THE

PUBLIC GENERAL STATUTES,

2 WILLIAM IV.

CAP. I.

An Act for uniting the Office of the Surveyor General of His Majesty's Works and Public Buildings with the Office of the Commissioners of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues; and for other Purposes relating to the Land Revenues.

[13th *February* 1832.]

'WHEREAS by divers Acts, and particularly an Act passed in the Tenth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Fourth, intituled *An Act to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to the Management and Improvement of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, Parks, and Chases; of the Land Revenue of the Crown within the Survey of the Exchequer in* England; *and of the Land Revenue of the Crown in* Ireland; *and for extending certain Provisions relating to the same to the Isles of* Man *and* Alderney, all Honors, Hundreds, Castles, Lordships, Manors, Forests, Chases, Woods, Parks, Messuages, Lands, Tithes, Fisheries, Franchises, Services, Rents, and other Land Revenues, Possessions, Tenements, and Hereditaments whatsoever (Advowsons of Churches and Vicarages only excepted) which belong to His Majesty, within the Ordering and Survey of the Court of Exchequer in *England* or *Wales*, in *Ireland*, in the *Isle of Man* and its Dependencies, and the *Isle of Alderney*, whether in Possession, Remainder, or Expectancy, (which said Honors, Hundreds, Castles, Lordships, Manors, Forests, Chases, Woods, Parks, Messuages, Lands, Tithes, Fisheries, Franchises, Services, Rents, and other Land Revenues, Possessions, and Tenements, are commonly called "The Possessions and Land Revenues of the Crown," are under the Management of a First Commissioner and Two other Commissioners appointed by Letters Patent during His Majesty's Pleasure, and styled "The Commissioners of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues:" And whereas by an Act passed in the Fifty-fourth Year of His late Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act for better Regulation of the Conduct of the Business of the Office of Works, and the Expenditure thereof*, His Majesty's Works and Public Buildings, including as well the Works and Buildings the Expence of which is defrayed out of His Majesty's Civil List Revenues, as the Works and Buildings the Expence of which is defrayed out of any Funds granted by Parliament, or out of

10 G. 4. c. 50.

54 G. 3. c. 157.

'of any Part of the Public Revenue usually included in the incidental Charges of such Department, and the Expenditure in respect of such Works and Buildings, are placed under the Superintendance and Controul of an Officer appointed during His Majesty's Pleasure, called "The Surveyor General of His Majesty's Works and Public Buildings:" And whereas *William Henry Cooper* and *Frederick Grey Cooper*, Sons of Sir *Grey Cooper* Baronet, deceased, are the only remaining Grantees by Letters Patent of the Office of Auditor of the Land Revenues in *England*: And whereas, under an Act passed in the Thirty-ninth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third,
39 G. 3. c. 88. intituled *An Act for transferring to the Commissioners for auditing the Public Accounts the Duties now performed in the Office of the Auditors of the Land Revenue, and for directing the Mode of attesting the Accounts of the Paymaster General of His Majesty's Forces*, and under the said Act of the Tenth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty, after the respective Deaths of *William Henry Cooper* and *Frederick Grey Cooper*, the Office of the said remaining Auditors of the Land Revenue in *England* are directed to be abolished; and during the Continuance of the said Patent granted to *William Henry Cooper* and *Frederick Grey Cooper* the Duties of the Office of Auditor for *Chester*, *Derby*, *Lincoln*, and *Nottingham*, and of the Office of the Auditor for the Principality of *Wales* (the Grantees of which last-mentioned Offices are dead), are performed by acting Auditors in the said Offices of the Land Revenue of the Crown for the Counties of *Chester*, *Derby*, *Lincoln*, and *Nottingham*, and for the Principality of *Wales*, appointed or allowed by the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, and removable at Pleasure; and after the Determination of the said remaining Office of Auditor of the Land Revenue of the Crown in *England* the Accounts of the said Commissioners of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues are under the said last-mentioned Acts directed to be examined, tried, and audited by the Commissioners appointed under the Authority of an Act of the Twenty-fifth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the
25 G. 3. c. 52. Third, intituled *An Act for better examining and auditing the Public Accounts of the Kingdom*: And whereas it is expedient that the Management of the Business of the Office of Works and Buildings, and of the Business of the Office of the Commissioners of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues, should be united, and that the Duties and Powers now performed and exercised and exercisable by the Commissioners of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues, and the Duties and Powers under the said Act of the Fifty-fourth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third, now performed and exercised or exercisable by the Surveyor General of His Majesty's Works and Public Buildings, should be performed and exercised by One Set of Commissioners, to be appointed for the Performance and Exercise thereof respectively; and it is also expedient that the said remaining Office of Auditor of the Land Revenue should be abolished forthwith, and that the Examination and auditing of Accounts now performed by the said remaining Auditors and by the said acting Auditors shall be transferred to the Commissioners for examining and auditing the Public Accounts

