CHAP. 65.

An Act for appointing Commissioners to inquire into the existence of corrupt Practices amongst the Freemen Electors of the city of Dublin. [9th August 1869.]

A.D. 1869.

WHEREAS the Right Honourable William Keogh, one of the judges of the Court of Common Pleas at Dublin, appointed under and by virtue of the provisions of "The Parliamentary Elections Act, 1868," to try the matter of a certain petition complaining of the undue election of a member to serve in Parliament for the county of the city of Dublin at the election holden for the said county of the city of Dublin on the eighteenth day of November one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight, did, in pursuance of the provisions of the said Parliamentary Elections Act, 1868, at the conclusion of the trial of the said matter report to the Right Honourable the Speaker of the House of Commons that he had reason to believe that corrupt practices had extensively prevailed amongst the freemen voters at the said election for the said county of the city of Dublin; and that, save as respecting the said freemen, corrupt practices had not been shown to have extensively prevailed, nor was there any reason to believe that corrupt practices had extensively prevailed at the said election:

31 & 32 Vict. c. 125.

And whereas it is expedient that an inquiry should be made by Commissioners, to be specially appointed for that purpose, as to the existence, nature, and extent of corrupt practices amongst the freemen electors of the said city of Dublin, and into the conduct of all persons aiding in or abetting such corrupt practices:

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:

1. Hugh Law, Esquire, one of Her Majesty's counsel, Charles Henry Tandy, Esquire, one of Her Majesty's counsel, and

Commissioners appointed.

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William O'Connor Morris, Esquire, barrister-at-law, shall be Commissioners for the purpose of making inquiry into the existence, nature, and extent of corrupt practices amongst the freemen electors of the said city of Dublin, and into the conduct of all persons aiding in or abetting such corrupt practices.

Powers of Commissioners.

2. The said Commissioners shall have all and every the powers, authorities, and privileges, and the proceedings in relation to and upon such inquiry shall be had and taken in all respects as if the said Commissioners had been appointed under the provisions of the Act of the fifteenth and sixteenth years of Victoria, chapter fifty-seven, and all and every the provisions of the said Act, and of all and every Acts or Act altering or amending the same (except where such alteration or amendment affects the expenses of the inquiry), so far as the same are consistent herewith, shall apply in all respects for the purposes of this Act.

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