

ANNO QUINQUAGESIMO

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as well within Liberties as without; and alſo the Office and Duties of Surveyor General of all and ſingular His Majeſty's Woods whatſoever in the North Parts of *England* beyond the River *Trent*, in the Survey, Ordering, and Government of His Majeſty's Court of Exchequer, then being or thereafter happening to be, and of all and ſingular His Majeſty's Woods whatſoever in the Parks, Foreſts, and Chaſes, and in His Majeſty's Lands of the ancient Inheritance of His Majeſty's Crown being in the North Parts of *England* beyond the River *Trent* aforeſaid; and the Office and Duties of Surveyor General of all and ſingular His Majeſty's Woods whatſoever in the Parks, Foreſts, and Chaſes, and in His Majeſty's Lands of the ancient Inheritance of His Majeſty's Crown, being in the Parts of *England* on this Side the River *Trent* aforeſaid, in the Survey, Ordering, and Government of the ſame Court; the Buſineſs hitherto tranſacted, and the Powers exerciſed by the Surveyor General of the Land Revenue of the Crown, by whatſoever Name or Names of Office the ſaid Officer is or hath been called or denominated in any Letters Patent, Act of Parliament, or otherwiſe howſoever; and alſo the Buſineſs hitherto tranſacted, and the Powers exerciſed by and the Revenue under the Management of the Surveyors or Surveyor General of His Majeſty's Woods, Foreſts, Parks, and Chaſes, by whatſoever Name or Names of Office the ſaid laſt mentioned Officers are or have been called or denominated in any Letters Patent, Act of Parliament, or otherwiſe howſoever, ſhall, from and immediately after ſuch Appointment, be jointly conducted and managed by ſuch Commiſſioners ſo to be appointed as aforeſaid, or by ſuch other Commiſſioners, not being leſs than Two nor more than Three at any one Time, as ſhall be hereafter from Time to Time named and appointed by His ſaid Majeſty, His Heirs and Succeſſors, in that Behalf, and ſuch Commiſſioners ſo to be appointed ſhall be and be called "The Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Woods, Foreſts, and Land Revenues;" and that all Acts, Matters and Things to be done by the ſaid Commiſſioners ſo to be appointed as aforeſaid, or by any Two of them, or (in Caſes where the ſame ſhall be ſo ordered and directed by the Lord High Treaſurer or any Three or more of the Commiſſioners of the Treaſury, according to the Power herein contained) by any One of them, ſhall be as valid and effectual to all Intents and Purpoſes, as if the ſame had been done by any ſuch Surveyor General of the Land Revenue of the Crown in diſcharge of his official Duties, or by any ſuch Surveyors or Surveyor General of His Majeſty's Woods, Foreſts, Parks, and Chaſes, in diſcharge of their official Duties, or of any of them; and that from and immediately after ſuch Appointment, all Sales, Enfranchiſements, Purchaſes, Exchanges, Conveyances, Surveys, Views, Eſtimates, Orders, Directions, Drafts on the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, and all other Acts, Matters and Things whatſoever, which by virtue of any Law, Statute or Uſage in force or practice, immediately before the paſſing of this Act, or by any Condition, Covenant or Clauſe in any ſubſiſting Grant, Leaſe or Demiſe contained, are or may be or ought to be made, done, performed, or given or exerciſed by or to the ſaid Surveyors or Surveyor General of the Land Revenue of the Crown, or by or to the ſaid Surveyor General of His Majeſty's Woods, Foreſts, Parks, and Chaſes, may and ſhall be made, done, performed and given by and to the ſaid Commiſſioners for the Time being, or Two of ſuch Commiſſioners, or (in Caſes wherein the ſame ſhall be ſo ordered and directed by the Lord High Treaſurer, or any Three or more of the Commiſſioners of the Treaſury, according to the Power herein contained) by or to one only of ſuch Commiſſioners;

Deſcription of ſuch Commiſſioners.

miſſioners; and ſuch Commiſſioners ſhall have and exerciſe the ſame Powers and Duties in all Things, not hereby otherwiſe provided for, as the ſaid Surveyors General reſpectively lawfully had and exerciſed or might exerciſe.

