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An Act for appointing Commissioners to continue the Inquiries concerning Charities in *England* and *Wales* until the First Day of *March* One thousand eight hundred and thirty-seven.

[9th *September* 1835.]

WHEREAS an Act was passed in the Fifty-eighth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act for appointing Commissioners to inquire* 58 G. 3. c. 91.
concerning Charities in England *for the Education of the Poor;* and another Act was passed in the Fifty-ninth Year of the same Reign, intituled *An Act to amend an Act of the last Session of Parliament, for* 59 G. 3. c. 81.
appointing Commissioners to inquire concerning Charities in England *for the Education of the Poor, and to extend the Powers thereof to other Charities in* England *and* Wales, *to continue in force until the First Day of* August *One thousand eight hundred and twenty-three, and from thence until the End of the then next Session of Parliament;* and an Act was passed in the Fifth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Fourth, intituled *An Act to continue for Four Years, and* 5 G. 4. c. 58.
from thence until the End of the then next Session of Parliament, the Powers of the Commissioners for inquiring concerning Charities in England *and* Wales; and an Act was passed in the Tenth Year of the same Reign, intituled *An Act to continue, until the First Day of* 10 G. 4. c. 57.
July *One thousand eight hundred and thirty, the Powers of the Commissioners for inquiring concerning Charities in* England *and* Wales:

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And whereas an Act was passed in the First and Second Years of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act for appointing Commissioners to continue the Inquiries concerning Charities in* England *and* Wales *for Two Years, and from thence to the End of the then next Session of Parliament:* And whereas the Commissioners appointed under and by virtue of the said Two first-mentioned and the said last-mentioned Acts respectively pursued the Inquiries thereby authorized and directed, and made several Reports of their Proceedings; but the Powers of the Commissioners appointed under the said last-mentioned Act expired on the Fifteenth Day of *August* One thousand eight hundred and thirty-four: And whereas many Charities still remain to be investigated, and further Time will be required for that Purpose; and it is therefore expedient that Commissioners should be appointed for the Purposes aforesaid, to act according to the Provisions and Limitations herein-after expressed and contained: And whereas an Act was passed in the Second Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act to continue and extend the Provisions of an Act passed in the Fifty-ninth Year of His Majesty King* George *the Third, for giving additional Facilities in Applications to Courts of Equity regarding the Management of Estates or Funds belonging to Charities; and for making certain Provisions respecting Estates or Funds belonging to Charities:* And whereas it is expedient that certain of the Provisions of the said last-recited Act should be continued in manner herein-after mentioned: 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,

1 & 2 W. 4. c. 34.

2 W. 4. c. 57.

Commissioners to be appointed to inquire into the Nature and Management of Charities.

That it shall and may be lawful for His Majesty to issue a Commission under the Great Seal to any Number of Persons, not fewer than Thirty, who shall be constituted Commissioners for the Purposes intended by this Act, One of whom shall be and be denominated the Chief Commissioner, and shall superintend and direct the Mode of proceeding of the other Commissioners acting in the Execution of this Act; and that they the said Commissioners shall and they are hereby empowered and required, in manner herein-after mentioned, to examine into and investigate the Amount, Nature, and Application of all Estates and Funds of what Nature or Kind soever, and the Produce thereof, destined or intended to be applied to the Purpose of educating the Poor in *England* and *Wales*, or to the Support of any Charity or Charities or charitable Donation or Donations for the Benefit of poor Persons in *England* and *Wales*, or held under Trusts created for any charitable Uses or Purposes whatever in *England* or *Wales* (except as is herein-after provided and excepted), and to examine into and investigate all Breaches of Trust, Irregularities, Frauds, Abuses or supposed Abuses, or Misconduct in relation to and in the Management or Appropriation or Nonappropriation or Misappropriation of such Estates and Funds; and the said Commissioners shall once in each Half Year during the Continuance of the said Commission report and certify, in Writing under their Hands and Seals, to the King's most Excellent Majesty, their Proceedings touching the Amount, Nature, Management, Application, and Appropriation of such of the aforesaid Estates and Funds as they shall have inquired and examined into, and also what is the Nature of such

To report half-yearly.

