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GEORGII IV. REGIS.

Cap. cxvi.

An Act to provide for the Repair of the Six Clerks and Chancery Inrolment Offices, and the better Preservation of the Records of the Court of Chancery. [1st June 1829.]

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the Fourteenth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King George the Third, intituled *An Act for rebuilding the Office of the Six Clerks of the King's Court of Chancery, and for erecting Offices for the Register and Accountant General of the said Court, for the better preserving the Records, Decrees, Orders, and Books of Account kept in the said Offices*, it was (amongst other Things) enacted, that out of the Cash belonging to the Suitors of the said Court a Sum not exceeding Fifty thousand Pounds should, by virtue of any Order or Orders of the said Court, be placed out in one entire Sum or in Parcels, on such Government or Parliamentary Securities as by such Orders should be directed, to the Intent that out of the Interest and annual Produce arising therefrom, amongst other Things, such Sum or Sums of Money as the Lord High Chancellor of *Great Britain*, or the Lord Keeper or Lords Commissioners for the Custody of the Great Seal, for the Time being, should, in his or their Discretion, deem necessary, should be applied, under the Directions of the said Court, in rebuilding the Office called the Six Clerks Office, and the Offices thereto belonging, and in purchasing Ground and Houses for that Purpose, if the same should be deemed necessary: And whereas by another Act passed in the Fifteenth Year of His said late Majesty, intituled *An Act for applying the Funds provided for rebuilding the Offices of the Six Clerks of the King's Court of Chancery* 14 G. 3. c. 43. 15 G. 3. c. 56.

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by an Act made in the Fourteenth Year of the Reign of His then present Majesty, intituled 'An Act for rebuilding the Office of the Six Clerks of the King's Court of Chancery, and for erecting Offices for the Register and Accountant General of the said Court, for the better preserving the Records, Decrees, Orders, and Books of Account kept in such Offices,' in building Offices for the said Six Clerks in the Garden of Lincoln's Inn, instead of rebuilding the then present Six Clerks Office in Chancery Lane, and for other Purposes, it was amongst other Things enacted, that out of the Securities purchased and to be purchased in pursuance of the last-recited Act such Sums of Money as the Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain, or the Lord Keeper or Lords Commissioners for the Custody of the Great Seal of Great Britain, for the Time being, should, in his and their Discretion, deem necessary, to be paid and applied, under the Directions of the said Court, in purchasing Ground belonging to the Society of Lincoln's Inn, and in building thereon an Office for the said Six Clerks, and the Offices thereto belonging, and in carrying into execution the said last above-recited Act, (except so much thereof as related to the rebuilding the Six Clerks Office in the Place where the same then stood, and except so far as the said last-recited Act was thereby altered or varied); and that such Ground so to be purchased should be vested in the said Six Clerks, to hold to them and their Successors for ever, to the Intent to erect thereon an Office for the Six Clerks, and an Inrolment Office, such Inrolment Office being then Part of the Building of the then Six Clerks Office; and that after the new Building for the said Offices should be completed, the Ground belonging to the said Six Clerks, and the Buildings standing thereon, should be sold in such Manner as the said Court should direct, and the Money arising therefrom should be paid into the Bank, in the Name of the Accountant General of the said Court, and the Interest of the Money arising from such Sale should be paid, by the Direction of the said Court, to the said Six Clerks and their Successors, in lieu and recompence of the Chambers belonging to their several Offices, and for the Purpose of keeping the said Offices in proper Repair, and what should be so ordered to be paid to the said Six Clerks should be considered as a Freehold Estate in them respectively, as coming in lieu of their said Chambers; and that the Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain, or Lords Commissioners for the Custody of the Great Seal, for the Time being, when the Purposes of the said Acts were fully satisfied, should direct the Accountant General of the said Court not to issue any Draft, and the Governor and Company of the Bank of England not to issue any further Sums of Money out of the Funds provided by the said Acts for the Appropriation of the Interest of Securities to be purchased pursuant to such Acts: And whereas by virtue of Orders of the High Court of Chancery the Ground and Buildings on which the old Six Clerks Office formerly stood were sold, and the Money arising from such Sale laid out in the Purchase of Two thousand and seventeen Pounds Nine Shillings and Five-pence Bank Three Pounds *per Centum* Annuities, in the Name of the Accountant General, in Trust to the Account "Money arising by Sale of the Six Clerks Office;" and by an Order of the said High Court of Chancery, dated the Fifth Day of May One thousand seven hundred and eighty-three, it was ordered that Five hundred Pounds