Commiſſioners are to obſerve the Directions of the Treaſury.

II. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the ſaid Commiſſioners ſo to be appointed as aforeſaid, and every of them, ſhall from Time to Time obſerve, perform, fulfil, and keep all and ſingular the Orders, Rules, Inſtructions, and Directions, not being contrary to the Proviſions of this Act, which from Time to Time ſhall be made or given to them, or any or either of them, by the Lord High Treaſurer, or any Three or more of the Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Treaſury for the Time being, touching or concerning the Execution and Diſcharge of their ſaid Office, and the Arrangement and Diviſion of the Buſineſs of the ſame amongſt the ſaid Commiſſioners.

Treaſury may direct the Acts required to be done by Two Commiſſioners to be done by One, except Drafts on the Bank and Sales of Stock.

III. Provided alſo, and be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Lord High Treaſurer, or any Three or more of the Commiſſioners of the Treaſury for the Time being, by Warrant under his or their Hand or Hands, from Time to Time, and at all Times hereafter, whenſoever it ſhall by him or them be thought fit and expedient ſo to do, to order and direct all or any of the Acts, Matters, or Things which by this Act are required to be done or made by or to Two at the leaſt of ſuch Commiſſioners (Drafts on the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, and Orders for the Sale of Stock ſtanding in the Books of the ſaid Governor and Company only excepted), to be done or made by or to One only of ſuch Commiſſioners; and every ſuch Order and Direction as laſt aforeſaid ſhall be obeyed and obſerved by ſuch Commiſſioners, and all other Perſons whatſoever; and every Act, Matter, or Thing done or made by or to One only of ſuch Commiſſioners, in purſuance of any ſuch Order or Direction, ſhall be as valid and effectual, to all Intents and Purpoſes, as if the ſame had been done or made by or to all ſuch Commiſſioners; any Thing herein contained to the contrary thereof in anywiſe notwithſtanding.

Certificates to be in the Form preſcribed by former Acts.

IV. And be it further enacted, That from and after ſuch Appointment, all Certificates, Conveyances, Drafts, Orders, Nominations, Reports, and other Matters in Writing whatſoever, to be made by or to the ſaid Commiſſioners, according to the Powers veſted in the ſaid Surveyor General of the Land Revenue of the Crown, or the Surveyors or Surveyor General of His Majeſty's Woods, Foreſts, Parks, and Chaſes, by any Act or Acts of Parliament now in force, ſhall and may be made according to the Forms preſcribed or ſet forth in ſuch Act or Acts of Parliament, ſubſtituting only the Title of the ſaid Commiſſioners, in the Place of the Title of the Officer, in ſuch Forms mentioned; and the Seals and Seal, and Signatures and Signature, or the Signatures or Signature only (as the Caſe may be) of any Two or (in Caſes where the ſame ſhall be ſo ordered and directed by the Lord High Treaſurer, or any Three or more of the Commiſſioners of the Treaſury, according to the Power herein contained) of any One of the Commiſſioners ſo to be appointed as aforeſaid, to any ſuch Certificate, Conveyance, Draft, Order, Nomination, or other Matter in Writing, ſhall be as valid and effectual as if the ſame were ſigned and ſealed, or ſigned only (as the Caſe may be) by the Whole of ſuch Commiſſioners;

Seals or Signatures of Two Commiſſioners to be ſufficient.

Reports required to be made by either of the Surveyors are to be made by the Commissioners.

missioners; and that all Certificates and Reports which by any Act of Parliament now in being were required to be made by the Surveyor General of the Land Revenue of the Crown, or the Surveyor General of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, Parks, and Chases, shall be and the same are hereby required to be made by the said Commissioners, or any Two of them, or (in Cases where the same shall be so ordered and directed as aforesaid, according to the Power herein contained) by any One of them, at such Time and Times, and in such Manner and Form as the said Surveyors or either of them were or was required to make the same.

Commissioners to be sworn.

