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An Act to regulate and reduce the Expences of the Offices attached to the Superior Courts of Law in *Ireland* payable out of the Consolidated Fund. [5th *September* 1844.]

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the First and Second Years of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Fourth, intituled *An Act to regulate the Proceedings in the Civil Side of the Court of King's Bench, and also in the Court of Common Pleas, and in the Pleas or Common Law Side of the Court of Exchequer, in* Ireland, and further by an Act passed in the Fifth Year of the Reign of His said Majesty King *George* the Fourth, intituled *An Act to amend an Act made in the First and Second Years of the Reign of His present Majesty, for regulating the Proceedings in the Civil Side of the Court of King's Bench, and also in the Court of Common Pleas, and in the Pleas or Common Law Side of the Court of Exchequer, in* Ireland, Establishments of Officers, Assistants, and Clerks were formed for the Offices of the said several Courts, and for the Taxation of Bills of Costs in Common Law Business, and Regulations were made for providing the necessary Number of fitting and competent Persons to do the Business of writing, copying, and engrossing in every such Office respectively, the Salaries and Expences of

1 & 2 G. 4. c 53.

5 G. 4. c. 4.

of which Establishments and Business were by the said Acts charged upon the Consolidated Fund: And whereas by an Act passed in the First and Second Years of the Reign of His said Majesty King *George* the Fourth, intituled *An Act to grant for the Term of Five Years additional Stamp Duties on certain Proceedings in the Courts of Law, and to repeal certain other Stamp Duties, in* Ireland, which Term has been since extended from Time to Time by subsequent Acts, certain Stamp Duties therein specified, to be denoted "Law Fund," were granted to meet the Charge upon the Consolidated Fund, created by the Salaries and Expences so made payable thereout by the said herein-before recited Acts, for and in respect of the Offices of the said Courts of Law, and also to meet certain other Charges for Salaries, Allowances, and Compensations to the Judges and Officers of the said Courts, in lieu of certain Fees which were then abolished: And whereas the Income produced by the said Law Fund Stamp Duties has never been sufficient to meet the said Charges for which it was intended to form a Provision, and by making a new Arrangement as to the Business to be transacted in the said Offices a very considerable Saving in the Expences, chargeable in respect thereof upon the Consolidated Fund, may be effected: Be it therefore 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,

1 & 2 G. 4. c. 112.

Offices, &c. abolished.

That from and after the Eleventh Day of *October* One thousand eight hundred and forty-four the several Offices created by the said first-recited Act of the First and Second Years of the Reign of King *George* the Fourth, and all Appointments made under or by virtue of the said Act, or by virtue of the said recited Act of the Fifth Year of the Reign of King *George* the Fourth, shall be and the same are hereby abolished, save and except the Offices of Taxing Officers and their Clerk, and of Crier, Tipstaff, and Serjeant-at-Arms in the several Courts, which shall remain as heretofore.

Exception.

Compensation for Offices abolished.

II. Provided always, and be it enacted, That each and every Officer (not included in the new Establishments herein-after mentioned) whose Office is hereby abolished, and who has a Freehold Interest therein, shall be entitled to receive as Compensation for and during his Life the full Amount of the Salary and Emoluments at present enjoyed by him in respect of said Office, such Compensation to be charged and chargeable and paid and payable, out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, in the same Manner as the Salaries and Compensations are herein directed to be paid; and that all other Persons whose Offices or Employments are hereby abolished, and who shall not be included or employed in the new Establishments to be formed, or whose Salary or Emoluments under such new Establishments shall fall short in amount of the Value of the Salary or Emoluments received by them in or under the Establishments so abolished, shall be entitled to receive such Compensation in respect thereof as the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland* shall ascertain and determine to be just and proper, regard being had to Length of Service, not exceeding in the whole in any Case the Salary, Emoluments, or official Income

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enjoyed or received by any such Person or Persons on an Average of the Three Years next preceding the Day appointed for the Commencement of this Act, and not being less in any Case than Three Fourths of the Income so ascertained, or of the Proportion thereof by which the Salary, Emoluments, or official Income of such Person or Persons shall fall short as aforesaid, the Amount of such Compensation to be ascertained in such Manner and by such Means as the said Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury shall think proper to direct; and that when such Compensation shall have been so ascertained and determined the Amount thereof shall be charged and chargeable and paid and payable to the several Persons entitled thereto, out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, in the same Manner as the Salaries hereinafter provided are appointed to be paid: Provided also, that until the Amount of such Compensation shall have been so ascertained all such Persons shall be entitled respectively to receive a Sum equal to the full Amount of the Salary, Emoluments, or official Income enjoyed by him or them respectively on the Average herein-before directed, such Sum or Sums to be charged and chargeable and paid and payable in the same Manner as the Salaries and Compensation herein directed: Provided also, that an Account of all Compensations granted under the Provisions of this Act shall, within Fourteen Days after the same shall have been granted as aforesaid, be laid before the Commons House of Parliament, if Parliament shall be then assembled, or otherwise within Fourteen Days after the meeting of Parliament then next following.

New Officers, Assistants, and Clerks.

III. And be it enacted, That from and after the said Eleventh Day of *October* One thousand eight hundred and forty-four there shall be in each of the said Superior Courts of Common Law in *Ireland* to conduct the Civil Business thereof One principal Officer, to be called the Master of such Court, and the following other Officers; (that is to say,) One Clerk of the Rules and One Clerk of the Writs, Appearances, and Seal; the said principal and other Officers to discharge the several Duties prescribed for them respectively in this Act, and in the Schedules severally marked (A.), (B.), and (C.) to this Act annexed; and the said Officers to have to aid them in the Discharge of the said Duties the several Assistants and Clerks in the said Schedules respectively set forth, and that the said principal and other Officers, and the said Assistants and Clerks, shall hold their Offices or Employments during good Behaviour, and shall be responsible for the due and efficient Performance of the Duties prescribed for them by this Act and the Schedules hereto annexed, and that the said principal and other Officers, and Assistants and Clerks, shall be entitled to receive the several and respective Salaries in that Behalf set forth in the said Schedules to this Act annexed.

New Establishments to be formed from the old.

IV. And whereas it is expedient that the new Establishment of Officers, Assistants, and Clerks hereby created shall, in the first instance, consist of Persons employed in the Establishments hereby abolished; be it therefore enacted, That the Persons named in the Schedules (A.), (B.), and (C.) to this Act annexed as Officers, Assistants, and Clerks shall be and the same are hereby appointed and

and declared to be such Officers, Assistants, and Clerks as therein set forth respectively.

Proviso as to Salaries of A. Bushe, Esq., and Hon. D. Plunket.

V. Provided always, and be it enacted, That *Arthur Bushe* Esquire, the Prothonotary of the said Court of Queen's Bench, and the Honourable *David Plunket*, the Prothonotary of the said Court of Common Pleas, in *Ireland*, who are in and by this Act and the Schedules hereto appointed Masters of the said Courts respectively, shall be entitled to receive yearly and every Year during their respectively continuing in Office as such Master the respective Sums of Three hundred and eighty-four Pounds Twelve Shillings and Threepence each, over and above and in addition to the Salaries provided for such Masters in the said several Schedules, to make up the full Amount of Salary received by them as Prothonotaries respectively, the said Sums to be paid and payable respectively in the same Manner, and out of the same Fund, and at the same Time and Times, as the Salaries and Compensations herein directed: Provided also, that if either of them the said *Arthur Bushe* or *David Plunket* shall, at any Time after the passing of this Act, resign his Office, with the Sanction and under the Authority of the Lord Chief Justice of the Court to which he shall belong, in consequence of being unable to discharge the Duties thereof from Infirmity of Mind or Body, which Resignation shall also be approved by the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, he shall be entitled to receive yearly during his Life, by way of Superannuation Allowance, the full Amount of the Salary now enjoyed by him in respect of his said Office of Prothonotary, the same to be paid and payable in the same Manner, and out of the same Fund, and at the same Time and Times, as the Salaries and Compensations herein directed.

