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CAP. CXVIII.

An Act for regulating the Offices of Regiſtrars of Admiralty and Prize Courts. [21ſt *June* 1810.]

WHEREAS it is expedient that the Offices of Regiſtrar of the High Court of Admiralty, and Regiſtrar of the High Court of Appeals for Prizes, and High Court of Delegates in *Great Britain*, ſhould, after the Expiration of the Intereſts at preſent veſted in Poſſeſſion or Reverſion in the ſame, be regulated; and that a Proportion of the Amount of the Fees, Emoluments, and Profits, ariſing from or in the ſaid Offices, after Payment of and defraying the Expences incident to the Duties of the ſaid Offices, ſhall be carried to the Account of the Conſolidated Fund: 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 after the Expiration of the Intereſts at preſent veſted in Poſſeſſion or Reverſion in the ſaid Offices of Regiſtrar of the High Court of Admiralty, and of the High Court of Appeals for Prizes, and High Court of Delegates, an Account ſhall be kept in the ſaid Offices reſpectively of all the Fees, Dues, Perquiſites, Emoluments, and Profits received by or on Account of or for ſuch Regiſtrars as aforeſaid, and the ſame ſhall be carried to and conſtitute a Fund for the Payment and Diſcharge of all the Expences ariſing and incurred in the Execution of the Duties of the ſaid Offices; and out of the Surplus which ſhall remain after Payment of ſuch Expences, One Third ſhall go and belong to the Regiſtrar for himſelf and an Aſſiſtant Regiſtrar to be appointed by ſuch Regiſtrar, in caſe it ſhall be neceſſary that there ſhould be an Aſſiſtant Regiſtrar, and the remaining Two Thirds of ſuch Surplus ſhall go to and make Part of the Conſolidated Fund of *Great Britain*; and ſuch Surplus of Two Thirds, or ſuch Part of the ſame as ſhall not be retained for the Service of the Office according

Account to be kept of Fees in Office of Regiſtrar of the Admiralty, of the High Court of Appeals for Prizes and of High Court of Admiralty.

Application of Fees.

to the Directions hereinafter mentioned, shall be paid into the Exchequer by Quarterly Payments as hereinafter mentioned, and the Account of such Fees and Emoluments, and of all Expences paid thereout, shall at all Times be open to the Inspection, Examination, and Controul of the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury for the Time being.

Quarterly Accounts to be laid before Courts.

Registrar to retain Money for the current Business of the Office.

Balance to be paid quarterly into the Exchequer.

II. And be it further enacted, That there shall be exhibited to the Court to which every such Registrar shall belong, Fourteen Days at least before each of the Quarter Days hereinafter mentioned, an Account of the Amount of such Surplus of Two-thirds for the current Quarter, and the same shall be verified by the Oath of such Registrar; and so much of such Amount as shall be directed by the Court shall be detained in the Hands of the Registrar for the current Business of the Office; and the Balance shall be paid into the Exchequer by such Registrar on or before the Fourth Day of *January*, the Fourth Day of *April*, the Fourth Day of *July*, and the Ninth Day of *October*, in every Year next ensuing the exhibiting of any such Account to the Court as aforesaid.

Office of Registrar not to be executed by Deputy.

III. And be it further enacted, That no Office of Registrar of the High Court of Admiralty, or of the High Court of Appeals for Prizes, or High Court of Delegates in *Great Britain*, shall after the Expiration of the Interest now vested in Possession or Reversion therein, be granted for a longer Term than during Pleasure, nor be executed by Deputy; but the Person appointed Registrar, and receiving the Fees and Emoluments of the Office, shall by himself or with an Assistant, in case an Assistant shall be necessary, in Person execute the Duties thereof.

Judge of the Admiralty may, if necessary, direct the Appointment of an Assistant Registrar.

His Salary.

IV. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the Judge of the High Court of Admiralty at any Time when the State of the Business of the said Court, or in the High Court of Appeals for Prizes, or High Court of Delegates in *Great Britain*, shall appear to him to require the Appointment of an Assistant Registrar, to direct the Registrar to make such Appointment, either with or without the Request and Consent of the said Registrar, and such Assistant Registrar shall be entitled to receive not less than One Third, nor more than One Moiety of One Third of the said Surplus hereby enacted to belong to such Registrar and his Assistant, according as the said Judge may from Time to Time direct and appoint.

His Majesty not restrained from altering the Table of Fees.

V. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall be construed to restrain His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, from regulating the Fees of the said Court, and from amending and altering the Table of Fees therein, as by His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, with the Advice of His or their Privy Council, shall be thought necessary or proper; but that it shall and may be lawful for His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, to make such Regulations, and in such Manner with regard to the same, as if this Act had not been passed.

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