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An Act to regulate the Office of the Receipt of His Majesty's Exchequer at *Westminster*.

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WHEREAS by an Act passed in the Fifty-seventh Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act to regulate the Offices of His Majesty's Exchequer in* England *and* Ireland *respectively*, it was declared, that the Offices of Auditor and Tellers of His Majesty's Exchequer in *England* and *Ireland* respectively, and of Clerks of the Pells in *England* and *Ireland* respectively, were Offices with respect to which it was expedient that a more economical Execution of the Duties thereof respectively, after the Termination of the then existing Interests therein, should be adopted; and it was thereby enacted, that from Time to Time thereafter as such respective Offices should become vacant it should be lawful for the Lord High Treasurer of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, or the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, for the Time being, and they were thereby required, to regulate the Duties and Establishments of the Offices so becoming vacant, so that the said Duties should be performed in Person by such fit and proper Persons as the said Commissioners should deem sufficient and necessary, with such Salaries or Emoluments as should be ordered and appointed by the 57 G. 3. c. 84.

the said Commissioners in that Behalf, the said Commissioners laying before Parliament an Account of the new Establishment of the respective Offices so regulated, and all the Regulations above mentioned, with a Statement of the Number of Officers and Amount of Salaries of each respectively, together with a Statement of the former Establishment of the respective Offices so regulated: And whereas, under the Powers vested in the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury by the said Act, the Offices of Auditor of the Exchequer and Clerk of the Pells in *Ireland* have been abolished, and certain other Arrangements have been made in the Offices of Teller of the Exchequer in *Ireland* and Clerk of the Pells in *England:* And whereas His Majesty was pleased by His Royal Sign Manual Warrant, bearing Date the Twenty-first Day of *June* One thousand eight hundred and thirty, to appoint certain Commissioners to inquire into the Charges of managing and collecting the Public Revenue, and into the Manner in which the Public Monies were received into, kept in, and issued from the Receipt of His Majesty's Exchequer, and also by His Royal Sign Manual Warrant, bearing Date the Eighth Day of *July* One thousand eight hundred and thirty-one, to appoint certain other Commissioners to inquire and examine into the Practice of the Exchequer with respect to the Receipt and Payment of the Public Money, and the Mode of keeping the Accounts thereof: And whereas by a Report of the said last-mentioned Commissioners made thereupon to the Commissioners of the Treasury, bearing Date the Eighth Day of *October* following, various Arrangements, Alterations, and Improvements in the Constitution of the Court of the Receipt of the Exchequer, and in the Practice and Mode of keeping the Accounts thereof, have been proposed to be adopted: And whereas it is expedient to carry into effect certain of the Regulations proposed in the said Report, and to that end to remodel the Constitution of the Exchequer at *Westminster*, and to effect the Improvements intended, notwithstanding the existing Interests in the several Offices of the Exchequer which have not as yet been determined: 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 Commencement of this Act, as herein-after mentioned, the several Offices following in the Exchequer at *Westminster* (that is to say), the Offices of Auditor, and of each of the Four Tellers of the Exchequer, and of the Clerk of the Pells, and the several Offices subordinate thereto, be and the same are hereby abolished, and to that end that the several Patents, Warrants, and Authorities under which the same have been and are respectively held shall cease, determine, and become absolutely null and void; and that in lieu of the said several Offices the Constitution and Establishment of the Exchequer shall consist of the following Officers; (that is to say,) a Comptroller General to be designated Comptroller General of the Receipt and Issue of His Majesty's Exchequer, with an annual Salary of Two thousand Pounds; an Assistant Comptroller, a Chief Clerk, and such Number of Clerks and Assistants, with such Salaries, as shall be

Offices of Auditor, Tellers, Clerk of the Pells, and the Offices subordinate thereto, abolished.

New Establishment.

established and regulated from Time to Time by the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury.

Appointment of Comptroller.

II. And be it further enacted, That the Office of the said Comptroller shall be granted by Letters Patent under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, to continue in force during good Behaviour, subject, however, to his Removal therefrom by His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, on the Address of the Two Houses of Parliament; subject also to the Abolition or Regulation of his Office at any future Time by the Authority of Parliament; and that the Duties, Powers, and Authorities by this Act imposed on or vested in the Comptroller shall and may, in the Event of the Illness or of the occasional and necessary Absence of the said Comptroller from his Office, be executed by such Assistant.

