

At the **GENERAL ASSEMBLY** of the Province of Nova-Scotia, begun and holden at Halifax, on Thursday, the Eleventh day of February, 1830, in the Eleventh Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord **GEORGE** the Fourth, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great-Britain and Ireland, **KING**, Defender of the Faith, &c. &c. being the Fourth Session of the Fourteenth General Assembly, convened in the said Province.

* In the time of Michael Wallace, President, S. S. Blowers, Chief-Justice and President of the Council; Samuel George William Archibald, Speaker of the Assembly; William Hill, Acting Secretary of the Council; and John Whidden, Clerk of Assembly.

CAP. I.

An ACT for the relief of His Majesty's Roman Catholic Subjects in this Province.

WHEREAS, by an Act of the Imperial Parliament, passed in the tenth year of His present Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act for the relief of His Majesty's Roman Catholic Subjects, various restraints and disabilities, which had formerly been imposed on the Roman Catholic Subjects of His Majesty, to which other Subjects of His Majesty were not liable, were removed, and certain Declarations, commonly called the Declaration against Transubstantiation, and the Declaration against Transubstantiation and the Invocation of Saints, and the sacrifice of the Mass, as practised in the Church of Rome, were repealed, with certain exceptions, in the said Act specified; And whereas, it is just and expedient, that the relief so granted should extend to the benefit of His Majesty's Roman Catholic Subjects in this Province; And whereas, doubts may be entertained how far the said Act of Parliament is in force here, for remedy whereof:

Preamble

I. *BE it enacted by the President, Council and Assembly,* That, from and after the commencement of this Act, it shall not be required of any of His Majesty's Subjects, within this Province, to make, or subscribe, the said Declarations, or either of them, as a qualification for sitting and voting in the General Assembly of this Province, or for the exercise of any office, franchise, or civil right, within the same.

Exemption of Roman Catholics

II. *And be it further enacted,* That, from and after the commencement of this Act, it shall be lawful for any person professing the Roman Catholic Religion, being appointed a Member of His Majesty's Council, or who shall, after the commencement of this Act, be returned a Member of the House of Representatives of this Province, in General Assembly, to sit and vote in either House respectively, being in all other respects duly qualified to sit and vote therein, upon taking and subscribing the Oath set forth and directed in and by the second and third Clauses of the said Imperial Act, instead of the Oaths of Allegiance, Supremacy and Abjuration.

Roman Catholics may sit in the Council or House of Assembly

III. *And be it further enacted,* That henceforth it shall and may be lawful for any of His Majesty's Subjects, professing the Roman Catholic Religion, to hold, exercise, and enjoy, all Civil and Military Offices, and places of trust, or profit, in this Province, under His Majesty, His heirs and successors; and to exercise any other franchise, or civil right, upon taking and subscribing the said Oath, set forth and directed in and by the said second and third clauses of the said Imperial Act, instead of the Oaths of

Roman Catholics may hold Offices.