Officers to hold no other Office, and to have no other Emolument than Salary.

VI. And be it enacted, That it shall not be lawful for any Person appointed by this Act, or who at any Time after the passing of this Act shall be appointed to any Office in any of the several said Courts, or as Clerk or Assistant to any of said Officers, to hold or exercise the Duties of any other Office or Place whatsoever, or to derive any Emolument or Profit for or in respect of or in connexion with the Business of the said Offices, either by Fee or Gratuity, or by the Sale of Stamps or Parchments or Paper, or otherwise howsoever, other than the Salaries or Allowances provided by this Act for such Officer, Assistant, or Clerk respectively, or authorized in and by an Act passed in the Ninth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Fourth, intituled *An Act to protect Purchasers for valuable Consideration in* Ireland *against Judgments not revived or re-docketted within a limited Time*, or in and by an Act passed in the Third and Fourth Years of the Reign of Her present Majesty, intituled *An Act for abolishing Arrest on Mesne Process in Civil Actions in certain Cases; for extending the Remedy of Creditors against Debtors; and for the further Amendment of the Law, and the better Advancement of Justice, in* Ireland.

9 G. 4. c. 35.

3 & 4 Vict. c. 105.

How Appointments shall be made.

VII. And be it enacted, That when and so often as any Vacancy shall occur in any of the Offices of Master or other Officers in either of the said Superior Courts of Common Law, by Death, Resignation, or

or otherwise, it shall and may be lawful for the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland*, for the Time being, to nominate and appoint some fit and proper Person to fill such vacant Office; provided that no Person shall be eligible to be appointed to fill such vacant Office unless he shall be a Barrister in actual Practice of not less than Five Years standing at the Bar, or an Attorney of all or any of the said Courts in actual Practice of not less than Five Years standing on the Roll, or unless he shall have served as Officer, Assistant, or Clerk in any of the said Offices for not less than Five Years in the whole; and that when and so often as any Vacancy shall occur, by Death, Resignation, or otherwise, of any of the Assistants or Clerks hereby created, such Vacancy shall be filled by the Assistant or Clerk next in seniority in the Department, to whom no sufficient Objection, to the Satisfaction of the Lord Chief Justice or Lord Chief Baron, shall be made; and that on all future Vacancies in the Office of Junior Clerk in each Department the Master of the Court in which such Vacancy shall occur shall appoint some proper Person to be such Junior Clerk: Provided always, that all Appointments of Officers, Assistants, or Clerks to be made by virtue of this Act shall be so made without any pecuniary or other Consideration directly or indirectly to be paid or received for the same.

Commissioners of Treasury empowered to increase or diminish Establishment.

VIII. And be it enacted, That if at any Time after the Commencement of this Act it shall be found that the Establishments hereby authorized to be appointed for the several Courts are, in point of Number of Assistants or Clerks, either excessive or insufficient, or that it is expedient either to increase or diminish the Salaries of the Masters, Officers, Assistants, or Clerks, the Judges of the Court in which such Case may occur shall notify the same to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury by Certificate under the Hands of any Two or more of them, stating the Circumstances which may have caused any such Changes to be necessary; and thereupon it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Commissioners, and they are hereby authorized, by their Warrant, to increase or reduce such Establishment or Salaries, as the Case may require, provided that no Salary hereby appointed to be paid shall be so diminished unless when the Office or Employment for which it is payable shall be vacant; and if Excess or Deficiency shall have arisen from the Fluctuation of Business from one Court to another, it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners of the Treasury to remove the requisite Number of Persons from the Offices in which the Business shall have decreased to those in which it shall have increased; and every such Arrangement or Removal or Appointment, Increase or Reduction, to be made by the said Commissioners shall be as good and valid as if the same had been made by, under, or by virtue of this Act, any thing herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Receipt of Law Fund Duties by Officers discontinued.

IX. And be it enacted, That from and after the Commencement of this Act the Officers, Assistants, and Clerks appointed or to be appointed hereunder shall not in any Case be required to receive Payment in Money for Law Fund Duties, but that it shall be lawful for

for such Officer, Assistant, or Clerk, and he is hereby required, in every Case in which such Duty has been heretofore payable by Entry, to ask, demand, and receive from the Party requiring such Proceeding to be taken a Docket or Requisition, specifying the Nature of such Proceeding, duly stamped, marked, or impressed, according to Law, with the Stamp or Mark provided or to be provided by the Commissioners of Stamps for expressing or denoting the Duty payable in respect of such Proceeding; and also that it shall and may be lawful to and for each and every Officer, Assistant, and Clerk in any of the Offices of any of the several Courts aforesaid to demand and receive of and from any Person who shall apply to such Officer, Assistant, or Clerk to obtain any Copy whatsoever, which according to Law ought to be on a Stamp or Stamps, the Paper requisite for the same, duly impressed with the Stamp Duty payable thereon; and no such Officer, Assistant, or Clerk shall be bound to commence such Business, or to take any Step towards the Execution thereof, until such stamped Paper shall have been deposited with him.

Writs, &c. to be prepared by Attornies.

X. And whereas it is just and expedient that, except as hereinafter mentioned, all such Writs and other Writings as have been hitherto prepared, engrossed, and written in the Offices of the general Clerks and other Assistants to the principal Officer in each Court at the Charge of the Consolidated Fund shall in future be prepared, engrossed, or written by the Attornies requiring them, at the Charge of the Party or Parties for whose Benefit, Advantage, or Purpose they are so required; be it therefore enacted, That from and after the Commencement of this Act no Writs or other Writings shall be prepared, engrossed, or written in any of the Offices of the said Courts at the Charge of the Consolidated Fund, save and except the making up, Entry, and Enrolment of Judgments, and such Office Copies or Extracts as may be required of any Pleadings, Affidavits, Writs, or other Documents, Matters or Things, which, having been previously filed, deposited, enrolled, or recorded in the Office, shall be in the Custody of the Officer of the Court; but that when any such Writs and other Writings shall be brought to the Office properly prepared the proper Officer shall and he is hereby required, without unnecessary Delay, to examine, enter, sign, seal, attest, or record the same, as the Case may require.

Writing Clerks to be employed for preparing Enrolments and Office Copies.

XI. And be it enacted, That for the Purpose of preparing Enrolments of Judgments, and such Office Copies or Extracts as may be required of such Pleadings, Affidavits, Writs, Records, or Documents, Matters or Things, as shall be in the Custody of the Officer, it shall and may be lawful for the Master of each Court and he is hereby required to employ Writing Clerks, who shall be paid, according to the Quantity of their Writing, at the Rate of Three Halfpence *per* Office Sheet of Seventy-two Words, such Payment to be charged in the incidental Expences of the Court in the Manner herein-after provided.

XII. And

Searching Clerks.

