Duties charged on certain Goods to cease on June 23, 1853.

XI. The Duties of Customs chargeable upon the Goods hereafter mentioned, imported into the United Kingdom, shall cease and determine on and after the Twenty-third Day of *June* One thousand eight hundred and fifty-three; *viz.*

Flock for Paper Stainers.

So much of 3 & 4 W. 4. c. 101. s. 3. as allows certain Draft on weighing Tea repealed.

XII. On and after the Fifth Day of *July* One thousand eight hundred and fifty-three so much of an Act passed in the Session of Parliament holden in the Third and Fourth Years of the Reign of His late Majesty King *William* the Fourth, Chapter One hundred and one, Section Three, as provides that the Allowance commonly called Draft, then made by the Commissioners of Excise in the weighing of Tea, should be made by the Commissioners of Customs under the Authority of the said Act, shall be and the same is hereby repealed; and the Allowance of One Pound for Draft on each Chest of Tea exceeding Twenty-eight Pounds in Weight now made by the Commissioners of Customs under the Authority of the said Act shall cease and determine upon all Tea which shall arrive and be reported at the Custom House of any Port in the United Kingdom on and after the Fifth Day of *July* One thousand eight hundred and fifty-three.

Duties to be under the Management of Commissioners of Customs.

XIII. The Duties imposed by this Act shall be under the Management of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Customs, and shall be ascertained, raised, levied, collected, paid, recovered, and allowed, and applied or appropriated, under the Provisions of any Act or Acts now in force or hereafter to be made relating to the Customs.

CAP. LV.

An Act to make better Provision for the efficient Discharge of the Duties of the Taxing Officer in and for the Common Law Business in *Ireland*.

[4th *August* 1853.]

1 & 2 G. 4. c 53.

'WHEREAS by an Act passed in the First and Second Years of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Fourth, intituled *An Act to regulate the Proceedings in the Civil Side of the Court of King's Bench, and also in the Court of Common Pleas, and in the Pleas or Common Law Side of the Court of Exchequer in* Ireland, and further, by an Act passed in the Fifth Year of the Reign of His said Majesty King *George* the Fourth, being an Act to amend the said recited Act, an Establishment was formed for (amongst other Purposes) the Taxation of Bills of Costs in Common Law Business in *Ireland*, and by the said first-recited Act it was amongst other things enacted, that it should be lawful to and for the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland* from Time to Time to appoint Two Officers, who should be and be called Taxing Officers in Common Law Business, who should have Power to tax the several Classes of Costs therein mentioned, and that after the Commencement of the said first-recited Act the several Classes of Costs therein mentioned should not be taxed by any other Officer or Person whomsoever, and it was thereby further enacted, that each of the said Taxing Officers should be entitled to receive out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom the yearly Sum of One thousand two hundred Pounds (of the then Currency of *Ireland*), to be payable as therein mentioned: And whereas by an Act passed in the Seventh and Eighth Years of the Reign of Her

7 & 8 Vict. c. 107.

Majesty Queen *Victoria*, intituled *An Act to regulate and reduce the Expenses of the Offices attached to the Superior Courts of Law in* Ireland *payable out of the Consolidated Fund*, it was amongst other things enacted, that whenever it should happen that the Two Persons then holding the Office of Taxing Officer to the said Law Courts should vacate the same by Death, Resignation, or Removal, there should thenceforth be for the said Three Courts but One Taxing Officer, who should be and be called Taxing Officer in Common Law Business, and that such Taxing Officer should have the Assistance in his said Business of One Examiner and One Clerk, to be appointed by him during his Pleasure, and that whenever it should happen that a Vacancy should arise in the said Office of Taxing Officer by Death, Resignation, or Removal of One only of the Two Persons then holding such Office, the Person to be appointed Taxing Officer in his Stead under the Provisions of the

said

'said herein-before first-recited Act should, notwithstanding anything in the said Act contained, 'be entitled to receive only the Salary specified for the Taxing Officer in the Schedule (D.) 'to the said Act annexed, and whenever the other of the Two Persons then holding the 'Office of Taxing Officer should die, resign, or be removed, the Person who should have been 'so appointed as joint Taxing Officer in the Room of the Person so first dying, resigning, or 'being removed should be the sole Taxing Officer as therein-before directed, with the Assis-'tance of an Examiner and Clerk, who should respectively receive the Salaries specified in 'the said Schedule to the said Act annexed: And whereas *James Clancy* Esquire, One of the 'Persons holding the Office of Taxing Officer at the Time of the passing of the said last-'recited Act, has vacated the same by Death, and *Henry Colles* Esquire has been appointed 'Taxing Officer in his Stead: And whereas *William E. Hudson* Esquire, the other of the 'said Persons holding the said Office of Taxing Officer at the Time of the passing of the said 'last-recited Act, has vacated the same by Death: And whereas it is expedient to make 'better Provision for the efficient Discharge of the Duties of the said Office:' Be it there-fore 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—

Repeal of so much of recited Act as relates to the Taxing Officer in Common Law Business.

I. So much of the said herein-before recited Act of the Seventh and Eighth Years of the Reign of Her present Majesty as relates to the said Taxing Officer in Common Law Business, so far as same is inconsistent with the Provisions of this Act, be and the same is hereby repealed.

Appointment of Two Taxing Officers.