Estates and Funds respectively, and the actual annual Produce thereof, and what is the actual annual Value thereof, and in whose Possession, as Tenants thereof, any Part thereof, consisting of Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, shall be, adding at the same Time such Observations as shall occur to them respecting such Mode as they shall deem most effectual for the recovering of such Part or Parts of such Estates or Funds as shall appear to them to have been applied in breach of the several Trusts created in respect of the same, or shall appear to have been omitted to be applied in pursuance of such Trusts, and subjoining such Suggestions as may seem to them expedient respecting the most effectual Mode of securing such Estates and Funds and their respective Produce against any future Misapplication thereof.

Commissioners to report special Circumstances, where Funds cannot be applied to destined Purposes.

II. And be it enacted, That if upon such Inquiry as aforesaid it shall appear to the said Commissioners that, from any Cause whatsoever, it has become impossible to apply the Estates or Funds aforesaid, or any Part thereof, to the Purposes to which the same were destined or directed to be applied, the said Commissioners shall report the special Circumstances of each Case, subject, as to the Mode of making such Report, to the Directions of the Chief Commissioner in that Behalf.

Salaries to a limited Number of Commissioners.

III. And be it enacted, That no Remuneration shall be given for and in respect of the Execution of this Act to such of the said Commissioners as shall be Members of either House of Parliament, nor to any Number exceeding Twenty of the Commissioners; but there shall be allowed and paid to every such Commissioner such reasonable Sums for and in respect of such travelling Expences as may be incurred in the Execution of this Act as in the Judgment of the Lord High Treasurer or the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury for the Time being shall be deemed requisite.

Commissioners to take Oath before entering upon their Duties.

IV. And be it enacted, That each of the said Commissioners to be appointed by virtue of this Act shall, previously to his entering upon the Execution of the same, take an Oath before the Chancellor of the Exchequer or the Master of the Rolls for the Time being (which Oath they are hereby respectively authorized and required to administer), the Tenor whereof shall be as followeth; (that is to say,)

'I *A. B.* do swear, That, according to the best of my Skill and Knowledge, I will faithfully, impartially, and truly execute the several Powers and Trusts vested in me by an Act, intituled [*here insert the Title of this Act*], according to the Tenor and Purport of the said Act.'

Vacancies of Commissioners may be filled up by the Crown.

V. And be it enacted, That in case of a Vacancy or Vacancies by the Death, Removal, or Resignation of any such Commissioners, it shall be lawful for His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, to nominate and appoint such Person or Persons as He or They may think proper for the supplying of such Vacancy or Vacancies.

VI. And

Appointment of Secretary, Clerks, &c.

VI. And be it enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the said Commissioners and they are hereby authorized to appoint and employ such Secretary, Clerks, Messengers, and Officers, not exceeding in the whole One Secretary, Twenty Clerks, One Messenger, and Two other Officers, as they shall think meet, and to administer to each of the said Secretary, Clerks, and Officers an Oath for his true and faithful Demeanor in all Things relating to the due Performance of any Trust respecting the Execution of this Act reposed in him by the said Commissioners, and in all other Things touching the Premises; which Secretary, Clerks, and Officers are hereby required faithfully to execute and perform the said Trust in them severally and respectively reposed, without taking any thing for such their Service other than such Salary or Reward as the said Commissioners shall think fit to direct and appoint in their Behalf.

Commissioners to hold Sittings and summon Persons and send for Papers.

