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An Act to aboliſh certain Offices, and to regulate certain other Offices, in *Ireland.* [7th *July* 1817.]

WHEREAS the Offices in *Ireland* herein-after mentioned reſpectively are Offices ſome of which it is expedient to aboliſh, and with reſpect to others it is expedient to make Proviſion for a more effectual and economical Execution of the Duties thereof reſpectively after the Termination of the preſent exiſting Intereſts therein reſpectively; may it therefore pleaſe Your Majeſty that it may be enacted; and be it enacted by the King'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, That from and after and upon the reſpective Terminations of the reſpective preſent exiſting Intereſts in each and every of the following Offices; that is to ſay, Surveyor General of Crown Lands; Keeper of Records in the *Bermingham Tower* at *Dublin*; Keeper of the Records of Parliament; Clerk of the Paper Office; and as each of the ſaid Offices ſhall reſpectively become vacant, upon the Termination of ſuch preſent exiſting Intereſts, each and every of the ſaid Offices ſhall be aboliſhed; and the ſaid Offices ſhall not, nor ſhall any of them, from and after the paſſing of this Act, be granted to any Perſon or Perſons whomſoever; and the ſaid Offices are hereby, from and after the reſpective Times when the ſame ſhall reſpectively become vacant, wholly aboliſhed.

Certain Offices aboliſhed on Termination of exiſting Intereſts.

II. And be it further enacted, That all Records, Maps, Books, and Papers whatſoever, now in the Cuſtody, Power, or Poſſeſſion of the ſaid before-mentioned Officers, or any of them, or of any of their Clerks or Deputies, ſhall upon the reſpective Terminations of the preſent exiſting Intereſts in each and every of the ſaid Offices reſpectively, be removed, transferred, and delivered to the Office or Offices, Place or Places appointed or to be appointed for the preſerving and ſecuring of the Records of *Ireland;* and ſhall from thenceforth be there ſafely kept and preſerved according to the Directions of the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland* for the Time being; and it ſhall and may be lawful for the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland* for the Time being, at any Time either before or after the

The Records, &c. of the ſaid Offices ſhall be transferred to the Public Record Office, under Directions of Lord Lieutenant.

Termination of the preſent exiſting Intereſts in any of the ſaid Offices hereby aboliſhed, to order and direct that all ſuch Records, Books, Maps, and Papers ſhall be removed, transferred, and delivered into the ſaid Record Office or Offices, and the ſame ſhall then be forthwith removed, transferred, and delivered accordingly; and it ſhall and may be lawful for the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland* for the Time being, from Time to Time to give ſuch Orders and Directions for the ſafe Cuſtody, Preſervation, and Arrangement of the ſaid Records, and of all or any other Records relating to *Ireland*, as to ſuch Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland* ſhall at any Time ſeem fitting and expedient.

Certain other Offices abſolutely aboliſhed on Termination of exiſting Intereſts.

III. And be it further enacted, That from and after and upon the reſpective Terminations of the reſpective exiſting Intereſts in each and every of the following Offices; that is to ſay, Accountant to the Board of General Officers; Secretary to the ſaid Board; Corrector and Superviſor of His Majeſty's Printing Preſs; Compiler of the *Dublin Gazette*; Maſter of the Revels; Seneſchal of His Majeſty's Manors; Accountant General (now held by *Stephen Moore* Eſquire); Superviſor of Accounts in the Barrack Department; Barrack Maſter of the Royal Barracks; and as each of the ſaid Offices ſhall reſpectively become vacant upon the Termination of ſuch preſent exiſting Intereſts, each and every of the ſaid Offices ſhall be reſpectively aboliſhed; and the ſaid Offices ſhall not, nor ſhall any of them, from and after the paſſing of this Act, be granted to any Perſon or Perſons whomſoever; and the ſaid Offices are hereby, from and after the reſpective Times when the ſame ſhall reſpectively become vacant, wholly aboliſhed.

Salary, &c. of certain Offices aboliſhed on Termination of exiſting Intereſts.

