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Cap. 104.

An Act to explain, amend, and render more effectual an Act, passed in the Third Year of the Reign of King James the First, intituled An Act for the recovering of Small Debts, and for the relieving of poor Debtors in London; and an Act passed in the Fourteenth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King George the Second, to explain and amend the above-mentioned Act; and likewise for extending the Powers of the Court of Requests in the City of London, in and by the said Two several Acts continued and established. [9th July 1800.]

of the Reign of His late Majesty King James the First, intituled An Act for the recovering of Small Debts, and for the relieving of poor Debtors in London: And whereas an Act of Parliament was passed in the Fourteenth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty [Loc. & Per.]

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14 G.2. c. 10. King George the Second, intituled An Act to explain and amend an Act, made in the Third-Year of the Reign of King James the First, intituled ' An Act for the recovering of Small Debts, and for the relieving of poor ' Debtors in London;' which said Acts have been found useful and beneficial, but the same are in some respects defective and insufficient fully to answer? the good Purposes thereby intended: And whereas if the Number of the Commissioners of the Court of Requests in the City, of London were limited and ascertained as herein-after mentioned; and if the Powers of the said Court under the Two recited Acts of Parliament were extended to the Recovery of Debts not exceeding Five Pounds, it would be attended with beneficial Effects to the Public: And whereas it would greatly alleviate the Distresses of the honest and unfortunate Debtor, if the said Court was enabled to order Payment of Debts, for which Judgment shall be given, by Instalments at stated Periods, which may be possible for the Debtor to pay, though it may be absolutely impossible for him or her to satisfy the whole Debt in one Sum: And whereas Doubts have arisen whether Persons residing within the City of London, nor the Liberties thereof, and indebted to Persons not residing within the same City or Liberties, are subject to the Jurisdiction of the said-Court; and whether Rent due from Lodgers and others. Wages due to Workmen or Servants, or the Quarterage due and payable by the several Members of the public Companies of the said City, were recoverable in the said Court; and also whether Attornies and Solicitors, and other Officers of any of the Courts of Law or Equity, are subject to the Processes of the said Court: And whereas it would be attended with very beneficial Effects to the Public, if all Debts, whether upon simple Contract or otherwise, not exceeding the Sum of Five Pounds, (except such Debts whereto it is herein-after expressly declared that this Act shall not extend), were recoverable in the said Court: 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 so much and such Parts of the said Two recited Acis of the Third Year of King James the First, and the Fourteenth Year of King George the City to Debts Second, as confine or restrain the Cognizance or Jurisdiction of the Court of Requests of the City of London to Debts not exceeding the Sum of Forty Shillings, shall (from and after the Thirtieth Day of September One thousand eight hundred) be, and the same are hereby repealed.

So much of recited Acts as restrains the Jurisdiction of the Court of Requests of the not exceeding 40s. shall, from September 30, 1800, be repealed.

Commissionersappointed, who shall sit in Rotation.

II. And, for the due and regular appointing, and for limiting and ascertaining the Number of the Commissioners of the said Court of Requests, be it further enacted, That Two Aldermen of the City of London, together with not less than Twenty Inhabitant Householders of the respective Wards or Districts herein-after mentioned (including the Common Council Men for the Time being of the said respective Wards or Districts), shall beinominated and appointed in such Manner as hath been heretofore accustomed, to be Commissioners of and to sit as usual in the said Court, for One Calendar Month, in the Rotation following; (that is to.say), at the car as well in the same of his entable of military the month of the most direction with the contract

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And that such Commissioners shall, from Time to Time hereafter, continue to be nominated and appointed from each of the said Wards or Districts, in the same Rotation, for One Calendar Month in every succeeding Two Years; and that they the said Commissioners, so to be from Three Com-Time to Time appointed, or any Three or more of them, shall and may missioners from Time to Time have full Power and Authority to hear, examine, and determine all Matters in controversy coming before them, between Party and Party, where the Debt shall not exceed the Sum of Forty Shillings; and that the said Commissioners so to be from Time to Time 40s.andSeven appointed, or any Seven or more of them, shall and may, from Time to Time, have full Power and Authority to hear, examine, and determine over Debts all Matters in controversy coming before them, between Party and Party, not exceeding where the Debt shall not exceed the Sum of Five Pounds.

