

appointing the Oaths for Security of the Government to be taken by Ministers and Preachers in Churches and Meeting-Houses in Scotland) instead and lieu of the Abjuration Oath, such Person and Persons shall be deemed and taken to have complied with the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, in as full and ample Manner, as if such Person had taken the said Oath of Abjuration, and shall not incur any of the Penalties or Forfeitures inflicted by this Act.

And for the better Discovery of Papists, and reputed Papists, in that Part of Great Britain called Scotland, it is further enacted, That all Papists, reputed Papists, and Persons professing the Popish Religion in Scotland, as aforesaid, shall, (if required) at the Time of taking and subscribing the Oaths of Allegiance and Abjuration, and repeating and subscribing the Assurance, as is herein before directed and required, make and subscribe the Declaration called the *Formula*, as the same is recited in an Act of Parliament of Scotland, passed in the Year One thousand seven hundred, (intituled, *An Act for preventing the Growth of Popery*) and in case such Papist, or reputed Papist, shall neglect or refuse to make and subscribe the said *Formula*, at such Time and Times, as are herein before directed, such Papist, or reputed Papist, shall be obliged to register, or cause to be registered his or their Names, and all such Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, as are hereby required and intended to be registered, in such Manner and Form, and within such Time, as are herein before directed, or in Default thereof shall be liable to and incur the like Penalties and Forfeitures, as are by this Act inflicted and enacted against such Persons, as shall neglect, or refuse to take the several Oaths appointed by this Act to be taken, or, in case of such Refusal, shall neglect to make, or cause to be made such Registry as aforesaid.

And it is enacted, That for taking and subscribing the Oaths and Assurance, appointed by this Act, or the said recited Act, Three Pence shall be paid, and no more; and for any Certificate thereof (if required) Six Pence, and no more.

And it is further enacted, That upon any Tryal to be had in any Suit or Prosecution to be commenced for any Penalty or Forfeiture for not taking the said Oaths, or not taking and subscribing the said Oaths, or subscribing the said Assurance, or for not making such Registry, as aforesaid, a Certificate, that the Defendant, in such Suit or Prosecution, had in any of the Courts or Places aforesaid, taken the said Oaths, or taken and subscribed the said Oaths, and subscribed the said Assurance, or made and subscribed such Declaration of Fidelity, or taken the Effect of the Abjuration Oath (in case such Defendant be one of the People called Quakers) or taken the said Oath appointed to be taken by Ministers and Preachers in Scotland instead of the Abjuration Oath (in case such Defendant be a Protestant, residing within that Part of Great Britain called Scotland) such Certificate, being made under the Hand of the proper Officer of such Court or Place, usually making such Certificates, shall be allowed as Evidence of such Defendants having taken the said Oaths, or taken and subscribed the said Oaths, and subscribed the said Assurance, or having made and subscribed such Declaration of Fidelity, or taken the Effect of the Abjuration Oath respectively, as aforesaid.

And it is further enacted, That if any Officer shall knowingly give or sign a false Certificate of any Person having taken the said Oaths, or taken and subscribed the said Oaths, and subscribed the said Assurance, or any of them, or having made and subscribed such Declaration of Fidelity, or taken the Effect of the Abjuration Oath, as aforesaid, or if any Person shall forge, raise, alter, or counterfeit any such Certificate or Certificates, or shall personate any other Person, or cause or procure any Person to personate another Person in taking the said Oaths, or in taking and subscribing the said Oaths, and subscribing the said Assurance, or any of them, or in making and sub-

scribing such Declaration of Fidelity, or taking the Effect of the Abjuration Oath, as aforesaid, in any of the Courts or Places aforesaid, every Officer so offending, being thereof lawfully convicted on an Indictment or Information, shall forfeit his Office, and shall also forfeit One Hundred Pounds, one Moiety thereof to His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, and the other Moiety to him or them who shall sue for the same, by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at Westminster, in case such Offence shall be committed within England, Wales, or the Town of Berwick upon Tweed, or in His Majesty's Court of Exchequer in Scotland, in case such Offence shall be committed within Scotland: And every Person offending in any other of the Premises, being thereof lawfully convicted on an Indictment or Information, shall incur and suffer such Penalties, Forfeitures and Disabilities, as Persons convicted of wilful and corrupt Perjury at the Common Law are liable unto, in case such Offence shall be committed within England, Wales, or the Town of Berwick upon Tweed; and in case such Offence shall be committed in Scotland, then every such Offender, being thereof lawfully convicted, shall incur and suffer such Penalties, Forfeitures, and Disabilities, as Persons convicted of wilful Perjury by the Law of Scotland are liable unto: And in every such case of a false Certificate, or of any Person personating another Person in taking the said Oaths, or in taking and subscribing the said Oaths, and subscribing the said Assurance, or any of them, or in making and subscribing such Declaration of Fidelity, or taking the Effect of the Abjuration Oath, as aforesaid, all and every the Certificate and Certificates, Record and Records thereof, shall be wholly void and of none Effect: Provided, That if any Person or Persons have or hath already registered his, her, or their Real Estate or Estates, or any Part thereof, in pursuance of the said recited Act of Parliament, who is or are hereby excused or exempted from Registering his, her, or their Estates, such Person or Persons shall be at Liberty to withdraw such Register of their said Estates, and the Clerks of the Peace, and all other Officers, with whom such Registries are lodged, entered, or made, are hereby authorized and required, at the Request of the Party, who hath so registered, to discharge and vacate the same.

And whereas the following Words are contained in the latter Part of the Oath of Abjuration, viz. (*Upon the true Faith of a Christian*) it is further enacted, That whenever any of His Majesty's Subjects, professing the Jewish Religion, shall present himself to take the said Oath of Abjuration, in pursuance of the above recited Act, or of this present Act, the said Words (*Upon the true Faith of a Christian*) shall be omitted out of the said Oath in administering the same to such Person, and the taking the said Oath by such Person professing the Jewish Religion, without the Words aforesaid, in like manner as Jews are admitted to be sworn to give Evidence in Courts of Justice, shall be deemed to be a sufficient taking of the Abjuration Oath within the meaning of this and the said recited Act.

And whereas by a Clause in an Act of Parliament, passed in the Third Year of His present Majesty's Reign (intituled, *An Act for Explaining an Act passed in the last Session of Parliament, intituled, An Act to oblige Papists to register their Names and Real Estates; And for Enlarging the Time for such Registering, and for Securing Purchases made by Protestants*) It is enacted, That from and after the Nine and twentieth Day of September, One thousand seven hundred and seventeen, no Manors, Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, or any Interest therein, or Rent or Profit thereout, should pass, alter or change from any Papist or Person professing the Popish Religion, by any Deed or Will, except such Deed within six Months after the Date, and such Will within six Months after the Death of the Testator, should be enrolled in one of the King's Courts of Record at Westminster, or else within the same County or Counties