Assistant may act in certain Cases.

Comptroller incapable of holding any other Office.

III. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the said Comptroller shall not be capable of holding his Office at the same Time or together with any other Office to be held during Pleasure under the Crown, or under any Officer appointed by the Crown.

Powers of Auditor or Clerk of Pells transferred to Comptroller.

IV. And be it further enacted, That all the Powers and Authorities now vested in the Auditor of the Exchequer or Clerk of the Pells, either by Law or Usage, shall, from and after the Commencement of this Act, be transferred to and vested in the said Comptroller, subject to the Provisions of this Act, except only so far as any of such Powers or Authorities are or shall be by this Act controlled, diminished, or varied.

Offices to be performed in Person, &c.

V. And be it further enacted, That the said Comptroller, Assistant Comptroller, Chief and other Clerks shall execute the Duties of their respective Offices in Person; and that the Office of the Exchequer shall be kept open for Public Business, and Attendance shall be given thereat by the said Officers and Clerks, throughout the Year, on all such Days and during the usual Hours in which the Office of His Majesty's Treasury has been accustomed to or shall be kept open.

Treasury to establish Forms of Books, Accounts, Warrants, Instruments, &c.

VI. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Commissioners of the Treasury for the Time being from Time to Time, by such Orders and Regulations as they shall see necessary for the Safety, Economy, and Advantage of the Public Service, to establish and direct what Books, Accounts, and Vouchers shall be kept and used in the said Office of Exchequer, and the Forms thereof, as well as the Forms of all Warrants, Specifications, Instruments, and other Documents which for the better carrying into effect the Purposes of this Act it shall be necessary to make use of in either of the said Offices of the Treasury and Exchequer, or in any other Public Office whatsoever; and likewise in what Manner the Applications made to the Treasury for Credits for the Services of the respective Departments of Expenditure shall be examined, approved, and recorded; and also in what Books and in what Manner

Manner the several Instruments required or authorized by this Act shall be entered, recorded, and acted upon; and the Form of Returns to be made by the said Comptroller to the Commissioners of the Treasury, and the Periods for making the same.

Records, &c. relating to the Exchequer to be delivered over to the Comptroller.

VII. And be it further enacted, That on the Eleventh Day of *October* One thousand eight hundred and thirty-four all Books, Records, Deeds, Papers, Documents, and Vouchers whatsoever relating to the Office of the Receipt of the Exchequer, and all the Standard Weights and Measures, and Standard Pieces of Gold, Silver, and Copper, and all other Articles of Public Property, (except Monies and Securities for Money, and such Documents as are by this Act directed to be delivered over to the Commissioners of the Treasury,) which shall then be in the Custody, Power, or Control of the Auditor, Tellers, or Clerk of the Pells of the Exchequer at *Westminster*, or of any of their Officers or Clerks, shall be delivered into the Custody of the said Comptroller, who shall thereupon take charge of the same, and by whom, or whose Assistant, and by the Officers subordinate to him, all such Acts, Matters, and Things relating to the said Standard Weights and Measures, and Standard Pieces of Gold, Silver, and Copper, as have heretofore been or ought to be performed by any of the Officers of His Majesty's Exchequer, shall from thenceforth be performed and executed.

Tellers to pay over to the Bank all Monies, &c. in their Hands.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That on the said Eleventh Day of *October*, and between the Hours of Ten in the Forenoon and Four in the Afternoon, all Monies, whether Out Cash or otherwise, and all Bills, Notes, and Securities for Money, belonging to the Crown, in the Chests or in the Keeping or at the Disposal of the Tellers of His Majesty's Exchequer or of any of the Officers under them, or with which they or any of them shall be charged or chargeable, shall be paid into the Bank of *England* to the Credit of His Majesty's Exchequer, and that an Account shall be thereupon opened by the Governor and Company of the said Bank, to be called "The Account of His Majesty's Exchequer"; and that each of the said Tellers and other Officers of the Exchequer who shall make any such Payment into the said Bank shall at the same Time deliver a Specification or Statement in Writing in Duplicate, signed by himself with his own Name, distinguishing the Particulars of such Payment and showing the Total Amount thereof, to the Cashier of the Bank or other Officer to be appointed in that Behalf, who shall enter the same in a Book to be kept for that Purpose, and sign a Memorandum thereon of such Entry having been so made, and shall transmit one of such Duplicates to the Comptroller of the Exchequer, and also a certified Copy thereof to the Commissioners of the Treasury; and the other of such Duplicates, vouched and signed by the said Cashier or other Officer as aforesaid, shall be returned by him to the Person making the Payment, who shall deposit the same with the said Comptroller of the Exchequer, by whom an Acquittance shall be made out, signed, and delivered to the Party making the Payment, which shall be to such Party a legal and sufficient Discharge with the Auditors of the Public Accounts and all other Persons whomsoever:

soever: Provided always, that the Party making the Payment shall at the same Time transmit to the Comptroller and also to the Commissioners of the Treasury a Statement of the Particulars of such Payments, showing the Sources from which the Money so paid shall have been derived, and the Services to which the same were applicable; and provided also, that such Monies, whether Out Cash or otherwise, so to be paid over by the said Tellers, shall remain chargeable and appropriated to the Services to which any such Monies are now specifically applicable; and that it shall be lawful for the Commissioners of the Treasury to give Authority to the Comptroller of the Exchequer to apply the same accordingly.

All Public Monies hitherto payable into the Exchequer to be paid into the Bank.

IX. And be it further enacted, That upon and from and after the said Eleventh Day of *October* all Public Monies which previous to the Commencement of this Act shall have been payable into His Majesty's Exchequer at *Westminster* shall be paid into the Bank of *England* to the Credit of the Exchequer; and that the Party paying in any such Money, or on whose Account the same shall be paid, shall in like Manner deliver therewith a Specification or Statement of the Particulars thereof in Writing in Duplicate under his Hand, to be previously countersigned by the Comptroller or his Assistant, to the Cashier or Officer of the Bank receiving the Payment, to be by him entered in manner already provided; and one of the said Duplicates, having been vouched and signed by the said Cashier or Officer as aforesaid, shall be returned to the Party making the Payment, in order to his thereupon obtaining from the Comptroller an Acquittance in the Manner herein-before directed with respect to Payments made by the Tellers; and at the Close of each Day on which any Payment shall be made into the Bank on account of the Exchequer there shall be transmitted from thence by the Cashier or other Officer of that Establishment the other of the said Duplicate Specifications (with the Entry thereof marked on each) to the said Comptroller, together with a Statement of the Particulars of all Sums paid into the Bank on that Day; and a Copy of such Statement, certified by the Cashier or other proper Officer, shall at the same Time be transmitted from the Bank to the Commissioners of the Treasury.

Monies paid to the Account of the Exchequer to form One Fund in the Bank Books.

X. And be it further enacted, That all Monies paid into the Bank of *England* on account of the Exchequer shall be treated by the Governor and Company of the said Bank as forming One Fund in their Books; and that all Warrants or Orders to be made by the Comptroller of the Exchequer for Credits to the various Officers to whom Money is to be issued for the Public Service shall be satisfied out of such general Fund: Provided always, that in the Accounts to be kept by the Comptroller of the Exchequer and by the Commissioners of the Treasury, the Receipts, Credits, and Issues shall be placed to the several and respective Accounts to which they shall severally and respectively belong, according to the Enactments of the Act or Acts under the Authority of which the Monies are received and the Credits and Issues directed; and provided also, that, in directing the Transfer of any Credits from the general Account of His Majesty's Exchequer at the Bank of *England*, all the

Provisions of the several Statutes now in force whereby the Appropriation of the Consolidated Fund of *Great Britain* and *Ireland* is authorized and directed shall be strictly observed and followed.

Royal Order for issuing Money to the different Departments of the Public Service.

XI. And be it further enacted, That from and after the Commencement of this Act, whenever any Sum or Sums of Money shall have been granted to His Majesty by any Act of Parliament or Vote of the House of Commons for any specified Branch of the Public Service, and Ways and Means shall likewise have been granted for satisfying and making good the same, it shall be lawful for His Majesty, by His Royal Order under the Royal Sign Manual, to be countersigned by the Commissioners of the Treasury, to authorize and require the said Comptroller to place at the Bank of *England*, to the Credit of the Public Accountant to the Crown in the respective Branch of Service, the Amount of the Sum so granted or voted, at such Times and in such Proportions as the said Commissioners shall from Time to Time direct, to be applied by such Officer to such Service; and that such Royal Order shall contain a Reference to the particular Act or Vote of Parliament, and shall, after having been recorded and entered by the Commissioners of the Treasury in their Books, be transmitted to the said Comptroller to be entered on Record, and to remain in his Office, the said Comptroller having first satisfied himself that the said Order has been made in conformity with and has not exceeded the Amount of the Grant of Parliament.

