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GEORGII IV. REGIS.

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C A P. XCIII.

An Act to render valid certain Decrees and Orders at the Rolls Court. [5th *July* 1825.]

WHEREAS by divers Letters Patent under the Great Seal of *Great Britain*, made and issued during the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third, and also since the Decease of His said late Majesty, certain of the Justices of His Majesty's Courts of King's Bench and Common Pleas, and of the Barons of His Majesty's Court of Exchequer, and others associated with them, have been assigned, and Power has been given to a certain Number of them, in the Absence of the Lord Chancellor or Lord Keeper for the Time being of that Part of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland* called *Great Britain*, to hear and examine all Matters, Causes, and Petitions whatsoever depending in the King's Chancery, between His Majesty's liege Subjects or others whomsoever, and the same finally to determine, and to cause due Execution to be done thereupon: And whereas such Commissions were founded upon ancient and continued Usage: And whereas divers of the Justices and others assigned by the said Commissions to hear and determine the Matters, Causes, and Petitions aforesaid, have, in conformity with the Practices and Usages of their Predecessors in similar Commissions, upon various Occasions sat at the Rolls Court during the Illness or Absence of the Master of the Rolls for the Time being, and heard and examined and determined divers Matters, Causes, and Petitions depending in the King's said Chancery, and set down to be heard at the said Rolls Court: And whereas it hath been doubted whether such Justices and others had Power under such Commissions

as aforesaid to hear, examine, and determine any of the Matters, Causes, and Petitions aforesaid; but it is expedient that all Acts done in the supposed Exercise of the Powers aforesaid should be confirmed: And whereas the Name of the late Chief Baron *Richards* was included in the several Commissions which issued as aforesaid whilst he was a Puisne Baron of the Court of Exchequer, but when he was appointed Chief Baron of that Court, his Name was omitted in all subsequent Commissions, according to ancient Usage; but nevertheless the said Chief Baron *Richards*, after his Name had been so omitted in such Commissions as aforesaid, heard, examined, and determined divers Matters, Causes, and Petitions at the Rolls, in conjunction with certain others of the Persons named in the said Commissions, as if his Name had been still contained in such Commissions: Be it therefore enacted by the King'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 all Decrees, Decretal and other Orders, at any Time during the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third, or during the Reign of His present Majesty, made and pronounced at the Rolls Court in the Absence of the Master of the Rolls, and all other Acts and Things done at the Court aforesaid, in the supposed Exercise of any of the Powers aforesaid, and all Acts done in the Execution or Performance of any such Decrees or Orders, shall have and be of as great and the like Validity, Effect, Efficacy, Force, and Virtue, as if such Decrees, Decretal and other Orders, and all other Acts and Things, had respectively been heard, made, pronounced, determined, done, and executed by the Master of the Rolls for the Time being in whose Place or for whom any of such Justices and others sat as aforesaid; and the same shall or may be enforced, executed, enrolled, re-heard, or appealed from in the same Manner as if they respectively were Decrees or Orders of the Master of the Rolls in whose Time they were pronounced: Provided always, that this Act shall not extend to any Decree or Order made or pronounced as aforesaid, where the Cause, Petition, Motion, or Matter wherein or whereupon the same was made or pronounced as aforesaid has been actually reheard before the Beginning of this present Session of Parliament, in consequence of the Invalidity of the Decree or Order made or pronounced thereon as aforesaid.

All Decrees, &c. pronounced at the Rolls Court, in the Absence of the Master of the Rolls, shall have the like Validity as if the Master of the Rolls had heard and determined the same.

Not to extend to any Decree, &c. wherein the same has been actually reheard.

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