if done, performed, and executed by Three or more of the said principal Officers.

Same Style to be adopted in Deeds, &c.

X. And be it further enacted, That in all Contracts of every Description, and in all Conveyances, Surrenders, Leases, and other Deeds and Instruments whatsoever relating to the Public Service, which from and after the passing of this Act shall or may be made or entered into by, to, or with the principal Officers of the Ordnance for the Time being, or any Two or more of them, or whereunto they or any Two or more of them shall or may be Parties, it shall be sufficient to call or describe the said principal Officers by the Style or Title of "The principal Officers of His Majesty's Ordnance," without naming them or any of them; and that all such Contracts, Conveyances, Surrenders, Leases, and other Deeds and Instruments wherein the said principal Officers shall be called or described by their Style or Title as aforesaid, and the Execution thereof respectively by the said principal Officers or any Two or more of them, shall be as valid and effectual, and shall have the like Force and Operation, to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever, as if the said principal Officers, or any Two or more of them, had been particularly named and described therein.

CAP. XXVI.

An Act to authorize the Commissioners for auditing the Public Accounts of *Great Britain* to examine and audit Accounts of the Receipt and Expenditure of Colonial Revenues. [9th *April* 1832.]

'WHEREAS an Act was passed in the Fifty-fourth Year of the Reign of His Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled
54 G. 3. c. 184. *An Act for the more effectual Examination of Accounts of the Receipt and Expenditure of the Colonial Revenues in the Islands of* Ceylon, Mauritius, Malta, Trinidad, *and the Settlements of the* Cape of Good Hope, *for Five Years:* And whereas it was provided by the said recited Act that the same should continue in force for Five Years and no longer: And whereas by virtue of an Act passed in the Fifty-ninth Year of the Reign of His Majesty King
59 G. 3. c. 67. *George* the Third, intituled *An Act to continue, until the Thirtieth Day of* July *One thousand eight hundred and twenty, an Act of the Fifty-fourth Year of His present Majesty, for the effectual Examination of Accounts of the Receipt and Expenditure of the Colonial Revenues in the Islands of* Ceylon, Mauritius, Malta, Trinidad, *and in the Settlements of the* Cape of Good Hope; and of another Act passed in the First Year of the Reign of His late
1 G. 4. c. 65. Majesty King *George* the Fourth, intituled *An Act to continue, until the Thirtieth Day of* July *One thousand eight hundred and twenty-one, an Act of the Fifty-fourth Year of His late Majesty, for the effectual Examination of the Accounts of the Receipt and Expenditure of the Colonial Revenues in the Islands of* Ceylon, Mauritius, Malta, Trinidad, *and in the Settlements of the* Cape of Good Hope, the said recited Act of the Fifty-fourth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third, and all Powers therein contained, were continued until the Thirtieth Day of *July* One thousand eight hundred and twenty-one: And whereas by

