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An Act to authorize the Judges to whom Petitions for certain Bills ſhall be referred, to examine Witneſſes upon Oath. [2d *July* 1801.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is expedient that the Judges to whom any Petition for any Bill concerning Lands or Hereditaments in that Part of the United Kingdom called *Ireland*, or concerning Lands, Hereditaments, or other Heritable Subjects in that Part of the United Kingdom called *Scotland*, ſhall be referred by the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, in Parliament aſſembled, ſhould be authorized to adminiſter an Oath to all ſuch Witneſſes as may be examined before them, touching the Matter of ſuch Petition; may it therefore 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 it ſhall be lawful for any One or more of the ſaid Judges of that Part of the United Kingdom called *Scotland*, to whom any Petition for any Bill concerning Lands, Hereditaments, or other Heritable Subjects in that Part of the United Kingdom called *Scotland*, ſhall be referred by the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, in Parliament aſſembled, and for any One or more of the Judges of that Part of the United Kingdom called *Ireland*, to whom any ſuch Petition concerning

Judges of *Scotland* or *Ireland* to whom Bills reſpecting Lands may be referred by the Houſe of Lords, may examine Witneſſes on Oath, as if ſworn at the Bar of that Houſe.

Lands or other Hereditaments in that Part of the United Kingdom called *Ireland*, ſhall be referred as aforeſaid, to examine upon Oath all ſuch Witneſſes as ſhall be produced before them, touching the Matter of ſuch Petition and Reference, and for that Purpoſe to adminiſter an Oath accordingly; and every Oath which ſhall be ſo taken ſhall be as available and effectual to all Intents and Purpoſes, and every Perſon who ſhall take ſuch Oath ſhall be puniſhable for any falſe Evidence he ſhall give under ſuch Oath, in the ſame Manner as if the ſaid Oath had been adminiſtered to the Witneſs taking the ſame at the Bar of the Houſe of Lords.

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