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An Act to regulate the Amount of Presentments by Grand Juries, for Payment of the Public Officers of the several Counties in *Ireland*.

[27th *June* 1823.]

WHEREAS various Acts of Parliament have been from Time to Time passed, and are in force in *Ireland*, with respect to the Compensations to be granted by Presentments of Grand Juries, to the several public Officers of Counties, Counties of Cities, and Counties of Towns in *Ireland*; under which the Amount of the Payments to such public Officers are in some Instances uncertain, and in others have been found to be burthensome; and it is expedient that such Payments should in future be regulated in Manner herein-after mentioned; 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 all Clerks of the Crown, Clerks of the Peace, Secretaries to Grand Juries, Sheriffs, Medical Officers of Prisons and all other Officers and Persons mentioned and specified in the Table to this Act annexed, for the Payment or Remuneration of whose Duties, Salaries, or Expences any Presentment or Presentments is or are required to be made by Grand Juries, under any Act or Acts in force at the Time

Certain public Officers shall in future be paid by Annual Salaries, as set forth in Table annexed.

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of the passing of this Act, shall from and after the passing of this Act be paid and remunerated for all such Duties, Services, and Expences, by Annual Salaries only, payable Half-yearly at each several Assizes, by equal Moieties, and according to the Amount mentioned in the Table of Classification of Counties and Salaries of County Officers annexed to this Act; and that from and after the passing of this Act, it shall not be lawful for any Grand Jury of any County, County of a City, or County of a Town, in any Case to make Presentment of any Sum or Sums for any such Officer at the several Assizes to be held in any One Year in any such County, County of a City, or County of a Town, other than the Amount of the Annual Salary payable to any such Officer under and by virtue of this Act; and that such Sum or Sums so presented, not exceeding in the whole such Annual Sum so respectively specified and set forth in such Table, shall be in full and complete Satisfaction and Remuneration for all Duties and Services to be done and performed, and for all Expences to be incurred by such Officers in the Execution of their several Offices, for which any Presentment may lawfully be made by any Grand Jury, under any Act or Acts in force immediately before the passing of this Act; any thing in any such Act or Acts, or any Law, Usage, or Custom to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding.

In case of Neglect of Duty of Officers, Juries may make Presentments of Sums less than the Annual Salaries, or refuse Presentments.

II. Provided always, and be it enacted, That in case of any insufficient Discharge or Neglect of Duty by any such Officer or Officers, it shall and may be lawful for any Grand Jury of any County, County of a City, or County of a Town in *Ireland*, at the several Assizes in any one Year, with the express Sanction of the Court, and not otherwise, to present any Sum or Sums, less in the whole than the Amount of the Annual Salary specified in the said Table, to be paid to any Officer or Officers in the said Table mentioned; and also to withhold and refuse to make any Presentment whatever, at any Assizes, for any such Officer or Officers, as shall seem fit to such Grand Jury in their Discretion, under the express Sanction of the Court, and not otherwise.

Additional Presentment in Cases of Special Commission or adjourned Assizes.

III. And be it further enacted, That in any County wherein a special Commission or adjourned Assize shall be held for the Trial of Offenders, the several Grand Juries at the Assizes next immediately ensuing shall, subject to the Provisions of this Act, make a further Presentment for the Clerks of the Crown, Sheriffs, and Judges Crier, equal to One Half of the Salary to which such Officers would have been entitled for One Year's Duty under this Act.

Affidavit of Emoluments to be made by Clerk of the Crown and Clerk of the Peace.

IV. And be it further enacted, That before any Clerk of the Crown or Clerk of the Peace shall be entitled to receive such Salary as is specified in the Schedule to this Act annexed, he shall, at each and every Assize after the next Summer Assizes, lay before the respective Grand Juries an Account verified on Oath, and sworn and read in open Court, setting forth the Total Amount of his Fees and other Emoluments, and distinguishing the several Sums paid and received under each separate Head of Service, and the Rates of Fees or Remunerations received on each.

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V. And be it further enacted, That the Presentments to be made under this Act for the Secretaries to the several Grand Juries shall be in full Acquittance of all Demands to be made by such Secretaries for Stationery, which such Secretaries shall be bound to furnish to the several Grand Juries without further Charge, not however including the Expence of Printing, as regulated by Law.

Secretaries to Grand Juries to furnish Stationery without additional Charge.

VI. And be it further enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act the several Grand Juries as aforesaid shall make Provision in place of and as a Compensation for Fees, by way of Salary, and not otherwise, for the Keepers of Gaols, Penitentiaries, and Bridewells, and Matrons and Turnkeys employed therein, within the several Counties, Counties of Cities, and Counties of Towns specified in the Schedule annexed to this Act.

Salaries in lieu of Fees to be presented for Gaolers and Officers of Prisons.

VII. And whereas by an Act made in the First Year of His present Majesty's Reign, intituled *An Act for the better Regulation of Polls, and for making further Provisions touching the Election of Members to serve in Parliament for* Ireland, it was enacted, that it shall and may be lawful for the Grand Jury of every County, County of a Town, or County of a City, at every Spring Assizes, to present such Sum or Sums of Money as should be a proper Remuneration to the Clerk of the Peace for the Expence of printing the Registry Books of each such County; be it therefore further enacted, That so much of the said Act shall be and is hereby repealed; and that it shall and may be lawful for the Grand Jury of every County, County of a Town, and County of a City in *Ireland*, at every Spring Assizes, and they are hereby required, authorized, and empowered, to present such Sum or Sums of Money as may be necessary to defray the Expence of printing the Registry Books in the Manner described in the said Act, to the Person or Persons who shall print the same, according to the Agreement entered into between such Person or Persons and the Clerk of the Peace of any such County, in pursuance to the Provisions of the said Act.

