



Pluralities Act 1838

1838 CHAPTER 106

An Act to abridge the holding of Benefices in Plurality, and to make better Provision for the Residence of the Clergy. [14th August 1838]

WHEREAS an Act was passed in the Twenty-first Year of the Reign of King *Henry* the Eighth, intituled *An Act that no Spiritual Persons shall take to ferm of the King, or any other Person, any Lands or Tenements for Term of Life, Lives, Years, or at Will, &c. ; and for Pluralities of Benefices ; and for Residence*, the whole of which recited Act (excepting only such Parts as relate to Pluralities of Benefices) has since been repealed by an Act passed in the Fifty-seventh Year of the Reign of King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to Spiritual Persons holding of Farms ; and for enforcing the Residence of Spiritual Persons on their Benefices; and for the Support and Maintenance of Stipendiary Curates in England* : And whereas it is expedient to consolidate and amend the said Laws, and to restrain the holding of Pluralities, and to make further Provision for enforcing the Residence of Spiritual Persons upon their Benefices, and to limit the Exemptions from such Residence ; and also to make further Provision respecting the Appointment and Support of Stipendiary Curates in *England*:

Be it therefore enacted by the Queen'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,