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'of the Kingdom, appointed under the Authority of the said Act 'of the Twenty-fifth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King 'George the Third; and it is just that the said *William Henry* 'Cooper and *Frederick Grey Cooper* should receive a Compensation 'for the Loss they will sustain by the Abolition of their said Office 'of Auditor of the Land Revenue; and it is expedient that Pro- 'vision should be made for the Removal of the Books of Entries, 'Records, Deeds, Instruments, Writings, Maps, Plans, and other 'official Papers now deposited in the Offices or which are or ought 'to be in the Custody of the said remaining Auditors of the Land 'Revenue of the Crown of *England*, and of the said acting Auditors 'of the Land Revenue for the Counties of *Chester*, *Derby*, *Lincoln*, 'and *Nottingham*, and the Principality of *Wales*, and for the future 'Custody and Care thereof, and also for the Inrolment, in manner 'herein-after mentioned, of all Deeds and Instruments which, in 'case this Act had not been passed, ought, under the Provisions of 'the said Act of the Tenth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty, 'to have been inrolled in the said remaining Office of the Auditor 'of the Land Revenue of the Crown, or in the Office of any acting 'Auditor performing the Duty of Auditor of the Land Revenue of 'the Crown in *England* or *Wales*, and for the future Custody and 'Care of such Deeds and Instruments:' Be it therefore enacted by the King's most Excellent Maiesty, 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 it shall be lawful for His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, at any Time after the passing of this Act, and so from Time to Time, by Letters Patent under the Great Seal, to appoint, in the Place of the Commissioners of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues, and of the Surveyor General of His Majesty's Works and Public Buildings, any Persons, not exceeding Three in Number, to be Commissioners for performing the Duties and exercising the Powers now performed and exercisable by the Commissioners of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues, and the Duties and Powers now performed and exercisable by the Surveyor General of His Majesty's Works and Public Buildings; and that the Persons so first appointed, and their Successors, shall be called "The Commissioners of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, Land Revenues, Works, and Buildings;" and that the Duties heretofore performed, and the Powers heretofore exercised or exercisable, and the Hereditaments, Properties, Rights, Exemptions, and Privileges whatsoever vested in or enjoyed by the Commissioners of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues, and the Duties heretofore performed, and the Powers heretofore exercised or exercisable, and the Exemptions and Privileges enjoyed, by the said Surveyor General of His Majesty's Works and Public Buildings, shall, from and after such Appointment, be performed and exercised and enjoyed by and vested in the Commissioners of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues, Works and Buildings, and their Successors; and from and after such Appointment all Acts of Parliament, Deeds, Bonds, Contracts, Agreements, and other Instruments in which the Commissioners of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues, or the Surveyor General of His Majesty's Works and Public Buildings, are named or mentioned, shall apply to the Commissioners

Appointment of Commissioners of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, Land Revenues, Works, and Buildings.

for the Time being of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, Land Revenues, Works, and Buildings so to be appointed as aforesaid, as if such last mentioned Commissioners had been originally named in and made Parties to such Acts of Parliament, Deeds, Bonds, Contracts, Agreements, and other Instruments, instead of the Commissioners of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues, and the Surveyor General of His Majesty's Works and Public Buildings.

