

ANNO QUINQUAGESIMO SEPTIMO

GEORGII III. REGIS.

****

CAP. XVIII.

An Act to facilitate the hearing and determining of Suits in Equity in His Majesty's Court of Exchequer at *Westminster*. [29th *March* 1817.]

WHEREAS the Proceedings on the Common Law Side of the Court of Exchequer have of late Years greatly increased, by reason whereof a sufficient Proportion of Time cannot be allotted for hearing and determining Suits in Equity in the said Court: And whereas the Business of that Court might be more easily dispatched if the Lord Chief Baron, or One other of the Barons of the Degree of the Coif, were duly authorized to hear and determine Suits and Proceedings on the Equity Side thereof, as is hereinafter enacted; 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, That from and after the passing of this Act the Lord Chief Baron of the said Court for the Time being shall have Power to hear and determine all Causes, Matters, and Things which shall be at any Time depending in the said Court of Exchequer as a Court of Equity; and that if the said Lord Chief Baron shall by Sickness, or other unavoidable Cause, be prevented from sitting for the Purposes aforesaid, then it shall and may be lawful for His Majesty and His Successors to nominate and appoint from Time to Time, by Warrant under the Royal Sign Manual, revocable at Pleasure, any one other of the Barons of the Degree of the Coif of the said Court for the Time being to hear and determine such Causes, Matters, and Things.

The Chief Baron of the Court empowered to hear and determine Suits in Equity.

To ſit at ſuch Times as the Lord Chief Baron ſhall appoint.

II. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That the ſaid Lord Chief Baron, or the Baron ſo to be appointed, ſhall ſit at ſuch Times as the Lord Chief Baron and ſuch Baron ſhall reſpectively, with regard to Matters to be heard before them reſpectively, appoint, and whether the reſt of the Barons of the ſaid Court ſhall be ſitting or not; and that all Decrees, Orders, and Acts of the ſaid Lord Chief Baron, or of ſuch Baron ſo appointed as aforeſaid, ſhall be deemed and taken to be reſpectively, as the Nature of the Caſe ſhall require, Decrees, Orders, and Acts of the ſaid Court of Exchequer, and ſhall have Force and Validity and be executed accordingly; ſubject only to be reverſed, diſcharged, or altered by the Houſe of Lords, upon Appeal thereto, and as hereinafter mentioned.

All Decrees to have full Force and Validity; ſubject to Appeal to the Houſe of Lords.

Baron may on Petition rehear Cauſes.

III. Provided that it ſhall and may be lawful for the ſaid Lord Chief Baron, upon Petition by any of the Parties concerned, to re-hear any Cauſe or Matter before decided, ordered, adjudged, or decreed by ſuch Lord Chief Baron, or by any other Baron appointed as aforeſaid; and alſo for any Baron appointed as aforeſaid, upon ſuch Petition as aforeſaid, to re-hear any Cauſe or Matter before decided, ordered, adjudged, or decreed by him the ſame Baron, and reſpectively thereupon to make ſuch Order as may be juſt.

LONDON: Printed by GEORGE EYRE and ANDREW STRAHAN, Printers to the King's moſt Excellent Majeſty. 1817.