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III. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if at any Court Commissionor Sitting of the said Commissioners a sufficient Number of them shall not be present, it shall be lawful for such Commissioners as are in Attendance to call to their Assistance any other Commissioner or Commissioners, who tending, may is, are, or shall be duly qualified and authorized to act in the said call to their

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others who are not in Rotation.

Court for any other Month; and in every such Case it shall be lawful for such Assistant Commissioner or Commissioners to act in the Execution of the Powers and Authorities given by this present Act, or by either of the Acts of Parliament herein-before mentioned, in the same Manner as the Commissioners for the then current Month are authorized and empowered to act; any thing herein contained to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding.

Commissioners shall take the following Oath. IV. And be it further enacted, That the said Commissioners to be appointed as aforesaid, or any of them, shall not be capable of acting as Commissioners or Commissioner in the Execution of any of the Powers and Authorities given by this present Act, or by either of the beforementioned Acts of the Third Year of King James the First, and the Fourteenth Year of King George the Second, after the Thirtieth Day of September One thousand eight hundred, (except the Power hereby given of administering Oaths to Commissioners), until they and he respectively shall have taken an Oath to the Effect following; (that is to say),

Oath.

· A. B. do swear, That I am possessed, for my own Use and Benefit, of Estates or Property of the clear Amount or Value of One thousand Pounds, over and above all Incumbrances, and that I will faithfully, impartially, and honestly, according to the best of my Skill and Knowledge, execute the several Powers and Trusts reposed in me as a Com-' missioner of the Court of Requests in and for the City of London, conformably to the Directions and true Intent and Meaning of an Act passed in the Third Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King James the First, intituled An Act for the recovering of Small Debts, and for the relieving of poor Debtors in London; and of Two other Acts of Par-' liament, passed respectively in the Fourteenth Year of the Reign of His · late Majesty King George the Second, and in the Fortieth Year of the Reign of His Majesty King George the Third, for explaining, amending, and rendering more effectual the first-mentioned Act, or conformably to the Directions and true Intent and Meaning of such or so much of the same Three Acts of Parliament as now are or is in-force, and that without Favour or Affection, Prejudice or Malice.

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Which Oath, any Two or more of the said Commissioners are hereby empowered and required to administer to each other; and they the said Commissioners shall and are hereby required (after taking the said Oath) to sign or subscribe their respective Names upon a Roll or Rolls of Parchment to be provided for that Purpose, with the said Oath written or printed thereon; and that such Roll or Rolls shall be carefully kept among the Records of the said Court.

Debtors to besummoned before Commissioners, who may make such . Order therein between the Parties as they think just, &c.

V. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for any Person or Persons, whether residing within the City of London or elsewhere, also Bodies Politic or Corporate, and Fraternities or Brotherhoods, whether Corporate or not Corporate, who now have or hereafter shall have any such Debt as is herein-before specified or mentioned, or any other Debt or Debts owing or due to, or claimed or demanded by such Person or Persons, Bodies Politic or Corporate, and Fraternities or Brotherhoods, whether Corporate or not Corporate, not exceeding the Sum of Five Pounds, from any Person or Persons whomsoever, residing or inhabit-