Regulations at present applicable to the Board of Works and to the Commissioners of Woods, &c. to be observed by the Commissioners appointed under this Act.

II. And be it further enacted, That all Instructions which, in pursuance of and conformably to the Directions of the said Act of the Fifty-fourth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third, the Lord High Treasurer or the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury have heretofore prepared and transmitted to the Surveyor General of the Office of Works, for the Conduct of the Business of the Office of Works, or for the Regulation or Controul of the Expenditure thereof in any of its Branches or Departments, and all and singular Orders, Rules, Instructions, and Directions which, in pursuance of and conformably to the Provisions of the said Act of the Tenth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty, have been made or given by the Lord High Treasurer or the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, touching or concerning the Duties of the Office of the Commissioners of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues, shall be binding upon, observed, and kept by the Commissioners of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, Land Revenues, Works, and Buildings, and their Successors, in like Manner as the same Instructions, Orders, Rules, and Directions respectively are now binding upon and are or ought to be observed and performed by the Surveyor General of His Majesty's Works and Public Buildings, and by the Commissioners of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues respectively.

Commissioners to be under the Direction of the Commissioners of the Treasury.

III. And be it further enacted, That the Commissioners of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, Land Revenues, Works, and Buildings, and their Successors, shall perform and observe all the Orders, Directions, Instructions, and Rules, not being contrary to this Act, which shall from Time to Time be given to them by the Lord High Treasurer or the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury for the Time being, or any Three or more of them, touching the Performance of the Duties and the Exercise of the Powers imposed upon and given to them by this Act.

Monies in the Banks of England and Ireland to be transferred to new Commissioners.

IV. And be it further enacted, That all Monies which, at the Time of the first Appointment of the Commissioners of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, Lands, Revenues, Works, and Buildings, shall be in the Bank of *England* or in the Bank of *Ireland*, or in any other Bank, placed to the Credit of any Account or Accounts under the Controul of the Commissioners of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues, shall, immediately after the Appointment of the Commissioners of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, Land Revenues, Works, and Buildings, be transferred, and the Governors and Managers of such Banks respectively are hereby authorized and required to transfer the same Monies respectively, to the Credit of a like Account under the Controul of the Commissioners of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, Land Revenues, Works, and Buildings.

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V. And be it further enacted, That the Commissioners of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, Land Revenues, Works, and Buildings, for the Purpose of prosecuting, defending, and carrying on all Actions, Suits, and Proceedings which shall be pending at the Time of their first Appointment, and that without the Necessity of substituting the Names of the Commissioners of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, Land Revenues, Works, and Buildings, in lieu of the Commissioners of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues, and to and for all other Intents, Constructions, and Purposes whatsoever, except so far as would be repugnant to the Provisions of this Act, shall come in the Place of and be and shall be deemed and taken to be the Successors of the Commissioners of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues, and also of the Surveyor General of His Majesty's Works and Public Buildings.

Suits pending to be carried on in the Name of the new Commissioners.

VI. And be it further enacted, That every Commissioner to be appointed as herein-before is directed shall, before he shall act in pursuance of such Appointment, take the following Oath, to be administered by the Chief Baron or one other of the Barons of His Majesty's Exchequer; (that is to say,)

'I *A. B.* do swear, That I will faithfully and diligently execute 'the Duties of a Commissioner of His Majesty's Woods, 'Forests, Land Revenues, Works, and Buildings.

'So help me GOD.'

Commissioners to take an Oath on their Appointment.

VII. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for His Majesty and His Successors, by the Letters Patent by which the Commissioners of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, Land Revenues, Works, and Buildings shall be appointed as aforesaid, to grant to the Person first named in such Letters Patent respectively (who shall be Chairman of the Commission, and be called the First Commissioner), and to the other Commissioners respectively, the like Salaries as by the said Act of the Tenth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Fourth His Majesty is empowered to grant to the First Commissioner and the other Commissioners respectively of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues.

