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Encourage the Cultivation of Potatoes on Waste Lands, for a Time to be limited.

Note.—The Figures in the Margin denote the Number of the Folios in the written Copy.

WH¹EREAS it is expedient to encourage the Cultivation of Potatoes during the present Scarcity :

Be it therefore Enacted by the KING's Most Excellent 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 it shall be lawful for any Justices of the Peace for the County in which any Commons or Wastes are situate, before the on the Application of the Lord of the Manor, or of in Number of the Commoners having Rights thereon, or of the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Place or Hamlet in which such Commons lie, with the Consent of the Lord of the Manor, to direct, under their Hands and Seals, such Portions of the said Commons or Wastes as they shall judge convenient, to be forthwith allotted or inclosed for the Purpose of being planted with Potatoes; which Allotments shall

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shall be exempt from Tythe during the Continuance of this Act: Provided always, that where the KING'S MAJESTY is Lord of the Manor, it shall be lawful for the Surveyor General of Crown Lands to make such Application, or to give Consent, in the Name of His MAJESTY.

3 And be it further Enacted, That such Allotments may be made either wholly or in Part to the Lord of the Manor, or to any Inhabitants of the Parish, in such Parcels as the said Parish Officers, with the Approbation of any such Justices, shall direct, or to the said Parish Officers to be by them cultivated on account of the Parish; in which last-mentioned Case the Produce shall be distributed to the Poor, and considered as Parochial Relief.

And be it further Enacted, That the said Parish Officers may at their Discretion distribute to such of the Poor as they think proper, Potatoes for Planting, and charge the same in their Accounts upon the Poor's Rate.

4 And be it further Enacted, That where any Thing shall be done contrary to the true Intent of this Act, any such Justices may hear and determine the Matter in a summary Way, and grant Relief therein; which Determination shall not be subject to any Appeal, nor removeable by *Certiorari* into any Court whatsoever; and any Conviction under this Act shall be made in the following Form:

To wit. } " BE it Remembered, That on the Day of
" in the Year
" A. B. was, upon the Complaint of C. D. convicted
" before of the Justices of the Peace
" for in pursuance of an
" Act, passed in the Fortieth Year of the Reign of
" His Majesty King GEORGE the Third, for [as
" the Case may be]. Given under Hand
" and Seal the Day and Year above written." And

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And be it further Enacted, That this Act may be altered or amended during this present Session of Parliament; and shall continue in Force until the and no longer, after 5 which Day the Rights on the said Commons and Wastes shall revert to their former State as if this Act had never passed.

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Encourage the Cultivation of Peaches on
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