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GEORGII IV. REGIS.

CAP. LVI.

An Act to provide for the more effectual Regulation of certain Offices relating to the Receipt of His Majesty's Exchequer in *Ireland*. [5th *July* 1822.]

WHEREAS by an Act made in the Fifty-seventh Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act to regulate the Offices of His Majesty's Exchequer in* England *and* Ireland *respectively*, it was among other things enacted, that the several and respective Duties of the several and respective Offices of Auditor and Teller of His Majesty's Exchequer, and Clerk of the Pells in *Ireland*, should from and after and upon the respective Termination of the respective then existing Interests in each of the said Offices respectively, and as each of the said Offices should become vacant upon the Termination of such existing Interests, be regulated under the Provisions of the said Act; and that from Time to Time, as any of such respective Offices should become vacant, it should be lawful for the Lord High Treasurer, or the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, to regulate the Duties and Establishments of the Offices so becoming vacant, in such Manner as in the said Act is mentioned: And whereas by an Act made in the said Fifty-seventh Year of the Reign of His said late Majesty, intituled *An Act to abolish certain Offices, and to regulate certain other Offices in* Ireland, it was among other things enacted, that the Duties of the Office of Muster Master General should, from and after and upon the Termination of the existing Interest in such Office, be regulated under the Provisions in the said last recited Act contained: And whereas since the passing of the said recited Acts, the Office of Teller of His Majesty's Exchequer in *Ireland* hath become vacant, and it would be conducive to the Public Interests with respect to Economy and Efficiency, that the Duties and Establishments of all the said Offices should be brought under Revision at one and the same Time without further Delay, and before the same may become vacant by the ceasing of the present existing Interests in all the said Offices of Auditor of the Exchequer, and Clerk of the Pells, and Muster Master General, or any of them respectively, for the Purpose of either new regulating the same, or abolishing such of them as may safely be discontinued: Be it therefore enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and

57 G. 3. c. 84.

57 G. 3. c. 62.

Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That at any Time after the passing of this Act, it shall and may be lawful for the Lord High Treasurer, or the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, for the Time being, or any Three or more of them, and they are hereby authorized and required, to regulate the Duties and Establishments of all the said Offices of Auditor and of Teller of His Majesty's Exchequer, and of Clerk of the Pells, and Muster Master General, in *Ireland*, as if all the said Offices had become and were vacant, any thing in the said recited Acts or either of them to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding; so as that the said Duties shall be performed in Person, by such and such Number of fit and proper Persons as may be sufficient and necessary to perform and execute the Duties to be done, performed, and executed in the said Offices, as the said Lord High Treasurer or Commissioners of the Treasury shall deem fit, with such Salaries or Emoluments as shall be ordered and appointed by the said Lord High Treasurer or Commissioners of the Treasury, or any Three or more of them, in that Behalf, Regard being had in every such Case to the Nature and Extent of the Duties to be performed, and to the Responsibility which may attach or belong to the several and respective Officers or Persons executing the Duties of the said Offices respectively; and all such Regulations, Appointments, and Salaries, when so made and established, shall become and be in full force and effect in relation to the said Offices respectively, as if all the said Offices had become and were vacant, to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever.

Treasury empowered to regulate certain Offices as if they were become vacant.

II. And whereas by an Act made in the Fifty-sixth Year of the Reign of His said late Majesty, intituled *An Act to unite and consolidate into One Fund all the Public Revenues of* Great Britain *and* Ireland, *and to provide for the Application thereof to the general Service of the United Kingdom*, it is among other things enacted, that it shall be lawful for His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, to appoint a Vice Treasurer for *Ireland*, in manner in the said Act mentioned, and by the said recited Act certain Duties are required to be done and performed by such Vice Treasurer; and it may be expedient towards the complete Regulation of the said Offices of Auditor, Teller, and Clerk of the Pells, and of the Course of the Business at the Receipt of the Exchequer in *Ireland*, that other and further Duties should be performed by such Vice Treasurer for the Time being; be it therefore enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the Lord High Treasurer, or the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, or any Three or more of them, and they are hereby authorized and required, to make and establish such Regulations with respect to the Duties and Business of the Office of such Vice Treasurer, as they shall think requisite and necessary towards carrying into Effect the complete Regulation of the said Offices of Auditor, Teller, and Clerk of the Pells, and for effectually securing, checking, and controlling the Issue, Receipt, and Payment of Public Money at the Receipt of the said Exchequer, and the Performance of the Duties of the Office of such Vice Treasurer; and all such Regulations so made and established, shall become and be in full force and effect for all Purposes; any thing in any Act or Acts of Parliament, or any Law, Usage, or Custom, or Practice to the contrary notwithstanding.

56 G. 3. c. 98.

Treasury empowered to regulate Office of Vice Treasurer.

Treasury may discharge existing Officers from the Performance of Duties of their Offices, or reduce their Salaries.