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ing within the City of London, or the Liberties thereof, or keeping any House, Warehouse, Shop, Shed, Stall, or Stand, or seeking a Livelihood, or trading or dealing within the same City or Liberties, to cause such Debtor or Debtors, Person or Persons, from whom such Debt or Debts shall be owing or due, or claimed or demanded, and so resident, inhabiting, or keeping any House, Warehouse, Shop, Shed, Stall, or Stand, or seeking a Livelihood, or trading or dealing as aforesaid, to be warned or summoned by personal Service, or by a printed or written Summons left at the Dwelling House, Lodgings, or Place of Abode, Warehouse, Shop, Shed, Stall, Stand, or any other Place of Dealing of such Debtor or Debtors, or Person or Persons as aforesaid, within the Jurisdiction of the said Court, to appear before the Commissioners of the said Court, to be held at or in the Guildhall of the said City, or at or in some other Place to be provided by the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons of the City of London in Common Council assembled, within the said City, for holding the said Court; and that after such Summons as aforesaid, the said Commissioners, or any Three or more of them, in case the Debts shall not exceed the Sum of Forty Shillings, and if the same shall be above Forty Shillings and shall not exceed the Sum of Five Pounds, the said Commissioners, or any Seven or more of them, shall have full Power and Authority, by virtue of this Act, from Time to Time to make or cause to be made such Order or Orders. Decrees, Judgments, and Proceedings, between such Party Plaintiff or Parties Plaintiffs, and his, her, or their Debtor or Debtors, or other Person or Persons, Defendant or Defendants, touching such Debts, as they shall find to stand with Equity and good Conscience; and thereby may order and direct the Payment of any such Debts to be made either in One Sum or at Once, or by Instalments at stated Periods, as they shall see Cause, and deem just and reasonable; all which Order or Orders, Decrees, Judgments, and Proceedings, so to be made, shall be registered in a Book or Books, as they have been accustomed to be, and tered. as well the Party Plaintiff or Parties Plaintiffs as the Debtor or Defendant, Debtors or Defendants, whom such Order or Orders, Decrees, Judgments, and Proceedings shall respectively concern, shall observe, perform, and keep the same respectively in all Points; and no such Orders, Decrees, Judgments, or Proceedings shall be removed or removable into any other Court by Certiorari or otherwise howsoever.

Orders and Proceedings. shall be regis-

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VI. And be it further enacted, That where any Debt shall be due, owing, or demanded from any Two or more Persons jointly, by reason or on account of such Persons being Partners in Trade, or otherwise Persons, sumjointly concerned, the like Service of any such Summons as aforesaid moning One: on any One of such Two or more Partners or Persons shall be as good shall be suffiand sufficient as if each of them were separately summoned as aforesaid.

Where Debt shall be due cient.

VII. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and Beadles of for any Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, Defendant or Defendants, in any Suit or the Court Cause hereafter depending in the said Court of Requests, to cause any Person or Persons to be warned or summoned, as often as shall appear necessary, by One of such Beadles of the said Court as aforesaid, either by serving such Summons personally, or by leaving the same at the last or usual Place or respective Places of Abode of such Person or Persons, to appear as a Witness or Witnesses to give Evidence in the said Court [Loc. & Per.] 21 Y

shallsummon Witnesses.

Witnesses refusing to give Evidence shall forfeit 40s. and in Default of Payment may be committed

in or concerning any such Suit or Cause; and in case any such Person or Persons so to be summoned to give Evidence as aforesaid shall; refuse or neglect to appear at the Time and Place to which he, she, or they shall be so summoned; or appearing upon any such Summons shall refuse to be examined upon Oath, for, in case, of, a. Quaker or Quakers, on solemn Affirmation (which Oath, or Affirmation the said Commissioners, or any Three or more of them, are hereby authorized, and required to admimister), and to give Evidence as aforesaid before such Commissioners, according to the true Intentiand Meaning of this Act, then and in either of the 'said' Cases levery such Person so neglecting or refusing shall forfeit and pay for every such Offence not exceeding the Sum of Forty Shillings, to be awarded by the said Commissioners, or any Three or more of them, unless a reasonable Excuse be offered to and allowed by the said Commissioners; and if the Person or Persons so offending shall; not forthwith pay into the said Court the Penalty or Forfeiture so imposed upon him, her, or them; it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Commissioners, or any Three or more of them; to order and cause such Person or Persons to be apprehended by any of the Beadles of the said Court, and committed to any Prison in the said City, there to remain for any Space of Time not exceeding One Calendar Month, unless such Penalty or Forfeiture shall be sooner paid ; and every such Penalty, or Forfeiture as last-mentioned; which shall, be received by virtue of this Act, shall thereupon (after 'deducting the reasonable, Costs and Charges of apprehending and taking such Person or Persons so neglecting or refusing) be paid over into the Hands of the Churchwardens or Overseers of the Poor of the Parish wherein, the Person or Persons respectively paying the same shall, at the Time of his, her, or their Neglect or Refusal to appear or give Evidence as aforesaid, inhabit, dwell, or seek a Livelihood, and shall be applied towards the Support and Maintenance of the Poor of the said Parish. The same with the said Parish.

