer, or other Perſon or Perſons, for any Thing done or acted in purſuance of this Act, ſhall be commenced within Three Calendar Months next after the Fact committed, and not afterwards; and the Venue in every ſuch Action or Suit ſhall be laid in the proper County where the Fact was committed, and not elſewhere; and the Defendant or Defendants in every ſuch Action or Suit ſhall and may plead the General Iſſue, and give this Act and the Special Matter in Evidence at any Trial to be had thereupon; and if ſuch Action or Suit ſhall be brought or commenced after the Time limited for bringing the ſame, or the Venue ſhall be laid in any other Place than as aforeſaid, then the Jury ſhall find a Verdict for the Defendant or Defendants; and in ſuch Caſe, or if the Jury ſhall find a Verdict for the Defendant or Defendants upon the Merits, or if the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs ſhall become nonſuit,

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nonſuit, or diſcontinue his, her, or their Action after Appearance, or if upon Demurrer Judgement ſhall be given againſt the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, the Defendant or Defendants ſhall have Double Coſts; which he or they ſhall and may recover in ſuch and the ſame Manner as any Defendant can by Law in other Caſes.

Double Coſts.

Convictions, &c. to be in the Forms in the annexed Schedule.

XXXVIII. And be it further enacted, That Convictions by any Juſtice or Juſtices of the Peace, for Offences againſt this Act, and Adjudications of Forfeitures of Licences to be made in purſuance of this Act, and Notices and Certificates delivered and granted in purſuance of this Act, ſhall or may be in the ſeveral Forms ſet forth for ſuch Purpoſes reſpectively in the Schedule to this Act annexed.

Act may be repealed or altered this Seſſion.

XXXIX. And be it further enacted, That this Act ſhall and may be repealed in the Whole, or in any Part thereof, or in any Manner altered or amended, during the preſent Seſſion of Parliament,

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The SCHEDULE

To which the annexed Act refers.

I. *FORM of Conviction of an unlawful Combination and Confederacy.*

M to wit. } BE it remembered, That on this Day of in the Year of the Reign of *A. B.* of is duly convicted before me, [*or* us], of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for in pursuance of an Act of the Thirty-ninth Year of the Reign of King *George* the Third, [*set forth the Title of the Act*], for that the said *A. B.* after the passing of the said Act, to wit, on the Day of at did, contrary to the said Act, become a Member of [*or, as the Case may be,* act as a Member of, *or* maintain Correspondence or Intercourse with, *or* by Contribution of Money or otherwise, abet or support] a Society [*describing the Society*], which Society is an unlawful Combination and Confederacy within the Intent and Meaning of the said Act: Wherefore I [*or* we] the said do adjudge, that he the said *A. B.* do pay [*or,* be imprisoned] as a Penalty for his Offence, in pursuance of the said Act.

Given under my Hand and Seal [*or* our Hands and Seals], this Day of in the Year of our Lord and in the Year of the Reign of His Majesty King

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II. *FORM of Adjudicature of Forfeiture of Licence to sell Ale, &c.*

M to wit. } BE it remembered, That on this Day of in the Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, *A. B.* of being a Person licensed to sell [*as the Case may be*], is duly convicted before us, Two of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County of in pursuance of an Act of the Thirty-ninth Year of the Reign of [*set forth the Title of the Act*], for that he the said *A. B.* on at did permit a Meeting of a Society [*describing the Society*], which is an unlawful Combination and Confederacy within the Intent and Meaning of

the ſaid Act, to be held at being the Houſe [*as the Caſe may be*] of the ſaid *A. B.* wherein he the ſaid *A. B.* is licenſed to ſell [*as the Caſe may be*]: Wherefore, we the ſaid do adjudge and declare that the Licence [*or*, Licences, *as the Caſe may be*] is [*or*, are] for ſuch Offence forfeited.

