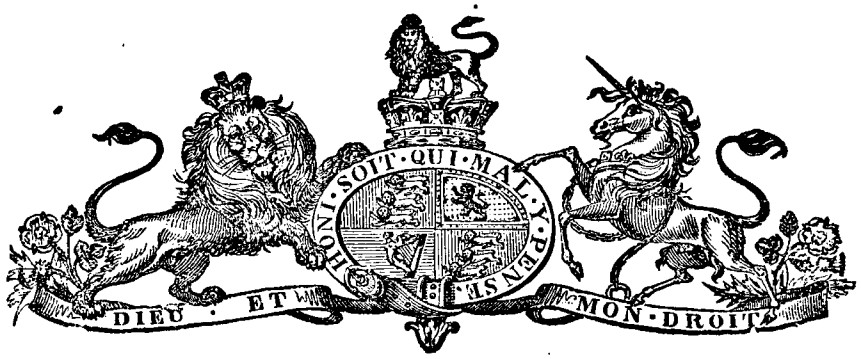



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## CAP. CXXXVI.

## An Act to enable the Courts of Referees to administer Oaths and award Costs in certain Cases, in the same Manner as Committees on Private Bills. [20th *August* 1867.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to enable the Courts of Referees on Private Bills in certain Cases to administer Oaths and to award Costs in the same Manner as Committees on Private Bills:

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:

Power to Court of Referees to administer Oaths to Witnesses.

**1.** Any Court of Referees may examine Witnesses upon Oath upon such Matters relating to any Bill as they may under any Standing Order or other Order of the House of Commons be empowered to inquire into, and for that Purpose may administer an Oath to any such Witness.

Witnesses falsely deposing guilty of Perjury.

**2.** Any Person examined as aforesaid who shall wilfully give false Evidence shall be liable to the Penalties of Perjury.



**3.** Any

*Courts of Referees.*

Power to award Costs.

**3.** Any Court of Referees on Private Bills, in Cases in which, under any Standing Order or other Order of the House, the Referees may be empowered to inquire into the whole Subject Matter of any such Bill, and to report it, with or without Amendments, to the House, may award Costs in the same Manner as Select Committees on Private Bills are empowered to award Costs by an Act passed in the Twenty-eighth Year of the Reign of Her Majesty Queen *Victoria*, intituled *An Act for awarding Costs in certain Cases of Private Bills*, and all the Provisions of the said Act shall apply in the Case of Bills so referred to the Referees.

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