

Poetry.

A FRAGMENT.

FOUND IN A SKELETON CASE.
Behold this ruin ! 'Twas a skull,
Once of ethereal spirit full !
This narrow cell was life's retreat ;
This space was thought's mysterious seat !
What beautiful pictures fill'd this spot !
What dreams of pleasure long forgot !
Nor love nor joy, nor hope, nor fear,
Has left one trace of record here.

Beneath this mould'ring canopy
Once shone the bright and busy eye—
But start not at the dismal void !—
If pious love that eye employ'd,
If with no lawless fire it gleam'd,
But through the dew of kindness beam'd,
That eye shall be for ever bright,
When stars and suns have lost their light.

Here, in this silent cavern, hung,
The ready, swift and tuneful tongue,
If falsehood's honey is disclaim'd,
And where it could not praise was chain'd ;
If bold in virtue's cause it spoke,
Yet gentle concord never broke :
That tuneful tongue shall plead for thee
When death unveils eternity !

Say, did these fingers delve this mine,
Or with its envied rubies shine ?
To hew the rock, or wear the gem,
Can nothing now avail to them ;
But if the page of truth they sought,
Or comfort to the mourner brought,
These hands a richer meed shall claim,
Than all that waits on wealth or fame !

Avails it whether bare or shod
These feet the path of duty trod ?
If from the bowers of joy they fled
To sooth affliction's humbled bed ;
If grandeur's guilty bride they spurn'd,
And home to virtue's lap return'd,
These feet with angel's wings shall vie,
And tread the palace of the sky !

THE GAMESTER.

Hell yawned beneath his feet—his burning brow,
(As if a demon there had fixed his throne,)
The strife that raged within did sadly show ;
His anguish was not vented in a groan.
Speechless he rushed, regardless of the storm,
Or lightning, gained the rocks tempestuous crest :
The elements in vain assailed his form,
A deadlier war was raging in his breast,
Guilt in his looks, and frenzy in his mien,
He roared his maniac eyes in horrid mood,
Scornful he gazed on the tumultuous scene,
Defying God, plunged headlong in the flood ;
The billows hoarser dashed, the sea-bird howled,
Muttering funeral peals the thunder louder growled.

A BILL
FOR THE RELIEF OF HIS MAJESTY'S ROMAN
CATHOLIC SUBJECTS.

(CONCLUDED.)

And be it enacted, that every person professing the Roman Catholic Religion, who shall after the commencement of this act be appointed to any office or place of trust, or profit under his Majesty, his heirs or successors, shall within three calendar months next before such appointment, or otherwise shall, before he presumes to exercise or enjoy, or in any manner to act in such office or place, take and subscribe the oath hereinafter appointed or set forth, either in his Majesty's High Court of Chancery, or in any of his Majesty's Courts of King's Bench, Common Pleas, or Exchequer, at Westminster or Dublin ; or before any Judge of Assize, or in any Court of General or Quarter Sessions of the peace in Great Britain or Ireland, for the county or place where the person so making, taking and subscribing the same shall reside ; or in any of his Majesty's Courts of Session, Justiciary, Exchequer, or Jury Court, or in any Sheriff or Stewart Court, or in any Burgh Court, or before the magistrates and councillors of any Royal Burgh in Scotland, between the hours of nine in the morning and four in the afternoon ; and that the proper officer of such court in which such oath shall be so made, taken, and subscribed, shall cause the same to be preserved amongst the records of the said court ; and such officer shall make, subscribe, and deliver a certificate of such oath having been duly taken and subscribed as often as the same shall be demanded upon payment of the fee or sum of two shillings and sixpence for the same, and such certificate shall be sufficient evidence of such person having duly taken and subscribed such oath as aforesaid.

And be it enacted, that if any person professing the Roman Catholic Religion shall enter upon the exercise and enjoyment of any office or franchise, or any office or place of trust or profit under his Majesty, not having in manner and before appointed and set forth, then, and in every such case, such person shall forfeit to his Majesty the sum of two hundred pounds ; and the appointment, of such person to the office, franchise, or place so by him held, shall thereupon become altogether void, and the office, franchise, or place shall be deemed and taken to be vacant to all intents and purposes whatsoever.