Bank Three Pounds *per Centum* Annuities, Part of the said Two thousand and seventeen Pounds Nine Shillings and Five-pence Three Pounds *per Centum* Annuities, should be set apart for keeping the said Six Clerks Office and Inrolment Office in a continued State of Repair: And whereas by another Order of the said Court, dated the Twenty-third of *July* One thousand seven hundred and ninety-two, it was declared that the Purposes of the recited Act of the Fourteenth Year of His said late Majesty's Reign had been fully satisfied, and that the Accountant Général was not to issue any Draft for any Sum of Money, and the Bank of *England* was not to issue any further Sum of Money, for any of the Purposes aforesaid: And whereas the Records and Proceedings of the said Court of Chancery deposited in the said Six Clerks and Inrolment Offices have become very voluminous, and are rapidly increasing, insomuch that the Rooms and Depositories used and appointed for the safe Custody thereof do not afford sufficient Accommodation for the same, and it is necessary that Part of such Records should be removed therefrom forthwith: And whereas the Six Clerks and Inrolment Offices are now very much out of repair, and it is absolutely necessary for the Safety and Protection of the said Offices and the Records deposited in the said Offices, that the said Offices should be forthwith put into good and proper Repair, and should be so kept in future; and there is not any Fund applicable to the Payment of the Expences which would be thereby incurred, except the Dividends of the said Sum of Five hundred Pounds Bank Three Pounds *per Centum* Annuities now standing in the Name of the Accountant Général of the said Court of Chancery to the Account of "The Six Clerks of the King's Court of Chancery:" 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 it shall and may be lawful to and for the Lord High Chancellor, Lords Keeper, or Lords Commissioners for the Custody of the Great Seal, for the Time being, when and as often as he or they shall think fit, upon any Application to be made by the said Six Clerks for the Time being for that Purpose by Petition, to order and direct all such Repairs, Alterations, and Improvements as shall be fit and proper to be done in, about, and to the respective Offices of the Six Clerks and the Inrolment Office of the said Court of Chancery, in like Manner and with the like Powers in all respects as the other Offices and Buildings belonging to the said Court to be made and done, and for keeping the same insured from Loss or Damage by Fire, as the said Court shall direct; and in like Manner to order and direct, when and so often as it may appear necessary, that any Portion or Portions of the Records and Proceedings of the said Court of Chancery, now or hereafter to be deposited in the said Six Clerks or Inrolment Office, may be properly examined, arranged, indexed, and scheduled by or under the Direction of proper Persons to be by the said Lord High Chancellor, Lords Keeper, or Lords Commissioners appointed for that Purpose, and be carefully removed to and deposited in the Record Office in His Majesty's Tower of *London*; and for the Purposes aforesaid, that it shall and may be lawful for the said Lord High Chancellor, Lords Keeper, or Lords Commissioners aforesaid, to make and give all such Orders and Directions as may appear to the said Court

Lord Chancellor, &c. upon Application, may order the Offices of the Six Clerks to be repaired and improved, as may be thought fit;

and may order the Records in the Inrolment Office to be removed to the Tower.

Court to be fit and proper in carrying the Purposes of this Act into execution.

Accountant General to transfer 500*l.* to "Account of Monies placed out for the Benefit of Suitors in Chancery."

II. And be it further enacted, That the said Accountant General of the said Court of Chancery shall forthwith on the passing of this Act transfer the said Sum of Five hundred Pounds Bank Three Pounds *per Centum* Annuities now standing in the Name of the said Accountant General to the Account of "The Six Clerks of the King's Court of Chancery," and all Dividends that may be due thereon at the Time of such Transfer, to the Account intituled "Account of Monies placed out for the Benefit and better Security of the Suitors of the High Court of Chancery," so that the same may sink into and form Part of the last-mentioned Account.

Providing for Expense of arranging the Records in the Six Clerks and Inrolment Offices, and for Repairs, and carrying this Act into effect.

III. And be it further enacted, That out of the Interest and Dividends arising from the several Government or Parliamentary Securities standing in the Name of the Accountant General of the said Court of Chancery, intituled "Account of Monies placed out for the Benefit and better Security of the Suitors of the High Court of Chancery," and "Account of Securities purchased with surplus Interest arising from Securities carried to an Account of Monies placed out for the Benefit and better Security of the Suitors of the High Court of Chancery," or out of any Cash standing to either of such Accounts, or to any other Account which is now or hereafter may be standing to the Credit of the Suitors of the said Court of Chancery (after and subject to the Payment of all Charges which by any Act heretofore passed are directed to be paid thereout), all Costs, Charges, and Expences which shall at any Time hereafter be incurred in and about the examining, arranging, indexing, and scheduling the said Records and Proceedings in the said Six Clerks and Inrolment Offices, and of the Removal thereof to the Tower of *London*, or other fit and proper Place, and also such Sum and Sums of Money as shall or may be incurred in and about the several Repairs, Alterations, and Improvements of the said Offices of the Six Clerks and Inrolment Offices, and the Buildings thereunto belonging, and incidental thereto, and for keeping the same insured from Loss or Damage by Fire, and also the Costs, Charges, and Expences incurred in procuring and passing this Act, or relating thereto, and of all Proceedings had or to be had in carrying the same into effect, shall be paid by the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, by virtue of any Order or Orders of the said Court of Chancery to be made for that Purpose.

Public Act.

IV. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall be deemed and taken to be a Public Act; and shall be judicially taken notice of as such by all Judges, Justices, and others, without being specially pleaded.

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