CAP. III.

An Act to extend the Period for which Her Majesty may grant Letters Patent of Incorporation to Joint Stock Banks in *Scotland* existing before the Act of One thousand eight hundred and forty-six. [7th *March* 1856.]

'WHEREAS, under the Provisions of the Act of the Ninth and Tenth Years of Her present Majesty, Chapter Seventy-five, (whereby the Act of the Seventh and Eighth Years of Her Majesty, Chapter One hundred and thirteen, was extended to Joint Stock Banks in *Scotland*,) Her Majesty, with the Advice of Her Privy Council, is empowered to grant Letters Patent of Incorporation to any Company of more than Six Persons who were carrying on the Business of Bankers in *Scotland* on or before the Ninth Day of *August* One thousand eight hundred and forty-five, upon the Terms and in manner in the said Acts mentioned or referred to, but only for a Term of Years not exceeding Twenty Years: And whereas it is expedient that Her Majesty should be empowered in certain Cases to grant such Letters Patent of Incorporation for a longer Period:' Now 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:

Extending Period for which Her Majesty may grant Letters Patent of Incorporation to certain Joint Stock Banks in Scotland.

I. That, notwithstanding anything in the said Acts contained, it shall be lawful for Her Majesty to grant Letters Patent of Incorporation under the said Acts to any Company of more than Six Persons in *Scotland* who were carrying on the Business of Bankers before the said Ninth Day of *August* One thousand eight hundred and forty-five, either for a Term of Years or in perpetuity, but so that the same shall be liable to be dealt with by or under the Provisions of any future Acts of Parliament in every respect as if this Act had not been passed.

CAP. IV.

An Act to apply the Sum of One million six hundred and thirty-one thousand and five Pounds One Shilling and Fivepence out of the Consolidated Fund to the Service of the Year ending the Thirty-first Day of *March* One thousand eight hundred and fifty-six. [7th *March* 1856.]

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Commons of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, in Parliament assembled, towards making good the Supply which we have cheerfully granted to Your Majesty in this Session of Parliament, have resolved to grant unto Your Majesty the Sum herein-after mentioned; and do therefore most humbly beseech Your Majesty that it may be enacted: And 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:

There shall be applied for the Service of the Years ending the 31st Day of March 1855 and 1856 the Sum of 1,631,005*l.* 1*s.* 5*d.* out of the Consolidated Fund.

I. There shall and may be issued and applied, for or towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Deficiency in the Grants for the Service of the Years ending the Thirty-first Day of *March* One thousand eight hundred and fifty-five and One thousand eight hundred and fifty-six, the Sum of One million six hundred and thirty-one thousand and five Pounds One Shilling and Fivepence out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, and the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, or the Lord High Treasurer of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, for the Time being, are or is hereby authorized and empowered to issue and apply the same accordingly.

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