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## C A P. XLIII.

**An Act to abolish certain Fees and Stamp Duties chargeable on the Renewal of all Appointments, Commissions, Grants, Pensions, and Patents consequent on the Demise of the Crown.**

[16th *July* 1830.]

WHEREAS it is expedient that such Persons who did at the Demise of His late Majesty, or shall at the Demise of His present Majesty (whom God long preserve), or of any of His Successors, possess or enjoy any Office, Employment, Pension, Rank, or Precedence granted during the Pleasure of the Crown, and who has been or shall be continued in the Possession or Enjoyment thereof, should be exempted, as herein-after provided, from the Payment of Fees and Stamp Duties in respect of the Re-appointment to any such Office, or the Re-grant of any such Pension, Rank, or Precedence; 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 every Person who at the Demise of His late Majesty, or of His present Majesty (whom God long preserve), or of any of His Successors, has possessed or enjoyed, or shall possess or enjoy, any Office, Employment, Pension, Rank, or Precedence granted, during the Pleasure of the Crown, by any Letters Patent, Commission, Warrant, or other Instrument, and shall be continued in the Enjoyment of and be re-appointed to such Office or Employment, or obtain a Re-grant of such Pension, Rank, or Precedence, shall be exempted, except as herein-

Persons in possession of Office at the Demise of the Crown, and re-appointed thereto, exempted from Fees or Stamp Duties in respect thereof.

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herein-after provided, from paying to His Majesty, or to any of His Majesty's Successors, or to any other Person or Persons whomsoever, any Fee or Stamp Duty in respect of such Re-appointment or Re-grant.

The Treasury to determine the Remuneration to be made for preparing Commissions, &c.

II. And whereas it is just and reasonable that the Persons whose Right and Duty it is or may be, by virtue of their respective Offices, to prepare, make out, settle, and attend to the passing of the usual Commissions, Letters Patent, Warrants, or other Instruments upon such Re-appointment and Re-grants as aforesaid, should receive a proper and adequate Remuneration for the Performance of such Duty; be it enacted, That the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury for the Time being shall in all such Cases fix and determine the Amount of such Remuneration; and that such Remuneration shall be paid by the Persons who would have been chargeable (if this Act had not passed) with the Fees payable upon such Re-appointment or Re-grants as aforesaid.

Saving of Rights.

III. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing herein contained shall extend to deprive any Person, who at the Time of passing this Act shall or may be entitled to any Estate of Freehold in his Office, of any Fees or Emoluments to which he would have been by Law entitled if this Act had not passed; but that every such Person shall be entitled to claim and shall receive such Fees and Emoluments, and no other, upon every such Re-appointment and Re-grant, as if this Act had not passed; any thing herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Commissions for taking Affidavits or Recognizances of Bail to continue in force.

IV. And be it further enacted, That all Commissions heretofore granted or hereafter to be granted for the taking of Affidavits to be made use of and read in any Court, or for the taking Recognizances of Bail, shall, notwithstanding any Demise of the Crown, remain and continue in force during the Pleasure of any Successor of the Sovereign by whom the same Commissions may have been or may hereafter be granted, until the same shall be revoked or otherwise avoided.

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