Commissioners to receive Salaries.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the Commissioners to be appointed under this Act, and they are hereby authorized, empowered, and required, to exercise and carry into effect all the Powers, Authorities, Clauses, Enactments, and Provisions contained in the said recited Act of the Tenth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Fourth, either expressly or by reference to any other Acts, and also to execute and carry into effect all the Powers, Authorities, Enactments, and Provisions contained in any other Act or Acts relating to His Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues, or to the Estates and Possessions of the Crown, as fully, amply, and effectually as the same could have been carried into effect and exercised by the Commissioners of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues aforesaid, or as if the Commissioners to be appointed under this Act had been named in the said Acts instead of the Commissioners of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues aforesaid.

Powers of former Acts vested in the Commissioners.

All Leases, Contracts, and Agreements to remain in force in the same Manner as if this Act had not passed.

IX. And be it further enacted, That all Leases, and all Contracts and Agreements for the letting of any Part or Portion of the Estates and Possessions of His Majesty, which shall have been made or entered into by the Commissioners of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues, and all Deeds, Contracts, and Agreements which shall have been made or entered into by the said Commissioners, or by the Surveyor General of His Majesty's Works and Public Buildings, shall, from and after the Appointment of the Commissioners under this Act, continue and be of the same Force and Effect against and for the Benefit of the Commissioners to be appointed under this Act as the same would have been of against and for the Benefit of the Commissioners of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues, or the Surveyor General of His Majesty's Works and Public Buildings, in case this Act had not been passed; and the Commissioners to be appointed as aforesaid under this Act shall have the same Powers and Remedies for recovering the Rents and compelling Performance of the Covenants in such Leases respectively contained, and on the Part of the Lessees to be paid and performed, and for enforcing the Performance of such Deeds, Contracts, and Agreements, and for recovering any Penalties or Damages for the Nonpayment of such Rents, or Nonperformance of such Covenants, Deeds, Contracts, and Agreements, and shall also have the same Benefit of all Securities given or entered into for the due Payment of such Rents, and Performance of such Covenants, Contracts, and Agreements respectively, and of all other Securities given or entered into, to or with the Commissioners of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues, or the Surveyor General of His Majesty's Works and Public Buildings, as such Commissioners or Surveyor General respectively could have had in case this Act had not been passed, or as if the Commissioners to be appointed under this Act had been Parties to or named in such Leases, Contracts, Agreements, and Securities, instead of the Commissioners of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues, or the Surveyor General of His Majesty's Works and Public Buildings, or as if the said Securities had been given to the Commissioners to be appointed under or by virtue of this Act; and all Rents and Sums of Money which, if this Act had not been passed, would, from and after the Appointment of the Commissioners under this Act, have been due and payable to the Commissioners of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues, or to the Surveyor General of His Majesty's Works and Public Buildings, shall be due and payable to and shall be paid to the Commissioners to be appointed under this Act; and such Commissioners shall have the same Benefit of all Bonds and Securities, and of all other Remedies for recovering and obtaining Payment of such Sums respectively, as the Commissioners of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues, or the Surveyor General of His Majesty's Works and Public Buildings, might or could have had in case this Act had not been passed; and all Debts and Sums of Money which if this Act had not been passed would, from and after the Appointment of the Commissioners under this Act, have been payable by the Commissioners of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues, or by

by the Surveyor General of His Majesty's Works and Public Buildings, shall be paid by the Commissioners to be appointed under this Act; and the Commissioners to be appointed under this Act shall, from and after they shall be appointed Commissioners as aforesaid, be bound by every such Lease, Deed, Contract, or Agreement as aforesaid, in the same Manner as if they had been Parties thereto or named therein instead of the Commissioners of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues, or the Surveyor General of His Majesty's Works and Public Buildings.

Powers and Privileges of First Commissioner.

X. And be it further enacted, That the First Commissioner of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, Land Revenues, Works, and Buildings shall have the like Privilege of receiving and sending Letters and Packets free from Postage, and in all other respects shall have the Powers and Privileges, and for all Purposes whatsoever shall come in the Place and be the Successor of the First Commissioner of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues, as well in relation to all other Matters as in relation to His Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues; and that where any thing is, by any Act heretofore passed, required, directed, or permitted to be done by the Commissioners of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues, and which if done by Two of them would by Law be as valid and effectual as if done by all of them, and when any thing is by this Act or shall by any future Act be required, directed, or permitted to be done by the Commissioners of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, Land Revenues, Works, and Buildings, the same may be done by any Two of them, unless express Provision be made to the contrary, and if done by Two of them shall be as valid and effectual as if done by all of them.

