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CAP. LX.

An Act to abolish One of the Offices of Master in Ordinary of the High Court of Chancery.

[2d *July* 1847.]

Recites 3 & 4 W. 4. c. 94. appointing Masters and giving Salaries, &c. to their Clerks.

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the Third and Fourth Years of the Reign of His late Majesty *William* the Fourth it was enacted, that the Appointment of all Masters in Ordinary of the High Court of Chancery should be vested in His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, and that such Master should thereafter be appointed by Letters Patent under the Great Seal of *Great Britain*; and it was by the said Act also enacted, that the Salaries to be paid to the Chief and Junior Clerks of each of the said Masters should be One thousand Pounds a Year and One hundred and fifty Pounds a Year respectively, and that it should be lawful for the said Junior Clerks to receive and take One Penny Halfpenny *per* Folio of Ninety Words for every Copy of every Document or Writing made in the Office of the said Master: And whereas by an Act passed in the Fifth Year of Her present Majesty *Richard Richards* Esquire, then One of the Masters of the Court of Exchequer, was appointed as an additional Master in Ordinary of the High Court of Chancery, and it was thereby enacted, that upon the Death, Resignation, or Removal from Office of the said *Richard Richards* it should be lawful for Her said Majesty from Time to Time by Letters Patent under the Great Seal to appoint a fit and

5 Vict. c. 5. abolishing Master of Exchequer and appointing Mr. Richards.

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Resignation of Mr. Lynch.

proper Person to supply such Vacancy: And whereas *Andrew Henry Lynch* Esquire, late One of the said Masters in Ordinary, did on the Twenty-fifth Day of *March* now last past duly resign his said Office, and the same thereby became and now is vacant: And whereas it is expedient that the Number of the said Masters in Ordinary of the High Court of Chancery should be reduced to the same Number as existed before the passing of the said last-mentioned Act: Be it therefore enacted by the Queen'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

One Mastership abolished.

by the Authority of the same, That it shall be lawful for Her Majesty not to fill up the Office so vacant by the Resignation of the said *Andrew Henry Lynch*, but that the same shall be and the same is hereby abolished.

Chief and Second Clerks retained for Period not exceeding Twelve Months.

II. And be it enacted, That for the Convenience of prosecuting the Causes and Matters referred to the said *Andrew Henry Lynch*, and now transferred to the other Masters in Ordinary, it shall be lawful for the Lord Chancellor, if he shall think fit, to retain *George Barrett* and *Edward Wright*, the late Chief and Second Clerks of the said *Andrew Henry Lynch*, as Chief and Second Clerks respectively, with all the Duties, Rights, Privileges, and Emoluments thereto belonging, as if a Master in Ordinary had been duly appointed to succeed the said *Andrew Henry Lynch*, but nevertheless for a Time not exceeding Twelve Months from the passing of this Act: Provided always, that in the event of the Death, Resignation, or Removal of the said *George Barrett* and *Edward Wright*, or either of them, before the Expiration of the said Twelve Months, it shall be lawful for the Lord Chancellor, if he shall think fit, to appoint a Successor to them or either of them during the Time aforesaid.

Compensation to Chief and Second Clerks.

III. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Lord Chancellor, with the Consent of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, to award such Compensation (if any), and in such Manner and upon such Conditions, as he may think fit, to the said *George Barrett* and *Edward Wright*, or either of them, in consideration of the Loss they or he may have sustained by the Abolition of the said Office of Master in Ordinary.

Act may be amended, &c.

IV. And be it enacted, That this Act may be amended or repealed by any Act to be passed in this present Session of Parliament.

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