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CAP. LXXXIX.

An Act for auditing the Accounts of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Woods, Forests, Land Revenues, Works, and Buildings.

[9th *August* 1844.]

WHEREAS an Act was passed in the Second Year of the Reign of His late Majesty, intituled *An Act for uniting the Office of Surveyor General of His Majesty's Works and Public Buildings with the Office of the Commissioners of His Majesty's Woods and Forests and Land Revenues; and for other Purposes relating to the Land Revenues:* And whereas Doubts have arisen as to the Powers vested in the Commissioners for examining and auditing the Public Accounts of the Kingdom, in examining and auditing the Accounts referred to them under the said Act, and also the several Accounts of other Monies under the Control and Management of the first-mentioned Commissioners: Be it declared and 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, That the said Commissioners for auditing the Public Accounts of the Kingdom shall examine, try, and audit the Accounts of all Monies which by any Act of Parliament are or shall be under the Control

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Commissioners for auditing the Public Accounts shall audit the

Accounts of the Commissioners of Woods, &c.

Control and Management of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Woods, Forests, Land Revenue, Works, and Buildings, and in examining, trying, and auditing any of the said Accounts shall be deemed to have had at all Times heretofore and shall have all the Powers which are vested in them under an Act of the Twenty-fifth Year of the Reign of King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act for better examining and auditing the Public Accounts of this Kingdom*, and under any other Act now in force, or any Law, Usage, Custom, or otherwise howsoever: Provided always, that such Audit, as to the Accounts of the first-mentioned Commissioners, with respect to their Execution of the Powers intrusted to them under an Act passed in the Fifty-third Year of the Reign of King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act for making a more convenient Communication from* Mary-le-bone Park *and the Northern Parts of the Metropolis in the Parish of* Saint Mary-le-bone *to* Charing Cross *within the Liberty of* Westminster, *and for making a more convenient Sewage for the same*, or of any Act for amending the last-recited Act, or for extending the Powers of the same, shall not include any Period before the Thirty-first Day of *March* in the Year One thousand eight hundred and forty-one.

25 G. 3. c. 52.

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53 G. 3. c. 121.

Accounts when audited and declared to be kept of Record in the Land Revenue Record Office.

II. And be it enacted, That every general Account of the Land Revenue of the Crown referred or which may be referred by the first-recited Act to the Commissioners for auditing the Public Accounts of the Kingdom, after the same shall have been audited, declared, and enrolled in the Office of Her Majesty's Remembrancer of the Court of Exchequer, shall be delivered by the said Commissioners of Audit, so audited and declared, together with the several detailed and subsidiary Accounts of the Receivers, Surveyors, Rangers, Gavellers, Stewards, Bailiffs, Collectors, or other local Officers for the Time being charged or intrusted with the Receipt or Collection of Rents or other Monies, Dues, Royalties, or Revenues of the Crown (which are or may be mentioned or referred to in such general Account), to the Keeper of Land Revenue Records and Enrolments, not later than Three Years after the Declaration of the said general Account, unless by special Direction of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury any of the said Accounts shall be kept for a longer Time, not more than Seven Years, for Comparison with the Accounts of following Years; and such general and detailed and subsidiary Accounts, and the Declaration thereof, shall thenceforth remain of Record in the said Office of Land Revenue Records and Enrolments.

Records in in the Land Revenue Record Office to be valid.

III. And be it enacted, That where the Rents, Revenues, Issues, or Profits of any Manors, Lands, Tenements, Tithes, or Hereditaments are or shall be specified or mentioned in the Record of such Accounts in the said Office of the Land Revenue Records and Enrolments, such Rents, Revenues, Issues, and Profits shall be holden to be duly in charge by to or with the Auditor or Auditors or other proper Officer or Officers of the Revenue; and the Record of such Accounts in the said Office of Land Revenue Records and Enrolments shall be as valid and effectual, and shall be deemed to have the same Effect and legal Incidents, as the Enrolment and Record of such Accounts in the Office of Her Majesty's Remembrancer of the Court of Exchequer, or

in any other Office, or before or with any Officer of any other Court of Record of Law or Equity of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, or before or with any Auditor or Auditors or other Officer or Officers of the Revenue.

IV. And be it enacted, That this Act may be amended or repealed by any Act to be passed in this Session of Parliament. Act may be amended this Session.

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