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CAP. VIII.

An Act to amend "The Election Petitions Act, 1848," in certain Particulars. [7th *April* 1865.]

11 & 12 Vict. c. 98.

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend "The Election Petitions Act, 1848," (herein-after called the Principal Act,) in certain Particulars hereafter mentioned: Be it 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, as follows:

Committee to adjourn to Day after the Meeting of the House when House not sitting, and Committee has Occasion to report.

1. If any Select Committee appointed under the Principal Act have Occasion to apply to or report to the House, and the House be adjourned for more than Twenty-four Hours, such Committee shall adjourn to the Day immediately following that on which the House shall be appointed to meet for the Despatch of Business, unless that Day shall happen to be a *Sunday*, *Christmas Day*, or *Good Friday*, and in that Case the Committee shall adjourn to the next following Day.

In case the House shall not sit Committee further to adjourn.

2. In case the House from any Cause shall happen not to sit for the Despatch of Business on the Day appointed for that Purpose, the Committee shall again, and so from Time to Time, adjourn till after the House shall sit for the Despatch of Business; but no Adjournment

ment shall be made for any longer Period than to the Day next after the Day the House shall actually sit for the Despatch of Business, unless such Day shall happen to be a *Sunday*, *Christmas Day*, or *Good Friday*, and in that Case the Adjournment shall be to the next following Day.

In certain Cases the House may direct a Committee to adjourn for a reasonable Period.

3. In case it shall become necessary to adjourn the Consideration of any Application or Report made by any Committee to the House, the House may, if it shall so think fit, direct the Committee to adjourn their Sitting again, and from Time to Time, and for such reasonable Time as shall be sufficient to enable the House to decide on such Application and Report, and such Committee shall adjourn accordingly.

If Committee dissolved by any Error, &c., a new Committee shall be struck, unless the House shall otherwise order.

4. If at any Time after the Appointment of a Committee under the Principal Act it shall appear to the House that, from any Error, Irregularity of Proceeding, Oversight, or other Cause, such Committee has become dissolved, or unable to continue its Sittings for any Cause not provided for by the Principal Act, another Committee shall be appointed to decide on the Petition referred to such Committee, unless the House shall otherwise order, within Three sitting Days, as herein-after provided; and for the Purpose of appointing such other Committee the General Committee and the Members of the Chairmen's Panel shall meet as soon as conveniently can be after the Expiration of Three sitting Days from the Time the Occasion for such new Committee shall be reported to or brought under the Notice of the House by any Member, at a Day and Hour to be appointed by the General Committee; and Notice of such Meeting shall be published with the Votes, and all the Proceedings of such former Committee shall be of no Effect.

House may order a dissolved Committee to be revived, and to re-assemble and act.

5. In all Cases where a Committee shall have become dissolved by any Error, Irregularity of Proceeding, Oversight, or other Cause, not involving the Death or permanent Illness of any of its Members, the House may, if it shall so think fit, within Three sitting Days after such Event shall have been reported to or brought under the Notice of the House by any Member, order such Committee to stand revived, and to meet, and continue its Sittings; and in such Case no new Committee shall be appointed, unless for any subsequent Cause; and the Proceedings of such new Committee shall have the same Force and Effect and be as valid as if no such Dissolution thereof had taken place.

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Election Petitions Act (1848) *Amendment.*

6. A Committee ordered to stand revived shall meet at the Time mentioned in such Order, and shall in its subsequent Sittings and Adjournments be regulated by all the Provisions of the Principal Act and of this Act. As to Sittings of revived Committee.

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