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GEORGII III. REGIS.

CAP. IX.

An Act for abolishing the Office of Surveyor of Subsidies and Petty Customs in the Port of *London*.

[11th *March* 1808.]

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the Thirty-eighth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled, *An Act for abolishing certain Offices in the Customs, and for regulating certain other Offices therein; and for applying the Fees which have been received from vacant Offices towards the Augmentation of the Superannuation Fund*; certain Offices in His Majesty's Customs in *England* which had been usually granted by Letters Patent under the Great Seal, and had been found to be unnecessary, were wholly abolished, and certain other Offices in the said Customs also usually granted by the like Letters Patent were abolished, so far as any of the Duties thereof appeared not to be necessary or useful, and Provision made for the Discharge of such Duties as might be necessary or useful, in such Manner as should be found convenient for the Publick Service; and it is expedient that the Office of Surveyor of Subsidies and Petty Customs in the Port of *London* should also be abolished, and shall not in future be granted to any Person or Persons by Patent or otherwise, but that such of the Duties thereof as may hereafter be necessary or useful may be executed in such Manner as may be found convenient for the Publick Service; be it therefore 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, 38G. 3. c. 86.

Office of Surveyor of Subſidies, &c. not to be granted but in Manner herein mentioned.

That the Office of Surveyor of Subſidies and Petty Cuſtoms in the Port of *London*, being an Office the Duties whereof are in Part uſeful and neceſſary, ſhall not, from and after the paſſing of this Act, be granted to any Perſon or Perſons by Patent or otherwiſe, ſave as herein-after mentioned; and that, when vacant, the ſame ſhall forthwith be aboliſhed, and the ſame is hereby aboliſhed, ſave as herein-after provided.

Commiſſioners of Cuſtoms may provide for the Execution of the neceſſary Duties of ſuch Office.

II. Provided always, That it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Cuſtoms, with the Approbation of the High Treaſurer, or the Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Treaſury, or any Three of them for the Time being, to provide for the Execution of ſuch of the Duties of the ſaid Office, as ſhall in their Judgement appear to be neceſſary or uſeful, by appointing, by Inſtrument or Inſtruments under their Hands, (with the Approbation aforeſaid) a proper Perſon or proper Perſons to execute during their Pleaſure ſuch neceſſary and uſeful Duties of the ſaid Office when vacant as aforeſaid, and otherwiſe to regulate the ſaid Office in ſuch Manner as the Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Cuſtoms, with the Approbation of the ſaid High Treaſurer, or Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Treaſury for the Time being, ſhall in their Judgement from Time to Time think fit and proper.

Act not to affect Appointments but in the Manner herein mentioned.

III. And be it further enacted, That all Perſons who ſhall or may, before the Fifth Day of *July* One thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-eight, have been appointed to execute any of the Duties of the ſaid Office ſhall, to all Intents and Purpoſes, have the ſame Power and Authority to execute and perform ſuch Duties of ſuch Office reſpectively as they would have had if this Act had not been made, until ſuch Perſons reſpectively, or ſome other Perſon or Perſons ſhall be appointed to execute ſuch Duties reſpectively under the Authority of this Act; and that all Perſons who ſhall or may be appointed to execute any of the Duties of ſuch Office under the Authority of this Act, ſhall have the ſame Powers and Authorities, to all Intents and Purpoſes, to execute and perform ſuch Duties reſpectively, as the ſame Perſons reſpectively would have had if ſuch Perſons had been appointed to ſuch Office reſpectively before the Fifth Day of *July* One thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-eight, according to the Terms of the ſeveral Warrants which ſuch Perſons ſo to be appointed ſhall reſpectively receive from the ſaid Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Cuſtoms for executing ſuch Duties reſpectively.

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