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An Act for suspending for One Year Appointments to certain Dignities and Offices in Cathedral and Collegiate Churches, and to Sinecure Rectories. [13th *August* 1836.]

WHEREAS His Majesty was pleased, on the Fourth Day of *February* and on the Sixth Day of *June* in the Year One thousand eight hundred and thirty-five, to issue Two several Commissions to certain Persons therein respectively named, directing them to consider the State of the Established Church in *England* and *Wales* with reference to Ecclesiastical Duties and Revenues: And whereas the said Commissioners have, in pursuance of such Directions, made Four several Reports to His Majesty, bearing Date respectively the Seventeenth Day of *March* One thousand eight hundred and thirty-five, and the Fourth Day of *March*, the Twentieth Day of *May*, and the Twenty-fourth Day of *June* One thousand eight hundred and thirty-six, and have in the last of such Reports, amongst other Things, recommended that the Chapter of each Cathedral Church in *England*, except at *Oxford*, of the Collegiate Church of *Westminster*, and of His Majesty's Royal Chapel of *Windsor*, consist hereafter of a Dean and Four Canons only; that the Chapter of *Christ Church* in *Oxford* consist hereafter of a Dean and Six Canons only; that the Chapters of *Saint Asaph* and *Bangor* respectively consist hereafter of a Dean and Two Canons only; that the Chapter of *Saint David's* consist hereafter of a Precentor and

Two Canons only, and that the Chapter of *Llandaff* consist hereafter of an Archdeacon and Two Canons only; and that no new Appointment be made to any of the Prebends, Dignities, or Offices, not being residentiary, in the several Cathedral and Collegiate Churches, except as therein specified, nor to the Deanery of *Wolverhampton;* and that all Ecclesiastical Rectories without Cure of Souls, except such as are in the Patronage of any College in either of the Universities, or of any private Patron, be suppressed: And whereas the said Commissioners have also recommended various other Measures, some of which are connected with and dependent upon the foregoing Recommendations, and it is expedient that the Reports of the said Commissioners in these respects should be further considered in the next Session of Parliament: 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 all future Appointments to any Ecclesiastical Dignity, Place, or Office referred to in the above-mentioned Recommendations be made subject to such Measures and Regulations as may hereafter be enacted respecting the same, except as herein-after excepted; no Appointment, Presentation, or Collation be made to any Canonry, Prebend, or Dignity in any Cathedral Church in *England* or *Wales*, or in His Majesty's Royal Chapel of *Windsor*, or in the Collegiate Churches of *Westminster* and *Ripon*, or to any Benefice without Cure of Souls in *England* or *Wales*, which is now vacant or which shall hereafter become vacant during the Continuance of this Act: Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to apply to any Archdeaconry, nor to any Deanery, except the Deanery of *Wolverhampton*, nor to the Dignity of Precentor in the Cathedral Church of *Saint David*'s, nor to any of the Canonries in the Cathedral Churches of *York*, *Saint Paul*'s in *London*, *Carlisle*, *Chichester*, and *Lincoln*, nor to either of the Two Canonries of *Christ Church*, which are respectively annexed to the Regius Professorships of Divinity and Hebrew in the University of *Oxford*, nor to the Prebend in the Cathedral Church of *Worcester*, which is annexed to the Lady *Margaret*'s Professorship of Divinity in the same University, nor to the Two Prebends in the Collegiate Church of *Westminster*, which the said Commissioners have in their said Reports recommended to be annexed to the Parishes of *Saint Margaret* and *Saint John* in the City of *Westminster* respectively, nor to the Fourth Prebend in the Cathedral Church of *Durham*, which is by an Act passed in the Second Year of His present Majesty's Reign to be annexed to the Archdeaconry of *Durham*, nor to the Prebends in the Cathedral Churches of *Gloucester*, *Norwich*, and *Rochester*, which are respectively annexed to the Masterships of *Pembroke* College in *Oxford* and of *Catherine* Hall in *Cambridge*, the Provostship of *Oriel* College in *Oxford*, and the Archdeaconry of *Rochester* respectively, nor to any Prebend now enjoyed by the Bishops of *Lincoln*, *Lichfield*, *Exeter*, and *Salisbury* in the Chapters of their respective Sees, nor to any Benefice without Cure of Souls which is in the Patronage of any College in either of the Universities or of any private Patron, nor to any Canonry in the Chapter of *Christ Church* in *Oxford* by the Vacancy of which the Canonries in the said Chapter shall be reduced below

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below the Number of Six, nor to any Prebend or Canonry in the Chapter of any other Cathedral or Collegiate Church in *England*, or of His Majesty's Royal Chapel of *Windsor*, or of the Collegiate Churches of *Westminster* or *Ripon*, by the Vacancy of which the Prebends or Canonries in such Chapters respectively shall be reduced below the Number of Four, nor to any Canonry in the Chapter of either of the Cathedral Churches of *Wales* by the Vacancy of which the Canonries in such Chapter shall be reduced below the Number of Two.

Act not to affect Act 5 & 6 W. 4. c. 30.

II. And whereas an Act was passed in the last Session of Parliament, intituled *An Act for protecting the Revenues of vacant Ecclesiastical Dignities, Prebends, Canonries, and Benefices without Cure of Souls, and for preventing the Lapse thereof, during the pending Inquiries respecting the State of the Established Church in* England *and* Wales; be it enacted, That nothing herein contained shall be construed to prejudice or affect the said Act, excepting such Part thereof as provides that nothing therein contained shall prevent His Majesty, or any Archbishop, Bishop, or other Patron of any Dignity, Prebend, Canonry, or Benefice without Cure of Souls which at the Time of the passing of the said Act might have or should thereafter become vacant, from appointing a Successor thereto in case he should think proper to do so, but that such last-mentioned Provision, except so far as it relates to any Canonry, Prebend, Dignity, or Benefice herein-before excepted from the Operation of this Act, be and the same is hereby repealed.

Recited Act to continue in force with this Act.

III. And be it enacted, That all the Provisions of the said Act, except as herein excepted, shall remain in full Force during the Continuance of this Act.

Duration of Act.

IV. And be it enacted, That this Act shall continue and be in force for One Year from the passing thereof, and if Parliament shall be then sitting, until the End of the Session of Parliament.

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