III. And be it further enacted, That in case it shall be deemed expedient by the said Lord High Treasurer, or the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, in the Execution of this Act, that the Whole or any Part of the Duties of any or either of the said Offices of Auditor or Teller of the said Exchequer, or Clerk of the Pells, or Muster Master General, may be dispensed with, and that the Persons holding such Offices may be discharged from the Whole or any Part of the Duty of the said Offices, or either of them, or that the Salaries, Fees, or Emoluments received by any of the said Officers should be reduced, in consequence of the decreased Duties to be performed by such Officers, it shall and may be lawful for the said Lord High Treasurer, or Commisioners of the Treasury, or any Three of them, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, to discharge the said Officers, or any of them, from the Whole or any Part of the Duties of the said Offices respectively, or any of them, and to order that the Amount of the Salaries, Fees, or Emoluments receivable by the said Officers, or any of them, should be reduced or regulated accordingly; and it shall and may also be lawful for the said Lord High Treasurer, or Commissioners of the Treasury, in any or either of the said Cases, to make such just and reasonable Compensation or annual Allowance to such Officers, their Clerks, or any of them, as the said Lord High Treasurer, or Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, shall in their Judgment think proper; and to direct the Payment of such Compensation out of the Produce of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, arising in *Ireland*, in such Manner and under such Regulations and Restrictions as shall be specified in any Order or Orders of the said Lord High Treasurer or Commissioners of the Treasury, to be made for that Purpose.

Treasury may direct Accounts of Paymasters, &c. to be audited before Secretary at War, and Accounts of Exchequer Officers, &c. to be audited under Acts 46G.3.c.141. 48G.3.c.49.

IV. And be it further enacted, That for the more effectually regulating the said several Offices herein-before mentioned, and each of them, it shall and may be lawful for the Lord High Treasurer, or for the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, or any Three of them, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, to direct that the Accounts of the ordinary Services of the Army and of the Militia in *Ireland*, shall be examined and audited by the Secretary at War in *Great Britain*, in like Manner as the Accounts of the ordinary Services of the Army and of the Militia in *Great Britain* are now or may hereafter be examined and audited; and that the Accounts of the several Officers who shall hold or exercise the said Offices of the Vice Treasurer of *Ireland*, of Auditor General, Clerk of the Pells, Teller of the Exchequer, or Muster Master General, and all Army, Barrack, Commissariat, or other Military Accounts whatever in *Ireland*, (except those of Army Agents and Paymasters), shall be audited and examined in such Manner, and by such Persons, as Accounts of the like Nature in *Great Britain* are audited and examined; and all such Accounts shall be respectively submitted by all such Officers and Persons, and such Officers and Persons shall be held and deemed to be Public Accountants in *Great Britain*, and shall be liable to account to and before the Secretary at War in *Great Britain*, according to the Directions of this Act, or to and before Commissioners for auditing the Public Accounts of the Kingdom, as the Case may require, under the Provisions of an Act made in the Forty-sixth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act for making more effectual Provision for the more speedy and regular Examination*

tion and Audit of the Public Accounts of this Kingdom, or of an Act made in the Forty-eighth Year of His said late Majesty's Reign, intituled *An Act for the accelerating the Making up, Examination, and Audit of the Accounts of the Paymaster General of His Majesty's Forces*, or of any Law or Laws, or Act or Acts, relating to any such Accounts respectively, in *Great Britain*; and such Accounts, or any of them, shall not in such case be examined, controlled, audited, or settled by any of the Commissioners under Two Acts made in the Fifty-second Year of His late Majesty's Reign, the one intituled *An Act to provide for the more speedy Examination, Controlling, and finally Auditing the Military Accounts of* Ireland, and the other intituled *An Act to provide for the speedy and regular Examination and Audit of the Public Accounts of* Ireland, *and to repeal certain former Acts relating thereto*; the said Two last recited Acts, or either of them, or any thing contained in the said recited Acts, or either of them, to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding.

Notwithstanding 52G.3.cc.51, 52, as to auditing Civil or Military Accounts in Ireland.

V. And whereas, in the Execution of the Purposes of this Act, the Duties of the said Commissioners of Military Accounts of *Ireland* may be considerably decreased, and may ultimately become wholly unnecessary; be it therefore enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Lord High Treasurer, or Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, or any Three of them, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, to discharge the said Commissioners of Military Accounts, their Officers, or any of them, from the Whole or any Part of the Duties heretofore performed by them, or required to be performed by them under the said herein-before first-recited Act of the Fifty-second Year of His late Majesty's Reign, or otherwise howsoever, and to order that the Amount of the Salaries of the said Commissioners, their Officers, or any of them, shall be from Time to Time reduced, or shall be wholly discontinued; and in such Case it shall be lawful for the said Lord High Treasurer, or Commissioners of the Treasury, or any Three of them, to make such just and reasonable Compensation or Annual Allowance to such Commissioners of Military Accounts, their Officers, Clerks, or any of them, as the said Lord High Treasurer or Commissioners of the Treasury shall in their Judgment think proper to be paid out of the Consolidated Fund, in like Manner as any other Compensations or Allowances which may be made under the Authority of this Act.

Duties of Commissioners of Military Accounts may be reduced or discontinued.

VI. And be it further enacted, That the said Lord High Treasurer, or Commissioners of the Treasury, or any Three or more of them, for the Time being, shall, within Six Weeks after the Regulation, under the Provisions of this Act, of any such Offices as aforesaid, if Parliament shall be then sitting, or if Parliament shall not be then sitting, then within Six Weeks after the Commencement of the next Session of Parliament, lay before both Houses of Parliament, a Return of such new Establishment of the Office so regulated, stating the Number of Officers, and Amount of Salaries of each respectively, and also the Offices discontinued, and the Amount of Compensation (if any) granted to any Officer holding any Office under such former Establishment.

Treasury to lay before Parliament comparative Statement of former and new Establishment of any Office so regulated.

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