IV. And be it further enacted, That from and after and upon the reſpective Terminations of the reſpective exiſting Intereſts in each and every of the following Offices; that is to ſay, Conſtable of the Caſtle of *Limerick*; Conſtable of the Caſtle of *Dublin*; Conſtable of the Caſtle of *Caſtlemain*; no Salary or Allowances whatſoever, other than and except the Rents and Profits of the Lands and Hereditaments attached to the ſaid Offices reſpectively, ſhall be paid or payable out of His Majeſty's Civil Liſt or otherwiſe to the ſaid Officers, or to any or either of them; but all ſuch Salaries or Allowances (except as aforeſaid) ſhall ceaſe and determine; and the ſaid Salaries and Allowances (except as aforeſaid) are hereby, from and after the reſpective Times when the ſaid Offices ſhall reſpectively become vacant at any Time after the paſſing of this Act, wholly aboliſhed.

Certain Offices ſhall be regulated.

V. And be it further enacted, That the ſeveral and reſpective Duties of the ſeveral and reſpective Offices in *Ireland* hereafter mentioned; that is to ſay, Clerk of the Council; Muſter Maſter General; Pratique Maſter of the Port of *Dublin*; Storekeeper of the Cuſtoms in the ſaid Port; ſhall from and after and upon the reſpective Terminations of the reſpective preſent exiſting Intereſts in each of the ſaid Offices reſpectively, and as each of the ſaid Offices ſhall become vacant upon the Termination of ſuch preſent exiſting Intereſts, be regulated under the Proviſions herein-after in this Act contained; and ſhall thereafter be executed and performed by the ſeveral and reſpective Perſons to be appointed to execute the ſame in Perſon.

Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, with Concurrence of Treaſury, ſhall make Proviſion for

VI. And be it further enacted, That from Time to Time as any of ſuch Four laſt-mentioned Offices ſhall become vacant upon the Termination of the preſent exiſting Intereſt or Intereſts therein, it ſhall be lawful for the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland* for the Time being, in Concurrence with the Lord High Treaſurer or the

Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Treaſury for the Time being, or any Three or more of ſuch Commiſſioners, and they are hereby authorized and required, to regulate the Duties and Eſtabliſhments of the ſaid laſt-mentioned Offices ſo becoming vacant, ſo as that the ſaid Duties ſhall be performed in Perſon by ſuch and ſuch Number of fit and proper Perſons as may be ſufficient and neceſſary to perform and execute the Duties to be done, performed, and executed in the ſaid Offices, as the ſaid Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland* and the ſaid Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Treaſury ſhall deem fit, with ſuch Salaries or Emoluments as ſhall be ordered and appointed by the ſaid Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors, and the ſaid Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Treaſury, or any Three or more of them, in that Behalf; Regard being had in every ſuch Caſe to the Nature and Extent of the Duties to be performed, and to the Reſponſibility which may attach or belong to the ſeveral and reſpective Officers or Perſons executing the Duties of the ſaid Offices reſpectively; and all ſuch Regulations, Appointments, and Salaries, when ſo made and eſtabliſhed, ſhall become and be in full Force and Effect in relation to the ſaid Offices reſpectively; any Thing contained in any Act or Acts of Parliament, or any Law or Uſage, Cuſtom or Practice, to the contrary notwithſtanding.

the Execution of the Duties of ſuch Offices becoming vacant after the Expiration of exiſting Intereſts, and appoint Salaries adequate to the Duties and Reſponſibilities attached to each Office.

VII. And be it further enacted, That the Lord High Treaſurer or Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Treaſury, or any Three or more of them for the Time being, ſhall within Six Weeks after the Regulation under the Proviſions of this Act of any ſuch Office ſo becoming vacant as aforeſaid, if Parliament ſhall be then ſitting, or if Parliament ſhall not be then ſitting, then within Six Weeks after the Commencement of the then next Seſſion of Parliament, lay before both Houſes of Parliament an Account of ſuch new Eſtabliſhment of the Office ſo regulated, with a Statement of the Number of Offices and Amount of Salaries of each reſpectively, together with a Satement of the former Eſtabliſhment of the Office ſo regulated.