Provided always, that for and notwithstanding any thing in this Act contained, the oath hereinafter appointed and set forth, shall be taken by the officers in his Majesty's land and sea service, at the same times and in the same manner as the oaths and declarations now required by law are directed to be taken, and not otherwise.

And be it further enacted, that from and after the passing of this act, no oath or oaths shall be tendered to, or required to be taken by His Majesty's subjects professing the Roman Catholic Religion, for enabling them to hold or enjoy any real or personal property, other than such as may by law be tendered to and required to be taken by his Majesty's other subjects ; and that the said oath herein appointed and set forth, being taken and subscribed in any of the courts, or before any of the persons above mentioned, in respect whereof a certificate is directed to be delivered as aforesaid, shall be of the same force and effect to all intents and purposes as, and shall stand in the place of, all oaths and declarations required or prescribed by any law now in force for the relief of his Majesty's Roman Catholic subjects from any disabilities, incapacities or penalties.

And whereas the Protestant Episcopal Church of England and Ireland, and the doctrine, discipline, and government thereof, and likewise the Protestant Presbyterian Church of Scotland, and the doctrine, discipline and government thereof, are by the respective acts of union of England and Scotland, and of Great Britain and Ireland, established permanently and inviolably.

And whereas the right and title of Archbishops to their respective provinces, of bishops to their sees, and of deans to their deaneries, as well in England as in Ireland, have been settled and established by law ; Be it therefore enacted, that from and after the commencement of this Act, it shall not be lawful for any person, other than the person thereunto authorized by law, to assume or use the name, style, or title of Archbishop of any province, bishop of any bishoprick, or dean of any deanery in England or Ireland ; and every person so offending shall, for every such offence, forfeit and pay the sum of one hundred pounds.

And be it further enacted, That from and after the commencement of this act, it shall not be lawful for any person holding any judicial or civil office, or any mayor, provost, jurat, bailiff, or other corporate officer, to resort to or be present at any place or public meeting for religious worship in England or in Ireland, other than that of the united Church of England and Ireland, or in Scotland, other than that of the Church of Scotland, as by law established, in the robe, gown, or other peculiar habit of his office, or attended with the ensign, insignia, or part thereof, of or belonging to such office ; and in case any such person shall, after the commencement of this act, so offend, he shall, being thereof convicted by due course of law, forfeit such office, and pay the sum of one hundred pounds.

And be it further enacted, That from and after the commencement of this act, it shall not be lawful for any Roman Catholic ecclesiastic, or any members of the orders, communities, or societies hereinafter mentioned, to exercise any of the rights or ceremonies of the Roman Catholic Religion, or wear the habits of his order, save within the usual places of worship of the Roman Catholic Religion, or in private houses ; and in case any such ecclesiastic or other person, shall after the commencement of this act so offend, he shall, being thereof convicted by due course of law, forfeit the sum of fifty pounds.

Provided always, and be it enacted, That nothing in this act contained shall in any manner repeal, alter or affect any provision of an act made in the fifth year of his present Majesty's reign, entitled "An Act to repeal so much of an act passed in the ninth year of the reign of King William the Third, as relates to burials in suppressed monasteries, abbeys or convents in Ireland, and to make further provision with respect to the burial in Ireland of persons dissenting from the established Church."

And whereas Jesuits and members of other religious orders, communities, or societies of the Church Rome, bound by monastic or religious vows, are resident within the United Kingdom ; and it is expedient to make provision for the gradual suppression and final prohibition of the same therein ; Be it therefore enacted, that every Jesuit, and every Member of any religious order, community, or society of the Church of Rome, bound by monastic or religious vows, who at the time of the commencement of this act shall be within the United Kingdom, shall within six calendar months after the commencement of this act, deliver to the Clerk of the Peace of the county or place where such person shall reside, or his Deputy, a notice or statement, in the form and containing the particulars set forth in the schedule to this act annexed ; which notice or statement such Clerk of the Peace or his Deputy, is hereby required to preserve and register among the other records of such county or place, for which no fee is payable, and a copy of which said notice or statement, shall be by such Clerk of the Peace or his Deputy, forthwith transmitted to the chief secretary of the Lord Lieutenant, or other chief governor or governors of Ireland, if such person shall reside in Ireland, or if in Great Britain, to one of His Majesty's principal Secretaries of State ; and in case any person shall offend in the premises, he shall forfeit and pay to His Majesty for every calendar month during which he shall remain in the United Kingdom, without having delivered such notice or statement as is hereinbefore required, the sum of fifty pounds.

