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An Act to extend the Powers of the Commissioners appointed by an Act, passed in the last Session of Parliament, for inquiring into the Collection and Management of the Revenue in *Ireland*.

[24th *June* 1822.]

WHEREAS an Act passed in the First and Second Year of the Reign of His Majesty King *George* the Fourth, intituled *An Act to appoint Commissioners for inquiring into the Collection and Management of the Revenue in* Ireland, *and the several Establishments connected therewith*: (1 & 2 G. 4. c. 90.) And whereas it is expedient that the Commissioners appointed by the said Act, or who may be hereafter appointed under the Provisions thereof, for the Purposes mentioned in the said recited Act, should be empowered to inquire into the Collection and Management of the Public Revenues of Stamps, Assessed Taxes, and Post Office respectively in *England*, and of Customs, Excise, Stamps, Assessed Taxes, and Post Office respectively in *Scotland*, and of such other Office or Offices in *England* or *Scotland* as shall be named or described in any Sign Manual or Warrant to be issued by His Majesty for that Purpose, countersigned by the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, or any Three or more of them: 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 the Commissioners named in the said recited Act, or who may hereafter be appointed in pursuance of the Provisions thereof, shall be and are hereby constituted and appointed to be Commissioners for inquiring into the Collection and Management of the Revenues of Stamps, Assessed Taxes, and Post Office respectively

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in *England*, and of the Revenues of Customs, Excise, Stamps, Assessed Taxes, and Post Office respectively in *Scotland*, and of any Office or Offices named or described as aforesaid, in the same Manner, and with the same Powers and Authorities, and under the same Regulations and Directions, with respect to all Persons, Matters, and Things connected therewith, as are contained and provided in the said recited Act with respect to the Public Revenues arising in *Ireland*, made subject to the Inquiry of the said Commissioners by the said recited Act.

Commissioners may examine Persons in Customs and Excise in England.

II. And whereas, for the better and more effectually enabling the said Commissioners to ascertain whether the Introduction of a more uniform Practice in the Management of the Public Revenue in *Great Britain* and *Ireland* would not be beneficial, it is expedient that the said Commissioners should be empowered to call for such Accounts and Papers, and to require the Attendance of such Persons employed in the Collection and Management of the Revenues of Customs and Excise in *England*, as may enable the said Commissioners to ascertain the Mode of managing and collecting the said Revenues; be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners to call for and require all such Accounts and Papers, and to require the Attendance of all such Persons as may, in the Judgment of the said Commissioners, be necessary to enable the said Commissioners to ascertain the Mode of managing and collecting the said Revenue of Customs and Excise in *England*.

Powers of former Act extended to this Act.

III. And be it further enacted, That all the Powers and Authorities vested in the said Commissioners by the said recited Act, for enabling them to require the Attendance of Persons, and to examine them upon Oath, and to require the Production of Books, Papers, and Accounts connected with the Revenue arising in *Ireland*, and all the Clauses, Provisions, and Penalties, as well of Perjury as others, in the said recited Act contained, relating thereto, shall be and they are hereby extended to, and may and shall be used and exercised by the said Commissioners, and shall be in full force for the compelling the Attendance of all Persons, and for examining them upon Oath, and for the prosecuting and Punishment of any Person refusing to appear, or to be sworn, or to affirm or answer; and for the Prosecution and Punishment of Persons who shall wilfully and corruptly give false Evidence; and for enforcing the Production of Books, Papers, and Accounts in any way connected with or having relation to any of the Revenues specified in this Act, or in any Sign Manual or Warrant as aforesaid, for enabling the said Commissioners to make such Inquiries and Reports in relation to the Revenue aforesaid, made subject to their Inquiry, as fully and effectually, and in as full and ample a Manner, as if all such Powers and Authorities, Provisions, Regulations, and Clauses, were severally and separately repeated and re-enacted in this Act, and made Part thereof; and the said recited Act and this Act shall, for all the Purposes aforesaid, be construed as One Act.

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