XII. And be it enacted, That for the Purpose of making Searches for Judgments, or Fines or Recoveries, it shall and may be lawful for the Master of each Court and he is hereby required to employ competent Clerks, to be removable at his Pleasure, who shall be paid in respect to each distinct Search, according to the Quantity of their Work, at the Rate of One Shilling for every Period of Twenty Years, or fractional Portion thereof, over which each Search made by them respectively shall extend: Provided always, that not more than Two Clerks shall be so paid in respect of each negative Search, and not more than One in respect of each common Search, such Payment to be charged in the incidental Expences in manner herein-after provided.

Salaries to Searching Clerks.

XIII. And in order to secure the Services of competent Persons to perform the said Business of searching, be it enacted, That each of Three Persons to be employed therein by the Master of each Court as aforesaid shall be entitled to receive, for and during the Time he shall be so employed, a Salary at the Rate of One hundred Pounds *per Annum* over and above the said Allowance of One Shilling *per* Search, the said Salary to be charged in the incidental Expences in the Manner herein-after provided with respect to other Salaries: Provided always, that the Persons so to be appointed as such Searching Clerks (unless employed in such Business previously to and at the Time of the passing of this Act) shall not be entitled to any Compensation for the Loss of such Appointment in the event of any Alteration being made, by the Authority of Parliament or otherwise, whereby such Business of searching shall be transferred from the Offices of the said Courts to any other Office or Offices: Provided also, that when any such Alteration shall take place the Power and Authority hereby given to the Masters to retain and employ such Searching Clerks shall cease, and that then and in such Case the Master of each Court shall and he is hereby authorized to appoint One Clerk for general Purposes, in addition to the Establishment provided in and by the Schedules hereto annexed, each of such Clerks to receive a Salary of One hundred Pounds yearly, to be payable in the same Manner as the other Salaries hereby directed.

Limiting Compensation for Loss of Appointment.

Future Appointments.

Suitors Money to be paid into the Bank of Ireland.

XIV. And be it enacted, That the Prothonotary of the Court of Queen's Bench, the Prothonotary of the Court of Common Pleas, and the Clerk of the Pleas of the Court of Exchequer, whose Offices are abolished by this Act, shall and they are hereby required, on or before the Eleventh Day of *October* One thousand eight hundred and forty-four, to render to their respective Courts an Account in Writing of all and every Sum and Sums of Money which shall at any Time heretofore have been paid into the said respective Courts by or on behalf of Suitors to abide the Event of any Suit, or for any Purpose whatsoever, and which shall then remain unclaimed and undisposed of in the Hands and Possession of the said Prothonotaries and Clerk of the Pleas respectively, showing the precise Amount paid into Court in each Action, the Names of the Plaintiff and Defendant, and of their Attornies, and the Time when, and by whom, and the Purpose, so far as the same can be ascertained, for which the said Amount was so paid

paid in, which Account the said Officers shall cause to be entered in Books to be kept in their Offices respectively for that Purpose; and the said Officers respectively shall and they are hereby required, immediately upon rendering such Accounts, to pay into the Bank of *Ireland* to an Account to be opened by the Master of each of the said Courts respectively in the Books of the Governor and Company of that Bank, to the Credit of the proper Cause or Matter, all and every such Sum and Sums of Money so appearing to be in their Custody as aforesaid, which Accounts respectively the Governor and Company of the Bank of *Ireland* are hereby authorized and required to open in their Books accordingly.

All Monies deposited in Court by Suitors to be paid into the Bank of Ireland.

XV. And be it enacted, That after the said Eleventh Day of *October* One thousand eight hundred and forty-four the Master of each of the said Courts respectively shall cause all and every Sum or Sums of Money paid into the said Courts by or on behalf of the Suitors in either of those Courts to abide the Event of the Suit, or for any other Purpose whatsoever, and all Payments thereout, to be entered in proper Books to be kept for that Purpose, and shall, as soon as conveniently may be, pay all and every such Sum or Sums of Money into the Bank of *Ireland* to the Credit of the proper Cause or Matter; and when and so often as it shall and may be necessary to pay out or disburse any of the Monies so lodged in Bank, the Court shall by its Order direct such Payment or Disbursement, and the Master of each of the said Courts respectively shall and he is hereby authorized and required to draw on the said Governor and Company of the Bank of *Ireland* for any Sum or Sums of Money so ordered to be paid out or disbursed; and the said Governor and Company of the Bank of *Ireland* are hereby authorized and required to pay all such Sums of Money as may so be drawn for, in pursuance of such Order, by the Masters of the said Courts respectively.

Seal Fees abolished.

XVI. And whereas the Receipt of Fees in the Seal Office (at the Law Side) of the Court of Exchequer would interfere with the Arrangements hereby made for the Regulation of the Business in the Offices at that Side of the said Court, and it is expedient that such Fees should be abolished; be it therefore enacted, That from and after the Commencement of this Act the said Fees shall be and the same are hereby abolished, and that no Fees whatsoever shall be paid or payable for or in respect of the sealing of any Writs, Records, or other Documents issuing out of the Law Side of the said Court, and that the same shall be sealed by the Person whose Duty it shall be under this Act without any Charge whatsoever to the Suitor.

Separate Seals to be provided for Law and Equity Sides of the Court.

XVII. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Chief Baron and other Barons of the said Court of Exchequer, and they are hereby required, at any Time before the Commencement of this Act, to provide separate Seals for the Law and Equity Sides of the said Court, and that the Custody and affixing thereof shall be committed to the Secondary of the Equity Side, so far as regards the

Equity Side of the said Court, who shall receive to his own Use the Fees now payable in respect thereof, and, as regards the Law Side thereof, to the Clerk of the Writs, Appearances, and Seal on the Law Side of the said Court, the Expence of providing such Seals to be charged amongst the incidental Expences herein-after provided for.

Schedules deemed Part of this Act.

XVIII. And be it enacted, That the several Schedules to this Act annexed, and all Directions, Matters, and Things in the said Schedules respectively contained, shall be deemed and taken to be Part of this Act.

Salaries to be paid quarterly out of Consolidated Fund.

Incidental Expences.

XIX. And be it enacted, That the said several Salaries in the said Schedules respectively set forth as aforesaid shall be payable from Time to Time out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, and that the said Salaries respectively shall be payable quarterly on the Fifth Day of *January*, Fifth Day of *April*, Fifth Day of *July*, and Tenth Day of *October* in every Year; and that for Provision for the necessary incidental Expences in each Court the said Commissioners of the Treasury shall pay or cause to be paid, at such Time or Times and in such Manner as they shall think proper, to the Master of each Court, such Sum as shall in each and every Quarter be certified in Writing under the Hands of One or more of the Judges of the Court respectively to which such Master shall belong to have been necessarily incurred as and for the Costs of the Clerks employed in Writing and searching in the Offices of the said Courts respectively as aforesaid, and as and for the Expences of Coals, Candles, and all other Expences of the said several Offices in the said Courts, and in the several Chambers of the said Courts respectively, including therein the Remuneration of the Courtkeeper, Housekeeper, and Office Messenger as heretofore; and every such Certificate shall be given on an Examination on Oath of the principal Officer of each Department in or for which any such Payment shall be required, and of such other Person or Persons, if any, as such Judge or Judges respectively shall think proper, or as shall be produced before them for that Purpose.

Certificate to be produced on Application for Payment of Salary.

