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CAP. LIX.

An Act for extending the Provisions of an Act, passed in the Twenty-fifth Year of His present Majesty's Reign, for better examining and auditing the Publick Accounts of the Board of Ordnance, the Commissioners of the Navy, the Commissioners for Victualling the Navy, and the Commissioners of Sick and Hurt. [23d *May* 1794.]

Preamble. 25 *Geo.* III, Cap. 52, recited.

WHEREAS by an Act, passed in the Twenty-fifth Year of His present Majesty's Reign, intituled, *An Act for better examining and auditing the Publick Accounts of this Kingdom*, divers Powers are given to the Commissioners thereby authorized to be appointed and styled *The Commissioners for auditing the Publick Accounts*, to call before them all such Persons as should have received any Sum or Sums of Money by Way of Imprest, or in any other Manner for which they should be accountable, and to require such Persons to produce all Accounts, Books, Certificates, Warrants, Muniments, Receipts, or other Papers, which should appear to be necessary for the Purposes of their Examination, and to examine, upon Oath, all Accountants whom they should find Occasion to examine before them, and all other Persons, as in the said Act mentioned; and Provisions are made for putting Sums of Money, issued to Sub-accountants, in charge against them, and for taking the Accounts of such Sub-accountants, and issuing Process for such Purpose; but it is provided that Process shall in no Case be issued against any Sub-accountant who is to account to the principal Officers of the Board of Ordnance, or the principal Officers and Commissioners of His Majesty's Navy, the Commissioners for Victualling His Majesty's Navy, or the Commissioners for Sick and Hurt respectively, for Sums which have been issued to such Sub-accountants by the Treasurer of the Ordnance or Treasurer of the Navy, without Directions being previously given for that Purpose by the Lord High Treasurer, or the Commissioners of the Treasury, after a Reference of their Cases to the Commissioners of the Boards above-mentioned respectively, and a Report made thereupon: And it is also provided, That no Process shall issue against any such Sub-accountant until Twelve Months shall have elapsed from the Time of making up the Accounts of the

ſaid Treaſurer annually: And it is alſo provided, That when any Sub-accountant, or Sub-accountants, ſhall tranſmit to the Commiſſioners to be appointed under the Authority of the ſaid Act, a ſufficient and ſatiſfactory Diſcharge from the principal Officers of the Ordnance, the Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Navy, the Commiſſioners for Victualling His Majeſty's Navy, or the Commiſſioners of Sick and Hurt, for any Monies he or they ſhall have received in the ſaid Departments ſeverally, the ſaid Commiſſioners ſhall tranſmit a Duplicate of the ſame to His Majeſty's Remembrancer in the Court of Exchequer, who ſhall forthwith ſtrike out the Name or Names of ſuch Sub-accountant or Sub-accountants from the Impreſt Roll, and ſuch Sub-accountant, or Sub-accountants, ſhall from thenceforth be diſcharged from any other or further Account for the ſame: And whereas the principal Officers of the ſaid Board of Ordnance, the principal Officers and Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Navy, the Commiſſioners for Victualling His Majeſty's Navy, and the Commiſſioners for Sick and Hurt, are not, by the ſaid Act, authorized to call before them ſuch Perſons as are to account to them as aforeſaid, or to examine ſuch Perſons on Oath, or to compel the Production of Accounts, Papers, and Writings, or otherwiſe to proceed with reſpect to the Accounts to be taken by them reſpectively, in the ſame Manner as the ſaid Commiſſioners for auditing the Publick Accounts are authorized to proceed with reſpect to other Accountants by the ſaid Act, by reaſon whereof the Accounts to be taken by ſuch Officers of ſuch ſeveral Boards reſpectively cannot be effectually taken by them; 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 the paſſing of this Act, all and every ſuch and the ſame Powers and Authorities whatſoever, ſhall be veſted in, and are hereby veſted in, the ſaid principal Officers of the Board of Ordnance, the ſaid principal Officers and Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Navy, the ſaid Commiſſioners for Victualling His Majeſty's Navy, and the ſaid Commiſſioners of Sick and Hurt reſpectively, or any Three or more of the Members of ſuch ſeveral Boards reſpectively, to call before them reſpectively all ſuch Sub-accountants as are accountable before them reſpectively as aforeſaid, and to compel ſuch Perſons to produce all Accounts, Books, Certificates, Warrants, Muniments, Receipts, and other Papers, which ſhall appear to be neceſſary for the Purpoſes of their Examination, and to examine upon Oath (which Oath the ſaid principal Officers and Commiſſioners, or any Three or more of ſuch Officers and Commiſſioners of the ſaid ſeveral Boards, in their reſpective Departments, are hereby authorized to adminiſter) all ſuch Sub-accountants as they ſhall find Occaſion to examine before them, and all other Perſons, and otherwiſe to act in and about the taking of the Accounts to be taken by ſuch Boards reſpectively, as by the ſaid recited Act are veſted in the ſaid Commiſſioners for auditing the Publick Accounts, and that all the Rules, Methods, Regulations, Penalties, Forfeitures, Matters, and Things, preſcribed or appointed by the ſaid Act for examining Accountants by the ſaid Commiſſioners, for auditing the Publick Accounts, ſhall be in like Manner extended and applied for the examining Sub-accountants by the ſaid ſeveral Boards reſpectively, as fully and effectually, to all Intents and Purpoſes whatever, as if the ſaid Rules, Methods, Regulations, Penalties, Forfeitures, Matters, and Things, had been ſpecially enacted in this Act.

Powers of recited Act extended to the Commiſſioners of the Navy, &c.

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