CAP. XXVII.

An Act to provide for the Commencement of an Act of the present Session, intituled *An Act to repeal an Act of the Sixth Year of King* George *the Fourth, for encouraging the Capture or Destruction of Piratical Ships and Vessels, and to make other Provisions in lieu thereof.* [15th *July* 1850.]

13 & 14 Vict. c. 26.

'WHEREAS an Act has been passed in the present Session of Parliament, intituled *An Act to repeal an Act of the Sixth Year of King* George *the Fourth, for encouraging the Capture or Destruction of Piratical Ships and Vessels, and to make other Provisions in lieu thereof:* And whereas by the said Act so passed as aforesaid it was amongst other things enacted, that from and after the First Day of *June* next after the passing of such Act the said Act of the Sixth Year of King *George* the Fourth should be repealed, but nevertheless not so as to affect or prejudice the Application for or the Payment of Bounty under the said Act, or any of the Provisions relating thereto, for any Service rendered against Pirates on or before the said First Day of *June;* and by the said Act so passed as aforesaid it was also enacted, that whenever any of Her Majesty's Ships or Vessels of War, or hired armed Vessels, or any of the Ships or Vessels of War of the *East India* Company, or their Boats, or any of the Officers or Crews thereof, should after the said First Day of *June* attack or be engaged with any Persons alleged to be Pirates, afloat or ashore, it should be lawful for the High Court of Admiralty, and for the Courts of Vice Admiralty therein mentioned, to take cognizance of and to determine the Matters in the said Act mentioned: And whereas the Bill which became the said Act so passed as aforesaid was originally introduced in the House of Commons, and having passed that House was amended by the Lords, and was returned to the Commons for their Agreement to the Amendments: And whereas the Commons agreed to some of the said Amendments, but disagreed to One of the said Amendments and amended another thereof, and communicated their Amendment and Disagreement and the Reason for such Disagreement to the Lords at a Conference on the Twenty-eighth Day of *May* One thousand eight hundred and fifty: And whereas the Lords did not take the said Reason and Amendments into consideration until the Twenty-first Day of *June* One thousand eight hundred and fifty, when they finally agreed to the said Amendment of the Commons, and resolved not to insist upon the Amendment to which the Commons had disagreed; and accordingly the said Act received the Royal Assent on the Twenty-fifth Day of *June* One thousand eight hundred and fifty: And whereas by reason of the said Act not having received the Royal Assent until the said Twenty-fifth Day of *June* One thousand eight hundred and fifty, the herein-before recited Enactments will not take effect until the First Day of *June* One thousand eight hundred and fifty-one: And whereas such Postponement of the Operation of the said Enactments was not within the Contemplation of either House of Parliament when they respectively passed the said Act, but has arisen accidentally from the Delay occasioned by the Proceedings herein-before mentioned; and it is expedient that the said Enactments should be made to take effect as if the First Day of *June* One thousand eight hundred and fifty had been therein mentioned instead of the First Day of *June* next after the passing of the said recited 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 by the Authority of the same, That the said recited Act of the present Session of Parliament shall take effect as if the First Day of *June* One thousand eight hundred and fifty had been therein mentioned and referred to instead of the First Day of *June* next after the passing of such Act.

1st June 1850 to be substituted in recited Act for 1st June next after the passing of such Act.

II. And be it enacted, That this Act may be repealed or amended in the present Session of Parliament.

Act may be amended, &c.