Two Commissioners may act in certain Cases.

One Commissioner may be a Member of the House of Commons.

XI. And be it further enacted, That One of the said Commissioners of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, Land Revenues, Works, and Buildings, for the Time being, and no more, shall be capable of sitting and voting as a Member of the House of Commons of the United Parliament of *Great Britain* and *Ireland;* and that no Person appointed a Commissioner under this Act upon the first Appointment of such Commissioners, and who shall at the Time be a Commissioner of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues, shall be deemed or taken to have accepted an Office of Profit from the Crown within the Meaning of an Act passed in the Sixth Year of the Reign of Her late Majesty Queen *Ann,* intituled *An Act for the Security of Her Majesty's Person and Government, and of the Succession to the Crown of* Great Britain *in the Protestant Line.*

6 Ann. c. 7.

Accounts now audited by the Auditors of the Land Revenue to be transferred to the Commissioners for auditing the Public Accounts.

XII. And be it further enacted, That all the Accounts, from the Fifth Day of *January* One thousand eight hundred and thirty-two, and the Time subsequent thereto, heretofore examined, tried, and audited by or in the Offices of the Auditors or acting Auditors of the Land Revenue of the Crown in *England* and *Wales,* or in either of them, shall, from and after the passing of this Act, be examined, tried, and audited by the Commissioners for examining and auditing the Public Accounts of the Kingdom under the Authority of the said Act of the Twenty-fifth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third, except as to the Account for the Time previous to the said Fifth Day of *January* One thousand eight hundred and thirty-two, and that the said last-mentioned

mentioned Commissioners shall have and exercise the like Powers and Authorities for examining, trying, and auditing the several Accounts aforesaid as are now vested in the same Commissioners, by virtue of the said Act of the Twenty-fifth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third, for examining, trying, and auditing the Public Accounts of the Kingdom, or as are now vested in the said remaining Grantees of the Office of Auditors, or in the said acting Auditors of the Land Revenue of the Crown in *England*, and in the Principality of *Wales* respectively, by any Statute, Law, Usage, or Custom whatsoever.

Office of Auditor of the Land Revenue to be abolished.

XIII. And be it further enacted, That from and after the Fifth Day of *January* One thousand eight hundred and thirty-three the said remaining Office of Auditor of the Land Revenue in *England*, of which the said *William Henry Cooper* and *Frederick Grey Cooper* are Grantees as aforesaid, shall cease; but all Accounts relating to the Possessions and Land Revenues of the Crown for the Time previous to the said Fifth Day of *January* One thousand eight hundred and thirty-two, heretofore liable to be examined, tried, and audited by the said remaining Auditors, or by any acting Auditors of the Land Revenue of the Crown in *England*, or in the Principality of *Wales*, shall be examined, tried, and audited by such remaining Auditors or acting Auditors until the same shall be finally settled, in the like Manner, and with the like Powers of giving Discharges, and all other the like Powers and Privileges, as if this Act had not been passed.

Compensation to Grantees; which shall be fixed by Referees.

XIV. And be it further enacted, That a reasonable Compensation shall be made to the said *William Henry Cooper* and *Frederick Grey Cooper* respectively for the Loss they will respectively sustain by the passing of this Act; and the Amount of such Compensation shall be fixed by such Person as the Lord High Treasurer, or the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, or any Three of them, shall for that Purpose appoint, on behalf of His Majesty, and by such Person as the said *William Henry Cooper* and *Frederick Grey Cooper*, or the Survivor of them, shall appoint on their or his Behalf respectively; and in case the Referees so appointed shall not agree, the Amount of such Compensation shall be fixed by such Person as shall be appointed as Umpire by the Two first-named Referees, by Writing under their Hands, before they proceed to the Business of the Reference; and the Determination of the said Referees or of their Umpire shall be binding on all Parties; and that the said Referees and the said Umpire shall and may send for Persons and Papers, and examine Witnesses upon Oath, which Oaths either of the said Referees or the said Umpire is hereby authorized to administer; and the Amount of the Compensations, when ascertained as aforesaid, the Lord High Treasurer, or the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury for the Time being, or any Three or more of them, may pay or direct to be paid out of the Land Revenues of the Crown, or out of any Money applicable as Land Revenues of the Crown.