Treasury Warrant.

XII. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Commissioners of the Treasury, by Warrant under their Hands, from Time to Time as they shall see expedient and proper, to authorize and require the said Comptroller to transfer from the general Fund of the Exchequer at the Bank to the Credit of the respective Officers whose Duty it shall be to make Payments on account of the several Public Departments such Sums as shall be requisite for carrying on the respective Services; and every such Warrant shall recite the Substance of the Royal Order upon which it is founded, referring to the Act or Vote therein mentioned, and shall specify the Total Amount of the Monies authorized by such Order to be issued, and the Credits (if any) which have previously been issued on account thereof, and of the Balance still remaining to be issued; and upon the Receipt of every such Warrant at the Office of the said Comptroller the same shall be compared with the Royal Order, and with the preceding Warrants (if any) which shall have been made in pursuance thereof; and the said Comptroller, having satisfied himself that such Warrant has been made in conformity with and has not exceeded in Amount the Royal Order, shall from Time to Time, (in pursuance of Directions to that Effect from the Commissioners of the Treasury,) by a Warrant under his Hand, authorize the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England* to grant Credits on account of the Sum or Sums therein mentioned to the Person or Persons therein described, which Warrant shall be forwarded to the said Governor and Company, who, on the Receipt thereof, shall grant the Credit thereby required.

Exchequer Warrant.

XIII. And

Warrants for the Issues of Monies charged on the Consolidated Fund, &c. may be made without Royal Order.

XIII. And be it further enacted, That in all Cases of Grants by Parliament, charged on the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom, or upon any Public Monies specially appropriated by any Act or Acts of Parliament to or for any particular Objects or Services, and in all Cases where by any Act or Acts or any other lawful Authority the Auditor of the Exchequer is now required to make and pass Debentures for the Payment of any such Charge or Charges, it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners of the Treasury and they are hereby required, by Warrant under their Hands, without any such Royal Order as aforesaid, from Time to Time to authorize and require the said Comptroller to accredit the several Persons whose Duty it may be to pay such Charges with the Sums requisite for that Purpose; and every such last-mentioned Warrant shall contain a Reference to the Act or Acts of Parliament by which such Sums shall be charged on the said Fund or on such other Public Monies so specifically appropriated; and the said Comptroller, on the Receipt of the said Warrant, having first satisfied himself that the Payments therein directed are duly authorized by Law, shall from Time to Time, in pursuance of Directions to that Effect from the Commissioners of the Treasury, by Warrant in Writing authorize and direct the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England* to grant Credits on account of the Sum or Sums mentioned in the Treasury Warrant to the Officer or Person whose Duty it shall be to make the Payment; and the said Governor and Company, on the Receipt of such Warrant of the Comptroller, shall grant the Credit thereby directed.

Credits not to be accompanied by actual Transfers.

XIV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That in Cases in which any Credit shall be granted to any Person by the said Governor and Company, in pursuance of this Act, no Sum of Money shall be transferred from the Account of His Majesty's Exchequer until the same shall be actually paid by the Bank to or on account of the Person to whom such Credit shall be granted: Provided always, that nothing in this Act contained shall be construed to alter or affect the Regulations now in force by virtue of any Act or Acts relating to the Payment of the Dividends on account of the Public Debt.

Treasury to appoint Officers for paying Salaries, &c.

XV. And whereas it is expedient to provide for the Payment of Salaries, Allowances, and other Charges hitherto payable in detail at the Exchequer; be it therefore further enacted, That from and after the Commencement of this Act all Salaries, Allowances, Incidents, and other Charges now payable in detail at the Exchequer under the Authority of Parliament, or under Royal Sign Manual, or under the Authority of the Commissioners of the Treasury duly authorized by Law to order such Payments, shall be paid by a Paymaster or Officer to be for that Purpose appointed by the Commissioners of the Treasury, with such Number of Clerks and Assistants as the said Commissioners shall deem requisite for carrying on and fully executing the several Duties connected with or incident to such Payments, which Duties shall be performed by the said Paymaster and his Assistants under such Regulations as the said Commissioners shall from Time to Time establish;

establish; and that so soon as such Appointment shall have taken place all Papers and Documents relating to such Payments and Duties which shall appear to the Commissioners of the Treasury to be necessary for the proper Discharge of the Duties of the said Paymaster, and which shall then be in the Custody or Power of any of the Officers of the Exchequer, shall be by them delivered over to and remain in the Custody of the said Commissioners of the Treasury.

