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GEORGII III. REGIS.

CAP. XCI.

An Act to enable Juſtices of the Peace to ſettle the Fees to be taken by the Clerks of the Peace of the reſpective Counties and other Diviſions of *England* and *Wales*. [10th *July* 1817.]

WHEREAS Doubts have ariſen touching the Fees and Allowances due and to be made to the Clerks of the Peace of the ſeveral Counties and other Diviſions in *England* and *Wales*; for the removing of ſuch Doubts, 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 from and after the First Day of *July* next it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the Juſtices of the Peace for the County of *Kent*, and for the County Palatine of *Lancaſter*, at their Annual General Seſſions of the Peace, and for the Juſtices of the Peace in every other County, Riding, Diviſion, City, Town, Liberty, or Precinct, within *England* and *Wales*, at their reſpective General Quarter Seſſions of the Peace, to aſcertain, make, and ſettle a Table of Fees and Allowances to be taken by the Clerk of the Peace for ſuch County of *Kent* and ſuch County Palatine, and ſuch other Counties, Ridings, Diviſions, Cities, Towns, Liberties, and Precincts reſpectively; and ſuch Table of Fees and Allowances, when ſo made, ſhall be ſubject to the Approbation of the Juſtices of the Peace at the then next ſucceeding General Annual Seſſion of the Peace for the County Palatine of *Lancaſter*, and for the County of *Kent*, and at the then next ſucceeding General Quarter Seſſion of the Peace for every other

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other ſuch County, Riding, Diviſion, City, Town, Liberty, or Precinct as aforeſaid, or at ſome Adjournment of ſuch Seſſions reſpectively; and ſuch Table of Fees reſpectively, when ſo approved reſpectively, ſhall be laid before the Judges of Aſſize at the next Aſſizes for ſuch Counties and Places reſpectively, except the ſeveral Places being Counties in which Aſſizes are not conſtantly or regularly holden in every Year, and in thoſe Caſes before the Juſtices at the next Aſſizes for the adjoining County where Aſſizes are conſtantly and regularly holden, and to which Priſoners are generally removed for Trial from ſuch Places reſpectively, and alſo except the Counties in *Wales* and the County Palatine of *Cheſter*, and before the Juſtices at the next Great Seſſions for the ſeveral Counties in *Wales*, and for the County Palatine of *Cheſter*; and the ſaid Judges and Juſtices reſpectively are hereby authorized to ratify and confirm ſuch Tables reſpectively, either as ſettled and approved as aforeſaid, or with ſuch Alterations, Additions, and Improvements as to ſuch Judges and Juſtices laſt mentioned ſhall appear to be juſt and reaſonable; and it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Juſtices of the Peace, at their reſpective Quarter or General Seſſions of the Peace, from Time to Time in like Manner to make other Table of Fees and Allowances, inſtead of or in addition to the Tables of Fees and Allowances before made, which ſhall and may be approved and afterwards ratified and confirmed in like Manner; which Fees and Allowances contained in ſuch Tables reſpectively, when ſo made and approved, and afterwards ratified and confirmed as aforeſaid, ſhall be the only Fees and Allowances which ſhall be taken by the Clerks of the Peace of the ſeveral Counties and Places for which ſuch Tables reſpectively ſhall be ſo made, approved, ratified, and confirmed, from and after ſuch Ratification and Confirmation thereof reſpectively; any Thing in any Act or Acts of Parliament, or any Law, Uſage, or Cuſtom to the contrary in anywiſe notwithſtanding.

Penalty on Clerks of the Peace taking greater Fees than allowed.

II. And be it further enacted, That if at any Time after any ſuch Table of Fees and Allowances ſhall have been ſo ratified and confirmed as aforeſaid, any Clerk of the Peace, or any Perſon or Perſons acting as ſuch, ſhall, under Pretence of any Matter or Thing done, tranſacted, or performed, demand or receive any other or greater Fee or Allowance, than the Fee or Allowance, Fees or Allowances, aſcertained, ratified, and confirmed as aforeſaid, ſuch Clerk of the Peace or other Perſon ſhall for every ſuch Offence forfeit and pay the Sum of Five Pounds to any Perſon who ſhall ſue for the ſame by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information in any of His Majeſty's Courts of Record at *Weſtminſter*, wherein no Eſſoign, Privilege, Protection, Wager of Law, or more than One Imparlance ſhall be granted or allowed.

Printed or written Copies of ſuch Table of Fees to be hung up in ſome conſpicuous Place where the General or Quarter Seſ-

III. And be it further enacted, That every Table of Fees and Allowances which ſhall be made, approved, ratified, and confirmed from Time to Time as aforeſaid, ſhall be depoſited with the Clerk of the Peace for the County or Place for which ſuch Table of Fees ſhall have been ſo made, approved, ratified, and confirmed as aforeſaid; and a true and exact written or printed Copy or Copies thereof ſhall be placed and conſtantly kept in a conſpicuous Part of every Room or Place wherein any General or Quarter Seſſions of the Peace for ſuch County or Place ſhall be held; and if any Clerk of the Peace, or Perſon acting as ſuch, ſhall at any

Time neglect to cauſe every ſuch Copy to be ſo placed and conſtantly kept according to the Proviſions of this Act, he ſhall forfeit and pay to any Perſon who ſhall ſue for the ſame, for every ſuch Offence, the Sum of Five Pounds, to be recovered by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information in any of His Majeſty's Courts of Record at *Weſtminſter*, wherein no Eſſoign, Privilege, Protection, Wager of Law, nor more than One Imparlance ſhall be granted or allowed. ſions ſhall be held; and Penalty on Clerks of the Peace neglecting ſo to do.

IV. And be it further enacted, That all Suits and Actions which ſhall be brought or commenced by virtue of this Act, ſhall be brought before the End of Three Calendar Months after the Offence committed, and not otherwiſe. Limitation of Actions.

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