Commissioners of the Treasury to provide a Place for the Records of the Office of Land Revenue;

XV. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Lord High Treasurer, or the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury for the Time being, or any Three or more of them, and he or they is and are hereby required, to provide a proper Building or Buildings, in *London* or *Westminster*, for the Reception and safe

Custody of all the Books of Entry, Records, Deeds, Instruments, Writings, Maps, Plans, and other official Papers which are now deposited or kept in the Offices or which are or ought to be in the Custody of the said remaining Auditors or of any of the said acting Auditors of the Land Revenues of the Crown in *England* or in the Principality of *Wales*, and also for the Reception and safe Custody of such Deeds and Instruments as shall hereafter be inrolled in pursuance of the Directions herein-after contained, and of such other Writings, Surveys, Maps, Plans, and other official Papers as shall hereafter be deposited as herein-after mentioned; and that the Building or Buildings so to be provided shall be called "The Office of Land Revenue Records and Inrolments."

and appoint a Keeper thereof.

XVI. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Lord High Treasurer, or the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury for the Time being, or any Three of them, from Time to Time to appoint a proper Person to be the Keeper of the said Records and Inrolments, and to make Rules and Regulations (not contrary to the Provisions of this Act) for the Execution of the Duties of the Office of Keeper of the said Records and Inrolments.

Keeper to hold his Office during Pleasure;

XVII. And be it further enacted, That the Keeper of the Records and Inrolments shall hold his Office during the Pleasure of the Lord High Treasurer, or the Commissioners for the Time being of His Majesty's Treasury, and may be removed from his Office by the Lord High Treasurer, or the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury for the Time being, or any Three of them, at Pleasure.

and to have a Salary.

XVIII. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Lord High Treasurer, or the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury for the Time being, or any Three or more of them, to assign to the Keeper of the Records and Inrolments such Salary or other Remuneration as to the Lord High Treasurer, or to the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury for the Time being, or any Three of them, shall seem meet.

Expences of Office to be paid out of the Fees.

XIX. And be it further enacted, That the Expences of providing and maintaining a Building or Buildings for the said Office of Records and Inrolments, and all the Expences of carrying on the Business of the said Office, including Salaries and other Remunerations, shall be paid and borne out of the Produce of the Fees to be taken as herein-after mentioned.

Official Papers to be removed into the new Office.

XX. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Lord High Treasurer, or the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury for the Time being, or any Three or more of them, as soon as conveniently may be, to cause all the Books of Entry, Records, Deeds, Instruments, Surveys, Writings, Maps or Plans, and other official Papers which are now deposited or kept in the Offices or which are or ought to be in the Custody of the said remaining Auditors or of any of the acting Auditors of the Land Revenues of the Crown in *England* or in the Principality of *Wales*, to be removed to the said Office of Land Revenue Records and Inrolments.

All Deeds directed by former Acts to be inrolled in the Office

XXI. And be it further enacted, That all Deeds or Instruments which, in case this Act had not been passed, would or ought, after the said Fifth Day of *January* One thousand eight hundred and thirty-three, under the Authority of the said Act of the Tenth Year

abolished to be Inrolled in the new Office.

Year of the Reign of His late Majesty, or any other Act, or in pursuance of any Covenant entered into by any Person or Persons with the King's Majesty, or the Commissioners of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues, to have been or might have been inrolled in the Office of any Auditor or acting Auditor performing the Duty of Auditor of the Land Revenue of the Crown in *England* or in the Principality of *Wales*, or in the Office of the Commissioners for auditing the Public Accounts, shall be inrolled in the said Office of Land Revenue Records and Inrolments.