Books of Comptroller and Paymaster to be deemed of Record.

XVI. And be it further enacted, That the several Books to be kept in the Office of the Comptroller General of the Exchequer and in the Office of the Paymaster to be appointed under the Authority of this Act shall be deemed Books of Record, and shall be received as such, in all Courts of Law and Equity and elsewhere, in Evidence of the Entries therein respectively contained, and of the Debts thereby respectively charged against the several and respective Accountants to the Crown.

Paymaster's Account.

XVII. And be it further enacted, That the said Paymaster's Account shall be kept at the Bank of *England*, and be deemed for all Purposes a Public Account.

Treasury to transmit to the Bank a List of Public Officers required to keep Accounts there.

On Death of any Public Officer, his Account with Exchequer and Bank to vest in his Successor in Office.

XVIII. And be it further enacted, That the Commissioners of the Treasury shall, previously to the Period fixed for the Commencement of this Act, and from Time to Time afterwards as they may think proper, transmit to the Bank of *England* and to the Comptroller of the Exchequer a List of the several Public Officers or Individuals who are required to keep Public Accounts at the Bank of *England;* and that upon the Death, Resignation, or Removal of any such Public Officers or Individuals, the Balance of their Credits on the Exchequer Funds, and also the Balance of Cash on their Public Accounts, in the Books of the Bank, shall, upon the Appointment of their Successors, unless otherwise provided for by Law, vest in and be transferred to the Account of such Successors, and shall not in the Case of the Death of any such Individual constitute Assets of the Deceased, or be in any Manner subject to the Control of his Personal Representative.

As to fractional Parts of a Penny.

XIX. And be it further enacted, That in all Payments to be made and Accounts to be kept under this Act the fractional Parts of One Penny shall be excluded therefrom.

Bank to transmit Statements of Credits and Payments.

XX. And be it further enacted, That the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England* shall and they are hereby required to transmit from Day to Day to the said Comptroller an Account of the several Payments actually made by them in the course of the preceding Day on account of the Credits granted by him; and the said Governor and Company shall likewise weekly transmit to the Commissioners of the Treasury a Statement specifying the Sums of Money paid within the preceding Week to the Drafts or Orders of the several Public Accountants to whom Credits shall have been granted by the said Governor and Company in pursuance of the

Warrants of the said Comptroller, distinguishing the Payments on each Account, and also a Statement of the Balance of Money remaining in the Bank at the Close of each such Week on account of the Exchequer; all which several Statements shall be authenticated by the Signature of One of the Cashiers or other Officer of the Bank to be appointed for that Purpose.

Bills of Exchange, &c. not to be payable at the Bank after Three o'Clock.

XXI. And be it further enacted, That no Bill of Exchange drawn on any Public Officer or Department for the Public Service, and accepted payable at the Bank of *England*, nor any Cheque, Draft, or Order for the Payment of Money drawn by any Person or Accountant authorized to draw for the Public Service, shall from and after the Commencement of this Act be payable at the Bank of *England* at any Time after Three of the Clock in any Day.

Treasury may establish Rules for keeping Accounts of Public Departments.

XXII. And whereas, by reason of the Alterations by this Act directed to be made in the Proceedings and Practice of His Majesty's Exchequer with respect to the Receipt and Issue of the Public Monies, it will be necessary that new Regulations should be prescribed for the Government of the several Receivers General and other Collectors of the Revenue in their Transactions with the Bank of *England*; be it therefore enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Commissioners of the Treasury from Time to Time to establish Rules and Regulations for keeping the Accounts of the several respective Departments of the Revenue with the Bank of *England*, and for the Payment of the Public Monies collected by such Departments to the Account of the Exchequer; which several Rules and Regulations shall be certified by the Commissioners of the Treasury to the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England* and to the several and respective Departments of the Revenue, and shall be of full Force and Authority, and shall be observed by all Bodies and Persons whatsoever in relation to all Matters and Things therein contained; any thing in any Act or Acts to the contrary notwithstanding.