Treaſury to lay before Parliament comparative Statement of former and new Eſtabliſhment of any Office ſo regulated.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That from and after and upon the reſpective Terminations of the reſpective preſent exiſting Intereſts in each and every of the Offices of Commiſſioners of the Board of Works in *Ireland*, and as each of the ſaid Offices ſhall reſpectively become vacant upon the Termination of the preſent exiſting Intereſts, each and every of the ſaid Offices ſhall reſpectively be aboliſhed, and the ſaid Offices ſhall not, nor ſhall any of them, from and after the paſſing of this Act, be granted to any Perſon or Perſons whomſoever; and the ſaid Offices are hereby, from and after the reſpective Times when the ſame ſhall reſpectively become vacant, wholly aboliſhed; and after the Offices of the ſaid Commiſſioners ſhall become vacant, it ſhall and may be lawful for the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland* for the Time being, in concurrence with the Lord High Treaſurer or the Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Treaſury for the Time being, to make ſuch Arrangement, by the Appointment of One or more Officer or Officers, as ſhall provide for the efficient Execution in Perſon of all Duties connected with the Superintendence of the public Buildings now under the Charge of the ſaid Board of Works, at ſuch reaſonable Rate of Salary or Salaries as ſhall be ſufficient for the Purpoſe; and an Account of every ſuch Appointment and Rate of Salary ſhall be laid before Parliament in like manner as by this Act is required with reſpect to the Regulation of other Offices under this Act.

Offices of Commiſſioners of the Board of Works aboliſhed as they become vacant, &c.

IX. And be it further enacted, That all Sums of Money ariſing from Salaries, Fees, or Emoluments, which ſhall by reaſon of the Regulation of

Savings ariſing by new Regulations

of the Eſtabliſhment of ſuch Offices, to go to the Conſolidated Fund.

of any ſuch Office be more than ſufficient to defray the Salaries and incidental Charges of the new Eſtabliſhment of any ſuch Office, ſhall be paid (by the Orders and Directions of the Lord High Treaſurer or Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Treaſury, which Orders and Directions the ſaid Lord High Treaſurer or Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Treaſury, or any Three or more of them, are hereby authorized and required to make and give for that Purpoſe) into the Receipt of the Exchequer in *Ireland*, and ſhall be carried to and make Part of the Conſolidated Fund of the United Kingdom; any Thing in any Act or Acts of Parliament to the contrary notwithſtanding: Provided always, that any ſuch Salary or Allowance as ſhall be payable to any or either of the ſaid Offices out of the Civil Liſt of *Ireland*, ſhall be carried to and make Part of the ſaid Conſolidated Fund during the Life of His preſent Majeſty only, and no longer, unleſs Proviſion ſhall hereafter be made by Parliament for that Purpoſe.

Perſons belonging to the ſaid Offices when regulated, incapable of ſitting or voting as Members of the Houſe of Commons. 41 G. 3. c. 52.

X. And be it further enacted, That every Office and Appointment belonging to and making Part of the Eſtabliſhment of any of the ſaid Offices reſpectively, when ſo regulated as aforeſaid, ſhall be deemed and taken to be a new Office within the true Intent and Meaning of an Act paſſed in the Forty-firſt Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, intituled *An Act for declaring what Perſons ſhall be diſabled from ſitting and voting in the Houſe of Commons of the United Kingdom of* Great Britain *and* Ireland; *and alſo for carrying into effect Part of the Fourth Article of the Union of* Great Britain *and* Ireland, *by providing in what Caſes Perſons holding Offices or Places of Profit under the Crown of* Ireland *ſhall be incapable of being Members of the Houſe of Commons of the Parliament of the ſaid United Kingdom*; and every Perſon holding any ſuch Office ſhall be incapable of ſitting or voting as a Member of the Houſe of Commons; and every ſuch Officer who ſhall ſit or vote in the Houſe of Commons ſhall be liable and ſubject to the Penalties and Forfeitures contained in the ſaid recited Act with reſpect to ſuch Perſon or Perſons as ſhall be diſabled or incapacitated by the holding or accepting of any Office, Employment, or Place of Profit in the ſaid Act enumerated and particularized.

Office of Keeper of the Privy Seal in Ireland ſhall in future be granted during Pleaſure, and holden by the Chief Secretary.

XI. And be it further enacted, That from and after and upon the Termination of the preſent exiſting Intereſt in the Office of Keeper of the King's Privy Seal for *Ireland*, the ſaid Office ſhall be granted during the King's Pleaſure only; and that the ſaid Office ſhall from thenceforth always be holden, and the Duties thereof ſhall be executed, by the Perſon who for the Time being ſhall hold the Office of Chief Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland*: Provided always, that none of the Proviſions in this Act before contained, with reſpect to the ſeveral other Offices herein-before mentioned, ſhall extend to the ſaid Office of Keeper of the Privy Seal; but that the ſaid Office ſhall, from and after the Termination of the preſent exiſting Intereſt therein, be holden by ſuch Chief Secretary for the Time being in like Manner in all Reſpects as the ſame was uſually holden before the Grant of ſuch preſent exiſting Intereſt.

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