Fees to be paid as directed by Commissioners of the Treasury.

XXII. And be it further enacted, That such Fees shall be paid for Inrolments made under the Authority of this Act, and for Searches in the said Office of Land Revenue Records and Inrolments, and for Office Copies furnished by the same Office, as the Lord High Treasurer, or the Commissioners for the Time being of His Majesty's Treasury, or any Three or more of them, shall from Time to Time appoint, yet so that such Fees shall not exceed the Amount of the Fees which have been used and accustomed to be taken upon the Inrolment of the like Deeds or Instruments, and upon the like Searches, and upon the furnishing of the like Office Copies; and that the Fees on the Inrolment of any Lease, Conveyance, Deed, or other Instrument by which any Part or Parts of the Possessions and Land Revenues of the Crown shall be demised, granted, sold, or given in exchange, shall be paid by the Lessees, Purchasers, or Grantees, and in other Cases by the said Commissioners of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, Land Revenues, Works, and Buildings; and a Minute or Docket of every such Lease, Grant, Deed, or other Instrument shall be entered and preserved by the said Commissioners of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, Land Revenues, Works, and Buildings, in their Office.

Deeds to be inrolled in order as they are brought in.

XXIII. And be it further enacted, That the said Keeper of the Records and Inrolments shall and he is hereby required to inrol or cause to be inrolled every Deed and Instrument which is hereby directed to be inrolled in the said Office of Records and Inrolments in Order of Time as the same shall respectively be brought into his Office for that Purpose, and certify or cause to be certified, under his Hand or the Hand of some Deputy or Assistant for the Time being of the said Keeper of the Records and Inrolments, upon the said Deeds or Instruments respectively, when inrolled, the Fact of their having been so inrolled.

Sales under a certain Amount not to be inrolled.

XXIV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That in case of Sales where the Purchase Money shall not amount to the Sum of One hundred Pounds, it shall not be necessary to inrol under this Act the Conveyances by which such Sales shall be carried into effect, but the Commissioners for the Time being of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, Land Revenues, Works, and Buildings shall once in every Year transmit to the said Office of Records and Inrolments a Statement of the Part or Parts of the said Possessions and Land Revenues of the Crown which shall have been so sold, including a Specification of the District or Place in which the same lie, and of the Sums for which the same shall have been sold, with the Names of the respective Purchasers; and such Statement shall be inrolled in the Books of the Office of Records and Inrolments.

All Deeds inrolled as hereby directed shall

XXV. And be it further enacted, That every Conveyance, Deed, or Instrument, whereby any Estate, Manor, Lordship, Messuages, Lands,

Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments in *England* or *Wales*, or any Term of Years or Interest therein, shall be conveyed or assigned to His Majesty, His Heirs or Successors, or to a Trustee or Trustees for His Majesty, His Heirs or Successors, under the Authority of the said Act of the Tenth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty, or of any other Act, shall, when so inrolled as herein-before directed, without any Inrolment or Acknowledgment thereof in any Court or Courts of Law or Equity, or any Registry thereof, be as good and available, and of the like Force and Effect in all respects, and to all Intents and Purposes, as if the same had been or was inrolled in any of His Majesty's Courts at *Westminster*, or as if a Memorial had been entered or registered in the Office appointed for registering Deeds and other Conveyances of Lands and Tenements in the County or Counties in which the same Estates or any of them are situate; any Act, Law, Practice, or Usage to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding.

be as valid as if inrolled in His Majesty's Courts at Westminster.

XXVI. And be it further enacted, That where any Deed or Certificate, Receipt or other Instrument, which shall appear to have been made, given, or executed under the Authority of this Act, or of any Act heretofore passed relating to the Possessions and Land Revenues of the Crown, shall have written thereon a Memorandum of its having been inrolled in the said Office of Records and Inrolments, and such Memorandum shall purport to be signed by the Keeper of the Records and Inrolments, or by any Person acting as his Deputy or Assistant, such Memorandum shall, in the Absence of Evidence to the contrary, be sufficient Proof of the Deed, Certificate, Receipt, or other Instrument having been duly made, granted, given, or executed by the Party or Parties by whom the same shall purport to have been signed or executed, and of its having been duly inrolled as stated by such Memorandum, and of the Provisions of the Act under which the same shall appear to have been made, granted, given, or executed, having been duly complied with; and such Memorandum shall be receivable in Evidence without Proof of the Handwriting of the Signature thereto.

