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or altered, any Declaration or Certificate hereby directed, or shall obtain any such Certificate under any other Name or Description than the true Name and Description of the Alien intended to be named and described, without disclosing to the Person granting such Certificate the true Name and Description of such Alien, and the Reason for concealing the same, or shall falsely pretend to be the Person intended to be named and described in any such Certificate; every Person so offending shall, upon Conviction thereof before Two Justices, either forfeit any Sum not exceeding Fifty Pounds, or be imprisoned for any Time not exceeding Six Months, at the Discretion of such Justices.

Prosecution of Offences.

XV. And be it further enacted, That all Offences against this Act shall be prosecuted within Six Calendar Months after the Offence committed, except that of not making or delivering a Declaration of Departure, which shall be prosecuted within Six Calendar Months after the Offender's Return to this Realm; and all such Offences shall be prosecuted before Two or more Justices of the Peace of the Place where the Offence shall be committed, who are required, in default of Payment of any pecuniary Penalty, to commit the Offender to the common Gaol for any Time not exceeding Six Calendar Months, unless the Penalty shall be sooner paid, and forthwith to report to One of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, or to the Chief Secretary for *Ireland*, as the Case may require, the Conviction of every Offender under this Act, and the Punishment to which he is adjudged; and no Writ of Certiorari, or of Advocation or Suspension, shall be allowed to remove the Proceedings of any Justices touching the Cases aforesaid, or to supersede or suspend Execution or other Proceeding thereupon.

Not to affect Foreign Ministers or their Servants;

XVI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall affect any Foreign Ambassador, or other public Minister duly authorized; nor any Domestic Servant of any such Foreign Ambassador or public Minister, registered as such according to Law, or being actually attendant upon such Ambassador or Minister; nor any Alien who shall have been continually residing within this Realm for Seven Years next before the passing of this Act, and obtained from the Alien Office a Certificate thereof; nor any Alien in respect of any Act done or omitted to be done, who shall be under the Age of Fourteen Years at the Time when such Act was so done or omitted to be done: Provided always, that if any Question shall arise whether any Person alleged to be an Alien, and to be subject to the Provisions of this Act, is an Alien or not, or is or is not subject to the said Provisions, or any of them, the Proof that such Person is, or by Law is to be deemed to be, a natural-born Subject of His Majesty, or a Denizen of this Kingdom, or a naturalized Subject, or that such Person, if an Alien, is not subject to the Provisions of this Act, or any of them, by reason of any Exception contained in this Act or otherwise, shall lie on the Person so alleged to be an Alien, and to be subject to the Provisions of this Act.

nor Aliens who have been resident Seven Years, and obtained Certificate thereof, nor Alien under Fourteen Years.

XVII. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall commence on the First Day of *July* in the Year One thousand eight hundred and twenty-six. Commence-
ment of Act.

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