XX. And be it enacted, That whenever any Officer, Deputy, Assistant, or Clerk in any of the said several Courts, except the Master in each such Court respectively, shall apply for Payment of the Salary due to him, or any Part thereof, he shall produce a Certificate from the Master of the Court for the Time being, stating that he is the Person then holding such Office or Employment respectively, and that he is entitled to receive the Salary annexed by Law thereto, and then due to him as such Officer, Deputy, Assistant, or Clerk.

Masters shall superintend and direct subordinate Officers in the several Courts.

XXI. And be it enacted, That the Master in each of the said several Courts shall at all Times respectively superintend the Conduct and Proceedings of the several other Officers, Assistants, and Clerks of his respective Court, and shall inspect their respective Offices, and all Records, Books, Papers, and Documents therein respectively,

respectively, and shall make such Orders for the Regulation of the said Offices, and the Performance of the Business thereof, and the Hours of Attendance of the Officers, Assistants, and Clerks, as they shall think proper, so as to insure Uniformity and Equality of Business in each of the Departments of the said Three Masters.

Courts may remove or fine Officers for Misconduct.

XXII. And be it enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Courts of Queen's Bench, Common Pleas, and Exchequer respectively, on Complaint duly made, or on any Offence or Misconduct of which they may otherwise acquire judicial Knowledge, and after full Inquiry into the alleged Grounds thereof, by Affidavit or otherwise, as they shall think fit, respectively to remove any Officer, Assistant, or Clerk of the said Courts respectively, as well the Master as others, from his Office, for any Offence or Misconduct in such Office which such Court shall deem deserving of such Punishment, and thereupon such Officer, Assistant, or Clerk shall cease to hold or be entitled to such Office; and it shall be lawful for the said Courts, on Complaint and Inquiry as aforesaid, to inflict upon any Officer, Assistant, or Clerk for any minor Offence such Punishment by way of Fine as to such Court shall seem expedient.

Act not to bar Remedies for Misconduct in Officers.

XXIII. Provided always, and be it enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend to limit, abridge, bar, prejudice, or defeat any Action or Indictment, or any Remedy or Proceeding whatsoever, which at any Time heretofore may or might have been brought, found, had, or taken against any Officer, Deputy, or Clerk in or under any of the said Courts herein-before mentioned for or in respect of any Misconduct in Office which may have occurred or taken place, or which may take place at any Time before the Commencement of this Act, but that all such Actions, Indictments, Remedies, and Proceedings for any such Misconduct may be brought, found, had, or taken as if this Act had never been made.

All Offices in the Courts shall be executed in Person, except in Cases of Illness or Leave of Absence, and then by Deputy appointed with Consent of the Judge.

XXIV. And be it enacted, That from and after the Commencement of this Act every Officer or Assistant of any of the said several Courts whose Duty it is to sign or attest any Writ, Pleading, or Document shall respectively execute the Duty of his Office in Person, except only in case of Sickness or occasional Absence, or under the Sanction herein-after provided; (that is to say,) that it shall and may be lawful for the Chief Justice or Chief Baron of the Court to which such Officer or Assistant shall belong, or in his Absence the next senior Judge or Baron of the said Court then in *Dublin*, on the Application of the Master, to grant to any such Officer or Assistant Leave of Absence for any Period which the said Judge or Baron shall consider reasonable; and that in any such Case it shall and may be lawful to and for such Officer or Assistant, by Deputation in Writing under his Hand and Seal, by and with the Consent in Writing of the Chief Justice or Chief Baron of the Court to which such Officer or Assistant shall belong, or in the Absence of such Chief Justice or Chief Baron, then of the next senior Judge of the said Court then in *Dublin*, to appoint a Deputy to execute the Duties

of such Officer or Assistant during such Period as shall be specified in such Deputation; and the Name of such Deputy, and the Approbation of such Chief Justice, Chief Baron, or Judge, and the Time for which such Appointment is to continue, shall be specified and set forth in such Deputation, and such Deputation shall be signed or endorsed by such Chief Justice, Chief Baron, or Judge; and the Period mentioned in such Deputation may, on the Application of the Master, be afterwards prolonged, if necessary, by such Officer or Assistant, with the Approbation of such Chief Justice, Chief Baron, or Judge, by Endorsement of the said Officer or Assistant, and of the said Chief Justice, Chief Baron, or Judge, upon such Deputation: Provided always, that such Deputation shall not be liable to or chargeable with any Stamp Duty whatsoever.

Provision in Case of temporary Absence.

XXV. And whereas Inconvenience may arise from the temporary Absence of any of the Officers or Assistants whose Duty it is, under the Direction in the Schedule to this Act annexed, to sign any Writ, Pleading, or Instrument, unless Provision be made for such Contingency; be it therefore enacted, That at all Times the Signature of the Master shall be good and valid in lieu of the Signature of any of the Officers or Assistants, and that in the temporary Absence of the Master the Acts and Signature of his principal Assistant shall be good and valid to any Pleading, Proceeding, or Instrument requiring the Signature or Superintendence of said Master.

Authority to employ Clerks who may have Leisure in other Departments of the Master's Office.

XXVI. And whereas it may so happen that occasionally or at certain Periods of the Year the Assistants or Clerks in some of the said Offices may not have sufficient Occupation in the Business strictly belonging to their Offices respectively, whilst at the same Time there may be an undue or unusual Pressure of Business upon the Assistants and Clerks in some other of the said Offices, or some Business of an occasional Nature which the Master may be required or find necessary to have performed in the Discharge of his Duty as principal Officer, and it is expedient to provide against the Necessity of employing extra or additional Clerks in such Cases; be it therefore enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the Master of each Court respectively and he is hereby required, in the Exercise of his Superintendence in every such Case as is hereby contemplated, to order, direct, and cause any of the said Assistants and Clerks attached to the Court of which he is Master, who may not have sufficient Occupation at any Time or Times as herein-before mentioned in the Business of their own Offices, to perform such Portions as he may think proper of the Business of any other of the said Offices of the said Court in which there may be such Pressure as aforesaid, or of any occasional or extra Business which he the said Master may be required or find necessary to have performed in the Discharge of his Duty as Master; and it is hereby declared to be the Intent and Meaning hereof that the said Masters respectively shall in every such Case have full discretionary Power as to the Distribution of the Business to be performed in the said Offices, notwithstanding the specific Division of Duties for general Purposes set forth in the Schedules to this Act annexed.

XXVII. And

In case of Incapacity of Principal to appoint, and on Vacancies, Chief Justice may appoint, a Person to execute Offices till Vacancy is supplied.

XXVII. And be it enacted, That in case it shall happen that any Officer or Assistant having Power under this Act to appoint a Deputy of the said several Courts, by reason of Accident or Infirmity, shall be unable to appoint a Deputy, or whenever any Office in any of the said Courts shall become vacant, then and in every such Case it shall and may be lawful to and for the Chief Justice or Chief Baron of the said Courts respectively, or in his Absence the next senior Judge of the said Court, if applied to for that Purpose, to appoint a fit and proper Person to perform the Duty of such Officer or Assistant until there shall be an Officer or Assistant capable of discharging his own Duty; and that every such Person so appointed shall be to all Intents and Purposes a complete Officer or Assistant, according to the Terms of such Appointment, save that such Person so appointed as aforesaid shall not be entitled to any greater Proportion of the Salary of such Office than shall be specified in such Order.

Officers authorized to take Affidavits in the several Courts.