60 G. 3. & 1 G. 4. c. 11.

Presentment to be made for the Expence of printing Registry Books under recited Act to the Persons printing the same.

VIII. And whereas it is expedient that Provision should be made for the Payment of Coroners in manner herein-after mentioned; be it therefore enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act it shall and may be lawful for the Grand Jury of every County in *Ireland*, at every Assizes or Presenting Term, to present any Sum not exceeding Five Guineas for each and every Inquest which any and every Coroner within such County (not exceeding the Number of Coroners specified in the Schedule to this Act annexed), shall have held upon the Body of any Person at any Time since the then last preceding Assizes or Presenting Term; provided that no greater Sum than Thirty Guineas shall be presented at any one Assizes or Presenting Term as aforesaid, for the Remuneration of any one Coroner, in respect of all the Inquests which shall have been held within the County by such Coroner since the then last preceding Assizes or Presenting Term; and that such Presentments shall be in lieu of the Presentments authorized by an Act made in the First Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act to repeal an Act made in the Fiftieth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty, for*

Coroners how to be paid.

1 G. 4. c. 28.

for regulating the Fees of Coroners in Ireland *upon holding Inquisitions, and to make other Provisions for that Purpose;* and that all Sums so presented shall be levied and paid in such Manner, and under such Conditions, as are directed by the said recited Act with respect to the Presentments authorized by the said Act, and the Provisions of the said recited Act (except only so far as the same are altered by this Act) shall be applied to Presentments to be made for Coroners under this Act.

Coroners not prevented from receiving any Payment to which they are entitled under any Local Act.

IX. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend to prevent any Coroner in any County of a City in *Ireland* (who is now or shall be hereafter appointed a Coroner by virtue of the Charter of such County of a City) from receiving any Payment or Presentment to which he is entitled by virtue of any Local Acts relating to such County of a City; any thing in this Act contained to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding.

Act not to extend to Salary of Court House Keeper of Londonderry. 52 G.3. c. clxxxii.

X. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing herein contained shall extend or be construed to extend to repeal, alter, or vary any of the Powers and Provisions contained in an Act passed in the Fifty-second Year of the Reign of His late Majesty, intituled *An Act for erecting a Court House, County House, or Sessions House, for the Use of the City and County of* Londonderry, so far as the same relate to the Salary payable to the Court House Keeper thereof.

Act not to extend to Dublin.

XI. Provided also, and be it enacted, That nothing in this Act, or the Table thereto annexed, shall extend to the County of *Dublin*, or to the County of the City of *Dublin*.

Nor to affect the Provisions of 3 G.4. c. 1. &c. relating to Clerks of the Peace.

XII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act shall be construed to alter or affect any Provisions relating to Clerks of the Peace in an Act, intituled *An Act for suppressing Insurrections and preventing Disturbances of the public Peace in* Ireland, or of any which may be passed for continuing the same Act.

TABLE

TABLE OF CLASSIFICATION OF COUNTIES, AND SALARIES OF COUNTY OFFICERS.

COUNTIES.	CLASS I.	CLASS II.	CLASS III.	CLASS IV.	COUNTY of CORK.	CITIES of Waterford, Limerick, Kilkenny, Galway.	Counties of Towns; Carrickfergus, Drogheda.	CITY of CORK.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Clerks of Crown -	400	350	250	200	500	80	50	200
Do. of Peace - -	400	350	325	300	600	100	45	250
Secretaries to Grand Jury	220	200	150	130	350	40	30	120
Judges Criers - -	15	12	10	10	20	5	3	10
Do. at Sessions -	20	15	12	10	30	10	6	20
Sheriffs - -	100	80	60	50	120	25	10	100
Court House Keeper in County Towns -	15	15	10	10	20	10	10	20
Medical Officers of Prisons; viz. Physician, or - Surgeon, or - Apothecary; - in the whole, exclusive of Bill for Medicines	80	80	70	70	80	60	40	70
Number of Coroners not exceeding - -	4	3	2	2	—	—	—	—

I^st^ Class *comprehends* Tipperary, Down, Mayo, Galway, Antrim, Tyrone, Donegal, Derry, Limerick.

II^d^ Class - - - Clare, Roscommon, Kerry, Armagh, Cavan, Monaghan, Meath.

III^d^ Class - - - Wexford, Kilkenny, Sligo, King's County, Fermanagh, Westmeath, Queen's County.

IV^th^ Class - - - Waterford, Wicklow, Louth, Longford, Leitrim, Kildare, Carlow.

Cities and Towns:

I^st^ Class - - Waterford, Limerick, Kilkenny, Galway.

II^d^ Class - - Drogheda, Carrickfergus.

For the Clerks of the Crown in the Towns of Youghal and Kinsale, to be presented by the Grand Jury of the County of Cork, £25.
For the Clerks of the Peace for the Towns of Youghal and Kinsale, to be presented by the Grand Jury of the County of Cork, £25.

Note.—Whensoever any Clerks of the Crown for the Counties in the First Class shall execute the Duty of his Office for more than one County of such Class, in every such Case the Salary for such Clerk of the Crown shall, for such Counties of the First Class, be presented at £350 only.

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