



ANNO QUINTO & SEXTO

VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

C A P. LXVI.

An Act for further regulating the Preparation and Issue of Exchequer Bills. [30th July 1842.]

WHEREAS an Act was passed in the Forty-eighth Year of the Reign of King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act for regulating the issuing and paying off of Exchequer Bills*; and another Act was passed in the Fourth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty, intituled *An Act to regulate the Office of the Receipt of His Majesty's Exchequer at Westminster*; and it is expedient to amend the said Acts, so far as regards the Issue and Preparation of Exchequer Bills, and to make further Provision for the Appointment of the Officers of Her Majesty's Exchequer; be it 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 of the same, That the Assistant Comptroller of the Receipt and Issue of Her Majesty's Exchequer shall be henceforth appointed, and may be removed, by Warrant under the Hands of Three or more of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain and Ireland*, and that the said Assistant Comptroller shall not be capable of holding his Office at the same Time or together with any other Office under the Crown, or under any Officer appointed by the Crown.

48 G. 3. c. 1.

4 & 5 W. 4. c. 15.

Appointment of Assistant Comptroller.

Appoint-
ment of
Clerks.

II. And be it enacted, That the Chief Clerk and the other Clerks and Assistants in the Office of the Exchequer shall be appointed, and may be removed, by Warrant under the Hands of Three or more of the said Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury.

Repeal of
Part of
48 G. 3. c. 1.
s. 10.

III. And be it enacted, That so much of the said Act of the Reign of King *George* the Third as enacts that all Payments of Principal Sums or Interest, Premiums or Rates, to be made on account of Exchequer Bills by the Paymaster or Paymasters, Comptroller, or other Officers and Clerks, shall be made at an Office to be kept in or near the Receipt of the Exchequer at *Westminster*, shall be repealed.

Exchequer
Bills to be
signed by
the Comp-
troller or
Assistant
Comptroller
in his own
Name.

IV. And be it enacted, That so much of the said Act of the Reign of His late Majesty as enacts that Exchequer Bills may be signed by the said Assistant Comptroller in the Name of the Comptroller shall be repealed; and that all Exchequer Bills to be hereafter made and issued under the Authority of any Act of Parliament shall be signed by the Comptroller General of the Receipt and Issue of Her Majesty's Exchequer, or by the said Assistant Comptroller in his own Name: Provided always, that after the passing of this Act it shall not be lawful for any such Comptroller General or Assistant Comptroller to sign any Exchequer Bill, until after Notice of his Appointment as Comptroller General or Assistant Comptroller, and of his Authority to sign Exchequer Bills under this Act, shall have been published in the *London Gazette*, and Notice of the Removal of any such Comptroller General or Assistant Comptroller from his Office shall also be published in the *London Gazette*.

Assistant
Comptroller
may act
during Va-
cancy of
Comptroller-
ship.

V. And be it enacted, That for a Time not exceeding One Calendar Month next after any Vacancy of the Office of Comptroller General shall have occurred, it shall be lawful for the Assistant Comptroller to sign Exchequer Bills in his own Name as Assistant Comptroller, and to do all other Things which belong to the Office of Assistant Comptroller, as fully as if the Office of Comptroller General were not vacant.

Two Coun-
terfoils to be
made.

VI. And be it enacted, That, unless otherwise directed by the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, Two Counterfoils shall be made to every Exchequer Bill issued after the passing of this Act, and One of such Counterfoils shall not be delivered for the Use or into the Custody of any Paymaster of Exchequer Bills, unless by special Direction of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, but shall remain in the Custody of the Comptroller General, subject to such Directions as shall be given by the said Commissioners from Time to Time for keeping or burning or otherwise destroying the same.

Manufacture
of Paper for
Exchequer
Bills.