Deeds certified by the Keeper of the Records shall be received in Evidence.

XXVII. And be it further enacted, That in all Cases where the Inrolment of any Deed or other Instrument, or Minute or Docket, before the Keeper of the Records and Inrolments, or the Entry of any Deed or other Instrument in the Office of the Commissioners of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, Land Revenues, Works, and Buildings, shall be omitted or delayed beyond the Period provided for the Inrolment and Entry thereof respectively, it shall be lawful for the Commissioners of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, Land Revenues, Works, and Buildings, for any reasonable Cause to them shown for the Omission or Delay, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, to permit the making of any such Inrolment or Entry *nunc pro tunc*, and the same respectively when made under such Authority shall be as valid and effectual as if made within the Period limited for that Purpose.

Deeds may be inrolled after the proper Period, upon good Cause being shown.

XXVIII. And be it further enacted, That the Inrolment of any Deed or Instrument pursuant to the Provisions of this Act shall have the like Force and Effect as the Inrolment thereof pursuant to the Provisions of the said Act of the Tenth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty would have had in case this Act not been passed.

Inrolment of Deeds shall have the same Force as under former Act.

XXIX. And

Keeper of the Records to render Accounts to Commissioners of the Treasury.

XXIX. And be it further enacted, That the Keeper of the Records and Inrolments shall from Time to Time, as often as thereunto required, render and give to the Lord High Treasurer or to the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury for the Time being an Account of all Monies which shall from Time to Time be received for Fees in the said Office of Records and Inrolments, and of all Disbursements made for Payment of the Salaries and otherwise, on account of the carrying on the Business of the said Office; and the Monies so received, and which shall not be disbursed as aforesaid, shall from Time to Time be carried to and become Part of the Revenues arising from the Possessions and Land Revenues of the Crown.

Act may be altered this Session.

XXX. And be it further enacted, That this Act or any Part thereof may be altered, varied, or repealed by any Act or Acts to be passed in this present Session of Parliament.

CAP. II.

An Act to provide for the taking in and Payment of outstanding Lottery Tickets. [13th *February* 1832.]

4 G. 4. c. 60.

'WHEREAS by an Act passed in the Fourth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Fourth, intituled *An Act for granting to His Majesty a Sum of Money to be raised by Lotteries*, it was amongst other things enacted, that the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury should have full Power and Authority to continue and appoint certain Commissioners of Lottery for the Period of Three Years after the Discontinuance of Lotteries, who should be thereby enabled and authorized to take in the fortunate Tickets of any and every Lottery authorized by the said recited Act or any former Act for granting to His Majesty a Sum of Money to be raised by Lotteries, and to deliver out Certificates for the same, to be numbered and made out in the Manner in the said Act mentioned, and to be signed by the major Part of the said Commissioners so retained or appointed, and their Secretary for the Time being: And whereas the Time limited by the said recited Act for retaining and appointing the said Commissioners for the Purpose aforesaid has expired, and there yet remain divers of such Tickets as aforesaid outstanding, and it is expedient to authorize and empower the Commissioners of Stamps to take in such Tickets, and to sign and deliver out such Certificates as aforesaid for the same;' 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 from and after the passing of this Act it shall be lawful for the Commissioners of Stamps, or any Three of them, and they are hereby empowered, at any Time hereafter to take in the fortunate Tickets of any and every Lottery authorized by the said recited Act or by any former Act for granting to His Majesty a Sum of Money to be raised by Lotteries, and also to deliver out Certificates for the same, to be numbered and made out in the Manner in the said recited Act mentioned, and to be signed by the said Commissioners of Stamps or any Three of them, and also to do and perform all such other Acts, Matters, and Things, with relation

Commissioners of Stamps to exercise the Powers formerly vested in Lottery Commissioners.

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