CHAPTER 45

An Act to make further provision as to the salary of the Comptroller and Auditor General and the performance of his duties. [17th July, 1957]

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, as follows:—

Salary of Comptroller.

1.—(1) Her Majesty may by letters patent grant to the Comptroller and Auditor General a salary at the rate of six thousand pounds per annum.

(2) The person who held the office of Comptroller and Auditor General on the first day of April, nineteen hundred and fifty-six shall be entitled to a salary at the rate aforesaid from that date as if it had been duly granted to him under this section.

(3) The House of Commons may from time to time by resolution increase the rate of the salary which may be granted under this section; and the person holding the office of Comptroller and Auditor General at the date on which such a resolution is passed shall as from that date, or such other date as may be specified in the resolution, be entitled to a salary at the increased rate as if it had been duly granted to him under this section.

(4) The salary payable to the Comptroller and Auditor General by virtue of this section shall be charged on and issued out of the Consolidated Fund.

Performance of Comptroller's functions by authorised officer.

2.—(1) The following provisions of this section shall have effect in substitution for subsection (3) of section eight of the Exchequer and Audit Departments Act, 1921 (which enables an authorised officer of the Comptroller and Auditor General's department to perform his functions under that Act and the Exchequer and Audit Departments Act, 1866, other than the certifying and reporting of accounts for the House of Commons) and section forty-five of the Finance Act, 1926 (which makes similar provision in relation to warrants for the issue of Treasury bills and Exchequer bonds but only in the case of the Comptroller's illness or absence).

(2) Subject to the next following subsection, anything which under any Act is required to be done by the Comptroller and Auditor General may be done by a principal officer of his department authorised for that purpose by the Comptroller and Auditor General.

(3) An authority given under this section to certify and report on accounts for the House of Commons or each House of Parliament—

(*a*) shall extend only to accounts in respect of which the Speaker of the House of Commons has certified to that House or, as the case may be, the Speaker has certified to that House and the Lord Chancellor to the House of Lords, that the Comptroller is unable to do so himself; and

(*b*) shall cease on a vacancy arising in the office of Comptroller and Auditor General.

Short title, citation and repeal.

3.—(1) This Act may be cited as the Exchequer and Audit Departments Act, 1957, and this Act and the Exchequer and Audit Departments Acts, 1866 to 1950 may be cited together as the Exchequer and Audit Departments Acts, 1866 to 1957.

(2) Subsection (3) of section eight of the Exchequer and Audit Departments Act, 1921, section forty-five of the Finance Act, 1926, and section one of the Exchequer and Audit Departments Act, 1950, are hereby repealed.

Table of Statutes referred to in this Act

Short Title	Session and Chapter
Exchequer and Audit Departments Act, 1866 ...	29 & 30 Vict. c. 39.
Exchequer and Audit Departments Act, 1921 ...	11 & 12 Geo. 5. c. 52.
Finance Act, 1926	16 & 17 Geo. 5. c. 22.
Exchequer and Audit Departments Act, 1950 ...	14 & 15 Geo. 6. c. 3.

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