V. And be it further enacted, That any of the said Commissioners so to be appointed as aforesaid, shall, before he presumes to act in pursuance of such Appointment, take the following Oath, to be administered by the Chief Baron, or one other of the Barons of His Majesty's Court of Exchequer; (that is to say),

'I *A. B.* do swear, That I will truly, honestly, faithfully, and diligently execute the Duties of a Commissioner of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenue, and that I will not for the Execution thereof, or on any other Account or Pretext whatsoever, receive, take, or accept, in respect of the said Office, at any Time, any Emolument, pecuniary or other, except or beyond the Salary allowed by a certain Act of Parliament, intituled, *An Act for uniting the several Offices of Surveyor General of the Land Revenues of the Crown, and Surveyor General of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, Parks, and Chases.*'

Salaries of Commissioners.

VI. And be it further enacted, That in lieu of all Salaries, Wages, Fees, Perquisites, and Emoluments heretofore paid to, or received, retained, had, or enjoyed by the said Surveyors General, or either of them, His Majesty may, by such Letters Patent as aforesaid, grant to the several Persons therein named the following Salaries and Allowances; (that is to say), to the Person first named therein, who shall be Chairman of the Commission, a Salary of Two thousand Pounds *per Annum*, and to the other Commissioners a Salary of One thousand two hundred Pounds *per Annum* each, which Salaries shall be clear of all Fees and Deductions, one Moiety of such respective Salaries to be paid in such Manner as the Salary of the Surveyor General of Woods and Forests, and the other Moiety thereof respectively in such Manner as the Salary of the Surveyor General of the Land Revenue have heretofore been paid; and the Salary of every such Commissioner shall commence and be computed from the Day of the Date of his Appointment, and be received from Time to Time as the same shall become due by quarterly Payments; and if any such Commissioner shall happen to be removed from his said Office, or to die after any of the aforesaid Days of Payment, and before another of the same Days of Payment shall occur, then such Salary shall be computed by the Day, and shall be paid to such Commissioner, his Executors, or Administrators, for so many Days as the said Office shall have been exercised by such Commissioner from the Time of the last preceding Day of Payment of the said Salary.

Fees abolished;

VII. And be it further enacted, That from and after such Appointment, all Salaries, Wages, Fees, and Perquisites whatsoever, heretofore paid to or received or had by the Surveyor General of the Land Revenue of the Crown, or the

the Surveyors or Surveyor General of His Majeſty's Woods, Foreſts, Parks, and Chaſes, by whatſoever Name or Names the ſaid Officers or either of them are is or ought to be called (except the Fees uſually paid upon the Aſſignment of Leaſes, and upon Searches for and Copies of Leaſes, Grants or other Documents belonging or relating to the ſaid ſeveral Offices or any or either of them, or which may be in the Cuſtody of the ſaid Commiſſioners) ſhall ceaſe and be aboliſhed; and that the ſaid Fees above excepted ſhall from thenceforth be paid to the ſaid Commiſſioners, to be by them accounted for in ſuch Manner as the ſame have heretofore been accounted for by the Surveyor General of the Land Revenue: Provided always, that where any Fine or Rent ſhall have been eſtimated and fixed for the granting or renewal of any Leaſe, or any Sum of Money ſhall have been fixed and agreed upon for any Sale, Enfranchiſement, or Exchange before ſuch Appointment as aforeſaid, then and in every ſuch Caſe the Fees which would have been payable to the Surveyor General of the Land Revenue of the Crown by the Leſſee, Purchaſer, or Perſon making the Exchange if this Act had not been made, ſhall be paid by any ſuch Leſſee, Purchaſer, or Perſon making Exchange into the Hands of the ſaid Commiſſioners, to be by them accounted for in the like Manner as is hereinbefore directed with reſpect to Fees payable upon the Aſſignments of Leaſes, Searches, and Copies hereinbefore mentioned.

