in the County of *Cornwall*, and the Amounts so audited shall be filed, and be open for Inspection, as is now used in the said Court.

Commitment of Prisoners in Devonshire.

XXXVII. Persons committed to Prison by the Vice-Warden in respect of Causes or Contempts in the County of *Devon* shall be committed and taken either to the County Gaol at *Exeter* or the Borough Gaol of *Plymouth* or *Devonport*, as shall appear to the Vice-Warden most expedient in each Case, and shall be received, dealt with, maintained, supported, and provided for as if they had been committed to those Prisons by like Process out of the Superior Courts of Law or Equity at *Westminster*, or by any Court of Civil Jurisdiction held in or for the Borough of *Plymouth* or *Devonport*.

Provision for the eventual Establishment of a separate Court in Devonshire.

XXXVIII. Whenever it shall hereafter appear that a sufficient Fund shall be provided in the Stannaries of *Devon* for the Establishment of a permanent separate Court and a separate Office and Officers in and for a Vice-Warden's Court in the County of *Devon*, it shall be lawful for Her Majesty, by Order in Council, issued at the Instance of the said Council of His Royal Highness, or the Special Commissioners, as aforesaid, to direct that such Court and Office shall be erected and established on the Model of the Vice-Warden's Court as now constituted in *Cornwall*, and to declare that all Provisions of the present Act, and of the several Acts for the Establishment of the said Court in *Cornwall*, so far as they shall be applicable to such new Court in the County of *Devon*, shall be deemed and taken to be in force in the last-mentioned County, and to assign Salaries to the several Officers of the said Court, not exceeding the Salaries appointed before or at the passing of this Act for the like Officers in the County of *Cornwall*, and to declare what Proportion of the Salary now payable to the Vice-Warden of the Stannaries shall thenceforth be contributed out of the Revenue arising in the County of *Devon* if the same Vice-Warden shall be appointed for both Courts, and to make such other Regulations as shall be necessary or expedient for effectually establishing and providing for such separate Court and Office; and thereupon, on the Promulgation of the said Order in Council, the said separate Court and Office shall be and become permanently established in the County of *Devon*, as fully and effectually as if the same had been established and confirmed by Act of Parliament; and all Provisions made by this Act, or by the Council of His Royal Highness, or the said Special Commissioners, under the Authority of this Act, for the Extension of the Jurisdiction of the present Court into the County of *Devon*, shall cease, save only that the Process of the Court in each County in Causes arising in that County shall be executory and executed in and throughout both Counties.

CAP. XXXIII.

An Act to prevent Doubts as to the Validity of certain Proceedings in the House of Commons. [15th *June* 1855.]

'WHEREAS the House of Commons on the Fourth Day of *August* One thousand eight hundred and fifty-three, Her Majesty having previously signified Her Consent that the House might do therein as they should think fit, resolved as follows: "That whenever the House should be informed of the unavoidable Absence of Mr. Speaker, "the Chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means do take the Chair for that Day "only, and in the event of Mr. Speaker's Absence continuing for more than One Day do, "if the House shall think fit and shall so order it, take the Chair in like Manner on any "subsequent Day during such Absence:" And whereas on the Fourth Day of this present Month of *June*, Mr. Speaker being unavoidably absent by reason of Indisposition, the Right Honourable *Henry FitzRoy*, being the Chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means, took the Chair in pursuance of the said Resolutions: And whereas the House on the same Day further resolved as follows; *viz.*: "That in the event of Mr. Speaker's Absence "continuing for more than this Day, Mr. *FitzRoy* do take the Chair on each subsequent "Day during the present week:" And whereas the said Right Honourable *Henry FitzRoy* did, in consequence of the continued Absence of Mr. Speaker, on each subsequent Day during the said Week take the Chair, and perform therein certain Duties appertaining to the

'Office of Speaker: And whereas Doubts may arise as to the Validity of Acts done or 'Proceedings taken by or in the House during the Time aforesaid in relation to certain 'Matters regulated by Statute:' Be it 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 all Acts and Proceedings which according to the Provisions of any Statute are required to be done or taken in the House of Commons with their Speaker in the Chair, and which have been done or taken by or in the House while the said Right Honourable *Henry FitzRoy* was in the Chair as aforesaid, shall be and shall be deemed to have been as valid and effectual for all Purposes as if Mr. Speaker himself had been in the Chair during the Time when such Acts and Proceedings respectively were done and taken.

For Removal of Doubts as to the Validity of certain Proceedings in the House of Commons during the Absence of Mr. Speaker.