Quarterly Statements to be made by Comptroller to the Commissioners of Audit, and annual Statements to Parliament.

XXIII. And be it further enacted, That from and after the Commencement of this Act the Comptroller of the Exchequer shall, within One Week next after the Termination of each Quarter in every Year, transmit to the Commissioners for auditing the Public Accounts a Statement of all Payments made to the Bank on account of the Exchequer, and of all the Credits for which Warrants shall have been granted by him upon the Bank, during that Quarter, together with a Statement of all Monies drawn by the said Accountants during the course of the Quarter, as certified to him by the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*; and ~~the said~~ Comptroller shall ~~also~~ cause to be prepared and laid before each House of Parliament, on the Twentieth Day of *April* in every Year, if Parliament shall be then sitting, and if not, then within Seven Days after the next Meeting of Parliament, an Account under his Hand for such preceding Year, ending on the Fifth Day of *April*, showing the Amount of all Monies received during that Period to the Account of His Majesty's Exchequer, and distinguishing the same

under the several and respective Heads of Public Revenue, and showing also the Amount of all Royal Orders and Treasury Warrants received by him, and the Issues made from the Bank on Credits given pursuant thereto, under the respective Heads aforesaid, and stating the Balance of Monies remaining at the Bank to the Account of the Exchequer at the Close of each such Year, which said Account shall be accompanied by a Certificate, under the Hand of the principal Cashier of the Bank of *England*, which such Cashier is hereby required to give, of the Sum which actually remained on the Books of the Bank to the Credit of His Majesty's Exchequer on the said Fifth Day of *April*.

Surplus Revenue to be ascertained by Receipts and Credits at the Bank.

XXIV. And be it further enacted, That the annual Account made up on each Quarter Day, which, by an Act passed in the Tenth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Fourth, the Commissioners of the Treasury are required to cause to be prepared, of the actual Receipt and Expenditure of the United Kingdom, according to the actual Receipt and Issue of Monies at His Majesty's Exchequer, shall, from and after the Commencement of this Act, so far as relates to *Great Britain*, be made out according to the actual Receipt of Money at the Bank on the Account of the Exchequer and of Credits granted thereout by the Warrants of the Comptroller; and the Surplus directed by the said Act to be issued and applied towards the Reduction of the National Debt, being thereby ascertained, shall be issued and applied accordingly in the Manner directed by the said Act.

Fees on Issues for the Public Service abolished.

XXV. And whereas the Practice which has heretofore prevailed of taking or deducting Monies, in the Nature of Fees, upon the Issue of Public Monies to the several Departments, has been found to be attended with Expence and Inconvenience; be it therefore further enacted, That from and after the Commencement of this Act the Fees heretofore charged and taken at the Exchequer upon the Issues of Money to and Receipts of Money from the several Departments of or Accountants to the Crown for the Public Service shall cease and be no longer payable; and that in all Cases in which any Payments made to Individuals at the Exchequer have been heretofore chargeable with Fees or Deductions it shall be lawful for the Commissioners of the Treasury and they are hereby required, from and after the Commencement of this Act, to reduce all such Payments to the several and respective net Amounts heretofore received from the Exchequer by the several and respective Parties.

As to the Preparation of Exchequer Bills.

XXVI. And be it further enacted, That from and after the Commencement of this Act all Exchequer Bills to be thereafter made out under the Authority of any Act of Parliament shall be prepared, made out, and numbered in the Office of the said Comptroller at such Times and in such Form as the Commissioners of the Treasury shall from Time to Time direct; and that the several Regulations in relation to the making out, issuing, and paying off Exchequer Bills which are established by an Act passed in the Forty-eighth

Year of the Reign of His Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act for regulating the issuing and paying off of Exchequer Bills*, or by any other Act or Acts with respect to the Issue and Application of Exchequer Bills under the Authority of such Acts, shall continue in force, except in so far as the same shall be altered by any of the Provisions of this Act; and that all such Bills shall be signed by the said Comptroller, or in his Name by his Assistant, and shall be issued and applied to the Public Service at such Times and in such Manner as shall be directed by the Commissioners of the Treasury, or in such Manner and upon such Authorities as shall have been specially directed with respect thereto by any Act or Acts now in force, the said Comptroller taking care that such Bills are made and issued according to Law. 48 G. 3. c. 1.