And be it further enacted, That if any Jesuit or Member of any such religious order, community or society as aforesaid, shall after the commencement of this act, come into this realm, such person shall be deemed and taken to be guilty of a misdemeanour, and being thereof lawfully convicted, shall be sentenced and ordered to be banished from the United Kingdom for the term of his natural life.

Provided always, and be it further enacted, That in case any natural born subject of this realm, being at the time of the commencement of this Act, a Jesuit, or other member of any such religious order, community, or society as aforesaid,

shall at the time of the commencement of this Act, be out of the realm, it shall be lawful for such person to return or to come into this realm, and upon such his return or coming into the realm, he is hereby required, within the space of six months after his first returning or coming into the United Kingdom, to deliver such notice or statement to the Clerk of the Peace of the county or place where he shall reside, or his Deputy, for the purpose of being so registered and transmitted as hereinbefore directed ; and in case any such person shall neglect or refuse so to do, he shall for such offence forfeit and pay to His Majesty, for every calendar month during which he shall remain in the United Kingdom without having delivered such notice or statement, the sum of fifty pounds.

And be it further enacted, That in case any Jesuit or member of any such religious order, community, or society, as aforesaid, shall, after the commencement of this Act, within any part of the United Kingdom, admit any person to become a regular ecclesiastic or brother, or member of any such religious order, community, or society, or be aiding or consenting thereto, or shall administer or cause to be administered, or be aiding or assisting in the administering or taking an oath, vow, or engagement, purporting or intending to bind the person taking the same, to the ruler, ordinances or ceremonies of such religious order, community, or society, every person offending in the premises shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanour, and in Scotland shall be punished by fine and imprisonment.

And be it further enacted, That in case any person shall, after the commencement of this Act, within any part of this United Kingdom, be admitted or become a Jesuit, or brother, or member of any other such religious order, community, or society, as aforesaid, such person shall be deemed and taken to be guilty of a misdemeanour, and being thereof lawfully convicted, shall be sentenced and ordered to be banished from the United Kingdom for the term of his natural life.

And be it further enacted, That in case any person sentenced and ordered to be banished under the provisions of this Act, shall not depart from this United Kingdom within thirty days after the pronouncing of such sentence and order as aforesaid, it shall and may be lawful to and for his Majesty to cause such person to be conveyed to such place out of the United Kingdom, as His Majesty by and with the advice of his Privy Council shall direct.

And be it further enacted, That if any offender who shall be so sentenced and ordered by any such court as aforesaid, to be banished in manner aforesaid, shall, after the end of three calendar months from the time such sentence and order hath been pronounced, be at large within any part of the United Kingdom, without some lawful cause, every such offender being so at large, as aforesaid, being thereof lawfully convicted, shall be transported to such place as shall be appointed by His Majesty, for the term of his natural life.

Provided always, and be it enacted, That nothing herein contained shall extend or be construed to extend in any manner to affect any religious order, community, or establishment, consisting of females bound by religious or monastic vows.

And be it further enacted, That all penalties imposed by this act, shall, and may be recovered as a debt due to His Majesty, by information to be filed in the name of His Majesty's Attorney-General in the Courts of Exchequer in England or Ireland respectively, or in the name of His Majesty's Advocate-General in the Court of Exchequer in Scotland.

And be it further enacted, That this Act or any part thereof, may be repealed, altered, or varied at any time within this present Session of Parliament.

And be it further enacted, That this Act shall commence and take effect at the expiration of ten days from and after the passing thereof.

SCHEDULE to which this ACT refers.

Date of the Re-gis-try.	Name of the party.	Age.	Place of Birth.	Name of the order, community or society whereof he is a member.	Name and usual residence of the superior of the order, community or society.	Usual place of residence of the party.
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