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GEORGII III. REGIS.

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An Act to continue until the First Day of *August* One thousand eight hundred and ten, and amend certain Acts for appointing Commissioners to enquire into the Fees, Gratuities, Perquisites, and Emoluments received in several Public Offices in *Ireland*; to examine into any Abuses which may exist in the same, and into the Mode of receiving, collecting, issuing, and accounting for Public Money in *Ireland*.

[20th *May* 1809.]

WHEREAS an Act was made in the Forty-fourth Year of His present Majesty's Reign, intituled, *An Act for appointing until the Fifth Day of* August *One thousand eight hundred and five, Commissioners to enquire into the Fees, Gratuities, Perquisites, and Emoluments which are or have been lately received in the several Public Offices in* Ireland *therein mentioned; to examine into any Abuses which may exist in the same, and into the present Mode of receiving, collecting, issuing, and accounting for Public Money in* Ireland; and the said recited Act has by certain Acts made in the Forty-fifth and Forty-seventh Years of His present Majesty's Reign, been continued with Amendments until the Twenty-fifth Day of *March* One thousand eight hundred and eight, and from thence until the End of the then next Session of Parliament: And whereas it is expedient that the said recited Acts should be continued, and that the Powers of the said Commissioners should be enlarged in Manner herein-after mentioned; 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,

44 G. 3. c. 106.

45 G. 3. c. 65. and 47 G. 3. Sess. 1. c. 41.

Recited Acts continued.

ſame, That the ſaid recited Acts of the Forty-fourth and Forty-ſeventh Years aforeſaid, ſhall be and the ſame are hereby continued for the Term herein-after mentioned.

Commiſſioners under recited Acts to proceed in their Inveſtigation, &c.

II. And whereas various Charges are ſet forth in the Public Accounts of *Ireland*, of Balances due by Perſons entruſted with the Receipt, Cuſtody, or Collection of His Majeſty's Revenues there, and ſeveral Sums appear in the ſaid Accounts to be in Arrear; be it further enacted, That the Commiſſioners appointed under the ſaid recited Acts ſhall and they are hereby empowered and required to proceed as ſoon as may be to inveſtigate and examine into all Balances and Arrears due unto His Majeſty, for or on Account of any Sum or Sums received for His Uſe, and into all Arrears of any Revenue, Tax, Charge, or Impoſition, remaining or alledged to remain due or unpaid, and to ſettle and aſcertain the ſame, and to ſtate ſeparately ſuch Parts of ſuch Balances and Arrears, as ſhall appear to them inſolvent, and for the Recovery of which they ſhall not think it adviſeable that legal Proceſs ſhould be inſtituted or continued, with their Reaſon for ſo thinking, ſet forth in each Caſe, and in like Manner to ſtate ſeparately all the other Parts of ſuch Balances and Arrears which they ſhall not deem inſolvent, with their Opinions as to the Means which ought to be purſued, and againſt whom and in what Manner for the Recovery of each; and alſo ſuch general Rules or Regulations as they may think proper to be adopted, for keeping down all ſuch Balances and Arrears in future, and for the more eaſily aſcertaining from Time to Time ſuch Parts thereof as may be inſolvent, and recovering all the other Parts with the leaſt Delay and Expence.

Powers of recited Acts extended to this Act.

III. And be it further enacted, That all the Powers and Authorities given to the ſaid Commiſſioners in and by the ſaid recited Act of the Forty-fourth Year, or by an Act paſſed in the Forty-ſeventh Year of His preſent Majeſty's Reign, for continuing the ſaid Act of the Forty-fourth Year, and all Clauſes, Proviſions, Rules, and Regulations reſpecting the Proceedings of ſuch Commiſſioners, or reſpecting the Conduct of Perſons to be called before and examined by the ſaid Commiſſioners on Oath, and all Penalties on Perſons giving falſe Evidence in the ſaid recited Acts of the Forty-fourth and Forty-ſeventh Years, or either of them mentioned and contained, ſhall be applied and put in Force in the Execution of this Act, as fully and effectually to all Intents and Purpoſes, as if the ſame were repeated and re-enacted in this Act.

Iriſh Treaſury to iſſue 4,000 l. in addition to former Sums for the Purpoſes of this Act.

IV. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful for the Lords Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Treaſury in *Ireland*, or the Lord High Treaſurer of *Ireland* for the Time being, and they are hereby authorized and required to iſſue and cauſe to be iſſued over and above the Sums mentioned in the ſaid recited Acts of the Forty-fourth and Forty-ſeventh Years aforeſaid, a further Sum of Money not exceeding Four thouſand Pounds, to ſuch Perſon or Perſons as the Commiſſioners under the ſaid recited Acts, or any Three or more of them, ſhall by Writing under their Hands, deſire or direct out of any Part of the Public Monies remaining in His Majeſty's Exchequer of *Ireland*; which Sums ſo iſſued and paid, ſhall be employed for the Payment of Clerks, Meſſengers, and other Officers, and in defraying all other neceſſary Charges in or about the Execution of the Powers of the ſaid recited Act and this Act, and in ſuch Manner and ſuch Proportions, as ſhall be appointed by the ſaid Commiſſioners, or any

Three or more of them, by Writing under their Hands and Seals in that Behalf, and that ſuch Sums ſhall be accounted for by the Perſon or Perſons to whom the ſame ſhall be iſſued or paid, according to the Courſe of His Majeſty's Exchequer of *Ireland*, without any Fees or other Charges to be taken or demanded for the iſſuing or Payment of the ſame on the paſſing of the ſaid Accounts, other than ſuch Sum as the ſaid Commiſſioners, or any Three or more of them, ſhall appoint.

V. And be it further enacted, That this Act ſhall continue in force until the Firſt Day of *Auguſt* One thouſand eight hundred and ten. Continuance of Act.

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