



# House of Commons (Disqualifications) Act 1801

## 1801 CHAPTER 52

### **VI Disabled Persons presuming to sit in Parliament shall incur the Penalties under former British or Irish Acts. Or if disabled under this Act shall forfeit 500l. per Day.**

An be it further enacted, That if any Person hereby declared to be disabled from, or rendered incapable of sitting or voting in the House of Commons, shall nevertheless be elected or returned as a Member to serve in Parliament for any County, Stewartry, City, Borough, Cinque Port, Town, or Place, in any Part of the said United Kingdom, such Election or Return are hereby enacted and declared to be void to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever ; and if any Person or Persons so hereafter elected or returned, and declared to be disabled or to be rendered incapable by this Act to be elected, shall presume to sit or vote as a Member of the said House of Commons, such Person or Persons so sitting or voting shall incur such Pains, Penalties, and Forfeitures, as are inflicted or imposed by the several Acts of Parliament heretofore passed in *Great Britain* or *Ireland* for disabling or incapacitating such Persons from sitting in the Parliaments of *Great Britain* or *Ireland* respectively; and if such Person or Persons shall be disabled or incapacitated by the having, holding, or accepting of any Office, Employment, or Place of Profit, in this Act enumerated and particularized, then and in such Case such Person or Persons so sitting or voting, shall forfeit the Sum of Five hundred Pounds for every Day in which he shall sit or vote in the said House; to be recovered by such Person as shall sue for the same in any Court of Record in any Part of the said United Kingdom, by Action of Debt, Bill, Complaint, or- Information, wherein no Essoign, Protection, or Wager of Law shall be allowed, and only One Impar lance.