XXVIII. And be it enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the Officers and Assistants herein-after named of and in the several Courts aforesaid, and the said Officers and Assistants are hereby fully authorized, empowered, and directed, whenever they shall be thereunto required, (except on *Sundays*, *Good Friday*, and *Christmas Day*,) to take Affidavits or Affirmations in all Matters relating to the Business of the said Courts respectively, and to administer the necessary Oaths or Affirmations for that Purpose; (that is to say,) the Master, the principal Assistant, the Clerk of the Rules, his Assistant, the Clerk of Writs, Appearances, and Seal, the Pleadings Assistant and the Record Assistant, and also in and for each of the said Courts the Marshal of the Marshalsea of the Four Courts at *Dublin* as to Persons in his Custody; and all such Oaths, Affidavits, and Affirmations shall be of the same Force, Validity, and Effect, and shall and may be filed and used and acted upon respectively, as fully and effectually to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever, as if the same had been sworn or affirmed before the said Courts, or all or any of the Judges thereof respectively; and any Person who shall wilfully or corruptly swear or affirm any thing false in any such Affidavits or Affirmations shall be subject to all Pains, Penalties, Punishments, and Disabilities for wilful and corrupt Perjury in like Manner in all respects as if such Affidavits had been made in any of the said several Courts, or before all or any of the Judges thereof respectively.

Administration of Affidavits, &c. to Persons confined by Illness or in Custody.

XXIX. And be it enacted, That to provide for Cases in which it may be necessary to administer Affidavits or Affirmations to Persons confined by Illness, or detained in Prison in the City of *Dublin*, or within Ten Miles thereof, it shall be the Duty of the Officers and Assistants hereby authorized to take Affidavits or Affirmations, under such Regulations as to Rotation as the Master of their Court shall make, to proceed, when required, within reasonable Hours on Business Days, to the Place in which the Person to be sworn or affirmed shall be so confined, and there to administer such Affidavit or Affirmation: Provided always, that no Officer or Assistant shall be required to administer any Affidavit or Affirmation at any other Place or Time than at his Office, and during Office Hours, except in the Cases of Illness or Custody hereby contemplated, and then only upon the Production

duction of a proper Certificate of such Custody, or in the Case of Illness the Certificate of a duly qualified Medical Man, stating the Inability of the Person requiring to be sworn or affirmed to attend at the Office without Danger to the Life or Health of such Person, and that the Illness of such Person is not of an infectious or contagious Nature: Provided also, that any Expence of Carriage Hire to be incurred by such Officer or Assistant in attending as aforesaid shall be previously defrayed by the Persons requiring such Attendance.

The Judge opening the Court on the first Day of Term shall examine the State of the Records there.

XXX. And be it enacted, That in each and every of the said several Courts, on the first Day of each and every Term, the Judge who shall open the Court on that Day shall immediately after the opening the same satisfy himself, so far as he can by personal Inspection, that the Records of each and every of the said Courts respectively are duly and regularly kept and preserved, so as to be safe, dry, sound, and legible, and in such Order and Arrangement, and with such Means of Reference to the same, that all Persons having Occasion to inspect the same respectively shall and may have easy Access thereto, and the said Judge shall report to the other Judges of the Court the Result of such Examination; and if there shall be any Default or Error therein, the same shall be (as soon as may be) examined into by the Court, and shall be rectified as soon as possible.

Officers of the Courts hereafter to be appointed disabled from practising as Barristers or Attornies.

XXXI. And be it enacted, That every Person hereby appointed, or who shall at any Time after the passing of this Act be appointed, to be an Officer, Assistant, or Clerk of or in any of the Offices in the said several Courts in this Act, and the Schedules thereto annexed, mentioned and specified, shall be and is hereby declared to be incapable of practising as a Barrister, or as an Attorney or Solicitor, or as Agent or Clerk of any Attorney or Solicitor, in any Court of Law or Equity in *Ireland*, either separately or in Partnership with any other, or in the Name of any other Person or Persons, during such Time as such Person shall hold the Situation, Office, or Employment of an Officer, Assistant, or Clerk in any of the said Offices; and if any Officer, Assistant, or Clerk shall so practise as such Barrister, Attorney, Solicitor, Agent, or Clerk, while he shall hold the Situation, Office, or Employment to which he shall have been appointed, contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, the Chief Justice or Chief Baron of the Court in which such Person shall be employed shall, on sufficient Proof of the same, dismiss the Person so offending from his Office or Employment; and the Person so dismissed shall be rendered incapable of ever after holding any Office or Employment in any of the said Courts.

Master may appoint a Retailer of Stamps and Forms as heretofore.

XXXII. And whereas for the Convenience of Suitors and their Attornies an Officer in each of the said Courts has been hitherto privileged and permitted to act as Retailer of Stamps and Law Forms, and to vend the same in his Office: And whereas by this Act all Officers, Assistants, and Clerks in the said Offices are prohibited from so acting as Retailer of Stamps and Law Forms, but it is nevertheless expedient that the Convenience attending such Practice should still be afforded to the Public; be it therefore enacted, That the

Master of each Court shall be and he is hereby authorized to nominate and appoint such Person as he shall think fit to act as such Retailer of Stamps and Forms in and for his respective Offices, from whom the Suitors and their Attornies shall have the Option of procuring such Stamps and Forms as they may require for their Convenience, and the expeditious Despatch of their Business; and the Commissioners of Stamps shall and may grant to the Person so nominated a Licence to retail Stamps upon obtaining the Sureties required by them in such Cases, and with the Privileges, and subject to the Conditions and Regulations, now or hereafter to be made applicable to Retailers of Stamps in general.

No Officer shall participate in Profits of Retailer of Stamps, &c.

XXXIII. Provided always, and be it enacted, That no Master, Officer, Assistant, or Clerk in any of the said Courts shall in any way directly or indirectly receive or participate in the Profits or Emoluments arising from the said Business of Retailer of Stamps and Forms, and that any Violation of the Spirit and Meaning of this Proviso shall be deemed and taken to be Misconduct within the Meaning of the Section of this Act which authorizes the Courts respectively to fine or remove any Officer, Assistant, or Clerk for Misconduct.

Superannuation Allowances granted to Officers upon Retirement. 4 & 5 W. 4. c. 24.

XXXIV. And whereas by an Act passed in the Fourth and Fifth Years of the Reign of His late Majesty King *William* the Fourth, intituled *An Act to alter, amend, and consolidate the Laws for regulating the Pensions, Compensations, and Allowances to be made to Persons in respect to their having held Civil Offices in His Majesty's Service*, Provision is made to secure Superannuation Allowances to the Offices and Departments set forth in the Schedules to said Act annexed, and Power is given to the Commissioners of the Treasury to add to the List of Offices and Departments enumerated in the said Schedule any other Office or Department which then existed or might be created or be established, and to place the same, and the Officers and Persons to be employed, under the Provisions of the said Act, but such Addition not to extend to Officers in any of His Majesty's Courts at *Westminster* or *Dublin:* And whereas by an Act passed in the First Year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, intituled *An Act to abolish certain Offices in the Superior Courts of Common Law, and to make Provision for a more effective and uniform Establishment of Officers in these Courts*, the Provisions of the said recited Act of the Fourth and Fifth Years of the Reign of King *William* the Fourth, so far as a Right to Superannuation Allowance is involved, are in the Manner therein mentioned extended to all Officers, Clerks, and Messengers of the Superior Courts at *Westminster:* And whereas it is expedient that the Benefits of the said Act should in like Manner be extended to all Officers, Assistants, and Clerks of the Superior Courts of Common Law at *Dublin* to be appointed by or under this Act; be it therefore enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act every Officer, Assistant, or Clerk appointed, retained, or employed by or under the Authority and Provisions of the same, or who shall be hereafter so appointed, retained, or employed, and who shall resign his Office or Situation therein, with the Sanction and under the Authority of the Lord Chief Justice

