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An Act to enable Her Majesty to appoint a Vice Chancellor in the Room of Sir *James Wigram*, resigned. [1st *April* 1851.]

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the Fifth Year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, Session One, Chapter the Fifth, Her Majesty was by Section Nineteen empowered to appoint by Letters Patent under the Great Seal Two fit Persons to be additional Judges Assistant to the Lord Chancellor in the Discharge of the Judicial Functions of his Office, each of such additional Judges to be called Vice Chancellor; and by Section Twenty-one it was provided that nothing therein contained should authorize the Appointment of a Successor to the Vice Chancellor secondly appointed under the Authority of the said Act: And whereas the Right Honourable Sir *James Wigram* Knight was the Vice Chancellor secondly appointed under the said Act: And whereas the said Sir *James Wigram* has, by reason of ill Health, resigned the Office of Vice Chancellor to which he had been so appointed: And whereas the State of Business in the Court of Chancery renders it expedient that a Vice Chancellor should be appointed in the Place of the said Sir *James Wigram*: Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and

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Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, as follows:

Appointment of additional Vice Chancellor.

I. It shall be lawful for Her Majesty to appoint, by Letters Patent under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom, a fit Person, being or having been a Barrister-at-Law of Fifteen Years standing at the least, to be an additional Judge Assistant to the Lord Chancellor in the Discharge of the Judicial Functions of his Office, in the Place of the said Sir *James Wigram*, and to be called Vice Chancellor.

Rank, &c. of additional Vice Chancellor.

II. The Vice Chancellor to be appointed under this Act shall have all the same Powers and Privileges, and the same Rank, and shall be subject to the same Provisions, Duties, and Observances, as the said Sir *James Wigram* had or was subject to under the said Act of the Fifth Year of Her present Majesty, Session One, Chapter the Fifth, excepting that he shall have Rank and Precedence next after the Vice Chancellors that now are.

To have a Secretary, Usher, and Trainbearer.

III. He shall have a Secretary, Usher, and Trainbearer, to be from Time to Time appointed and removed by him at his Pleasure; and the Secretaries, Registrars, and other Officers appointed to attend the Lord Chancellor shall attend such Vice Chancellor when sitting for the Lord Chancellor, and also when sitting in his separate Court, as Circumstances shall require, and as the Lord Chancellor shall order or direct.

Salaries.

IV. The Salary of such Vice Chancellor, and the Salaries of his Secretary, Usher, and Trainbearer, shall be of the same Amounts, and paid out of the same Funds, and in like Manner as the Salaries of the said Sir *James Wigram*, his Secretary, Usher, and Trainbearer, were and were directed to be paid under the said Act of the Fifth Year of Her present Majesty, Chapter the Fifth.

Retiring Pension.

V. It shall be lawful for Her Majesty, by Letters Patent under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom, to grant to such Vice Chancellor, on his Resignation of or ceasing to execute his Office, an Annuity of the same Amount, after the same Period of Service, under the same Circumstances, subject to the same Conditions, and payable out of the same Fund as the Annuity authorized to be granted to each of the Vice Chancellors appointed under the said Act of the Fifth Year of Her present Majesty, Chapter the Fifth.

Lord Chancellor may appoint Persons to keep Order in Court.

VI. It shall be lawful for the Lord Chancellor to appoint One or more Person or Persons, removable at Pleasure, for the Purpose of keeping Order in the Court of the Vice Chancellor to be appointed under the Authority of this Act; and the Salaries of the Persons

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appointed or to be appointed under this Act, or under any Act or Acts now in force, to keep Order in the Court of the Vice Chancellor to be appointed under the Authority of this Act, shall be of such Amount, not exceeding the yearly Sum of Eighty Pounds, as the Lord Chancellor may think reasonable, and such Salaries shall be paid to each such Person so to be appointed out of the same Funds, and at the same Time, and in like Manner as the Salaries of such Persons have heretofore been paid.

Nothing to authorize the Appointment of a Successor.

VII. Nothing herein contained shall authorize the Appointment of a Successor to the Vice Chancellor appointed under the Authority of this Act.

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