VII. And be it enacted, That the Commissioners of Excise, or such Person or Persons as the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury shall direct, shall cause to be provided such Instruments or Machinery as may be necessary for the making of Paper to be used as Exchequer Bills, and to receive the Impression of the Dies, Plates, or other

Instruments which have been or shall be provided, made, or used by or under the Direction of the Comptroller General, or of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, for the Purpose of distinguishing Exchequer Bills, which Paper shall have such Words, Figures, Marks, Lines, Threads, or other Devices appearing in the Substance of the same as the Comptroller General or the said Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury shall from Time to Time order; and it shall be lawful for the said Comptroller General or Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury from Time to Time, as he or they shall see fit, to alter any such Words, Letters, Figures, Marks, Lines, Threads, or other Devices, either by the Removal of any of them, and the Substitution of other Words, Letters, Figures, Marks, Lines, Threads, or other Devices, or by any Change in the Position or Arrangement thereof; and all such Instruments and Machinery shall be provided, and all such Paper shall be made, under such Regulations and by such Person or Persons as the said Commissioners of Excise, or other Person or Persons directed by the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, shall from Time to Time appoint or contract with for that Purpose; and all the said Instruments and Machinery shall be kept by such Officer or Officers or other Person as the said Commissioners of Excise, or other Person or Persons directed by the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, shall appoint; and all the Paper so made shall, as the same is required, be delivered over to the Comptroller General, or to such Officer or Warehouse Keeper as he shall direct to receive and take charge of the same.

VIII. And whereas certain Quantities of Paper have been made and manufactured, under the Superintendence of Officers of Excise, by Directions of the Comptroller General and the Commissioners of the Treasury, and have been supplied to the said Comptroller General, with certain Lines, Threads, or Devices appearing in the Substance of such Paper, according to the Samples thereof delivered to and kept in the Office of the Comptroller General; be it enacted, That all the Paper so made and supplied, or which hereafter shall be made or supplied, shall be subject to all the Enactments of this Act, in the same Manner as if the same had been made and supplied under the Enactments herein contained.

IX. And be it enacted, That every Person who shall make, or cause or procure to be made, or shall aid or assist in making, or shall knowingly have in his Possession, not being legally authorized by the Commissioners of Excise or Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, and without lawful Excuse (the Proof whereof shall lie on the Person accused), any Instrument having therein any Words, Letters, Figures, Marks, Lines, or Devices peculiar to and appearing in the Substance of any Paper provided or to be provided or used for Exchequer Bills, or any Machinery for working any Threads into the Substance of any Paper, or any such Thread, and intended to imitate such Words, Letters, Figures, Marks, Lines, Threads, or Devices, or any Plate peculiarly employed for printing Exchequer Bills, or any Die peculiarly used for preparing any such Plate, or for sealing such Exchequer Bills, or any Plate or Die intended to imitate such Plates or Dies respectively; and also every Person, except as before

As to present
Contracts.

Punishing
Persons
manufactur-
ing or using
Paper,
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tended to
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Exchequer
Bills.

before excepted, who shall make, or cause or procure to be made, or aid or assist in making, any Paper, in the Substance of which shall appear any Words, Letters, Figures, Marks, Lines, Threads, or other Devices peculiar to and appearing in the Substance of any Paper provided or to be provided or used for Exchequer Bills, or any Part of such Words, Letters, Figures, Marks, Lines, Threads, or other Devices, and intended to imitate the same; and also every Person, except as before excepted, who shall knowingly have in his Possession, without lawful Excuse (the Proof whereof shall lie on the Person accused), any Paper whatever, in the Substance whereof shall appear any such Words, Letters, Figures, Marks, Lines, Threads, or Devices as aforesaid, or any Part of such Words, Letters, Figures, Marks, Lines, Threads, or Devices, and intended to imitate the same; and also every Person, except as before excepted, who shall cause or assist in causing any such Words, Letters, Figures, Marks, Lines, Threads, or Devices as aforesaid, or any Part of such Words, Letters, Figures, Marks, Lines, Threads, or other Devices, and intended to imitate the same, to appear in the Substance of any Paper whatever, or who shall take or assist in taking any Impression of any such Plate or Die as aforesaid, shall be guilty of Felony.

Persons unlawfully having in possession Paper to be used as Exchequer Bills guilty of a Misdemeanor.

X. And be it enacted, That every Person, not lawfully authorized, and without lawful Excuse (the Proof whereof shall lie on the Person accused), who shall purchase, or receive or take, and have in his Custody, any Paper manufactured and provided by or under the Directions of the Commissioners of Excise or Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, for the Purpose of being used as Exchequer Bills, before such Paper shall have been duly stamped, signed, and issued for public Use, or any such Plate or Die as aforesaid, shall for every such Offence be guilty of a Misdemeanor, and being convicted thereof shall, at the Discretion of the Court before whom he shall be tried, be imprisoned for any Period not more than Three Years nor less than Six Calendar Months.

Act may be amended, &c. this Session.

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

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