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CAP. LXXXVII.

An Act to continue and amend the Corrupt Practices Prevention Act, 1854. [2d *August* 1858.]

WHEREAS an Act was passed in the Session holden in the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Years of Her Majesty, Chapter One hundred and two, "to consolidate and amend the "Laws relating to Bribery, Treating, and undue Influence at Elections "of Members of Parliament;" and by an Act of the Session holden in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Years of Her Majesty, Chapter Eighty-four, the said first-mentioned Act was continued until the Tenth Day of *August* One thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven, and thenceforth to the End of the then next Session of Parliament: And whereas it is expedient that the said first-mentioned Act should be further continued and amended: 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: 17 & 18 Vict. c. 102.

I. It shall be lawful for any Candidate, or his Agent by him appointed in Writing according to the Provisions of the first-mentioned Act, to provide Conveyance for any Voter for the Purpose As to Travelling Expenses of Voters.

Purpose of polling at an Election and not otherwise, but it shall not be lawful to pay any Money or give any valuable Consideration to a Voter for or in respect of his Travelling Expenses for such Purpose; provided always, that a full, true, and particular Account of all Payments made for such Conveyance, signed by the Candidate or his Agents, shall be delivered to the Election Auditor, with the Names and Addresses of the Persons to whom such Payments have been made; and the Amount of such Account shall be included in the general Account of the Expenses incurred at any Election to be made out and kept by such Election Auditor.

Section 34 of 17 & 18 Vict. c. 102. amended as to further Remuneration of Election Auditors.

II. And whereas by Section Thirty-four of the said first-mentioned Act the Election Auditor is entitled to receive, by way of Remuneration for his Services, Ten Pounds from each Candidate as and by way of First Fee, and a further Commission at the Rate of Two Pounds *per Centum* from each Candidate upon every Payment made by him for or in respect of any Bill, Charge, or Claim sent in to such Election Auditor as therein provided: The said further Commission shall be payable only upon any Payment made by the Candidate as aforesaid over and above the Sum of Two hundred Pounds: Provided always, that the Election Auditor shall not be entitled to receive for such First Fee and further Commission more than the Sum of Twenty Pounds in the whole from each Candidate.

Definition of Candidates.

III. So much of Section Thirty-eight of the said first-mentioned Act as defines the Words "Candidate at an Election" shall be repealed; and in the Construction of the said Act as amended by this Act the Words "Candidate at an Election," and the Words "Candidate at any Election," shall include all Persons elected to serve in Parliament at such Election, and all Persons nominated as Candidates at such Election, or who shall have declared themselves Candidates on or after the Day of the issuing of the Writ for such Election, or after the Dissolution or Vacancy in consequence of which such Writ shall have been issued: Provided that nothing herein contained shall be construed to impose any Liability on any Person nominated without his Consent.

Election Auditor not to act as Election Agent.

IV. It shall not be lawful for the Election Auditor of any Borough or County, or his Partner or Agent, to act as Election Agent, or as paid Agent in any Capacity, or Canvasser, for any Candidate for such Borough or County.

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V. The said first-mentioned Act as amended by this Act shall continue in force until the Tenth Day of *August* One thousand eight hundred and fifty-nine, and thenceforth to the End of the then next Session of Parliament. Duration of Act.

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