VII. And be it enacted, That, for the Purpose of prosecuting the Inquiries and Examinations by this Act directed, the said Commissioners, or any One or more of them, shall from Time to Time hold their or his Sittings, with or without Adjournment, within the City of *Westminster*, or in any other City, Town, Borough, Hamlet, Village, or Place respectively in *England* or *Wales*, which to them or him shall appear most convenient for executing the Purposes of this Act; and the said Commissioners or Commissioner are or is hereby authorized to require, by Precepts under their or his Hands and Seals or Hand and Seal, from any Person or Persons acting as a Trustee or Trustees for any of the said Estates or Funds, or having any Concern in the Management or Administration of the same, or in the Payment or Receipt of any of the said Funds or Estates, or any Charge upon any Fund or Estate applicable to any charitable Uses or Purposes as aforesaid, to render to the said Commissioners or Commissioner a true Account, as far as consists with their Knowledge, of all that relates to such Funds or Estates as aforesaid under their Trust or Management, or on account of which they may have acted in making or receiving Payments; and, as often as Need shall be, to send their or his Precepts, under their or his Hands and Seals or Hand and Seal, for any Person or Persons whomsoever to attend them or him, and require such Person or Persons to bring with him, her, or them any Deed, Paper, Writing, Instrument, or other Document being in his, her, or their Custody and Possession, and relating to any such Estates or Funds, or the Produce thereof, or to the Receipt or Application or Nonapplication or Misapplication thereof, which shall in the Judgment of such Commissioners or Commissioner be conducive and necessary to the due Execution of the Purposes of this Act; and every Person to whom such Precept shall as aforesaid have been addressed and delivered is hereby required and directed punctually to attend the said Commissioners or Commissioner at such Time and Place as shall for that Purpose have been appointed; and to every such Person or Persons may be paid such Sum of Money as in the Judgment of the said Commissioners or Commissioner shall be just and reasonable: Provided always, that no such Person shall be obliged to travel in obedience to such Precept more than Ten Miles from his or her Place of Abode.

No Person obliged to travel more than Ten Miles.

VIII. And

VIII. And for rendering more effectual all such Examinations as are intended to be had under this Act; be it enacted, That the said Commissioners, or One or more of them, are or is hereby authorized to examine upon Oath, or upon the Affirmation of Persons exempted by Law from Liability to Examination upon Oath, (which Oath or Affirmation the said Commissioners, or any One or more of them, are or is hereby respectively authorized to administer,) all Persons whom the said Commissioners, or any One or more of them, are or is by the Provisions of this Act empowered to call before them or him to be examined touching all Matters and Things necessary for the Execution of the Powers vested in them or him by this Act. Commissioners empowered to examine upon Oath.

IX. And be it enacted, That the said Commissioners respectively shall and they are hereby required to cause the Examinations which shall be taken before them respectively, and all Papers and Documents being Parts of such Examinations, to be from Time to Time transmitted to the Secretary of the said Commissioners at their Office in *Westminster* aforesaid. Examinations and Papers to be transmitted to Office in Westminster.

X And be it enacted, That in case any Person upon Examination on Oath or upon Affirmation, as the Case may be, before the said Commissioners or Commissioner, shall wilfully and corruptly give false Evidence, every such Person so offending, and being thereof duly convicted, shall be and is hereby declared to be subject and liable to such Pains and Penalties as under any Law now in force may be inflicted on Persons convicted of wilful and corrupt Perjury. Penalties of Perjury for false swearing.

XI. And be it enacted, That if any Person summoned to appear before the said Commissioners, or any One or more of them, shall wilfully omit or refuse to appear before such Commissioners or Commissioner, or to bring or to produce any Deed, Paper, or Writing, Instrument or other Document, in his or her Possession, Custody, or Power, and which he or she shall be required by the Precept of any such Commissioners or Commissioner to produce, relating wholly to the Estates or Funds which shall be the Subject of Inquiry before the said Commissioners or Commissioner, or to the Receipt or Application or Nonapplication or Misapplication thereof, or to the State of the Schools or Charities which shall be the Subject of Inquiry before such Commissioners or Commissioner, or the true Copy of any Part or Parts of any Deed, Paper, Writing, or other Instrument (and which Copy any such Commissioners or Commissioner are or is hereby empowered to require by such Precept), or shall refuse to be sworn, or, being a Person exempted by Law from Liability to Examination upon Oath, to affirm, or, being sworn or having affirmed, as the Case may be, shall refuse to answer to and before the said Commissioners or Commissioner, or to answer fully any lawful Question on Oath or Affirmation respectively touching or concerning any Matter or Thing relating to such Estates or Funds as aforesaid, or to the State of such Schools or Charities as aforesaid (except in Cases excepted by this Act), every such Person so refusing to comply with any such lawful Requisitions of the said Commissioners or Commissioner shall be liable to the Payment of such Fine to His Majesty as the Court of King's Bench or the Court of Exchequer, on Application made Persons refusing to appear before Commissioners, or to produce Deeds, &c. or to answer Questions, liable to be fined by the Court of King's Bench or Exchequer.

made by or on the Behalf of the said Commissioners or Commissioner, or by His Majesty's Attorney General for the Time being, shall think fit to set and impose, which Fine the said Court of King's Bench or Court of Exchequer is hereby authorized and empowered to set and impose according to their Discretion respectively, and to enforce Payment of the same, by Attachment or otherwise, in such Manner as the said Courts respectively may do in Cases of Contempt of the same Courts.