Application | of such Penalties.

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Servants, though under Age, may recover Wages.

to more on the military and and a college of the first of the second of WIII. And be it further enacted, That in case any Person or Persons shall make Oath, or, being of the People called Quakers, shall make Affirmation, or give Evidence, hin any Gause depending in the said Court of Requests, whereby he; she; or lithey shall commit any wilful or corrupt Perjury, or be guilty of wilful and false affirming, and thereof be duly convicted according to Law, then every such Person, or Persons shall incur and suffer the like Pains and Penalties as any other Person or Persons convicted of wilful Perjury, according, to the Laws and Statutes of this Realm. Commy magazet a training on the same training of

Clark in marked in and with the surround by make the for the IX. And whereas Difficulties frequently arise in the Recovery of Debts Personsunder in the said Court of Requests, in such Cases as are next herein-after mentioned, by reason of Infancy; be it therefore enacted, That in every Case where a Debt not exceeding the Sum of Five Pounds shall be contracted for Necessaries by any Person under the Age of Twenty-one Years, and residing for inhabiting, or employed as Clerk, Book Keeper, Journeymen, Shopman, or Labourer, or otherwise seeking a Livelihood within the City of London or the Liberties thereof, it shall be lawful for the Person or Persons to whom such Debt shall be due to sue for and recover such Debt in the said Court of Requests, in the same Manner as if the Person by whom the same shall be contracted were of full Age; and that in every Case where any Wages, not exceeding the Sum of Five Pounds.

Pounds, shall be due to any menial or other. Servant under the Age of Twenty-one Years, it shall be lawful for such Servant to sue for and recover such Debt in the said Court of Requests in the same Manner as if he or she were of full Age; and the said Commissioners, or any Three or more of them, are hereby fully authorized and required, in such Cases, to take cognizance of and proceed concerning such Debts in the same Manner, and shall have such and the same Powers, in regard thereto, as if the Plaintiffs and Defendants were all of full Age.

X. And be it further enacted, That no Privilege shall be allowed to exempt any Person from the Jurisdiction of the said Court of Requests on account of his being an Attorney or Solicitor, or any other Officer of any of the Courts of Law or Equity at Westminster, or of any other Court whatsoever; but that all Attornies, Solicitors, and Officers shall be subject to the several Processes, Orders, Judgments, and Executions of the said Court of Requests, in the same Manner as any other Persons are subject to the same by the said recited Acts and this Act, or any of them. The second of the second

Attornies,&c. subject to the Processes of the Court.

XI. Provided always, and it is hereby declared, That this Act, or any This Act not thing herein contained, shall not extend to any Debt where any Title of to extend to Freehold or Lease for Years of any Lands or Tenements shall come in question, or to any Debt by Specialty, which shall not be for Payment of a Sum certain, nor to any other Debt that shall arise by reason of any Cause concerning Testament or Matrimony, or any thing concerning or properly belonging to the Ecclesiastical Court, albeit the same respectively shall not exceed Five Pounds; any thing herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

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XII. And be it further enacted, That if any Action or Suit shall be commenced in any other Court than the said Court of Requests, for any Debt not exceeding the Sum of Five Pounds, and recoverable by virtue of the said recited Acts and of this Act, or any of them, in the said Court of Requests, then and in every such Case the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs in such Action or Suit shall not, by reason of a Verdict for him, her, or them, or otherwise, have or be entitled to any Costs whatsoever; and if the Verdict shall be given for the Defendant or Defendants in such Action or Suit, and the Judge or Judges before whom the same shall be tried or heard shall think fit to certify that such Debt ought to have been recovered in the said Court of Requests, then and so often such Defendant or Defendants shall have Double Costs, and shall have such Remedy for recovering the same as any Defendant or Defendants may have for his, her, or their Costs in any Cases by Law. . . .

