

C H A P. XXIX.

An Act providing what shall be good Evidence, to prove Foreign and other Debts, Passed 3d June 1715. and to prevent vexatious and unnecessary Suits at Law, and pleading Discounts in Bar. Lib. LL. N^o 4. fol. 173. REP. 1729, ch. 20.

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An ACT for Repealing a Clause in an Act of Assembly, entitled, *An Act for Establishment of Religious Worship in this Province, &c.* And also for appointing the Oaths of Abjuration to be taken in this Province. Lib. LL. N^o 4. fol. 176.

Ditto.

FORASMUCH as the Pretended Prince of *Wales*, hath for some Time, and doth continue to assume to himself the Title of King of *England*, and the Dominions thereunto belonging, by the Name of *James the Third*: Therefore for the better Security of his Majesty in his just Rights and Sovereignty in and over the Province of *Maryland*, and for extinguishing all Hopes of the Friends and Adherents of the said Pretended Prince:

II. Be it Enacted, by the King's most excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Majesty's Governor, Council, and Assembly of this Province, and the Authority of the same, That from and after the Conclusion of this present Session of Assembly, the Oath of Abjuration shall be administered to all Persons that already have, or shall hereafter be admitted to have, or enjoy, any Office or Place of Trust within this Province, in such Manner and Form as is herein after recited, (That is to say,)

N. B. The Abjuration Oath prescribed by this Act, is altered by 1716, ch. 5, which see, for the Oaths of Allegiance, Abhorrency, and Abjuration, together with the Test, as now taken and subscribed by all Officers, &c.

“ I A. B. do truly and sincerely acknowledge, profess, testify and declare, in my
 “ Conscience, before GOD and the World, That our Sovereign Lord King George
 “ is lawful and rightful King of the Realm of Great-Britain, and of all other his
 “ Majesty's Dominions, and Countries thereunto belonging. And I do solemnly and
 “ sincerely declare, that I do believe in my Conscience, that the Person, pretended
 “ to be Prince of Wales during the Life of the late King James, and since his
 “ Decease, pretending to be, and taking upon himself the Stile and Title of, King of
 “ England, by the Name of James the Third, hath not any Right or Title what-
 “ soever to the Crown of the Realm of Great-Britain, or any other of the Domi-
 “ nions thereunto belonging. And I do renounce, refuse, and abjure any Allegiance
 “ or Obedience to him. And I do swear, that I will bear Faith and true Allegi-
 “ ance to his Majesty King George, and him will defend, to the utmost of my
 “ Power, against all traiterous Conspiracies and Attempts whatsoever, which shall
 “ be made against his Person, Crown or Dignity. And I will do my best Endeav-
 “ our to disclose and make known to his Majesty, and his Successors, all Treasons
 “ and traiterous Conspiracies which I shall know to be against him, or any of them.
 “ And I do faithfully promise, to the utmost of my Power, to support, maintain,
 “ and defend the Limitation and Succession of the Crown, against him the said
 “ James, and all other Persons whatsoever, as the same is and stands limited by
 “ an Act, entitled, An Act declaring the Rights and Liberties of the Subject,
 “ and settling the Succession of the Crown to her present Majesty, and the
 “ Heirs of her Body, being Protestants: And as the same, by one other Act,
 “ entitled, An Act for the further Limitation of the Crown, and better se-
 “ curing the Rights and Liberties of the Subject, is, and stands limited, after
 “ the Decease of her Majesty, and for Default of Issue of her Majesty, to the
 “ Princess Sophia, Electress and Dutchess Dowager of Hanover, and the Heirs
 “ of her Body, being Protestants. And all these Things I do plainly and sincerely
 “ acknowledge and swear, according to these express Words by me spoken, and ac-
 “ cording to the plain and common Sense and Understanding of the same Words,
 “ without any Equivocation, or mental Evasion, or secret Reservation whatsoever.
 “ And I do make this Recognition, Acknowledgment, Abjuration, Renunciation and
 “ Promise, heartily, willingly, and truly, upon the true Faith of a Christian.
 “ So help me GOD.”

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