

Anno Regni VICTORIÆ, Britanniarum Reginæ, Decimo Nono.

'AT the Parliament begun and holden at *Westminster*, the Fourth Day of *November*, *Anno Domini* 1852, in the Sixteenth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lady *VICTORIA*, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, Queen, Defender of the Faith: And from thence continued, by several Prorogations, to the Thirty-first Day of *January* 1856; being the Fourth Session of the Sixteenth Parliament of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*.'

CAP. I.

An Act to regulate certain Offices of the House of Commons.

[28th *February* 1856.]

'WHEREAS under an Act of King *George* the Third, Chapter Eleven, 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*, the Clerk of the House of Commons has the Power of Nomination or Appointment of all the Clerks in his Department, together with the Power of Suspension and Removal of all the Clerks so by him nominated or appointed: And whereas *Sir Denis Le Marchant* Baronet, on being appointed Clerk of the House of Commons, agreed that the Clerk Assistant and Second Clerk Assistant of the House should thereafter be appointed by Her Majesty: And whereas Her Majesty has, on the Recommendation of the Speaker, signified Her Pleasure that *Thomas Erskine May* Esquire be appointed Clerk Assistant of the said House; but the Powers of Appointment under the said Act cannot be varied without the Authority of Parliament:' 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: 52 G. 3. c. 11.

Appointment of Clerk Assistant confirmed, and future Clerks

I. The Appointment of the said *Thomas Erskine May* shall be confirmed, and the Clerk Assistant and Second Clerk Assistant of the House of Commons respectively shall hereafter be appointed by Her Majesty by Warrant under Her Royal Sign Manual, and every present and

Assistant to be appointed by Her Majesty.

and future Clerk Assistant and Second Clerk Assistant shall be removable only by Her Majesty, upon an Address of the House of Commons to Her Majesty for that Purpose.

So much of Acts as fixes Salary of Second Clerk Assistant repealed.

II. So much of the several Acts relating to the Offices of the House of Commons as fixes the Salary of the Second Clerk Assistant, and charges such Salary on the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom, shall be repealed.

CAP. II.

An Act to amend the Acts relating to the Metropolitan Police.

[28th *February* 1856.]

10 G. 4. c. 44.

2 & 3 Vict. c. 47.

'WHEREAS by an Act passed in the Tenth Year of King *George* the Fourth, Chapter Forty-four, "for improving the Police in and near the Metropolis," Provision was made for the Appointment of Two fit Persons as Justices of the Peace of the Counties of *Middlesex, Surrey, Hertford, Essex,* and *Kent,* and of all Liberties therein, to execute the Duties in the said Act mentioned: And whereas by an Act of the Session holden in the Second and Third Years of Her Majesty, Chapter Forty-seven, "for further improving the Police in and near the Metropolis," it was provided, that it should be lawful for Her Majesty to appoint the Justices appointed and to be appointed under the said Act of the Tenth Year of King *George* the Fourth to be Justices of the Peace for the Counties of *Berkshire* and *Buckinghamshire,* and that the said Justices should be styled "The Commissioners of Police of the Metropolis:"' 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:

One Commissioner of Police only to be appointed after passing of this Act.

I. There shall be appointed from Time to Time under the said Acts and be but One Commissioner of Police, who shall be styled "The Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis;" and the Person who at the Time of the passing of this Act may be the surviving or continuing Commissioner appointed under the said Acts or either of them shall be such Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis; and all the Provisions of the said Acts concerning the Removal and Appointment from Time to Time of the said Justices or Commissioners, or either of them, shall be applicable to the Removal and Appointment from Time to Time of "The Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis."

Power to appoint Two Assistant Commissioners of Police, who, by virtue of such Office, shall be Justices of certain Counties herein named.

II. It shall be lawful for Her Majesty, by Warrant under Her Sign Manual, to appoint Two fit Persons to be during Her Majesty's Pleasure Assistant Commissioners of Police of the Metropolis, and upon every Vacancy in the Office of any such Assistant Commissioner in like Manner to appoint some other Person to such Office; and every such Assistant Commissioner shall by virtue of and during the Continuance of such Appointment be a Justice of the Peace of the Counties of *Middlesex, Surrey, Hertford, Essex, Kent, Berkshire,* and *Buckinghamshire,* and of all Liberties therein, and execute the Duties of a Justice of the Peace for the said several Counties and for all Liberties therein, although he may not have the Qualification by Estate required by Law in the Case of other Persons being Justices of the Peace for Counties: Provided always, that no such Assistant Commissioner shall act as a Justice of the Peace at any Court of General or Quarter Sessions, or in any Matter out of Sessions, except for the Preservation of the Peace, the Prevention of Crimes, the Detention and Committal of Offenders, and in carrying into execution the Purposes of this Act and the said recited Acts.

Provision as to Salaries of such Commissioner and Assistant Commissioners.

III. There shall be paid to the Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis such Salary not exceeding Fifteen hundred Pounds *per Annum,* and to each of the said Assistant Commissioners such Salary not exceeding Eight hundred Pounds *per Annum,* as shall be from Time to Time appointed by the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, such Salaries respectively