Verdicts in other Courts for Debts under 51. not entitled to Costs; if Verdict be for Defendant, and the Judge certifies that the Debt ought to have been recovered in the Court of Requests, he shall have DoubleCosts.

XIII. Provided always, That nothing herein contained shall extend or be Nothing construed to extend to prevent or restrain any Person or Persons from making Distress, or bringing any Action or Actions whatsoever for Rent, and thereby recovering such Rent with Costs, although the same Rent should not exceed the Sum of Five Pounds.

herein to prevent Persons from recovering Rents by Distress, &c.

XIV. And, for removing all Doubts whether the Statute of Limitations may be pleaded in the said Court of Requests, it is hereby further enacted and declared, That Defendants in that Court shall be allowed to plead

Statute of Limitations may be pleaded.

plead or claim the Benefit of any Statute of Limitations now hin being, or hereafter to be made; and every such Defendant; so pleading or claiming, shall have and receive such and the like Advantage and Relief thereby as such Defendant would have been entitled to in case this Act had not been made, and he or she had been sued for the same Debt, or other Cause of Action, in any of His Majesty's Courts at Westminster, or any other Court, and had there pleaded such Statuteniny barntow the and the same that I have a some things of the cold a Action or Suit.

Time of Imprisonment of Debtors limited.

XV. And be it further enacted, That no Person or Persons whosoever, being a Debtor or Debtors, Defendant or Defendants, and who shall be committed to any Gaol or Prison by Order of the said Court of Requests, shall be kept or continued in Custody on any Pretence whatsoever (except in the Cases herein-after otherwise provided for) for any longer Space or Spaces of Time, from the Time of his, her, or their Commitment to Prison, than is or are next herein-after limited in that Behalfest (that is to say), where the Debt (exclusive of Costs) does not exceed Twenty Shillings, then he, she, or they shall not be kept or continued in Custody for more than Twenty Days; and where the Debt (exclusive of Costs) does not exceed the Sum of Forty Shillings, then not more than Forty Days; and where the Debt (exclusive of Costs) does not exceed the Sum of Three Pounds, then not more than Sixty Days; and where the Debt (exclusive of Costs) does not exceed Five Pounds, then not more than One hundred Days from the Time of such his, her, or their Commitment; and all Gaolers and Keepers of Prisons are hereby directed and required to discharge such Persons accordingly.

The Time of Imprisonment shall extend to each Execution.

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XVI. And whereas since the Limitation of the Time of Imprisonment for Small Debts, some idle and ill-disposed Persons have been in the habit of contracting numerous Small Debts, and upon being proceeded against in the said Court of Requests in respect thereof have suffered Judgment to pass against them therein, and by secreting themselves have avoided being taken into Custody until many Executions have issued in the said Court against them, and then, by suffering a short Imprisonment; have exonerated themselves from all such Debts, and thereby defrauded their several Creditors; be it therefore further enacted. That from and after the passing of this Act, all and every Person and Persons who shall be taken in Execution, under or by virtue of any Process issuing from or out of the said Court of Requests, and who at the Time of being taken into Custody, or during his, her, or their Imprisonment, shall have more than one Execution against him, her, or them, in the said Court, he, she, or they shall be imprisoned the limited Time for and in respect of each Execution; (that is to say), after the limited Time is expired on the First. Execution, the Imprisonment shall commence on the Second Execution; and after the limited Time is expired on the Second Execution, the Imon which is prisonment shall commence on the Third Execution, and so on until the, she, or they shall have been imprisoned the limited Time for and in respect of each separate Execution to be issued against him, her, or them in the said Court, previous to his, her, or their being taken into Custody, or during his, her, or their Imprisonment; any Law, Statute, or Usage to the contrary not with standing. Market and the second of the s

