

CHAP. 86.

An Act to amend the Law relating to the Presentation of Accounts, Statements, Returns, and Documents to Parliament. [9th August 1869.]

A.D. 1869.

WHEREAS various accounts, statements, returns, and other documents laid before Parliament, and in particular the appropriation accounts, required by "The Exchequer and Audit Departments Act, 1866," to be laid yearly before the House of Commons, contain the same information as accounts, statements, returns, and documents which are required under other Acts of Parliament to be laid separately before one or both Houses of Parliament; and it is expedient to provide for the discontinuance of such last-mentioned accounts, statements, returns, and documents:

29 & 30 Vict. c. 39.

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:

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as "The Parliamentary Returns Act, 1869."

Discontinuance by Treasury of separate returns.

2. Whenever it appears to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury that any account, statement, return, or document required by any Act of Parliament or otherwise to be laid before one or both Houses of Parliament contains the same information as or less information than is contained in the Appropriation Accounts prepared under "The Exchequer and Audit Departments Act, 1866," or in any account, statement, return, or document which is annually laid before one or both Houses of Parliament, or that the same has otherwise become obsolete, such Commissioners may by minute direct that after the date of such minute coming into operation the account, statement, return, or other document therein mentioned shall be discontinued, and upon the minute coming into operation the same shall be discontinued accordingly, and shall not be prepared or laid before either House of Parliament.

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Minutes to be submitted to Parliament.

3. Every minute so made by the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury shall be laid before both Houses of Parliament as soon as may be after it is made, and shall not come into operation until it has lain before Parliament for thirty days on which either House of Parliament has actually sat, or until such later date as may be in that behalf prescribed in the minute, and shall not come into operation at all if during such thirty days a resolution against its so coming into operation is passed by either House of Parliament.

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