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An Act to provide for the Payment of Compensation Allowances to certain Persons connected with the Courts of Law in *England*, for Loss of Fees and Emoluments. [4th *August* 1845.]

WHEREAS the lawful Fees and Emoluments of the Clerks of Dispensations and Faculties in Chancery, the Registrar of the Cinque Ports, the Clerks of the Petty Sessions at *Deptford* and *Clapham*, who respectively held or do now hold their Offices for Life, have been either wholly abolished or greatly diminished by the Operation of certain Acts of Parliament, and Advances on account of Compensation have heretofore been made to some of them out of the Grants of Parliament for Civil Contingencies: And whereas it is reasonable and just that Compensation should be permanently allowed to the said Persons for the Loss which they have sustained, out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland:* 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

Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury to investigate Claims of certain Officers, and award Compensation to them out of the Consolidated Fund.

of the same, That the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury for the Time being shall investigate the Claims of the said Officers respectively by such Means and in such Manner as they may think proper; and if any such Claim shall be established to the Satisfaction of the said Commissioners or any Three of them they are hereby authorized and empowered to award to the Claimant, by Warrant under their Hands, such Compensation by way of Annuity as they shall, under all the Circumstances of the Case, think him entitled to for the Loss sustained; and such Compensation shall commence in each Case at such Time as the said Commissioners shall think proper, and shall be issued and paid and be payable out of and be charged and chargeable upon the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*: Provided always, that an Account of such Compensation shall be laid before the Commons House of Parliament within Fourteen Days after the Date of the Warrant, if Parliament shall be then assembled, and if not then within Fourteen Days after the meeting of Parliament then next following.

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