Purchasers without Notice not bound to answer Interrogatories.

XII. Provided always, and be it enacted, That if any Person who shall be summoned to appear before the said Commissioners, or any One or more of them, shall upon his or her Examination allege that he or she hath purchased or obtained for valuable Consideration any Estate or Interest of, in, to, or out of any Lands, Tenements, Rents, or Annuities, Hereditaments, Goods, or Chattels, touching which he or she shall be sought to be so examined, without Fraud or Covin, having no Notice of any charitable Trust or Use to which the said Lands, Tenements, Rents, Annuities, Hereditaments, Goods, or Chattels, or any Charge thereon, have or has been given, limited, or directed to be applied, then such Person shall not be bound to make further Answer to any Interrogatory of such Commissioners or Commissioner, nor to produce or show to them or him any Deed, Paper, Writing, Instrument, or other Document relating to his or her Estate or Interest in such Lands, Tenements, Rents, Annuities, Hereditaments, Goods, or Chattels.

Mortgagees, Trustees, &c. not compellable to produce Deeds without Notice to Mortgagors, Cestuique Trusts, &c.

XIII. Provided also, and be it enacted, That no Person having the Custody of any Deed, Paper, Writing, Instrument, or other Document, as Mortgagee, Trustee or Agent, Solicitor or Attorney, shall be compellable to produce the same, or to give any Evidence as to the Contents thereof, without Notice being first given to his Mortgagor, Cestuique Trust, or Principal, and the said Mortgagor, Cestuique Trust, or Principal being examined touching the same by the said Commissioners or Commissioner; and in case such Mortgagor, Cestuique Trust, or Principal shall by the Provisions of this Act be exempted from producing the said Deed, Paper, Writing, Instrument, or other Document, then the Mortgagee, Trustee or Agent, Solicitor or Attorney, shall not be bound to produce or show the same, or give any Evidence of the Contents thereof, to the said Commissioners or Commissioner: Provided also, that no Person shall be compellable to answer any Question, or to produce any Deed, Paper, Writing, Instrument, or other Document, the Answer to which or the Production of which may criminate or tend to criminate such Person, or to expose such Person to any Pains or Penalties.

Persons not compellable to criminate themselves.

Letters to and from Commissioners to be free of Postage if sent conformably hereto.

XIV. And be it enacted, That the said Commissioners shall and may receive and send by the General Post from and to Places within the United Kingdom all Letters and Packets relating solely and exclusively to the Execution of this Act free from the Duty of Postage, provided that such Letters and Packets as shall be sent to the said Commissioners shall be directed to the "Commissioners of Charities," at their Office in *Westminster*, and that all such Letters and Packets as shall be sent by the said Commissioners shall be in

Covers with the Words "Office of Commissioners of Charities, pursuant to an Act of Parliament passed in the Sixth Year of the Reign of His Majesty King *William* the Fourth," printed on the same, and be signed on the Outside thereof under such Words with the Name of such Person as the said Commissioners, with the Consent of the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury or any Three or more of them, shall authorize and appoint, in his own Handwriting, (such Name to be from Time to Time transmitted to the Secretaries of the General Post Office in *London* and *Dublin*,) and under such other Regulations and Restrictions as the said Lords Commissioners, or any Three or more of them, shall think proper and direct; and the Person so to be authorized is hereby strictly forbidden so to subscribe any Letter or Packet whatsoever except such only concerning which he shall receive the special Direction of his superior Officer, or which he shall himself know to relate solely and exclusively to the Execution of this Act; and if the Person so to be authorized, or any other Person, shall send, or cause or permit to be sent, under any such Cover, any Letter, Paper, or Writing, or any Inclosure other than what shall relate to the Execution of this Act, every Person so offending shall be dismissed from his Office, and shall forfeit and pay the Sum of One hundred Pounds, one Moiety of the said Penalty to the Use of His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, and the other Moiety to the Use of the Person who shall inform or sue for the same, to be sued for and recovered in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*; and if any Letter, Paper, or Writing, or other Inclosure, shall be sent under Cover to the said Commissioners, the same not relating solely and exclusively to the Execution of this Act, they are hereby strictly required and enjoined to transmit the same forthwith to the Secretary of the Post Office in *London*, with the Covers under which the same shall be sent, in order that the Contents thereof may be charged with the full Rates of Postage.