XXVII. And be it further enacted, That a Return, setting forth all Orders and Regulations, and describing all Books and Forms of Accounts and Vouchers, which shall have been ordered and prescribed by the Commissioners of the Treasury, shall be laid before Parliament on or before the Fifth Day of *April* One thousand eight hundred and thirty-five, if Parliament be then sitting, and if not then sitting, within Six Weeks from the Day of the next ensuing Meeting of Parliament. Return of Regulations to be made to Parliament.

XXVIII. And be it further enacted, That if any Person shall forge, counterfeit, or alter, or cause or procure to be forged, counterfeited, or altered, or knowingly and willingly act, aid, or assist in forging, counterfeiting, or altering, any Warrant, Order for Payment, or other Document whatsoever by this Act directed or authorized to be issued or made, or shall utter or publish as true, or knowingly or willingly act, aid, or assist in uttering or publishing as true, knowing the same to be forged, counterfeited, or altered, any such Warrant, Order for Payment, or other Document whatsoever, with Intent to defraud His Majesty, the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, or any other Person or Persons, any Person so offending shall be deemed guilty of Felony, and shall upon Conviction be transported beyond the Seas for the Term of his natural Life. Punishing Persons guilty of Forgery.

XXIX. And whereas it is just and reasonable that full Compensation should be made to the several Officers of the Exchequer at *Westminster* who now hold their Offices for Life or during good Behaviour; be it therefore enacted, That there shall be paid to *Henry* Earl *Bathurst* and to *Spencer Perceval* Esquire, Two of the present Tellers of the Exchequer at *Westminster*, respectively, during their respective Lives, by quarterly Payments, the Amount of the annual Salaries to which they are at present respectively entitled by virtue of their respective Offices; and that there shall be paid to the Right Honourable *Henry Ellis*, the present Clerk of the Pells of the Exchequer at *Westminster*, the Tenure of whose Office is during good Behaviour, the annual Sum of One thousand and four hundred Pounds, being the Amount of his present Salary, by quarterly Payments: Provided always, that a proportionate Part of such several Sums shall be paid to the Executors or Compensation to Two of the Tellers and to the Clerk of the Pells.

or Administrators of the several and respective Parties in the event of the Death of any of them during the course of any Quarter.

Compensation to Marquis Camden.

XXX. And whereas the Most Noble *John Jeffries* Marquis *Camden*, one other of the present Tellers of the Exchequer, hath, in pursuance of a Proposition made by him, and in consideration of the State of the Country, paid in aid of the Public Revenue towards the Exigencies of the State the Surplus of the Fees, Perquisites, and Emoluments of his Office, after abating thereout the necessary Charges and Expences of the Establishment thereof, reserving to himself only the annual Salary of a Teller authorized by an Act passed in the Twenty-third Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third, for establishing certain Regulations in the Receipt of His Majesty's Exchequer; which Contribution has to the present Time amounted to the Sum of Two hundred and forty-four thousand four hundred and seven Pounds Ten Shillings and Eleven-pence: And whereas, in consideration of the said Contribution so made to the Public Service, and of the voluntary Surrender of the Profits and Emoluments accruing to him by Law in right of his Office, it is just and proper that the full Rights and Interests of the said Marquis *Camden* should not be impaired or altered by any thing in this Act contained; be it therefore enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act it shall be lawful for the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury to direct the Payment to the said Marquis *Camden*, out of the Consolidated Fund, of such Amount or Sum of Money quarterly and every Quarter as shall be equal to the Amount of the Fees on the several quarterly Issues made from the Exchequer for the Public Service, on which, prior to the passing of this Act, such Fees would have attached and become payable to the said Marquis *Camden*.

Treasury may grant Compensation to the other Officers.

XXXI. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury to grant to the several other Persons in the several Offices of the present Establishment of the Exchequer such annual Allowances, by way of Compensation for the Suppression of their respective Offices, as to the said Commissioners shall seem just.

As to Officers who shall be continued in Employment on the Establishment.

