

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 if any Person shall attest the Execution of any Will or Codocil which shall be made after the twenty-fourth Day of *June* in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifty-two, to whom any beneficial Devise, Legacy, Estate, Interest, Gift, or Appointment of or affecting any Real or Personal Estate, other than and except Charges on Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments for Payment of any Debt or Debts, shall be thereby given or made, such Devise, Legacy, Estate, Interest, Gift or \*Appointment, shall, so far only as concerns such Per- **782** son attesting the Execution of such Will or Codicil, or any Person claiming under him, be utterly null and void; and such Person shall be admitted as a Witness to the Execution of such Will or Codicil, within the Intent of the said Act; notwithstanding such Devise, Legacy, Estate, Interest, Gift or Appointment mentioned in such Will or Codicil.

II. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That, in case, by any Will or Codicil already made or hereafter to be made, any Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments, are or shall be charged with any Debt or Debts; and any Creditor whose Debt is so charged, hath attested or shall attest the Execution of such Will or Codicil, every such Creditor, notwithstanding such Charge, shall be admitted as a Witness to the Execution of such Will or Codicil, within the Intent of the said Act.

III. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person hath attested the Execution of any Will or Codicil already made, or shall attest the Execution of any Will or Codicil which shall be made on or before the said twenty-fourth Day of *June*, in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifty-two, to whom any Legacy or Bequest is or shall be thereby given, whether charged upon Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments or not; and such Person, before he shall give his Testimony concerning the Execution of any such Will or Codicil, shall have been paid, or have accepted or released, or shall have refused to accept such Legacy or Bequest, upon Tender made thereof; such Person shall be admitted as a Witness to the Execution of such Will or Codicil,