Penalty and Loss of Office for sending Letters not relating solely to the Business of the Act.

In case o Letters sent under Cover to the Commissioners, not relating solely to the Business of the Act.

XV. And be it enacted, That whenever any Extract from the Enrolment of any Charter or Deed, or from any Decree, Report, Record, or other Document whatever, deposited or remaining in any of the Offices belonging to or under the Control of the Courts of Chancery or Exchequer, or in any Public Registry, shall be required for the Purposes of this Act by any Order signed by One of the Commissioners under this Act, the Officer or Officers having the Custody of such Enrolment, Decree, Report, Record, or other Document, shall furnish an Extract of so much only as shall be so required of any such Enrolment, Decree, Report, Record, or other Document; and that any such Extract, or any Copy, which shall be required for the Purposes of this Act by any Order signed by One of the said Commissioners, of any such Enrolment, Decree, Report, Record, or other Document, shall not be subject or liable to the Payment of any Stamp Duty whatever, any Law, Statute, or Usage to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding.

Officers having Custody of Records to furnish Extracts if required by a Commissioner.

No Stamp Duty on Extracts or Copies required by a Commissioner.

XVI. And be it enacted, That this Act or any of the Provisions therein contained shall not extend or be construed to extend to either of the Universities of *Oxford* or *Cambridge*, nor to any College or Hall within the same, nor to any Schools or other Endowments of which

Act not to extend to Universities, Public Schools, &c.;

which the said Universities, Colleges, or Halls are Trustees, nor to the Colleges of *Westminster*, *Eton*, or *Winchester*, nor to the *Charter House*, nor to the Schools of *Harrow* or *Rugby*, or any of them, nor to the Corporation of the *Trinity House* of *Deptford Strond*, nor to any Cathedral or Collegiate Church within *England* or *Wales*, nor to any Funds applicable to the Benefit of any Persons of the Jewish Persuasion, or the People called Quakers, or Persons of the Roman Catholic Persuasion, and which shall be under the Superintendence and Control of Persons of such Persuasions respectively.

nor to Charities chiefly supported by voluntary Contributions;

XVII. Provided also, and be it enacted, That this Act or any of the Provisions therein contained shall not extend or be construed to extend to any Institution established, or Society, for charitable Purposes, wholly or principally maintained by voluntary Contributions, and under the Superintendence and Control of any Committee or Governors or other Person or Persons chosen or appointed out of or by voluntary Subscribers thereto; and that the Application of any Donation or Bequest to the general Purposes of any such Institution, Establishment, or Society, in aid of such voluntary Contributions, shall not be subject to the Examination or Interference of the Commissioners appointed under this Act: Provided always, that the Management and Application of the Rents and Profits of any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments belonging to such Institution, Establishment, or Society for the Period of Twenty Years or upwards before the passing of this Act, shall in all such Cases be subject to the Examination of the said Commissioners at their Discretion.

except as to Management and Application of Rents for Twenty Years.

Attorney General's Certificate to be Evidence of Particulars of Cases having been duly certified by Commissioners.

XVIII. And be it enacted, That in all Cases of Proceedings instituted or to be instituted by His Majesty's Attorney General in pursuance of the said recited Act of the Fifty-ninth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third herein-before secondly mentioned, or of the said recited Act of the Second Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, or of this Act, the Production to the Court of a Certificate under the Hand of His Majesty's Attorney General, stating that the Particulars of the Case in question in Writing have been certified to His Majesty's Attorney General for the Time being, according to the Provisions of the said recited Acts of the Fifty-ninth Year of His said late Majesty or of the Second Year of His present Majesty, or of this Act, as the Case may be, shall be deemed sufficient Evidence that such Particulars have been duly certified to His Majesty's Attorney General accordingly, to and for all Intents and Purposes whatsoever.

Chief Commissioner to superintend Proceedings instituted by Attorney General.