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XVII. And whereas an Act of Parliament was passed in the Twenty-fifth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled An Act for reducing 25 G.3.c.45. the Time, for, Imprisonment of Debtors committed to Prison upon Prosecutions in Courts of Conscience in London, Middlesex, and the Borough of Southwark, to the same Periods in each Court; and for abolishing Fees paid by those Debtors to Gaolers on others on account of such Imprisonment: Now be it hereby further enacted, That all and every the Directions, Powers, Recited Act, and Provisions contained in the same Act, concerning the Discharge of imprisoned Persons without Payment of Fees, the Hearing and Determination of Offences against the same last-mentioned Act, the Application of Penalties and Forfeitures thereby inflicted, the Limitation of Time for exhibiting Complaints or Informations, and the issuing of Process, shall relate and extend to this present Act, and so far as the same are applicable to the Purposes of this Act shall be observed, exercised, and performed respectively in such and the same Manner as if the same were herein expressly mentioned and repeated and at large re-enacted.

as far as respects Discharge of imprisoned Persons without Payment of Fees, &c. extended to this

XVIII. And be it further enacted, That no Action or Suit shall be com- Limitation of menced against any Person or Persons for any thing done in pursuance Actions. of this Act, or on account of any Order, Determination, Judgment, or Decree of the said Commissioners, until Fourteen Days Notice shall be given thereof in Writing, to be left at the Office of the Clerks of the said Court, or after sufficient Satisfaction or Tender thereof hath been made to the Party or Parties aggrieved, or after Three Calendar Months next after the Cause of Action shall arise; and the Defendant or Defendants in such Actions and Suits, and every of them, may plead the General Issue, and give this Act and the special Matter in Evidence at General any Trial or Trials which shall be had thereupon; and if the Plaintiff Issue. shall be nonsuited, or if a Verdict or Judgment shall be given for the Defendant or Defendants therein, then and in either of the said Cases, such Defendant or Defendants shall have Double Costs, and shall have Double such Remedy for recovering the same as any Defendant or Defendants Costs. may have for his, her, or their Costs in any Cases by Law.

XIX. Provided always, That the Two first herein-before recited Acts of Recited Acts the Third Year of King James the First, and the Fourteenth Year of King George the Second, and all Powers, Provisoes, Clauses, Matters, and Things therein respectively contained, shall, so far as the same are not hereby rehereby expressly repealed, or otherwise provided for, and are not incon-pealed, exsistent with any of the Provisions of this present Act, continue and be in full Force, and extend to all and every Person and Persons to whom this Act doth or shall extend.

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XX. And be it further enacted, That the Charges and Expendes attending the obtaining and passing of this Act shall be paid and defrayed from and out of the now remaining Surplus of Monies which have from Time to Time been paid into the said Court of Requests by Defendants in that Court, and have not been claimed by the Persons entitled thereto, which-Surplus lies unemployed in the Chamber of the City of London, and is not likely that any considerable Part thereof will ever be claimed. the City.

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XXI. Provided nevertheless, and be it enacted, That if at any Time hereafter the Whole or any Part of the Money so to be applied shall be wanted to answer any of the Claims or Demands of the Suitors of the said Court, or other Persons entitled thereto, then and in such Case the Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the said City shall restore and make good such Money, or so much thereof as may be so wanted, and pay the same into the Chamber of the said City, to the Intent that such Suitors, or other Persons so entitled, may at all Times be paid their respective Demands out of the common and general Cash belonging to the Suitors of the said Court.

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XXII. And be it enacted, That this Act shall commence and take effect from and after the Thirtieth Day of September One thousand eight hundred, and be deemed and taken to be a Public Act, and shall be taken notice of as such by all Judges, Justices, and other Persons whomsoever, without the same being specially pleaded.

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