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An Act to alter the Mode of giving Notices for the holding of Vestries, of making Proclamations in Cases of Outlawry, and of giving Notices on *Sundays* with respect to various Matters.

[12th July 1837.]

**W**HEREAS by an Act of Parliament passed in the Fifty-eighth Year of the Reign of His Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act for the Regulation of Parish Vestries*, it is enacted, that no Vestry or Meeting of the Inhabitants in Vestry of or for any Parish shall be holden until public Notice shall have been given of such Vestry, and of the Place and Hour of holding the same, and the special Purpose thereof, Three Days at the least before the Day to be appointed for holding such Vestry, by the Publication of such Notice in the Parish Church or Chapel on some *Sunday* during or immediately after Divine Service, and by affixing the same, fairly written or printed, on the principal Door of such Church or Chapel: And whereas by an Act passed in the Thirty-first Year of Queen *Elizabeth* it is enacted, that before any Outlawry shall be had and pronounced Proclamation shall be made at the Door of the Church or Chapel of the Town or Parish where the Defendant shall be dwelling immediately after Divine Service on a *Sunday*: And whereas by divers Acts relative to the assessing and collecting of Highway and Poor Rates and Land Tax, and other Matters, it is directed or required that public Notice shall be given with reference

58 G. 3. c. 69.

So much of the first recited Act as directs Publication of Notices repealed.

Notices not to be given in Churches during Divine Service, &c.

Notices heretofore usually given during or after Divine Service, &c. to be affixed to the Church Doors.

Notices for holding Vestries to be signed as herein directed.

Decrees, &c. of Ecclesiastical Courts not to be read in Churches.

Act not to extend to Notices purely ecclesiastical.

to certain Proceedings relating thereto respectively in the Parish Churches or Chapels during Divine Service: And whereas by ancient Custom Notice is usually given in Churches during Divine Service of the Times appointed for holding Courts Leet, Courts Baron, and Customary Courts: And whereas it is expedient that such Mode of giving Notices should be altered: Be it therefore enacted by the Queen'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 from and after the passing of this Act so much of the said first-recited Act as directs the Publication of such Notices to be made in the Parish Church or Chapel on some *Sunday* during or immediately after Divine Service shall be and the same is hereby repealed; and that from and after the First Day of *January* next no Proclamation or other public Notice for a Vestry Meeting or any other Matter shall be made or given in any Church or Chapel during or after Divine Service, or at the Door of any Church or Chapel at the Conclusion of Divine Service.

II. And be it further enacted, That from and after the First Day of *January* next all Proclamations or Notices, which under or by virtue of any Law or Statute, or by Custom or otherwise, have been heretofore made or given in Churches or Chapels during or after Divine Service, shall be reduced into Writing, and Copies thereof either in Writing or in Print, or partly in Writing and partly in Print, shall previously to the Commencement of Divine Service on the several Days on which such Proclamations or Notices have heretofore been made or given in the Church or Chapel of any Parish or Place, or at the Door of any Church or Chapel, be affixed on or near to the Doors of all the Churches and Chapels within such Parish or Place; and such Notices when so affixed shall be in lieu of and as a Substitution for the several Proclamations and Notices so heretofore given as aforesaid, and shall be good, valid, and effectual to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever.

III. And be it further enacted, That no such Notice of holding a Vestry shall be affixed on the principal Door of such Church or Chapel unless the same shall previously have been signed by a Churchwarden of the Church or Chapel, or by the Rector, Vicar, or Curate of such Parish, or by an Overseer of the Poor of such Parish; but that every such Notice so signed shall be affixed on or near to the principal Door of such Church or Chapel.

IV. And be it further enacted, That from and after the First Day of *January* next no Decree relating to a Faculty, nor any other Decree, Citation, or Proceeding whatsoever in any Ecclesiastical Court, shall be read or published in any Church or Chapel during or immediately after Divine Service.

V. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act shall extend or be construed to extend to the Publication of Banns, nor to Notice of the Celebration of Divine Service or of Sermons, nor to restrain the Curate, in pursuance of the Rules in the

Book of Common Prayer, from declaring unto the People what Holy Days or Fasting Days are in the Week following to be observed, nor to restrain the Minister from proclaiming or publishing what is prescribed by the Rules of the Book of Common Prayer, or enjoined by the Queen or by the Ordinary of the Place.

VI. And be it further enacted, That all the Provisions of this Act shall extend and be construed to extend to the Town of *Berwick-upon-Tweed*, the *Isle of Man*, and the Islands of *Guernsey*, *Jersey*, *Alderney*, and *Sark*. Extension of Act.

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