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'an Act passed in the First and Second Years of the Reign of His 'said late Majesty King *George* the Fourth, intituled *An Act to* 1 & 2 G. 4. 'alter and abolish certain Forms of Proceedings in the Exchequer c. 121. 'and Audit Office relative to Public Accountants, and for making 'further Provisions for the Purpose of facilitating and expediting 'the passing of Public Accounts in Great Britain, and to render 'perpetual and amend an Act passed in the Fifty-fourth Year of His 'late Majesty, for the effectual Examination of the Accounts of 'certain Colonial Revenues, the said recited Act of the Fifty-fourth 'Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third, 'and all the Powers and Authorities, Clauses and Provisions, 'therein contained, except in so far as the same were varied, 'altered, or repealed by the said recited Act of the First and Second 'Years of His late Majesty King *George* the Fourth, were made 'perpetual: And whereas it was provided by the said recited Act 'of the Fifty-fourth Year of the Reign of His Majesty King *George* 'the Third, that Commissioners might be appointed, under the 'Great Seal of *Great Britain*, for the examining such Public 'Accounts of Persons concerned in the Receipt or Expenditure of 'the Colonial Revenues in any of the Colonies or Dominions 'subject to the Crown of *Great Britain*, or in the Receipt or 'Expenditure of any Sums granted by Parliament in aid thereof, 'as the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury might 'deem it expedient to refer to them: And whereas His Majesty 'did, by His Letters Patent bearing Date the Thirtieth Day of '*December* in the First Year of His Reign, appoint Three Com-'missioners for that Purpose, which said Letters Patent are now of 'full Force and Effect: And whereas there are now depending in 'the Office of the said Commissioners several Accounts of Persons 'concerned in the Receipt and Expenditure of the Colonial 'Revenues, or of Sums granted in aid thereof, which have not 'been examined, or the Examination of which has not yet been 'completed: And whereas it is expedient that as well the said 'Accounts as all other Accounts of the Receipt and Expenditure 'of the Colonial Revenues, and of Sums granted in aid thereof, 'should hereafter be examined by the Commissioners for auditing 'the Public Accounts of *Great Britain*:' Be it therefore enacted by the King'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 from and after the Fifth Day of *April* next all such Accounts as may then be depending or unexamined in the Office of the said Commissioners shall be transferred for Examination and Audit to the Office of the Commissioners for auditing the Public Accounts of *Great Britain;* and all Accounts of the Receipt and Expenditure of the Colonial Revenues, and of Sums granted in aid thereof, shall be made and rendered to the said Commissioners for auditing the Public Accounts of *Great Britain*, in like Manner as they have been heretofore made and rendered to the Commissioners appointed and acting under and by virtue of the said recited Acts; and all Accountants heretofore liable to render such Accounts to the said last-named Commissioners shall be liable and are hereby required to render the same to the said Commissioners for auditing the

The Audit of all Accounts of the Receipt and Expenditure of the Colonial Revenues transferred to Commissioners for auditing the Public Accounts of Great Britain.

the Public Accounts of *Great Britain*, and shall be liable for Neglect or Omission to render the same to the said Commissioners for auditing the Public Accounts of *Great Britain*, in the same Manner as they would have been liable before the passing of this Act for Neglect or Omission to render the same to the Commissioners appointed and acting under and by virtue of the said recited Acts; and all the Powers and Authorities given or belonging to the said last-mentioned Commissioners by virtue of the said recited Acts shall be and are hereby transferred to the said Commissioners for auditing the Public Accounts of *Great Britain*, who are hereby authorized and required from Time to Time to examine the said Accounts, and to exercise all Powers and Authorities in respect thereof, and for the Recovery of all Balances, and for and in respect of all Matters and Things relating thereto, as to them shall seem meet, as fully and effectually and in like Manner as before the passing of this Act the Commissioners appointed and acting under and by virtue of the said recited Acts were authorized and required to do; any thing therein contained to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding.

Statement of every Account to be transmitted by the Commissioners to the Lords of the Treasury.

II. And be it further enacted, That the Commissioners for auditing the Public Accounts shall transmit a Statement of every Account delivered to them as before mentioned (after due Examination and Audit thereof) to the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, who, having considered such Statement, shall return the same to the Commissioners of Audit, together with their Warrant directing the said Commissioners to make up and pass the Account, either conformably to the Statement, or with such Variations as they may deem just and reasonable; and the Account, having been made up in pursuance of such Directions, and signed by Three or more of the Commissioners for auditing the Public Accounts, shall remain deposited in the Audit Office, and shall have the same Force and Validity, and be as effectual in Law for all Purposes whatsoever, as if the same had been declared according to the usual Course by the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

Superannuation or Retired Allowances granted by 54 G. 3. to be paid out of the respective Revenues of the Colonies as the Treasury may direct.

III. 'And whereas it is expedient that all Superannuation or 'Retired Allowances heretofore granted or that may be granted to 'any Commissioner or other Person appointed in pursuance of the 'said recited Act of the Fifty-fourth Year of His late Majesty King 'George the Third, upon the said Accounts being transferred for 'Examination to the Commissioners for auditing the Public Ac-'counts, should continue to be defrayed in the Manner provided 'for in the said recited Act;' be it therefore enacted, That all such Superannuations and Retired Allowances as aforesaid shall be charged upon and borne and defrayed out of the respective Revenues of the Colonies of *Ceylon*, *Mauritius*, *Malta*, *Trinidad*, and the *Cape of Good Hope*, in such Proportions, and shall be paid and remitted thereout in such Manner, as the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, or any Three or more of them, shall from Time to Time direct.