

ANNO DUODECIMO & DECIMO TERTIO

VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

****

CAP. LXXII.

An Act further to amend the Acts relating to the Offices of the House of Commons.

[28th *July* 1849.]

WHEREAS an Act was passed in the Fifty-second Year of the Reign of King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act to repeal an Act passed in the Thirty-ninth and Fortieth Year of His present Majesty for establishing certain Regulations in the Offices of the House of Commons, and to establish other and further Regulations in the said Offices;* and an Act was passed in the Third Year of King *William* the Fourth, intituled *An Act for the better Support of the Dignity of the Speaker of the House of Commons, and for disabling the Speaker of the House of Commons for the Time being from holding any Office or Place of Profit, during Pleasure, under the Crown;* and an Act was passed in the Fifth Year of King *William* the Fourth, intituled *An Act to regulate the Salaries of the Officers of the House of Commons, and to abolish the Sinecure Offices of Principal Committee Clerks and Clerks of Ingrossments;* and an Act was passed in the Tenth Year of Her present Majesty, intituled *An Act to amend the Acts relating to the Offices of the House of Commons:* And whereas under the Provisions of the said Acts the Fees and Sums payable in the several Offices and Departments of the House of Commons, and collected under the Provisions of such Acts, are paid into the Bank of

52 G. 3. c. 11.

2 & 3 W. 4. c. 105.

4 & 5 W. 4. c. 70.

9 & 10 Vict. c. 77.

England to the Account of the Commissioners for regulating the Offices of the House of Commons, and are made applicable to the Payment of the Salaries and Expenses of the said House: And whereas it is expedient that, except as herein-after mentioned, the said Salaries and Expenses should be provided for by annual Votes, and that the Monies from Time to Time paid to the said Account should be carried to the Consolidated Fund: 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, That from and after the passing of this Act all the Provisions of the said recited Acts concerning the Application of the Money paid to the said Account of the Commissioners for regulating the Offices of the House of Commons shall be repealed, and all the Money which shall stand to the Credit of the said Account at the Bank of *England* on the First Day of *January*, the First Day of *April*, the First Day of *July*, and the First Day of *October*, in every Year, shall from Time to Time on the said respective Days, or within Two Days afterwards, and at such other Times as the Speaker of the House of Commons shall direct, be transferred by the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England* to the Account of Her Majesty's Exchequer, and when so transferred shall be carried to and form Part of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*.

Monies arising from Fees of the House of Commons to be carried to the Consolidated Fund.

II. And whereas the Salaries of the Clerk of the House of Commons, the Clerks Assistant, the Serjeant at Arms, the Deputy Serjeant at Arms, and the Speaker's Secretary, have by the said recited Acts been made the first Charge upon the Money paid to the Account of the said Commissioners, and by this Act directed to be carried to the Consolidated Fund: Be it enacted, That the Salaries of the Clerk of the House of Commons, the Clerk Assistant, the Second Clerk Assistant, the Serjeant at Arms, the Deputy Serjeant at Arms, and the Speaker's Secretary, shall be charged upon and shall be paid to the Persons now holding such respective Offices, while they continue to hold the same, out of the said Consolidated Fund, by equal quarterly Payments, on the Fifth Day of *January*, the Fifth Day of *April*, the Fifth Day of *July*, and the Tenth Day of *October* in every Year; and the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury of the said United Kingdom are hereby authorized and required, by any Warrant under their Hands, to direct the Payment of the said Salaries out of the said Consolidated Fund.

Salaries of the present Clerk, Clerks Assistant, &c. to be paid out of the Consolidated Fund.

III. And be it enacted, That from and after the Time when the Persons now holding such respective Offices as aforesaid shall respectively

Provisions of Acts as to the Salaries

tively cease to hold the same the Provisions of the several Acts directing and fixing the Salaries of such Offices shall cease.

to cease after Determination of existing Interests.

IV. And be it enacted, That, except as herein-before provided, all the Salaries and Superannuation and other Allowances and Expenses now payable out of the Money so paid to the said Account of the Commissioners for regulating the Offices of the House of Commons shall be paid out of such Monies as Parliament shall from Time to Time provide for those Purposes.

Salaries, &c. to be paid out of Monies to be provided by Parliament.

V. And be it enacted, That so much of the said last-recited Act as directs the Commissioners for regulating the Offices of the House of Commons, to appoint a Paymaster, and as regulates the said Office, shall from and after the First Day of *August* One thousand eight hundred and forty-nine be repealed; and the Salaries, Allowances, Superannuations, Charges, and Expenses of the House of Commons shall thenceforth be paid by the Paymaster General in such Manner and at such Times as the Speaker of the House of Commons, or the said Commissioners, shall direct, out of any Money which the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury shall direct to be issued for those Purposes.

Salaries, &c. to be paid by Paymaster General.

VI. And be it enacted, That the Audit by the Speaker of the House of Commons of the Accounts of the Receiver of the Fees and Sums payable in the several Offices and Departments of the House of Commons shall be deemed and taken to be in all respects good and effectual without any further Audit of the said Accounts, and shall be a sufficient Discharge and Acquittance to the said Receiver as to all Matters and Things contained in such Accounts, anything contained in any Act to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding.

Audit by the Speaker to be deemed sufficient.

VII. And be it enacted, That so much of the last-recited Act as provides for the Preparation of an annual Estimate of the Money which will probably remain in the Hands of the Commissioners after the Payments of the current Quarter ending on the First Day of *April*, and of the Fees expected to be received during the Session, and of any Sum which may be required to be provided by Parliament in addition to such Sum for the Payments set forth in the Estimate of Expenditure, shall be repealed.

Provision of 9 & 10 Vict. c. 77. as to Estimate of Balance in Hand of Commissioners repealed.

LONDON:
Printed by GEORGE EDWARD EYRE and WILLIAM SPOTTISWOODE,
Printers to the Queen's most Excellent Majesty. 1849.