ANNO SEPTIMO & OCTAVO

VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

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C A P. LXVIII.

An Act to suspend, until the Thirty-first Day of *December* One thousand eight hundred and forty-seven, the Operation of the new Arrangement of Dioceses, so far as it affects the existing Ecclesiastical Jurisdictions, and for obtaining Returns from and the Inspection of the Registries of such Jurisdictions. [6th *August* 1844.]

WHEREAS an Act passed in the Seventh Year of the Reign of His late Majesty, intituled *An Act for carrying into effect the Reports of the Commissioners appointed to consider the State of the Established Church in* England *and* Wales, *with reference to Ecclesiastical Duties and Revenues, so far as they relate to Episcopal Dioceses, Revenues, and Patronage,* contains certain temporary Provisions relating to the State and Jurisdiction of all the Ecclesiastical Courts in *England* and *Wales*: And whereas the said Provisions have been from Time to Time continued by certain other Acts of Parliament, and were, by an Act passed in the last Session of Parliament, intituled *An Act for suspending, until the First Day of* October *One thousand eight hundred and forty-four, the Operation of the new Arrangement of Dioceses, so far as it affects the*

6 & 7 W. 4. c. 77.

6 & 7 Vict. c. 60.

Ecclesiastical Jurisdictions, further continued, and now stand continued until the First Day of *October* next, and it is expedient that they should be further continued for a limited Time: Be it enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That the said herein-before mentioned Provisions shall continue and be in force until the Thirty-first Day of *December* in the Year One thousand eight hundred and forty-seven: Provided always, that any Bishop or Archdeacon may hold Visitations of the Clergy within the Limits of his Diocese or Archdeaconry, and at such Visitations may admit Churchwardens, receive Presentments, and do all other Acts, Matters, and Things by Custom appertaining to the Visitation of Bishops and Archdeacons in the Places assigned to their respective Jurisdiction and Authority under or by virtue of the Provisions of the said first-recited Act or of any subsequent Act, and any Bishop may consecrate any new Church or Chapel or any new Burial Ground within his Diocese.

Temporary Provisions relating to Ecclesiastical Courts continued.

II. And be it enacted, That the Registrar of every Court granting Probates and Administrations or exercising Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction, and the Registrar of every Vicar General or Diocese, shall, on or before the Twentieth Day of *January* in the Year One thousand eight hundred and forty-five, make out and transmit to One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State a true Account in Writing of the gross and net Amounts of all such Fees, Allowances, Gratuities, Perquisites, and Emoluments respectively as shall in each of the Five next preceding Years, each of such Years ending on the Fifth Day of *January*, have been received or become due on account of the Judge of such Court or Vicar General, by virtue of his Office as such Judge or Vicar General, or on account of himself, or (except of Surrogates) of any other Officer, Clerk, or Minister of such Court or Registry, by virtue of his Office or Employment, specifying the Particulars of the Payments, Disbursements, Allowances, and Charges respectively constituting the Difference between such gross and net Amounts, and shall on or before the Twentieth Day of *January* in every succeeding Year transmit a like Account for the Year ending on the Fifth Day of *January* in such Year; and the several Officers, Clerks, and Ministers of each of the said Courts and Registries shall render to the Registrar thereof all such Statements in Writing as he may require for the Purpose of preparing such Account; and such Registrar shall transmit the said Statements to the said Secretary of State at the same Time with his aforesaid Account; and the said Secretary of State may at any Time or Times require that all or any of the several Accounts and Statements herein-before mentioned shall contain such Particulars and be in such Form and verified in such Manner as to him may seem proper.

Registrars of Ecclesiastical Courts to make certain Returns to Secretary of State.

III. And be it enacted, That on or before the Twentieth Day of *January* in every Year the Registrar of each of the said several Courts and Registries shall report in Writing to One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State on the State and Condition of his Registry, and the Buildings belonging thereto, and also upon all

Registrars to report on State of Offices to Secretary of State, who may direct Surveys.

all such other Matters connected with such Registry, and the Documents therein contained, as and in such Form as the said Secretary of State may from Time to Time require; and such Secretary of State may from Time to Time call for further or other Returns, and may also direct and cause to be made such Inspection or Survey of any Registry as he may think fit.

Registrar, who to include.

IV. And be it enacted, That the Word "Registrar" when used in this Act shall include all Registrars and Deputy Registrars.

Act may be amended this Session.

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

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