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Such Fees to be accounted for.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That notwithſtanding any ſuch Appointment of Commiſſioners to be made in purſuance of this Act, all Deputies, Clerks, Officers, Miniſters, and Surveyors whatſoever, theretofore lawfully appointed to and then exerciſing or enjoying their reſpective Offices, ſhall remain and continue in their reſpective Offices and in the Exerciſe and Enjoyment thereof, until they ſhall be duly removed or otherwiſe diſcharged therefrom; and that it ſhall and may be lawful to and for ſuch Commiſſioners to be ſo appointed as aforeſaid, or any Two of them (or in caſes where the ſame ſhall be ſo ordered and directed by the Lord High Treaſurer or any Three or more of the Commiſſioners of the Treaſury according to the Power herein contained for any One of them) from Time to Time, by and with the Conſent and Approbation of the Lords Commiſſioners of the Treaſury for the Time being, or any Three or more of them, to nominate, appoint, and remove all ſuch Deputies, Clerks, Officers, Miniſters, and Surveyors, as have been heretofore uſually nominated, appointed, and removed by the ſaid Surveyors General, or either of them, and alſo to nominate, appoint, and remove, by and with the like Conſent and Approbation, all ſuch Deputies, Clerks, Officers, Miniſters, and Surveyors, as have been heretofore uſually nominated, appointed, and removed in that Manner, or as ſhall be neceſſary or proper for the due Execution of this Act; and all and every the Deputies, Clerks, Officers, Miniſters, and Surveyors, to be ſo nominated and appointed as aforeſaid, ſhall be entitled to and ſhall have, receive and enjoy ſuch Salaries reſpectively, as the ſame Deputies, Clerks, Officers, Miniſters, and Surveyors, received, enjoyed, or were entitled to, on the Firſt Day of *January* in the Year of our Lord One thouſand eight hundred and nine, or as ſhall be in that Behalf from Time to Time directed by the Lord High Treaſurer, or any Three or more of the Commiſſioners of the Treaſury for the Time being; and all ſuch Salaries ſhall be payable Quarterly, on the Four moſt uſual Feaſts or Days of Payment of Rent in the Year.

Old Officers to continue.

New Officers may be appointed and removed.

48 G. 3. c. 73. IX. And whereas by an Act made in the Forty-eighth Year of His ſaid Majeſty's Reign, intituled, *An Act to improve the Land Revenue of the Crown in* England, *and alſo of His Majeſty's Duchy of* Lancaſter, it was among other Things enacted, That it ſhould and might be lawful for the Surveyor General of His Majeſty's Land Revenue, with the Approbation of and by the Direction of the Lord High Treaſurer or Commiſſioners of the Treaſury for the Time being, or any Three of them, to contract and agree with any Body or Bodies Politick or Corporate, or Perſon or Perſons holding any Meſſuages, Lands, Premiſes, Tenements, or Hereditaments belonging to the Crown, for the Surrender of any Leaſe thereof, or to purchaſe and buy up any Leaſe or the Remainder of any Term of any Leaſe, of any Meſſuages, Lands, Premiſes, Tenements, or Hereditaments belonging to the Crown, which might be convenient for the Publick Service, and might by any Three or more of the Commiſſioners of the Treaſury for the Time being, be deemed eligible to be purchaſed or bought up, and to pay the Conſideration agreed to be paid for ſuch Surrender or Purchaſe, to the Body or Bodies or Perſon or Perſons entitled thereto, out of any Money ariſing from any Sales theretofore made, and which might be veſted in the Bank of *England*, in the Three Pounds *per Centum* Conſolidated Bank Annuities, or which might thereafter ariſe from any Sale of any Property belonging to the Crown under the ſame Act or the Acts therein recited: And whereas the Money ariſing from ſuch Sales is by Law required to be paid into the Bank of *England*, and to be afterwards inveſted in the Purchaſe of Three Pounds *per Centum* Conſolidated Bank Annuities, and no expreſs Proviſion is made in the ſaid in Part recited Act for the Sale of ſuch Annuities, in order to pay the ſaid Conſideration Money; be it therefore further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Commiſſioners from Time to Time, as Occaſion ſhall require, to ſell and transfer any ſuch Conſolidated Bank Annuities as are in the ſaid in Part recited Act mentioned, and to convert the ſame into Money, in order to pay ſuch Conſideration Money as aforeſaid, and the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England* are hereby authorized and required to permit Transfers of ſuch Conſolidated Bank Annuities to be from Time to Time made by the ſaid Commiſſioners under the Hand of any One or more of the ſaid Commiſſioners: Provided always, that a Note in Writing under the Hands of Two at leaſt of the ſaid Commiſſioners, ſpecifying the Sum of Money required to be raiſed, and the Purpoſe for which the ſame is intended to be applied, ſhall be made out and delivered to the ſaid Governor and Company, Three Days at the leaſt before any ſuch Transfer ſhall be made; and ſuch Note ſhall be a ſufficient Authority and Indemnity to the ſaid Governor and Company for the Transfer made in purſuance thereof.