7 W. 4. & 1 Vict. c. 30.

Justice or Lord Chief Baron of the Court to which he shall belong, in consequence of his being incapable from Infirmity of Mind or Body to discharge the Duties thereof, shall be entitled to receive such Superannuation Allowance as the said Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury shall think proper to direct; and in ascertaining and awarding the Amount of such Superannuation Allowance the said Commissioners shall take into consideration the whole Period during which any such Person shall have been permanently employed in any Office or Situation in either of the said Courts, or any other public Office or Situation, prior to the passing of this Act, and shall proceed according to the Principles laid down by the said recited Act of the Fourth and Fifth Years of the Reign of King *William* the Fourth; and that all such Sums and Allowances which shall be so awarded and granted under the Authority aforesaid shall be paid and payable and be charged and chargeable in the same Way as is herein-before provided in respect of the Salaries of the Masters, Assistants, and Clerks of the said Courts respectively.

Regulating Abatement from Salaries of Officers.

XXXV. And whereas the Commissioners of the Treasury did, by a Minute dated the Fourth Day of *August* One thousand eight hundred and twenty-nine, record their Intention to adopt certain Regulations with a view to reduce prospectively the Charge incurred in providing for Superannuation Allowances, of which Notice was given in the several public Departments then enjoying the Benefit of Superannuation Allowance: And whereas it is expedient that, in pursuance of said Minute, an annual Abatement should be made from the Salaries of the several Offices or Employments created by or under the Authority of this Act, but inasmuch as the said Notice cannot be deemed applicable to the Courts of Common Law at *Dublin* such Abatement should not affect Persons who have held Office or Employment therein previously to the passing of this Act; be it therefore enacted, That from and after the Commencement of this Act there shall be an annual Abatement made, in quarterly Proportions, by the Paymaster of the Civil Services in *Ireland*, from the Salaries of the several Officers, Assistants, and Clerks to be hereafter appointed under the Authority of this Act, at any Time after the Commencement thereof, to any of the Offices or Employments set forth in the Schedules hereunto annexed, in such Manner and under such Directions as shall from Time to Time be given in this respect by the Commissioners of the Treasury, the Amount of which Abatement shall be according to the respective Rates following; (that is to say,)

From Salaries not exceeding the annual Sum of One hundred Pounds, an Abatement at the Rate of Two Pounds Ten Shillings *per Centum*;

And from Salaries exceeding One hundred Pounds, Five Pounds *per Centum*.

Taxing Officer.

XXXVI. And be it enacted, That whenever it shall happen that the Two Persons now holding the Office of Taxing Officer to the said Law Courts shall vacate the same, by Death, Resignation, or Removal, there shall thenceforth be for the said Three Courts but One

One Taxing Officer, who shall be and be called Taxing Officer in Common Law Business, who shall hold his Office during good Behaviour, and shall have the same Power and Authority, and be subject to the same Regulations, as are given and contained with reference to Taxing Officers in and by the said herein-before recited Act of the First and Second Years of the Reign of King *George* the Fourth; and that all and every the Provisions contained in the said Act with reference to the Taxing Officers created thereby, so far as the same shall be consistent with the Alterations hereby effected, shall be and be deemed applicable to the Taxing Officer to be appointed under this Act, and to the Taxation of Costs by him, and all Matters and Proceedings belonging to or connected with the Business thereof; and that such Taxing Officer shall have the Assistance in his said Business of One Examiner and One Clerk, to be appointed by him during his Pleasure; the said Taxing Officer, Examiner, and Clerk to receive respectively (out of the same Fund and at the same Periods as the other Salaries hereby directed to be paid) the Salaries set forth in the Schedule (D.) to this Act annexed; and that whenever it shall happen that a Vacancy shall occur in the said Office of Taxing Officer by the Death, Resignation, or Removal of One only of the Two Persons now holding such Office, the Person to be appointed Taxing Officer in his Stead, under the Provisions of the said herein-before recited Act, shall, notwithstanding any thing in said Act contained, be entitled to receive only the Salary specified for the Taxing Officer in the said Schedule marked (D.) to this Act annexed; and whenever the other of the Two Persons now holding the Office of Taxing Officer shall die, resign, or be removed, the Person who shall have been so appointed as joint Taxing Officer in the Room of the Person so first dying, resigning, or being removed shall be the sole Taxing Officer as herein-before directed, with the Assistance of an Examiner and Clerk, as specified in the said Schedule marked (D.) to this Act annexed.

Vacancy in Office of Taxing Office how to be supplied.

XXXVII. And be it enacted, That whenever a Vacancy shall occur as aforesaid and from Time to Time hereafter in the Office of Taxing Officer, it shall and may be lawful for the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland* to appoint a proper Person to be such Taxing Officer, who shall be a Barrister in actual Practice of not less than Five Years standing at the Bar, or an Attorney of any of the said Courts of not less than Five Years standing on the Rolls, or who shall have served as Officer or Assistant in any One or more of the Offices of the said Courts for not less than Five Years in the whole.

Place of Taxation.

XXXVIII. And be it enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the said Judges of the said Superior Courts of Common Law, or any Three of them, and they are hereby required, at any Time within the Term next following the Commencement of this Act, to appoint a convenient and suitable Place within the public Buildings called the Four Courts at *Dublin*, or within the Buildings or Offices contiguous thereto, and attached to or connected therewith, wherein the said Taxing Officers or Officer shall have their or his Office; and that the said Taxing Officers or Officer shall discharge the Duties of their or his Office

in the Place so to be appointed, and in no other Place; and any Expence attendant on such Arrangement shall be charged amongst the incidental Expences herein-before provided for.

Tables of Fees, Allowances, and Charges, and Rules to regulate the Principles of Taxation, to be prepared.

XXXIX. And be it enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the said Judges of the said Superior Courts of Common Law, or any Three of them, and they are hereby required, within the Term next following the Commencement of this Act, to cause to be prepared a Table or Tables setting forth what Fees and Allowances and Charges it may in future be reasonable and proper for the Taxing Officers or Officer to allow in their or his Taxation of Costs in Common Law Business, and also from Time to Time to vary such Table or Tables, and to make such Rules as may appear to them proper to regulate the Principles upon which such Taxation shall in future be conducted, and that all such Fees, Allowances, and Charges shall be payable in *British* Currency.

Pursuivant of the Court of Exchequer abolished, and his Duties transferred to the Serjeant-at-Arms.

XL. And whereas the Office of Pursuivant of the said Court of Exchequer has been held by *Boyle Keller* Esquire, under Letters Patent, for upwards of Twenty-one Years past, and the Amount of Fees and Emoluments, as well as the Business of the said Office, have of late Years been greatly diminished, and it is expedient to abolish the said Office; be it therefore enacted, That from and after the Day appointed for the Commencement of this Act the said Office of Pursuivant of the said Court of Exchequer shall be and the same is hereby abolished; and the said *Boyle Keller* shall be entitled to receive yearly during his Life the Sum of One hundred and six Pounds, being the Amount of Salary and Compensation now enjoyed by him as such Pursuivant; and the said Sum to be paid and payable in the same Manner, and at the same Time and Times, and out of the same Fund, as the Salaries and Compensations authorized by this Act are directed to be paid: Provided always, that all such Writs of Attachment and other Process which have heretofore been usually issued and directed to the said Pursuivant shall and may be issued and directed to the Serjeant-at-Arms of the said Court of Exchequer.

