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An Act to provide for the Increase of the Number of Bishoprics and Archdeaconries in the *West Indies*, and to amend the several Acts relating thereto. [23d *March* 1842.]

WHEREAS an Act was passed in the Sixth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Fourth, intituled *An Act to make Provision for the Salaries of certain Bishops, and other Ecclesiastical Dignitaries and Ministers, in the Diocese of* Jamaica, *and in the Diocese of* Barbadoes *and the* Leeward Islands; *and to enable His Majesty to grant Annuities to such Bishops upon the Resignation of their Offices*, whereby it was amongst other things enacted, that the Persons who should from Time to Time exercise and enjoy the several Dignities and Offices therein-after mentioned, under or by virtue of His said late Majesty's Letters Patent or Authority, should receive the several Salaries or annual Sums therein-after respectively specified and set forth; that is to say, the Bishop of the Diocese of *Jamaica* and the Bishop of the Diocese of *Barbadoes* and the *Leeward Islands* in the *West Indies*, the Salary or annual Sum of Four thousand Pounds each of lawful Money of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland;* the

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Archdeacon of the Island of *Jamaica*, and the Archdeacon of the Island of *Barbadoes*, and the Archdeacon of the Island of *Antigua*, the Salary or annual Sum of Two thousand Pounds each of the like lawful Money; the Seven Ministers of the Gospel in the Diocese of *Jamaica*, and the Thirteen Ministers of the Gospel in the Diocese of *Barbadoes* and the *Leeward Islands*, the Salary or annual Sum of Three hundred Pounds of the like lawful Money; the Three Catechists in the said Diocese of *Barbadoes* and the *Leeward Islands*, the Salary or annual Sum of One hundred Pounds each of the like lawful Money; and that all the said several Salaries and annual Sums should be paid and payable free and clear from all Taxes and Deductions whatsoever; and it was by the said recited Act further enacted, that it should and might be lawful for the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury of the United Kingdom for the Time being, or any Three or more of them, and they were thereby authorized and required, from Time to Time, by Warrant or Warrants under their Hands, to direct the proper Officer of the Exchequer to issue and pay, out of the growing Produce of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, to such Person or Persons as might be appointed to receive the same, all and every such Sum and Sums of Money as might from Time to Time be necessary for the Payment of all or any of the several Salaries or annual Sums made payable by the said recited Act, which might have accrued respectively at any Time before the passing of the said recited Act, or which might from Time to Time accrue and become due and payable at any Time after the passing of the said recited Act: And whereas another Act was passed in the Seventh Year of the Reign of His said late Majesty to amend the said recited Act, by which Act of the Seventh Year of His said late Majesty's Reign so much of the said first-recited Act as enacted that there should be Seven Ministers in the Diocese of *Jamaica*, and Thirteen Ministers and Three Catechists in the Diocese of *Barbadoes*, with certain Salaries therein specified, was repealed; and it was further enacted, that it should and might be lawful for the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury of the United Kingdom for the Time being, or any Three or more of them, and they were thereby authorized and required, from Time to Time, by Warrant or Warrants under their Hands, to direct the proper Officer of the Exchequer to issue and pay, out of the growing Produce of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, to such Person or Persons as might be appointed to receive the same, any Sum or Sums of Money not exceeding the Sum of Six thousand three hundred Pounds *per Annum*, to commence and be computed from the Fifth Day of *April* One thousand eight hundred and twenty-four, for the Salaries of Ministers, Catechists, and Schoolmasters in the Dioceses of *Jamaica* and *Barbadoes* and the *Leeward Islands*, and to be distributed among such Ministers, Catechists, and Schoolmasters, in Salaries or otherwise, as the Bishops of the respective Dioceses, with the Approbation of the Commissioners of the Treasury, or of His Majesty's Secretary of State, should appoint, and so that the Sum to be paid to the Ministers, Catechists, and Schoolmasters in pursuance of the said recited Acts should not exceed Two thousand one hundred Pounds *per Annum* for the

