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CAP. XV.

An Act to extend the Term for granting fresh Letters Patent for the High Courts in *India*, and to make further Provision respecting the Territorial Jurisdiction of the said Courts.

[7th *April* 1865.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to extend the Time fixed for granting fresh Letters Patent for the High Courts in *India* under the Provisions of an Act passed in the Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth Years of the Reign of Her present Majesty, intituled *An Act for establishing High Courts of Judicature in* India, and to make further Provision than is in the said Act contained for empowering the Alteration from Time to Time of the local Limits of the said High Courts, and for the Exercise, in Places beyond the Limits of the Presidencies, or Places within and for which such High Courts are established, of the Jurisdiction and Powers conferred by Her Majesty's Letters Patent on the said High Courts: 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: 24 & 25 Vict. c. 104.

1. The Time fixed for granting fresh Letters Patent for the High Courts in *India* by Section Seventeen of the said recited Act is hereby Extension of Time for granting

fresh Letters Patent.

hereby extended to the First Day of *January* One thousand eight hundred and sixty-six.

Sects. 10 and 18 of 24 & 25 Vict. c. 104. repealed.

2. Sections Ten and Eighteen of the said Act of the Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth Years of Her present Majesty are hereby repealed.

Power to the Governor General in Council to alter local Limits of Jurisdiction of High Courts.

3. It shall be lawful for the Governor General of *India* in Council, by Order, from Time to Time to transfer any Territory or Place from the Jurisdiction of one to the Jurisdiction of any other of the High Courts established or to be established under the said Act, and to authorize and empower any High Court to exercise all or any Portion of the Jurisdiction and Powers conferred or to be conferred on it by Her Majesty's Letters Patent establishing the same, or any other Letters Patent issued by Her Majesty under the Provisions of the above-recited Act of the Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth Years of Her Majesty, within any such Portions of Her Majesty's Dominions in *India*, not included within the Limits of the Presidency or Place or Places for which such High Court was established, as the said Governor General in Council may from Time to Time determine, and also to exercise any such Jurisdiction in respect of Christian Subjects of Her Majesty resident within the Dominions of such of the Princes and States of *India* in alliance with Her Majesty as the said Governor General in Council may, in manner aforesaid, from Time to Time determine, anything in the said recited Act of the Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth Years of Her present Majesty notwithstanding.

Power to Crown to disallow any Order of the Governor General for that Purpose.

4. Whenever any such Order has been passed by the Governor General in Council, he shall transmit to the Secretary of State for *India* an authentic Copy thereof; and it shall be lawful for Her Majesty to signify, through the Secretary of State for *India* in Council, Her Disallowance of such Order; and such Disallowance shall make void and annul such Order from and after the Day on which the Governor General shall make known by Proclamation, or by Signification to his Council, that he has received the Notification of such Disallowance by Her Majesty: Provided always, that all Acts, Proceedings, and Judgments done, taken, or given by such High Courts, and not set aside by any competent Authority before the Promulgation or Signification as aforesaid of such Disallowance by Her Majesty, shall be deemed to be and to have been valid and effectual for all Purposes whatever, such Disallowance notwithstanding.

Time when Act shall come into operation.

5. So much of this Act as relates to the Jurisdiction of the High Court shall commence and come into operation as soon as the

the same shall have been published by the Governor General in Council.

6. Nothing in this Act contained shall interfere with the Powers of the Governor General in Council at Meetings for the Purpose of making Laws and Regulations. Not to interfere with certain Powers of Governor General.

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