Commencement of Act.

XLI. And be it enacted, That this Act and every Clause and Matter therein shall commence and have effect from and after the Eleventh Day of *October* in this present Year One thousand eight hundred and forty-four, save and except in Cases where any Clause, Matter, or Thing is expressly directed to take effect from the passing of this Act, or from any Time particularly specified therein.

Act may be altered this Session.

XLII. And be it enacted, That this Act may be amended or repealed by any Act to be passed during the present Session of Parliament.

SCHEDULES referred to and made Part of the foregoing Act.

SCHEDULE (A.)

DESCRIBING the several OFFICERS in the CIVIL SIDE of the COURT of QUEEN'S BENCH in IRELAND, their Assistants and Clerks, and the Duties and Salaries of such Officers, Assistants, and Clerks respectively.

	Yearly Salaries. £	s.	d.
PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT.			
MASTER [ARTHUR BUSHE Esq.]—To exercise the general Superintendence directed by this Act; to file and keep all Pleadings, Affidavits, and other Documents requiring to be filed, and not hereby expressly referred to any other Officer; to examine into, mark, and sign all Judgments, Assignments, Satisfactions, Revivals, and Re-docketings of Judgments; to entertain and report upon all References; to strike Special Juries; to cause to be kept Books containing proper Entries of the marking, Satisfaction, and Assignment of Judgments, and all such Books as may be necessary for the due Discharge of the Business specially referred to him; to check the making of negative Searches, and to sign the Certificates thereof, [until Parliament shall otherwise provide for the Discharge of such Duties,] and all Certificates respecting the Matters hereby specially referred to him as his immediate Business; to prepare or cause to be prepared all Enrolments of the Records in the Civil Side of the Court; to cause all Transcripts of Records for Trial at Nisi Prius, or for the Court of Error, to be examined and signed; and generally to do or cause to be done all official Business whatsoever of or belonging to the Offices of the Court, which it is not the proper Duty of the other Officers to do - - -	1,000	0	0
PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT [Mr. JAMES ALEXANDER HAMILTON].—To examine and sign Records, Enrolments, and Writs after Judgment, and to aid the Master in the Business of marking Satisfaction and Assignment of Judgments, and in all Matters respecting Judgments generally -	600	0	0
CLERK [ ] to aid him - - - -	100	0	0
PLEADING DEPARTMENT.			
PLEADINGS ASSISTANT [Mr. THOMAS BYRON].—To receive, file, and make Entries of Pleadings and Documents, to attest Copies thereof, and to attend generally to all Business connected therewith - -	400	0	0
FIRST CLERK to aid him - - - - - -	100	0	0
SECOND CLERK, ditto - - - - - - -	80	0	0
RECORD DEPARTMENT.			
RECORD ASSISTANT [Mr. RICHARD HANLEY].—To have the Care and Custody of the Judgment Rolls of the said Court, and of the Books of Record containing Entries of Judgments, Satisfactions, and Assignments, and all Matters relating thereto; to enter upon the Roll the			

SCHEDULE (A.)—*continued.*

	Yearly Salaries. £	s.	d.
RECORD DEPARTMENT—*continued.*			
Abstracts of Satisfactions and Assignments; to compile and number the Rolls in correspondence with the Entries relating thereto, so that they may be easy of Reference, and to produce the same for public Information, within the Hours fixed by the Master; to aid the Master in checking Searches; and to do all such Acts as properly belong to his Office - - - - - - - -	400	0	0
First Clerk [ ] to make Entries in Books relating to Judgments - - - - - -	200	0	0
Second Clerk [ ] to aid as Occasion may require - - - - - -	100	0	0
RULES DEPARTMENT.			
Clerk of the Rules [Mr. Christopher Nelson Duff].—To perform the present Duties of the Office - - - - -	600	0	0
Assistant [Mr. William Christopher Knox] - - - - -	350	0	0
Clerk [Mr. Richard Marlow] - - - - -	100	0	0
WRIT, APPEARANCE, AND SEAL DEPARTMENT.			
Clerk of Writs, Appearances, and Seal [Mr. Robert Cooper].—To enter and seal all Writs that issue from and are returnable into the Court; to receive, file, and enter Affidavits upon which Fiats are granted for Writs to hold to Bail; to receive, file, and enter all returned Writs; to receive and enter Appearances in a Book to be kept for that Purpose, as has been heretofore the Practice of the Appearance Office; to receive and file Affidavits to ground Parliamentary Appearances; to seal all Records and other Documents requiring to be sealed, according to the Practice heretofore observed; to register in a Book, similar to that hitherto kept in the Seal Office, Attornies Licences; to furnish and attest Copies of the said several Matters; and to do all such Acts as properly belong to the said Offices - - - - -	600	0	0
Assistant - - - - - - - - -	200	0	0
Clerk - - - - - - - - - -	100	0	0
One Clerk for general Purposes as may be directed by the Master -	80	0	0

The Appointments in this Schedule to which no Persons are nominated are to be filled up by the Master from amongst the Persons employed in the Establishments hereby abolished, who are not otherwise provided for; any Instruments by which such Appointments may be so filled not to be chargeable with any Stamp Duty.

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SCHEDULE (B.)

DESCRIBING the several OFFICERS of the COURT of COMMON PLEAS in IRELAND, their Assistants and Clerks, and the Duties and Salaries of such Officers, Assistants, and Clerks respectively.

	Yearly Salaries. £	s.	d.
PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT.			
THE MASTER [The Honourable DAVID PLUNKET].—To exercise the general Superintendence directed by this Act; to file and keep all Pleadings, Affidavits, and other Documents requiring to be filed, and not hereby expressly referred to any other Officer; to examine into, mark, and sign all Judgments, Assignments, Satisfactions, Revivals, and Re-docketings of Judgments; to entertain and report upon all References; to strike Special Juries; to cause to be kept Books containing proper Entries of the marking, Satisfaction, and Assignment of Judgments, and all such Books as may be necessary for the due Discharge of the Business specially referred to him; to check the making of negative Searches, and to sign the Certificates thereof, [until Parliament shall otherwise provide for the Discharge of such Duties,] and all Certificates respecting the Matters hereby specially referred to him as his immediate Business; to prepare or cause to be prepared all Enrolments of the Records of the Court; to cause all Transcripts of Records for Trial at Nisi Prius, or for the Court of Error, to be examined and signed; and generally to do or cause to be done all official Business whatsoever of or belonging to the Offices of the Court, which it is not the proper Duty of the other Officers to do - - - - - - -	1,000	0	0
PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT [Mr. JOHN CAREY].—To examine and sign Records, Enrolments, and Writs after Judgment, and to aid the Master in the Business of marking Satisfaction and Assignment of Judgments, and in all Matters respecting Judgments generally - - - -	600	0	0
CLERK [ ] to aid him - - - -	100	0	0
PLEADING DEPARTMENT.			
PLEADINGS ASSISTANT [Mr. MICHAEL CAREY].—To receive, file, and make Entries of Pleadings and Documents, to attest Copies thereof, and to attend generally to all Business connected therewith - -	300	0	0
CLERK to aid him - - - - - - -	100	0	0
RECORD DEPARTMENT.			
RECORD ASSISTANT [Mr. ALEXANDER REID].—To have the Care and Custody of the Records and Judgment Rolls of the said Court, and of the Books of Record, containing Entries of Judgments, Satisfactions, and Assignments, and all Matters relating thereto; to enter upon the Roll the Abstracts of Satisfactions and Assignments; to compile and number the Rolls in correspondence with the Entries relating thereto, so that they may be easy of Reference, and to produce the same for public Information within the Hours fixed by the Master; to aid the Master in checking Searches; and to do all such Acts as properly belong to his Office - - - - - -	400	0	0
FIRST CLERK [ ] to make Entries in Books relating to Judgments - - - - - -	200	0	0
SECOND CLERK to aid as Occasion may require - - -	100	0	0

