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GEORGII IV. REGIS.

CAP. X.

An Act to enable, in certain Cases, the Opening and Reading of Commissions under which the Judges sit upon the Circuits, after the Day appointed for holding Assizes. [15th *March* 1822.]

WHEREAS it has been deemed necessary that the Commissions under which the Judges sit upon their Circuits, or some of them, should be opened and read at the respective Places appointed in pursuance thereof for holding the Assizes, in the Presence of One at least of the Quorum Commissioners therein named, on the very Day appointed for holding such Assizes; whereby much Inconvenience has arisen, and may hereafter arise, in case of a Pressure of Business at other Places, or from other unforeseen Circumstances: For Remedy thereof, be it 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 whenever it shall so happen that such Commissions shall not be opened and read in the Presence of One of the Quorum Commissioners, at any Place specified for holding the Assizes, on the very Day appointed for such Purpose, it shall and may be lawful to open and read the same, in the Presence of One of the Quorum Commissioners therein named, on the following Day, or if such following Day shall be a *Sunday*, or any other Day of Public Rest, then on the succeeding Day; and such Opening and Reading thereof shall be as

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read the following Day, not being Sunday, &c.

as effectual, to all Intents and Purposes, as if the same had been opened and read in the Presence of One of the Quorum Commissioners on the very Day appointed for that Purpose, and shall be deemed and taken to be an Opening and Reading thereof on the Day for that Purpose appointed; and all Records and other Proceedings under or relating to any Commission which may be opened and read by virtue of this Act, shall and may be drawn up, entered, and made out under the same Date, and in the same Form, in all respects, as if such Commission had been opened and read on the Day originally appointed for that Purpose: Provided always, that the Judges and Quorum Commissioners are hereby directed and required to have such Commissions opened and read on the very Days appointed for that Purpose, unless the same shall be prevented by the Pressure of Business elsewhere, or by some unforeseen Cause or Accident.

But Commissions shall be opened and read on the Days appointed, if not prevented.

Where Commissions shall be opened under this Act, the Cause of Delay shall be certified to the Lord Chancellor, &c.

II. And be it further enacted, That in every Case in which it shall happen that any such Commission shall be opened and read under the Provisions of and according to this Act, the Quorum Commissioner, before whom the same shall be so opened and read, shall, under his Hand and Seal, certify to the Lord Chancellor, Lord Keeper, or Lords Commissioners of the Great Seal for the Time being, that the said Commission was so opened, and the Cause of the Delay of opening and reading the same; which Certificate shall be enrolled in the High Court of Chancery.

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