Commiſſioners may ſell Stock to pay for the Surrender of Leaſes, or the Purchaſe of the Reſidue of Terms.

Officers to be ſworn.

X. And be it further enacted, That from and after ſuch Appointment of Commiſſioners as aforeſaid, every Officer appointed to any Office by or under the ſaid Commiſſioners ſhall take the following Oath, to be adminiſtered to him by any one or more of the ſaid Commiſſioners, or by any Juſtice of the Peace or Magiſtrate, if any one or more of the ſaid Commiſſioners ſhall direct that any ſuch Officer ſhall be ſworn before any Juſtice of the Peace or Magiſtrate, and which Oath may, in any ſuch Caſe, be adminiſtered by any Juſtice of the Peace or Magiſtrate; (that is to ſay),

'I *A.B.* do ſwear, That I will truly, honeſtly, faithfully, and diligently execute the Duties of the Office to which I have been appointed by [*or*, under] the Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Woods, Foreſts, and Land Revenue, and that I will not for the Execution thereof, or on any other Account or Pretext whatſoever, receive, take, or accept in reſpect of the ſaid Office at any Time any Perquiſite of any Deſcription, or any Emolument pecuniary or other, except or beyond the Salary and Allowances [*if any*] lawfully annexed to the ſaid Office to which I have been appointed.

'So help me GOD.'

Surveys to be tranſmitted to the Commiſſioners.

XI. And be it further enacted, That all Surveys, Returns, Reports, Eſtimates, Accounts, and other Matters and Things whatſoever, which any Officer or other Perſon whatſoever is by any Law or Statute in force immediately before the paſſing of this Act required to tranſmit, render, or deliver to the ſaid Surveyor General of the Land Revenue of the Crown, or to the ſaid Surveyors or Surveyor General of His Majeſty's Woods, Foreſts, Parks, and Chaſes, ſhall, from and after ſuch Appointment of Commiſſioners as aforeſaid, be tranſmitted, rendered, or delivered to the ſaid Commiſſioners at ſuch Time and Times and in ſuch Manner and Form as the ſame were or ought to have been tranſmitted, rendered, or delivered before the paſſing of this Act; and alſo, that it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Commiſſioners, or any one of them, and they or one of them are and is hereby authorized to receive a Verification, and take an Examination upon Oath, touching and concerning the Matters of ſuch Surveys, Returns, Reports, Eſtimates, Accounts, and other Matters and Things, of and from every Officer and other Perſon in all Caſes wherein the ſaid Surveyor General of the Land Revenue of the Crown, or the ſaid Surveyors or Surveyor General of His Majeſty's Woods, Foreſts, Parks, and Chaſes, was immediately before the paſſing of this Act by Law authorized to do; and if any Officer or other Perſon ſhall in any ſuch Verification or Examination upon Oath as aforeſaid be guilty of wilful and corrupt Perjury, ſuch Officer or other Perſon ſo offending ſhall be liable to be puniſhed in ſuch Manner as is provided by the different Laws and Statutes now in force for the Puniſhment of wilful and corrupt Perjury.

