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GEORGII III. REGIS.

Cap. 147.

An Act for enabling a married Perſon to hold and enjoy the Office of Warden of *Wadham College*, in the Univerſity of *Oxford*. [22d *July* 1806.]

WHEREAS by the Statutes of *Wadham College*, in the Univerſity of *Oxford*, given to the ſaid College by the Founder thereof, it is ordained that the Warden of the ſaid College ſhall be choſen out of thoſe who are or have been Fellows of the ſaid College, and have honourably departed from it; and alſo that the Warden of the ſaid College ſhall, at the Time of his Election to the Office of Warden, be, and whilſt he ſhall be Warden of the ſaid College, continue to be a Bachelor and unmarried; and alſo that the ſaid Warden ſhall take an Oath that he hath not contracted, nor will enter into any Contract of Matrimony ſo long as he ſhall be Warden of the ſaid College: And whereas in the preſent State of Society it is reaſonable and fit, and likely to conduce to the Benefit of the ſaid College, that a married Perſon, otherwiſe duly qualified, ſhall, notwithſtanding the ſaid Statutes, be capable of being elected into and to hold and enjoy the ſaid Office of Warden of the ſaid College, and that every Warden of the ſaid College ſhall after his Election into and during his Continuance in the ſaid Office be allowed to marry and continue ſuch Warden, notwithſtanding his Marriage and the ſaid Statutes; 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

in this preſent Parliament aſſembled, and by the Authority of the ſame, That from and after the paſſing of this Act, ſo much of the Statutes of the ſaid College as ordains that the Warden of the ſaid College ſhall at the Time of his Election to the Office of Warden be, and whilſt he ſhall be Warden of the ſaid College continue to be, a Bachelor and unmarried; and alſo ſo much of the ſaid Statutes as ordains that the ſaid Warden ſhall take an Oath that he hath not contracted, nor will enter into any Contract of Matrimony ſo long as he ſhall be Warden of the ſaid College, ſhall be and the ſame are hereby declared to be null and void to all Intents and Purpoſes; any Thing in the ſaid Statutes contained to the contrary thereof notwithſtanding.

Annulling ſo much of the Statutes of Wadham College as ordains that the Warden ſhall be Bachelor.

II. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That from and after the paſſing of this Act all and every ſuch Clauſe, Matter, and Thing in the ſaid Statutes of the ſaid College contained, as impoſes any Reſtraint on the Fellows of the ſaid College from electing a married Man (otherwiſe duly qualified) to the Office of Warden or Head of the ſaid College, or from permitting the Warden or Head of the ſaid College, after his Election to the ſaid Office of Warden or Head, to marry, ſhall be and the ſame are hereby declared to be null and void to all Intents and Purpoſes whatſoever; any Thing in the ſaid Statutes contained, or any Law or Statute to the contrary notwithſtanding.

Annulling ſo much of the ſaid Statutes as reſtrains the Fellows of of the ſaid College from electing a married Perſon for Warden, or continue one as ſuch.

III. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That from and after the paſſing of this Act ſo much of the Oath directed to be taken by the Warden or Head of the ſaid College on his Election to the ſaid Office of Warden or Head of the ſaid College, as declares that ſuch Warden or Head hath not contracted nor will enter into any Contract of Matrimony ſo long as he ſhall be Warden or Head of the ſaid College, and alſo ſo much of ſuch Oath as tends in any Manner to reſtrain ſuch Warden or Head from marrying or contracting Matrimony, and alſo the reading, at the Time of the Nomination and Election of ſuch Warden or Head, of ſo much of the ſaid Statutes of the ſaid College as relates to the ſaid Warden or Head of the ſaid College not marrying or contracting Matrimony, ſhall be omitted.

So much of the Warden's Oath on his Election, as relates to Matrimony, to be omitted.

IV. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That from and after the paſſing of this Act it ſhall be lawful for every Warden or Head of the ſaid College to marry, and to continue ſuch Warden or Head in the ſame Manner to all Intents and Purpoſes, as before the paſſing of this Act he would have been if he had not been married; and alſo for any Perſon, though married or contracted in Matrimony, who ſhall be in all other Reſpects duly qualified, to be elected into, and to accept of and hold and enjoy the Office of Warden or Head of the ſaid College; ſuch Statutes of the ſaid College or any other Law or Statute, Matter or Thing, to the contrary notwithſtanding.

Warden may marry, and continue the Office.

V. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That from and after the paſſing of this Act, it ſhall be lawful for the Fellows of the ſaid College to nominate and elect any Perſon who is married or contracted in Matrimony to be ſuch Warden or Head of the ſaid College, provided the Perſon ſo to be nominated and elected ſuch Warden or Head ſhall in every other Reſpect be duly qualified to be nominated and

Fellows of the College may nominate and elect a married Perſon.

elected into, and to accept of and hold and enjoy the said Office of Warden or Head of the said College; such Statutes of the said College, or any other Law or Statute, Matter or Thing, to the contrary notwithstanding.

No Parts of the said Statutes to be annulled but what are by this Act, annulled.

VI. And be it further enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That nothing in this Act contained shall alter, annul, or make void, any other Parts of the said Statutes of the said College not hereby annulled; and that the said Warden, Fellows, and Scholars of the said College shall have, hold, and enjoy all Estates, Rights, Privileges, Benefits, and Emoluments belonging to the said College, in the same Manner to all Intents and Purposes, as they might have held and enjoyed the same, if this Act had not been made; any Thing herein, or in the said Statutes of the said College contained, or any Law or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

Evidence.

VII. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall be printed by the Printer to the King's most Excellent Majesty, and a Copy thereof, so printed, shall be admitted as Evidence thereof by all Judges, Justices, and others.

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