Diocese of *Jamaica*, and Four thousand two hundred Pounds *per Annum* for the Diocese of *Barbadoes* and the *Leeward Islands*, and that no Minister should have a Salary exceeding Three hundred Pounds *per Annum*, as authorized by the said first-recited Act: And whereas it may be expedient that the several Colonies and Territories comprised within the said Dioceses of *Jamaica* and *Barbadoes* should be divided into a greater Number of Dioceses and Archdeaconries than are mentioned in the said recited Acts, and that the annual Payments so charged as aforesaid on the growing Produce of the Consolidated Fund should be apportioned to the Maintenance of the Bishops and Archdeacons of such new Dioceses and Archdeaconries, and of the Ministers, Catechists, and Schoolmasters within the same: 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, That it shall be lawful for Her Majesty from Time to Time, by Letters Patent under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom, to establish within the Territorial Limits of the existing Dioceses of *Jamaica* and *Barbadoes* Three or more Dioceses, with such and so many Archdeaconries within each Diocese, as to Her Majesty shall seem meet, and for that Purpose to revoke the Letters Patent under the Great Seal aforesaid under which the existing Dioceses of *Barbadoes* and *Jamaica*, and the existing Archdeaconries within the same respectively, have been established: Provided always, that no such Letters Patent, if issued during the Life and Incumbency of any such Bishop, shall take effect or be of any Force or Authority within his Diocese, unless he shall first, by a notarial Act under his Hand and the public Seal of his Diocese, to be deposited in the Registry thereof, have declared his Consent to the Operation, during his own Incumbency, within his Diocese, of any such Letters Patent.

Her Majesty empowered, by Letters Patent, to erect Three Dioceses within the Territorial Limits of the Dioceses of Jamaica and Barbadoes, and to revoke the existing Letters Patent.

II. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for Her Majesty, by any such Letters Patent as aforesaid, from Time to Time to make any such new Apportionment and Appropriation as to Her Majesty shall seem fit, among such new Bishops and Archdeacons, of the Sums of Money which by virtue of the said recited Acts are payable out of the growing Produce of the Consolidated Fund as the Salaries of the Bishops and Archdeacons therein mentioned; and that it shall be lawful for Her Majesty, in manner aforesaid, to apportion and appropriate so much of the total Amount of such Sums of Money as to Her Majesty shall seem fit for the Maintenance of such new Bishops as aforesaid, and so much thereof as to Her Majesty shall seem fit to the Maintenance of such new Archdeacons as aforesaid, without reference to, and without the Observance of, the Proportions in which the said Sums of Money are by the said recited Acts apportioned for the Maintenance of Bishops and Archdeacons respectively: Provided that nothing herein contained shall authorize any Diminution, during the Life and Incumbency of any Bishop or Archdeacon, of any Salary to which he is or shall be by Law entitled.

Her Majesty empowered to direct Apportionment of the Sums of Money granted for Salaries of the Bishops and Archdeacons of the said Dioceses.

III. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for Her Majesty, by any such Letters Patent as aforesaid, from Time to Time to assign to

Bishops of Dioceses to apportion

Salaries of Ministers, Catechists, and Schoolmasters.

to the respective Bishops of such future Dioceses as aforesaid the Power of distributing among the Ministers, Catechists, and Schoolmasters of their respective Dioceses, with the Approbation of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, or of One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, the Sum of Six thousand three hundred Pounds *per Annum* in the said recited Act mentioned, in such Proportion as Her Majesty shall see fit to apportion that Sum between the said future Dioceses: Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall authorize any Diminution, during the Life and Incumbency of any Minister, Catechist, or Schoolmaster, of any Salary to which he is or shall be by Law entitled.

Commissioners of the Treasury to direct Issue of the Money necessary for Salaries of Bishops, &c.

IV. And be it enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury for the Time being, or any Three or more of them, and they are hereby authorized and required, from Time to Time, by Warrant or Warrants under their Hands, to direct the proper Officer of the Exchequer to issue and pay, out of the growing Produce of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, to such Person or Persons as may be appointed to receive the same, the several annual Salaries or Sums of Money before mentioned, according to such new Apportionment and Appropriation thereof as, in pursuance of this present Act, shall from Time to Time be made by Her Majesty by any such Letters Patent as aforesaid.

Repeal of Provision in recited Act as to Pensions of Bishops.

V. And whereas by the said first-recited Act His said late Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, were authorized to give and grant to any Person who should execute the Office of Bishop of either of the Dioceses therein mentioned, and who should resign the same respectively, certain Annuities or Pensions; and it is expedient that, subject to the Exception herein-after contained, the said Provision should be repealed; be it therefore enacted, That so much of the said recited Act of the Sixth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Fourth as empowered His said late Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, to grant Annuities or Pensions on the Resignation of the Dioceses therein mentioned shall be and the same is hereby repealed, save and except only so far as respects the respective Bishops of the said Dioceses of *Jamaica* and *Barbadoes* who had been appointed to the same respectively before the making of this present Act.

Exception.

Amendment of Act.

VI. And be it enacted, That this Act may be repealed or amended during this present Session of Parliament.

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