XXXII. Provided always, That no such Compensation shall be paid to the present Clerk of the Pells or to any Person holding an Office on the present Establishment of His Majesty's Exchequer, save and except the Two present Tellers of the Exchequer, who shall be appointed to an Office of equal or greater Emolument under the Crown; and that such Compensation shall be reduced if any such Officer, save and except as aforesaid, shall be appointed to an Office of smaller Emolument than that of the Office he previously held, so as that the Salary or Emolument attached to the Office to which he shall be so appointed, together with the Compensation granted to him, shall not exceed the Salary of the Office previously held by him.

XXXIII. And

XXXIII. And be it further enacted, That the Compensations hereby granted or authorized to be granted, and those which are at present charged on the Fee Fund of the Exchequer, amounting to the annual Sum of Eight thousand three hundred and twenty-three Pounds, and the Salary and Allowance to the said Comptroller, shall be charged on the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, and that it shall be lawful for the Commissioners of the Treasury from Time to Time, by their Warrant for that Purpose, to direct the requisite Sums of Money to be credited by the said Comptroller to the Paymaster or other Officer to be appointed for Payment of such Compensations and Salary. Compensations, Salary, &c. charged on the Consolidated Fund.

XXXIV. And be it further enacted, That all Powers given to or vested in the Commissioners of the Treasury by this Act may be executed by any Three of such Commissioners for the Time being; and that all Enactments, Matters, and Things herein contained relating to Public Monies shall extend and be construed to extend to all Bills, Drafts, and Notes as Securities for Money received to the Use of the Public. Powers hereby given to the Treasury may be executed by any Three Commissioners.

XXXV. And be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained or authorized to be done shall extend to destroy or affect the Validity of any Deeds, Powers of Attorney, or other Instruments which at the Commencement of this Act shall be in force with respect to any Monies theretofore receivable at the Exchequer under the Authority of the same, but that all such Deeds, Powers of Attorney, and other Instruments shall continue of like Validity with respect to any such Payments to be thereafter made by the Paymaster to be appointed under the Authority of this Act. Deeds, Powers of Attorney, &c. not to be affected.

XXXVI. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall commence and take effect on and from the Eleventh Day of *October* One thousand eight hundred and thirty-four; and that from and after the Commencement thereof an Act of the Eighth and Ninth Years of the Reign of King *William* the Third, for the better Observation of the Course anciently used in the Receipt of the Exchequer; and also an Act passed in the Sixth Year of the Reign of King *George* the Second, for obviating a Doubt which might arise upon an Act made in the Fourth Year of His said Majesty's Reign, as therein recited; and so much of an Act passed in the Twenty-third Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third, for establishing certain Regulations in the Receipt of His Majesty's Exchequer, as relates to the Use of an indented Cheque Receipt to be made out by the Auditor, and as requires the Custody of One of the Keys to the Tellers Chests, the Standard Weights and Measures, and the Standard Pieces of Gold and Silver, to be committed to the Auditor; and so much of an Act of the Thirty-ninth and Fortieth Years of His said Majesty King *George* the Third, for more effectually charging Public Accountants with the Payment of Interest, and for other Purposes therein mentioned, as requires the Commissioners for auditing the Public Accounts to transmit a Commencement of Act. Repeal of 8 & 9 W. 3. c. 28. 6 G. 2. c. 6. Part of 23 G. 3. c. 82. Part of 39 & 40 G. 3. c. 54.

certain Account to the Auditor of the Exchequer, and requires the Auditor to transmit to the said Commissioners quarterly Accounts of Monies paid into the Exchequer; and an Act passed in the Forty-sixth Year of the Reign of His said Majesty King *George* the Third, to empower the Auditor of the Exchequer to constitute a Trustee for the Execution of the said Office in the Case therein mentioned; and so much of an Act of the First and Second Years of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Fourth, for altering and abolishing certain Forms of Proceedings in the Exchequer and Audit Office relative to Public Accounts, and for other Purposes therein mentioned, as requires the Transmission of General Imprest Rolls to the Office of His Majesty's Remembrancer, and as relates to Imprest Certificates; and so much of the Provisions of any Act or Acts of Parliament relating to the Office of the Receipt of His Majesty's Exchequer as are altered by this Act; shall be and the same are hereby repealed.

46 G. 3. c. 1.

Part of 1 & 2 G. 4. c. 121.

Act may be altered this Session.

XXXVII. And be it enacted, That this Act may be amended, altered, or repealed by any Act or Acts to be passed in this present Session of Parliament.

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