46 G. 3. c. 142.

XII. And whereas by a certain Act of Parliament made in the Forty-ſixth Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, intituled, *An Act for the better Regulation of the Office of Surveyor General of Woods and Foreſts*, it was enacted, that from and after the paſſing of that Act, all Sums of Money, Bills, and Drafts received by ſuch Surveyor General on account of the Revenue under his Management, ſhould the Day after the ſame ſhould have been received, or the Day after any Bill ſhould have been accepted, if the ſame was not accepted at the Time it was received by the Receiver General, be paid by him into the Hands of the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, for which the Receipt of the Caſhier or Caſhiers of the ſaid Governor and Company ſhould be a ſufficient Diſcharge; and all ſuch Monies, Bills, and Drafts ſo to be paid to the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, ſhould be placed to an Account to be raiſed in the Books of the ſaid Governor and Company, and to be intituled, "The Account of the Public Monies of the Surveyor "General of the Woods and Foreſts," inſerting the Name of ſuch Surveyor General for the Time being: And whereas ſuch an Account hath been

been opened, and is now ſtanding in the Name of the preſent Surveyor General of the Woods and Foreſts; and it is expedient, that upon the Appointment of ſuch Commiſſioners, the Balance then remaining due upon ſuch Account from the ſaid Governor and Company, and all Bills and Drafts then ſtanding upon ſuch Account, and not then paid, ſhould be transferred to and placed under the Diſpoſal of the ſaid Commiſſioners; be it therefore enacted, That upon the Appointment of ſuch Commiſſioners, the Balance which ſhall be then remaining due upon ſuch Account from the ſaid Governor and Company, and all Bills and Drafts then ſtanding upon ſuch Account, and not then paid, ſhall be forthwith placed to an Account to be raiſed in the Books of the ſaid Governor and Company, intituled, "The Account of the Publick Monies of [*Names of the Commiſſioners*] the Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Woods, Foreſts, and Land Revenue, being the Woods and Foreſts Fund;" and ſuch Balance, and the Produce of ſuch Bills and Drafts, when paid, ſhall be at the Diſpoſal of the ſaid Commiſſioners, in the Manner herein-after directed with reſpect to the Monies to be hereafter placed to the like Account; and from and after ſuch Appointment of Commiſſioners as aforeſaid, all Sums of Money, Bills, and Drafts received by the Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Woods, Foreſts, and Land Revenue, on Account of the Revenue heretofore under the Management of the Surveyor General of His Majeſty's Woods, Foreſts, Parks, and Chaſes, ſhall within Two Days after the ſame ſhall have been received, or within Two Days after any Bill ſhall have been accepted, completed, and perfected, if the ſame be not accepted, completed, and perfected at the Time it ſhall be received by the ſaid Commiſſioners, be paid by them into the Hands of the ſaid Governor and Company, for which the Receipt of the Caſhier or Caſhiers of the ſaid Governor and Company ſhall be a ſufficient Diſcharge; and all ſuch Monies, Bills, and Drafts ſo to be paid to the ſaid Governor and Company, ſhall from Time to Time be placed to ſuch Account as is hereinbefore directed to be raiſed in the Books of the ſaid Governor and Company, to be entitled as aforeſaid.

Balance of Account of the Surveyor General of Woods, &c. to be tranſferred to the Commiſſioners.

Money received on account of the Revenue formerly under the Management of the Surveyor General of Woods ſhall be paid into the Bank.

Commiſſioners may retain a Sum in their Hands for current Payments.

XIII. Provided nevertheleſs, and be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful for ſuch Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Woods, Foreſts, and Land Revenue, to reſerve out of the Produce of the Revenue heretofore under the Management of the Surveyor General of His Majeſty's Woods, Foreſts, Parks, and Chaſes, for caſual and ordinary Payments, in the Hands of any private Banker to be nominated by any Three or more of the Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Treaſury, a Sum not exceeding Three thouſand Pounds, to be drawn for by any Two or One of the ſaid Commiſſioners as ſhall or may be directed by any Three or more of the Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Treaſury; and if at any Time the Sum ſo reſerved ſhall be reduced below Three thouſand Pounds, then it ſhall and may be lawful for ſuch Commiſſioners from Time to Time to make up the ſame to the Sum of Three thouſand Pounds, by Drafts, under the Hands of any Two or more of them, upon the Funds depoſited in the Hands of the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*.