Given under our Hands and Seals, this Day of in the Year of our Lord and in the Year of the Reign of His Majeſty King

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III. *FORM of Conviction of having or uſing a Printing Preſs, or Types for Printing, without Notice, or uſing the ſame in a Place not ſpecified in ſuch Notice, or not keeping Accounts as required by the Act, or any other Offence againſt the Act.*

M to wit. } BE it remembered, That on this Day of in the Year of the Reign of *A. B.* of is duly convicted before me [*or*, us] of His Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace for in purſuance of an Act of the Thirty-ninth Year of the Reign of King *George* the Third, [*ſet forth the Title of the Act*], for that the ſaid *A. B.* on the Day of at did, contrary to the ſaid Act, keep [*or*, uſe, *as the Caſe may be*] a Printing Preſs [*or*, Types for Printing; *or*, carrying on the Buſineſs of a Letter Founder, *or*, Maker or Seller of Types, *or* Printing Preſſes], not having given ſuch Notice, and obtained ſuch Certificate, as by the ſaid Act is required, *or*, in being a Place not ſpecified in any Notice given by the ſaid *A. B.* in purſuance of the ſaid Act, whereupon he had obtained ſuch Certificate, as by the ſaid Act is required; *or*, not keeping an Account of a Perſon to whom the ſaid *A. B.* ſold Printing Types, *or*, a Printing Preſs, *as the Caſe may be*; *or*, not printing his Name, *&c. as the Caſe may require*; *or*, not keeping a Copy of a Paper printed by him for Hire, Reward, Gain, or Profit, to wit, a Paper [*deſcribing it*] which the ſaid *A. B.* printed, *&c. or*, not producing a Copy of a Paper printed, *&c. or*, *ſpecifying any other Offence againſt the Act, and the Time and Place when and where the ſame was committed*]: Wherefore I [*or*, we] the ſaid do adjudge that he the ſaid *A. B.* do pay the Sum of as a Penalty for his Offence, in purſuance of the ſaid Act.

Given under our Hands and Seals, this Day of in the Year of our Lord and in the Year of the Reign of His Majeſty King

IV. *FORM*

IV. *FORM of Notice to the Clerk of the Peace, that any Perſon keeps any Printing Preſs or Types for Printing.*

To the Clerk of the Peace for [*here inſert the County, Stewartry, Riding, Diviſion, City, Borough, Town, or Place*], or his Deputy.

I *A. B.* of do hereby declare, That I have a Printing Preſs and Types for Printing, which I propoſe to uſe for Printing, within [*as the Caſe may require*], and which I require to be entered for that Purpoſe, in purſuance of an Act, paſſed in the Thirty-ninth Year of the Reign of His Majeſty King *George* the Third, [*ſet forth the Title of the Act*].

Witneſs my Hand, this Day of

Signed in the Preſence of }

V. *FORM of Certificate that Notice has been given of a Printing Preſs, or Types for Printing.*

I Clerk [*or*, Deputy Clerk] of the Peace for do hereby certify, That *A. B.* of hath delivered to me a Notice in Writing, appearing to be ſigned by him, and atteſted by *C. D.* as a Witneſs to his ſigning the ſame, that he the ſaid *A. B.* hath a Printing Preſs and Types for Printing, which he propoſes to uſe for Printing, within and which he has required to be entered, purſuant to an Act, paſſed in the Thirty-ninth Year of His Majeſty's Reign, [*ſet forth the Title of the Act*].

Witneſs my Hand, this Day of

VI. *FORM of Notice to the Clerk of the Peace, that any Perſon carries on the Buſineſs of a Letter Founder, or Maker or Seller of Types for Printing, or of Printing Preſſes.*

To the Clerk of the Peace for [*as the Caſe may be*], or his Deputy.

I *A. B.* of do hereby declare, That I intend to carry on the Buſineſs of a Letter Founder or Maker or Seller of Types for Printing, *or* of Printing Preſſes, [*as the Caſe may be*], at and I hereby require this Notice to be entered in purſuance of an Act, paſſed in the Thirty-ninth Year of the Reign of His Majeſty King *George* the Third, [*ſet forth the Title of the Act*].

Signed in the Preſence of }

VII. *FORM of Certificate that the above Notice has been given.*

I *G. H.* Clerk [*or* Deputy Clerk] of the Peace for [*as the Case may be*], do hereby certify, That *A. B.* of hath delivered to me a Notice in Writing, appearing to be signed by him, and attested by *E. F.* as a Witness to his signing the same, that he intends to carry on the Business of a Letter Founder, or Maker or Seller of Types for Printing, or of Printing Presses, at and which Notice he has required to be entered in pursuance of an Act of the Thirty-ninth Year of His Majesty King *George* the Third, [*set forth the Title of the Act*].

Witness my Hand, this Day of

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