SCHEDULE (B.)—*continued.*

	Yearly Salaries. £ s. d.
RULES DEPARTMENT.	
Clerk of the Rules [Mr. Joseph Reid].—To perform the present Duties of the Office, and also the Duties hitherto performed by the Clerk of the Recoveries in respect to Recoveries or the Acknowledgment of Deeds by married Women; and to take Recognizances, and administer the Oaths to all Persons requiring to be sworn in open Court -	600 0 0
Assistant [Mr. William M. Mee] - - - - -	300 0 0
WRIT, APPEARANCE, AND SEAL DEPARTMENT.	
Clerk of Writs, Appearances, and Seal [Mr. John Clancy].—To enter and seal all Writs that issue from and are returnable into the Court; to receive, file, and enter Affidavits upon which Fiats are granted for Writs to hold to Bail; to receive, file, and enter all returned Writs; to receive and enter Appearances in a Book to be kept for that Purpose, as has been heretofore the Practice of the Appearance Office; to receive and file Affidavits to ground Parliamentary Appearances; to seal all Records and other Documents requiring to be sealed, according to the Practice heretofore observed; to register in a Book, similar to that hitherto kept in the Seal Office, Attornies Licences; to furnish and attest Copies of the said several Matters, and to do all such Acts as properly belong to the said Offices - - - -	600 0 0
Assistant [Mr. James Lynam] - - - - -	200 0 0

The Appointments in this Schedule to which no Persons are nominated are to be filled up by the Master from amongst the Persons employed in the Establishments hereby abolished, who are not otherwise provided for; any Instruments by which such Appointments may be so filled not to be chargeable with any Stamp Duty.

SCHEDULE (C.)

Describing the several Officers in the Pleas or Common Law Side of the Court of Exchequer in Ireland, their Assistants and Clerks, and the Duties and Salaries of such Officers, Assistants, and Clerks respectively.

	Yearly Salaries. £ s. d.
PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT.	
The Master [Robert Hitchcock, Esquire].—To exercise the general Superintendence directed by this Act; to file and keep all Pleadings, Affidavits, and other Documents requiring to be filed, and not hereby expressly referred to any other Officer; to examine into, mark, and sign all Judgments, Assignments, Satisfactions, Revivals, and Re-dockettings of Judgments; to entertain and report upon all References; to strike Special Juries; to cause to be kept Books containing proper Entries of the marking, Satisfaction, and Assignment of Judgments, and all such Books as may be necessary for the due Discharge of the Business specially referred to him; to check the making of negative Searches, and to sign the Certificates thereof, [until Parliament shall otherwise provide for the Discharge of such Duties,] and all Certifi-	

SCHEDULE (C.) — *continued.*

	Yearly Salaries. £	s.	d.
PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT — *continued.*			
cates respecting the Matters hereby specially referred to him as his immediate Business; to prepare or cause to be prepared all Enrolments of the Records of the Pleas or Common Law Side of the Court; to cause all Transcripts of Records for Trial at Nisi Prius, or for the Court of Error, to be examined and signed; and generally to do or cause to be done all official Business whatsoever of or belonging to the Offices of the Court, which it is not the proper Duty of the other Officers of the said Court to do - - - - - -	1,000	0	0
PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT [MR. WILLIAM SISSON COOPER].—To examine and sign Records, Enrolments, and Writs after Judgment, and to aid the Master in the Business of marking Satisfaction and Assignment of Judgments, and in all Matters respecting Judgments generally - -	600	0	0
CLERK [ ] to aid him - - - -	100	0	0
PLEADING DEPARTMENT.			
PLEADINGS ASSISTANT [Mr. GEORGE MEARES].—To receive, file, and make Entries of Pleadings and Documents, to attest Copies thereof, and to attend generally to all Business connected therewith - -	400	0	0
FIRST CLERK to aid him - - - - - -	100	0	0
SECOND CLERK ditto - - - - - -	80	0	0
RECORD DEPARTMENT.			
RECORD ASSISTANT [Mr. BLACKER CASTLES].—To have the Care and Custody of the Judgment Rolls of the said Court, and of the Books of Record, containing Entries of Judgments, Satisfactions, and Assignments, and all Matters relating thereto; to enter upon the Roll the Abstracts of Satisfactions and Assignments; to compile and number the Rolls in correspondence with the Entries relating thereto, so that they may be easy of Reference, and to produce the same for public Information within the Hours fixed by the Master; to aid the Master in checking Searches; and to do all such Acts as properly belong to his Office -	400	0	0
FIRST CLERK [Mr. RICHARD PATTEN].—To make Entries in Books relating to Judgments - - - - - - -	200	0	0
SECOND CLERK [ ]—To aid as Occasion may require -	100	0	0
RULES DEPARTMENT.			
CLERK OF THE RULES [Mr. HENRY YEO junior].—Performing the present Duties of the Office - - - - - - -	600	0	0
ASSISTANT [Mr. EDWARD F. COOPER] - - - -	350	0	0
CLERK [ ] - - - - -	100	0	0
WRIT, APPEARANCE, AND SEAL DEPARTMENT.			
CLERK OF WRITS, APPEARANCES, AND SEAL [Mr. ARTHUR GREENE].—To enter and seal all Writs that issue from and are returnable into the Court; to receive, file, and enter Affidavits upon which Fiats are granted for Writs to hold to Bail; to receive, file, and enter all returned Writs; to receive and enter Appearances in a Book to be kept for that Purpose, as has been heretofore the Practice of the Appearance Office; to receive and file Affidavits to ground Parliamentary Ap-			

SCHEDULE (C.)—*continued.*

WRIT, APPEARANCE, AND SEAL DEPARTMENT—*continued.*	Yearly Salaries. £	s.	d.
pearances; to seal all Records and other Documents requiring to be sealed, according to the Practice heretofore observed; to register in a Book, similar to that hitherto kept in the Seal Office, Attornies Licences; to furnish and attest Copies of the said several Matters, and to do all such Acts as properly belong to said Offices - -	600	0	0
ASSISTANT [Mr. WILLIAM YEO] - - - - - -	200	0	0
CLERK [ ] - - - - - -	80	0	0
One CLERK for general Purposes, as may be directed by the Master -	80	0	0

The Appointments in this Schedule to which no Persons are nominated are to be filled up by the Master from amongst the Persons employed in the Establishments hereby abolished, who are not otherwise provided for; any Instruments by which such Appointments may be so filled not to be chargeable with any Stamp Duty.

SCHEDULE (D.)

TAXING OFFICE.	Yearly Salary. £	s.	d.
TAXING OFFICER - - - - - -	800	0	0
EXAMINER - - - - - -	300	0	0
CLERK - - - - - -	100	0	0

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