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An Act to amend an Act of the Forty-second Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, for regulating the Trial of controverted Elections or Returns of Members to serve in the United Parliament for *Ireland*. [24th *December* 1819.]

WHEREAS by virtue of the Regulations of an Act passed in the Forty-second Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act for regulating the Trial of controverted Elections or Returns of Members to serve in the United Parliament for* Ireland, certain Commissioners may be appointed for the Purposes of examining all such Matters and Things as shall be referred to them by a Select Committee appointed to try and determine the Merits of any Petition complaining of an undue Election or Return of a Member or Members to serve in the United Parliament for *Ireland*: And whereas the said Commissioners are by the said Act directed to transmit a Copy of the Minutes of their Proceedings to the Speaker of the House of Commons, within Ten Days after the Evidence before them shall be closed: And whereas the said Speaker is directed by the said Act, within Two Days after he shall have received such Copy, to insert in the *London Gazette* a Warrant signed by him, directing the Select Committee on the Petition in question to re-assemble and meet again within the Space of One Month from the Date of such Warrant, provided Parliament shall then be sitting: And whereas, under the Provisions of the said Act, the Day which

42 G.3.c.106. by which Commissioners are directed to transmit a Copy of their Proceedings within Ten Days after the Evidence before them shall be closed.

may be so appointed may happen to be at a Time when the House of Commons may be adjourned: And whereas it would be inconvenient that such Committee should re-assemble and meet when the said House may be so adjourned; in order to remedy such Inconvenience, 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 if the Speaker of the House of Commons shall receive a Copy of such Proceedings when the House of Commons shall be adjourned for a longer Period than One Month from the Day on which the said Speaker is directed to insert in the *London Gazette* his Warrant for the re-assembling and meeting of any such Committee, that then and in such Case the said Speaker shall, in such Warrant, direct such Committee to re-assemble and meet within One Month next after the Day to which the House may be adjourned; and if the said Speaker shall have directed the Committee to meet on any Day, and if the House of Commons shall subsequently adjourn to a Day beyond the Day so appointed for the re-assembling and meeting of such Committee, that then and in such Case the said Speaker shall insert another Warrant in the next *London Gazette* after such Adjournment, directing such Committee to re-assemble and meet within One Month next after the Day to which the said House may be adjourned, instead of on the Day first appointed, in pursuance of the Provisions of the said recited Act.

The Speaker on receiving a Copy of Proceedings, shall direct the Committee to meet within a limited Time after the Time to which the House may be adjourned.

II. And whereas it may be found impracticable, in some Instances, on account of the Quantity of Evidence taken before such Commissioners, for such Commissioners to transmit a Copy of the Minutes of their Proceedings to the Speaker of the House of Commons within Ten Days after the Evidence before them shall be closed; be it therefore enacted, That the said Commissioners shall, in such Cases, transmit such Copy with all convenient Dispatch, and at the same Time assign the Reasons for such Delay; which Reasons the Select Committee upon the Petition in question are hereby directed to investigate, and report their Opinion thereupon to the House, at the Time they make their Report on the Merits of such Petition.

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