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VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

C. A. P. XXXIII.

An Act to amend the Laws relating to Corresponding Societies and the licensing of Lecture Rooms. [27th July 1846.]

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the Thirty-ninth Year of the Reign of His Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act for the more effectual Suppression of Societies* 39 G. 3. c. 79. established for seditious and treasonable Purposes, and for better preventing treasonable and seditious Practices, and by an Act passed in the Fifty-seventh Year of the same Reign, intituled *An Act for the more effectually preventing seditious Meetings and Assemblies,* 57 G. 3. c. 19. certain Offences are created, and certain Penalties are attached to the Commission thereof: And whereas the Provisions of the said Acts have given Occasion to vexatious Proceedings by common Informers: 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 it shall not be lawful for any Person or Persons to commence, prosecute, enter, or file, or cause or procure to be commenced, prosecuted, entered, or filed, any Action, Bill, Plaint, or Information in any of Her Majesty's Courts, or before any Justice or Justices of the Peace, against any Person or Persons, for the Recovery of any

Proceedings underrecited Acts shall not be commenced unless in the Name of the Law Officers of the Crown.

Fine or Forfeiture made or incurred or which may hereafter be incurred under the Provisions of the recited Acts or either of them, unless the same be commenced, prosecuted, entered, or filed in the Name of Her Majesty's Attorney General or Solicitor General in *England*, or Her Majesty's Advocate in *Scotland*; and every Action, Bill, Plaint, or Information which shall be commenced, prosecuted, entered, or filed in the Name or Names of any other Person or Persons than is in that Behalf before mentioned, and every Proceeding thereupon had, shall be null and void to all Intents and Purposes.

Act may be amended,&c. II. And be it enacted, That this Act may be amended or repealed by any Act to be passed in this Session of Parliament.

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