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An Act to provide for the Preparation, Audit, and Presentation to Parliament of annual Accounts of the Appropriation of the Moneys voted for the Revenue Departments. [6th *August* 1861.]

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the Session of Parliament holden in the Ninth and Tenth Years of Her present Majesty Queen *Victoria* Provision was made for the Preparation, Audit, and Presentation to the House of Commons of Accounts of the Appropriation of the Moneys annually granted for the Naval and Military Services: And whereas it is expedient that similar Accounts of the Appropriation of the Moneys voted for the Salaries and Expenses of the Departments of Customs, Inland Revenue, and Post Office, and for the non-effective Charges of those Departments, should be prepared, audited, and laid before the House of Commons: 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, as follows: 9 & 10 Vict. c. 92.

1. From and after the First Day of *April* One thousand eight hundred and sixty-two the respective Officers charged with the Preparation Officers of Customs, Inland

Revenue Departments Accounts.

Revenue, and Post Office to furnish annual Accounts of Sums voted by Parliament for their several Departments.

Preparation of the Accounts of the respective Departments of Customs, Inland Revenue, and Post Office shall prepare, annually, Accounts showing the Appropriation of the Sums granted by Parliament for the Salaries and other effective Services, and for the Superannuations and other non-effective Services, of their respective Departments, classed under the Heads of the Annual Estimates for those Services, in the preceding Year ended on the Thirty-first Day of *March*, and they shall transmit the same, signed and attested by them respectively, on or before the Thirtieth Day of *June* following, to the Commissioners for auditing the Public Accounts, who shall cause the same to be forthwith examined, and who shall certify thereon as to the Correctness or otherwise of the said Accounts; and as soon as such Examination shall have been completed the said Commissioners for auditing the Public Accounts shall transmit the said Accounts to the Commissioners of the Treasury, who shall lay the same, together with the Reports of the said Commissioners thereon, before the House of Commons on or before the Thirty-first Day of *January* following the said Thirty-first Day of *March*, if Parliament be then sitting, and if not, then within One Week after Parliament shall be next assembled.

Certain Sections of recited Act to be applicable to Accounts prepared under this Act.

2. All the Provisions of the Third, Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth Sections of the before-mentioned Act relating to the Accounts of Naval and Military Expenditure shall be applicable to the Accounts to be prepared under the Provisions of this Act, except as otherwise provided by this Act.

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