Payments to be made by Drafts on the Bank, ſpecifying the particular Service.

XIV. And be it further enacted, That the Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Woods, Foreſts and Land Revenue, ſhall make all Payments required to be made out of the Monies to be depoſited in the Bank of *England*, by Drafts under the Hands of any Two or more of them on the ſaid Bank, and

and shall specify on such Draft the particular Service, Salary, or other Charge, Purpose, or Cause for which such Draft shall be given; and every such Draft shall also have marked in the Margin thereof a Figure corresponding to the Page in a Book to be kept by the said Commissioners, wherein Entry shall be made of the particular Service, Salary, or other Charge, Purpose, or Cause, for which such Draft shall be given.

Drafts shall be Authority to the Bank.

XV. And be it further enacted, That all Drafts drawn pursuant to the Directions of this Act, but not otherwise, shall be sufficient Authority to the Bank of *England* to pay the Amount thereof to the Persons mentioned in such Drafts, or to the Bearer of them.

On Death or Resignation, Cash in the Bank to vest in Survivors or Successors.

XVI. And be it further enacted, That upon the Death, Resignation, or Removal of any One of the Commissioners of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenue, being Three in Number, the Balance of Cash, together with all unpaid Bills and Drafts for which the said Commissioners shall at the Time of such Death or Removal have Credit on their Account with the said Governor and Company, shall actually vest in Two surviving or remaining Commissioners in Trust for His Majesty's Service, and forthwith, and before any Thing shall be added thereto or drawn therefrom, be transferred, carried over, and placed to the Account of such Two surviving or remaining Commissioners in Trust, for His Majesty's Service, to be applied to the said Service in pursuance of the like Drafts and Orders as aforesaid; and that upon the Death, Resignation, or Removal of any One of the Commissioners of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenue, being Two only in Number, and also upon the Death, Resignation, or Removal of the whole Number of such Commissioners, the Balance of Cash, together with all unpaid Bills and Drafts for which the said Commissioners shall at that Time have Credit on their Account as Commissioners of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenue, with the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, shall as soon as a new Commissioner or Commissioners shall be appointed to the said Office, so as to make the Number of Commissioners not less than Two, actually vest in such New Commissioner or Commissioners, and the surviving or remaining Commissioner, if any such shall be and continue in Office, and if not, then in such new Commissioners only in Trust for His Majesty's Service, and forthwith and before any Thing shall be added thereto or taken therefrom, be transferred, carried over, and placed to the Account of such new and surviving or remaining Commissioner or Commissioners, or of such new Commissioners only (as the Case may be) to be applied to the said Service in pursuance of the like Drafts and Orders as aforesaid; and the Commissioners of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenue for the Time being shall, and they are hereby directed to issue their Drafts and Orders, under the Hands of any Two or more of them as aforesaid, for all unsatisfied Charges and Demands on account of His Majesty's Service, although the same shall have accrued in the Time of any former Commissioner or Commissioners of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenue.

Commissioners shall keep Account with the Bank.

XVII. And be it further enacted, That from and after such Appointment of Commissioners as aforesaid, the said Commissioners for the Time being shall keep the Account with the Bank of all Monies issued on their Account for His Majesty's Service; and the same Commissioners, observing the Rules and Regulations hereby prescribed, shall not be answerable, either

collectively or individually, for any Money which they the ſaid Commiſſioners or any or either of them, ſhall have ſo paid into the Bank of *England*; and the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England* ſhall be anſwerable for all the Monies which ſhall be actually received by them from ſuch Commiſſioners.

Forging of Drafts, &c.