II. In place and stead of the Establishment provided by the said recited Act of Seventh and Eighth Years of the Reign of Her present Majesty, from and after the passing of this Act the taxing of Costs in Common Law Business shall be conducted by Two Officers, One to be and be called the "Principal Taxing Officer in Common Law Business," and the other to be and be called the "Assistant Taxing Officer in Common Law Business," each of whom shall hold his Office during his good Behaviour; that the said Principal Officer shall be a Barrister of at least Ten Years standing, or an Attorney of the Superior Courts of Common Law in *Ireland* who shall have practised as such Attorney in such Courts for Ten Years at least, and that the Assistant Officer shall be an Attorney of not less than Six Years standing; such Officers shall be appointed under this Act by the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland* from Time to Time as the Taxing Officers for Common Law Business were directed to be appointed by the said recited Act of the First and Second of *George* the Fourth; and *Henry Colles* Esquire shall be the First Principal Taxing Officer under this Act.

Duties of Taxing Officers.

III. The Business to be transacted by such Officers shall be the taxing of all such Costs as are specified in the said recited Act of the First and Second Years of the Reign of King *George* the Fourth, and thereby directed to be taxed by the Taxing Officers for Common Law Business; the Business of the said Office shall be divided between the said Officers as they shall from Time to Time find most expedient, subject, however, to the Approbation of the Lord Chief Justice of Her Majesty's Court of Queen's Bench in *Ireland*, such Distribution and Arrangement to be reduced to Writing, with the Approval thereof by the said Lord Chief Justice under his Hand; and if the said Officers shall not agree to such Distribution or Arrangement, it shall and may be lawful for the Lord Chief Justice, by an Order under his Hand, to direct in what Manner and Proportion such Business shall be divided between and transacted by the said Two Officers; and in all and every Case where any Party or Person is dissatisfied or feels himself aggrieved by the Decision of the Assistant Taxing Officer, it shall and may be lawful for such Party or Person, before the Bill of Costs shall be certified, to bring the Item, Question, or other Matter by way of Appeal from the Decision of the Assistant Officer before the Principal Officer, who shall with all convenient Despatch dispose of the Item, Question, or other Matter so brought before him on such Appeal.

Taxing Officers to have the same Powers and be subject to the same Regulations as Taxing

IV. The said Two Officers appointed or to be appointed under the Provisions of this Act shall have the same Power and Authority, and be subject to the same Regulations as to Duties and Attendance, as are given and contained with reference to Taxing Officers in and by the said herein-before recited Acts of the First and Second Years of the Reign of King

Officers created under recited Acts.

George the Fourth and of the Seventh and Eighth Years of the Reign of Her Majesty Queen *Victoria*; and all and every the Provisions, Powers, Authorities, and Directions contained in the said recited Acts or either of them, with reference to the Taxing Officers created thereby, so far as the same shall be consistent with the Alterations hereby effected, shall be and be deemed applicable to the Taxing Officers appointed or to be appointed under this Act, and to the Taxation of Costs by them or either of them, and all Matters and Proceedings belonging to or connected with the Business thereof.

Appointment of Clerk.

V. The said Taxing Officers shall have the Assistance in their said Business of One Clerk, for the Purpose of issuing of Summonses, Entries of Costs, and keeping the Books and Records of their said Offices, to be appointed by the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland* for the Time being during his or their Pleasure.

Salaries.

VI. The said Principal Taxing Officer, Assistant Taxing Officer, and Clerk shall be entitled to receive respectively (out of the same Fund and at the same Periods as the Salaries in and by the said recited Acts directed to be paid to the Taxing Officers in Common Law) the Salaries set forth in the Schedule A. to this Act annexed, which shall grow due from Day to Day.

Superannuations.

VII. The said Principal Taxing Officer, Assistant Taxing Officer, and Clerk shall be entitled respectively to receive, with the Approbation of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, as and for Superannuation or Retiring Allowances, Sums not exceeding the following Proportions with reference to the Amount of their Salaries and the Period of their Services respectively; *videlicet*,

For Ten Years Service and under Fifteen Years, One Fourth of the Salary fixed by the Schedule A. to this Act annexed:

For Fifteen Years Service and under Twenty Years, One Third of such Salary:

For Twenty Years Service and under Twenty-five Years, One Half of such Salary:

For Twenty-five Years Service and under Thirty Years, Two Thirds of such Salary:

And the same shall be paid and payable out of the same Fund and at the same Periods respectively as the Salaries herein-before provided for the said several Officers and Clerks respectively, and the same shall grow due from Day to Day; and in ascertaining the Number of Years to entitle such Clerk to receive such Superannuation Allowances, the Period during which he may have discharged Duties of a similar Nature in the said Taxing Office previous to the passing of this Act shall be reckoned for the Purpose of making up such Period of Twenty Years Service.

SCHEDULE A.

	Yearly Salary.
Principal Taxing Officer	£1,000
Assistant Taxing Officer	600
Clerk	200

CAP. LVI.

An Act to facilitate the Redemption of certain Charges on the Hereditary Possessions and Land Revenues of the Crown, and to make other Provisions in regard to the Management of such Hereditary Possessions and Land Revenues [4th *August* 1853.]

'WHEREAS under or by virtue of certain Letters Patent or Deeds, and ultimately by virtue of a certain Deed or Instrument in Writing dated the Fifth Day of *June* in the Thirtieth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *Charles* the Second, and by other Instruments or Ways and Means, the Hereditary Possessions and Land Revenues of the Crown in *England*, *Wales*, and the *Isle of Man*, now under the Management or Control