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An Act to continue until the Twenty-fifth Day of *March* One thouſand eight hundred and twelve, an Act of the Forty-fifth Year of His preſent Majeſty, for appointing Commiſſioners to enquire into the Public Expenditure and the Conduct of the Public Buſineſs in the Military Departments therein mentioned, and to extend the ſame to Public Works executed by the Office of Works and others.

[4th *April* 1811.]

WHEREAS an Act was paſſed in the Forty-fifth Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, intituled, *An Act to appoint Commiſſioners to enquire and examine into the Public Expenditure, and the Conduct of Public Buſineſs in the Military Departments therein mentioned, and to report ſuch Obſervations as ſhall occur to them, for correcting or preventing any Abuſes and Irregularities, and for the better conducting and managing the Buſineſs of the ſaid Departments, to continue in force for Two Years, and from thence until the Expiration of Six Weeks after the Commencement of the then next Seſſion of Parliament*; which ſaid Act was continued by ſubſequent Acts until the Twenty-fifth Day of *March* One thouſand eight hundred and eleven: And whereas it is expedient that the ſaid Act and the Powers of the ſaid Commiſſioners ſhould be revived and further continued for a limited Period, and ſhould be extended to an Enquiry into the Expenditure and Conduct of the Buſineſs in the Office of Works, and into the 45 G.3. c.47.

Execution of other Public Works hereafter mentioned: 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 the ſaid recited Act and all the Powers and Proviſions therein contained, as extended by this Act, ſhall be and the ſame are hereby revived and further continued in full force from the Twenty-fifth Day of *March* One thouſand eight hundred and eleven, to the Twenty-fifth Day of *March* One thouſand eight hundred and twelve.

Recited Act continued till March 25th, 1812.

II. And be it further enacted, That in addition to the ſeveral Offices which the ſaid Commiſſioners are directed to enquire into by the ſaid recited Act, ſuch Commiſſioners ſhall alſo enquire and examine into the Public Expenditure and Conduct of Buſineſs in the Office of Works, and alſo into the Mode and Syſtem purſued in the Conduct and Execution of Public Works, the Expences of which are ſpecially voted by Parliament, and are not included in the Eſtimates of any Public Department, and which may not come under the immediate Controul and Direction of the Office of Works; and whether any and what Abuſes or Irregularities exiſt, and in any ſuch Caſes as appear to them to require it, whether any or what Abuſes or Irregularities have exiſted in ſuch Office or Department, or in the Execution of ſuch other Works, or have been practiſed or committed by any Perſon or Perſons that now are or have been concerned in managing, conducting or tranſacting the Buſineſs of the ſaid Office or Department, or other Works, or been in any Manner employed therein; and ſhall report upon and ſtate the ſame to His Majeſty and to both Houſes of Parliament, and alſo report on the moſt effectual Means of remedying the ſame; and generally ſhall report on the State and Management of the ſaid Office and Department and other Works, and ſuggeſt any ſuch Regulations for the better carrying on the Public Service in regard thereto as may appear to them moſt conducive to the Public Intereſt.

Commiſſioners to enquire into the Public Expenditure and Conduct of Buſineſs in the Office of Works, &c.

III. And be it further enacted, That all Powers, Proviſions, Penalties, and Means of recovering the ſame, Clauſes, Matters and Things contained in the ſaid recited Act relative to the Inquiry into the Offices and Departments therein mentioned, ſhall be in force and be applied as far as the ſame are applicable to the conducting the Inquiry hereby authorized to be made into the Office of Works, and into the Execution of ſuch other Works as aforeſaid, in the ſame Manner as if the ſaid Office of Works and other Works had been originally included in the ſaid recited Act.

Powers of recited Act to extend to the Inquiry into the Office of Works.

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