XVIII. And be it further enacted, That if any Perſon or Perſons ſhall knowingly and wilfully forge or counterfeit, or knowingly and wilfully act or aſſiſt in forging or counterfeiting the Name or Hand-writing of either of the ſaid Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Woods, Foreſts, and Land Revenue for the Time being, to any Draft, Inſtrument or Writing whatſoever, for, or in order to the receiving or obtaining any of the Money in the Hands or Cuſtody of the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England* on account of the ſaid Commiſſioners, or ſhall forge or counterfeit, or cauſe or procure to be forged or counterfeited, or knowingly and wilfully act or aſſiſt in the forging or counterfeiting any Draft, Inſtrument, or Writing in Form of a Draft made by the ſaid Commiſſioners, or any or either of them, or ſhall utter or publiſh any ſuch, knowing the ſame to be forged or counterfeited, with an Intent to defraud the ſaid Governor and Company, or any Body Corporate, or any Perſon or Perſons whomſoever, every Perſon or Perſons ſo offending, being thereof lawfully convicted, ſhall be, and is and are hereby declared and adjudged to be guilty of Felony without Benefit of Clergy.

Commiſſioners may ſend and receive Letters free of Poſtage.

XIX. And whereas the Privilege of ſending and receiving Letters and Packets free from the Duty of Poſtage is given to each of the ſaid Surveyors General, and it is expedient to grant the like Privilege to the Commiſſioner firſt named in any Appointment to be made in purſuance of this Act; be it therefore enacted, That from and after ſuch Appointment of Commiſſioners, the firſt named Commiſſioner in ſuch Appointment for the Time being ſhall and may receive and ſend Letters and Packets free from the Duty of Poſtage, in ſuch Manner and under ſuch Reſtrictions as other Officers mentioned in an Act made in the Fourth Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, intituled, *An Act for preventing Frauds and Abuſes in relation to the ſending and receiving Letters and Packets free from the Duty of Poſtage*; and alſo in another Act made in the Forty-ſecond Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, intituled, *An Act to authorize the ſending and receiving Letters and Packets, Votes, Proceedings in Parliament, and printed Newſpapers by the Poſt, free from the Duty of Poſtage by the Members of the Two Houſes of Parliament of the United Kingdom, and by certain Publick Officers therein named, and for reducing the Poſtage of ſuch Votes, Proceedings, and Newſpapers, when ſent by any other Perſons*, are thereby permitted, in reſpect of their Offices, to ſend and receive the ſame in purſuance of the ſaid Act; any Law or Uſage to the contrary in anywiſe notwithſtanding.

4 G. 3. c. 24.

42 G. 3. c. 63.

The firſt Commiſſioner ſhall be ſubſtituted in the Place of the Surveyor General of Woods, with-

XX. And whereas the Surveyor General of His Majeſty's Woods and Foreſts for the Time being is one of the Perſons authorized and appointed to act in the Execution of ſeveral Letters Patent of His ſaid Majeſty: And whereas it will be expedient that the Perſon to be firſt named in any Appointment of Commiſſioners to be made in purſuance of this Act, ſhould be ſubſtituted in the Place and Stead of the ſaid Surveyor General in the Execution of ſuch Letters Patent; and that this ſhould be done without

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the iſſuing of new or other Letters Patent for that Purpoſe; be it therefore further enacted, That from and after any Appointment of Commiſſioners in purſuance of this Act, and during the Continuance of any ſuch Appointment, the Perſon firſt named in any ſuch Appointment for the Time being ſhall be and be deemed and taken to be one of the Perſons authorized and appointed to act in the Execution of all and ſingular ſuch Letters Patent as aforeſaid, in the Place and Stead of the ſaid Surveyor General, as fully and in the like Manner, to all Intents and Purpoſes, as if ſuch Perſon ſo firſt named for the Time being was expreſsly named in and authorized and appointed to act in the Execution of the ſame Letters Patent, and of each and every of them.

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XXI. And be it further enacted, That any One of the ſaid Commiſſioners may be elected and choſen, and may ſit and vote as a Member of the Houſe of Commons of the United Parliament of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, any Thing in any Act or Acts of Parliament to the contrary notwithſtanding: Provided always, that only one of ſuch Commiſſioners ſhall be capable of being ſo elected, or of ſo ſitting and voting at the ſame Time.

Only One Commiſſioner allowed to ſit in Parliament.

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