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An Act to enable the Judges of the several Courts of Record at *Westminster*, to make Regulations respecting the Fees of the Officers, Clerks, and Ministers of the said Courts. [22d *July* 1822.]

WHEREAS it is expedient that some Provision should be made for the permanent Regulation and Establishment of the Fees of the Officers, Clerks, and Ministers of Justice of the several Courts of Chancery, King's Bench, Common Pleas, Exchequer, and Exchequer Chamber, at *Westminster*, and of the Clerks and other Officers of the Judges of the same Courts; but the same cannot be effectually done without the Authority of Parliament: 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 it shall and may be lawful for the Judges of the same Courts respectively for the Time being, and they are hereby required, to take into their Consideration as well the Reports and Recommendations made by the Commissioners acting in the Execution of the several Commissions issued under the Great Seal, in and subsequent to the Fifty-fifth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty, relating to the said several Officers, Clerks, and Ministers, as also the Rights and Duties of such Officers, Clerks, and Ministers, and all other Matters relating thereto and connected therewith; and it shall and may be lawful for the Lord Chancellor, Lord Keeper or Lords Commissioners for the Custody of the

Chancellor, Judges, &c. may establish Tables of Fees to be taken by the Officers of the respective Courts.

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the Great Seal, together with the Master of the Rolls, and the Vice Chancellor of *England*, or together with either of them, to establish and ordain, by their Discretion, Tables of Fees to be thereafter taken by the several Officers, Clerks, and Ministers of the Court of Chancery, and by the Officers of the said Lord Chancellor, Lord Keeper or Lords Commissioners for the Custody of the Great Seal, Master of the Rolls, and Vice Chancellor respectively, and for any Three or more of the Judges of the said Courts of King's Bench, Common Pleas, Exchequer, and Exchequer Chamber respectively, to establish and ordain, by their Discretion, Tables of Fees to be thereafter taken by the several Officers, Clerks, and Ministers of the same respective Courts, and by the Clerks and other Officers of the Judges thereof respectively; which Tables of Fees shall be entered or inrolled in the public Books or Records of the Courts to which they respectively relate, in such manner as the Persons establishing the same shall think fit.

Fees so established to be lawful.

II. And be it further enacted, That the Fees so established and ordained and no other, shall, from and after the Establishment and ordaining thereof, and the Entry or Inrolment of such Tables as aforesaid, and after Notice thereof given to the Officer, Clerk, or Minister whom they may concern, in such Manner as the Persons establishing the said Tables shall direct, be deemed and taken to be the lawful Fees of such Officers, Clerks, and Ministers respectively, and shall and may be demanded, received, and taken accordingly: Provided always, that if it shall happen that any Duty not provided for in such Tables shall, after the establishing and ordaining thereof, be required to be performed by any of the said Officers, Clerks, or Ministers, by or in pursuance of any Act of Parliament or other lawful Authority, then and in every such Case, and so often as the Case shall happen, it shall and may be lawful for the Court whereto, or to some Judge whereof such Officer, Clerk, or Minister shall belong (if the Court shall so think fit), by Rule or Order of the same Court, to be entered or inrolled as aforesaid, to appoint a reasonable Fee or Fees to be taken for the Performance of such Duty; which Fee or Fees so appointed, and no other, shall be from thenceforth deemed to be the lawful Fee or Fees for the Performance of such Duty, and shall and may be demanded, received, and taken accordingly.

Courts to appoint reasonable Fees in Cases where none are specified.

Duties of Officers and Clerks may be regulated.

III. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the Persons by whom such Tables shall be established as aforesaid, in and by the same Tables or otherwise, and for their Successors, from Time to Time, to make such Regulations respecting the Duties of such Officers, Clerks, and Ministers, as to them shall seem expedient; which Regulations shall, from the Time of the Establishment, ordaining, and inrolling or entering thereof, be in full Force, with respect to such Officers, Clerks, and Ministers respectively.

Act not to extend to Solicitors or Attornies.

IV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend to any Charges or Fees made or received by any Solicitor or Attorney of the same Courts, or of any of them, in respect of Business done by such Solicitor or Attorney in his Character and Profession only of Solicitor or Attorney, and not as such Officer, Clerk, or Minister as aforesaid.

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V. And be it further enacted, That Extracts of the Tables of the Fees so ordained and established as aforesaid, shall be kept hung up in some conspicuous Part of the Office or Place of Business of the Officer, Clerk, or Minister respectively, whom the same may concern. Table of Fees to be hung up.

VI. And be it further enacted, That in case it shall appear to the Persons by whom the said Tables shall be established and ordained, or to their Successors respectively, that in consequence of the Regulations aforesaid, or any of them, Compensation ought to be made to any of the Officers, Clerks, or Ministers aforesaid, for any Loss which he may sustain by reason thereof, it shall be lawful for the Persons by whom the said Tables shall be established and ordained as aforesaid, or their Successors respectively, and they are hereby required, to report to His Majesty their Opinion and Recommendation as to such Compensation to be made to such Officers, Clerks, and Ministers respectively. Compensations recommended where Loss is sustained.

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