XIX. And be it enacted, That in all Cases of Proceedings instituted or to be instituted by His Majesty's Attorney General in pursuance of the before-recited Acts, it shall and may be lawful for the said Chief Commissioner and he is hereby directed to superintend all such Proceedings, with a view to their prompt and effectual Termination.

For empowering resident Ministers and

XX. And be it enacted, That whenever it shall appear to the said Commissioners to be appointed under the Authority of this Act that the Property belonging to any Charity consists only of One or more Annuity

Annuity or Rent-charge, Annuities or Rent-charges, not exceeding in the whole the yearly Sum of Fifty Pounds, and that there are no existing Trustees or Persons legally qualified to receive and give an effectual Discharge for such Annuity or Rent-charge, Annuities or Rent-charges, it shall and may be lawful for any Five of the said Commissioners, by Writing under their Hands, to empower the resident Minister and the Churchwardens or Chapelwardens for the Time being of the Parish or Place interested in such Charity, in case only One Parish or Place is so interested, but if more than One Parish or Place is so interested, then the resident Minister and the Churchwardens or Chapelwardens of some one of the Parishes or Places interested, to receive the said Annuity or Rent-charge, Annuities or Rent-charges, or any Arrears thereof, and to apply the same according to the Purposes of the charitable Donations or Bequests thereof, in the same Manner as the Trustees of the said Charity would have been bound to do; and the Power so to be given to such Minister and Churchwardens or Chapelwardens shall remain in force until Trustees of the said Charity duly appointed shall appear and claim the Administration of the Funds thereof, or until Trustees of the said Charity shall be appointed by the Court of Chancery or Court of Exchequer; and all Receipts to be given by such Minister and Churchwardens or Chapelwardens shall be effectual Discharges to the Persons liable to the Payment of such Annuities or Rent-charges for all such Sums as in such Receipts shall be expressed to have been received in respect thereof; and in case of Nonpayment of such Annuities or Rent-charges, or any Arrears thereof, it shall and may be lawful for such Minister and Churchwardens or Chapelwardens respectively, during the Continuance of the Power to be given to them by virtue of the Provisions of this Act, to use and exercise all such Powers and Remedies for recovering and compelling Payment of the said Annuities or Rent-charges and the Arrears thereof, as the Trustees of the said Charities respectively might or could have done if duly appointed.

Churchwardens to receive Rent-charges belonging to Charities, where no existing Trustees.

XXI. And be it enacted, That any Action or Suit which shall be brought against any Commissioner or Commissioners to be appointed under the Authority of this Act, or against any Person or Persons acting under the Authority or by the Order of such Commissioners, or any One or more of them, for any thing done or acted by him or them under this Act, shall be commenced within Six Calendar Months next after the Fact committed in respect of which such Action or Suit shall be brought or commenced, and not afterwards; and the Defendant or Defendants in every such Action or Suit may plead the General Issue, and give this Act and the special Matter in Evidence at any Trial to be had thereupon; and if such Action or Suit shall be brought or commenced after the Time so limited for bringing the same, then the Jury shall find a Verdict for the Defendant or Defendants; and in such Case, or if the Jury shall find a Verdict for the Defendant or Defendants upon the Merits, or if the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs shall become Nonsuit, or discontinue his, her, or their Action after Appearance, or if upon Demurrer Judgment shall be given against the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, the Defendant or Defendants shall have Treble Costs, which he or they shall and may recover in

Limitation of Actions.

General Issue.

Treble Costs.

such and the same Manner as any Defendant can by Law in other Cases.

Previously to presenting Reports, Commissioners may direct Attorney General to file Informations.

XXII. Provided always, and be it enacted, That previously to presenting any Report the said Commissioners shall give Directions, in all Cases in which they shall think it fit, to the Attorney General to file Informations in the Courts of Chancery or Exchequer on the Matter arising out of such Reports, and shall not, nor shall any of the Clerks or Secretaries under this Act, give any Information touching any such Matters to any Person other than the Attorney General or the Persons employed by the said Commissioners previous to the Directions so by the said Commissioners given to the Attorney General.

Continuance of Act.

XXIII. And be it enacted, That this Act shall continue in force until the First Day of *March* One thousand eight hundred and thirty-seven.

Act may be amended this Session.

XXIV. 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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