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VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

Cap. xcii.

An Act for appointing the Royal Burgh of *Dingwall* to be the Head Burgh of the Shire of *Ross*, and for giving cumulative Jurisdiction to the Justices of the Peace of the Counties of *Ross* and *Cromarty*.

[10th August 1843.]

WHEREAS by an Act passed by the *Scottish* Parliament in the Reign of His Majesty King *Charles* the Second, intituled *Act anent the Division of the Shire of Rosse from Inverness*, it was declared and enacted, "that in all Tyme comeing, the Shire of *Ross* shall be marched fra the Stockfoord of *Ross* inclusive, including the Lordship of *Ardmano*, and all the Lands and Bounds within the old Dyocie of *Ross*, on the North Side of the *Ferrie Kessock*, (excepting the Lands belonging to the Lord *Lovat* and his Vassals, the Sherifdome of *Crommertie*, and so much of the Lands of *Ferrintosh* as perteaned formerly to the Sherifdome of *Nairne*,) and that the Shire of *Ross* comprehend the Ylland of *Lewis* pertaining to the Earl of *Seaforth*, and that all legal Executions, Administration of Justice, Burdens, and other things concerning these Shires be ordered and regulat according to the Division and Bounding above wřin ; that all legall Executions be at the Burgh of

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20 G. 2. c. 43. *Tayne, or Forterose, as the Sheriff shall think fit:*" And whereas by an Act passed in the Twentieth Year of the Reign of His Majesty King George the Second, intituled *An Act for taking away and abolishing the Heritable Jurisdictions in that Part of Great Britain called Scotland, and for making Satisfaction to the Proprietors thereof; and for restoring such Jurisdictions to the Crown; and for making more effectual Provision for the Administration of Justice throughout that Part of the United Kingdom, by the King's Courts and Judges there; and for obliging all Persons acting as Procurators, Writers, or Agents in the Law, in Scotland, to take the Oaths; and for rendering the Union of the Two Kingdoms more complete,* it was enacted, that from and after the Twenty-fifth Day of March One thousand seven hundred and forty-eight all and every Act, Statute, Charter, or Grant whatsoever whereby any Lands lying anciently within one Shire in *Scotland* were disunited from the same, and annexed to another Shire to which such Lands were not adjacent or contiguous, should be repealed and made void, with respect only to the Jurisdiction of the Sheriffs or Stewarts Courts; and the Lands so disunited and annexed should, with respect to such Jurisdiction only, be and they are thereby restored or annexed to the Shire or Shires respectively within which such Lands do locally lie; and in case such Lands are interjected between Two Shires they should be annexed to the Shire to the Head Borough of which they are nearest adjacent: And whereas the County of *Cromarty*, (excepting the Parish of *Cromarty*, and the Part of the Parish of *Resolis* adjoining thereto, which constituted the old County of *Cromarty*,) and so much of the Lands of *Ferrintosh* as pertained anciently to the Sherifffdom of *Nairn*, and mentioned in the said recited Act of the *Scottish* Parliament, are locally situated within the Limits of the County of *Ross*: And whereas in consequence or by reason of the Name of the Burgh, at which all legal Executions are directed to be made by the hereinbefore recited Provisions of the said Act of the *Scottish* Parliament, not having been inserted in the said Act Doubts have existed as to which of the said Three Burghs of *Dingwall, Tain, or Fortrose* was meant or intended to be appointed for that Purpose, whereby much Inconvenience and Risk of Error and of Loss have been occasioned to the Public, which it is desirable to prevent for the future: And whereas, as regards the general Convenience of the Heritors, Commissioners of Supply, Justices of the Peace, and Inhabitants of the County of *Ross* and of those Parts of the Counties of *Cromarty* and *Nairn* locally situate therein, *Dingwall*, as being the most central and accessible, is the Place best suited for being the Head Burgh of the same: And whereas it is expedient, for the better Administration of Justice, that the Justices of the Peace for the County of *Ross* and the Justices of the Peace for the County of *Cromarty* should have equal and cumulative Jurisdiction over the said combined Counties, including that Part of *Nairn* situate in *Ross* as aforesaid: May it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted; and be it 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, That from and after the passing of this Act the said Royal Burgh of *Dingwall* shall in all Time thereafter be and is hereby appointed the

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Head Burgh of the County of *Ross*, and of those Parts of the Counties of *Cromarty* and *Nairn* locally situate in the County of *Ross*. of the Sheriffdom.

II. And be it enacted, That the Justices of the Peace for the County of *Ross* and the Justices of the Peace for the County of *Cromarty*, appointed and to be appointed by the existing and any future Commission or Commissions of the Peace, shall, from and after the passing of this Act, have equal and cumulative Jurisdiction, as Justices of the Peace, over the whole Sheriffdom of *Ross* and *Cromarty*, including the said Portion of the County of *Nairn* situate in the County of *Ross*, in the same Manner and to the same Effect as if they were nominated and appointed Justices for both the said Counties, and for that Part of the County of *Nairn* locally situate in the County of *Ross*, as one and the same Jurisdiction. Justices of Ross and Cromarty to have cumulative Jurisdiction.

III. And be it enacted, That this Act shall be deemed and taken to be a Public Act, and shall be judicially taken notice of as such by all Judges, Justices, and others. Public Act.

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