



# Great Seal Act 1688

## 1688 CHAPTER 21 1 Will and Mar

An Act for enabling Lords Commissioners for the Great Seale to execute the Office of Lord Chancellor or Lord Keeper.

### <sup>x1</sup>**Jurisdiction of Commissioners of Great Seal doubted.**

Whereas their most Excellent-Majestyes King William and Queene Mary have thought fitt that the Office of the Lord Chancellor or Lord Keeper of the Great Seale of England should be executed by Commissioners appointed for the same under the Great Seale of England And whereas severall Authorities Jurisdictions and Powers are by severall Acts of Parliament and otherwise vested settled and placed in the Lord Chancellor of England or Lord Keeper of the Great Seale of England for the time being Now for the preventing of all Doubts and Questions that may arise whether all or any of those Authorities Jurisdictions and Powers may be exercised by such Commissioners.

#### **Editorial Information**

- X1** Abbreviations or contractions in the original form of this Act have been expanded into modern lettering in the text set out above and below.

#### **Modifications etc. (not altering text)**

- C1** Short title given by [Short Titles Act 1896 \(c. 14\)](#)

### **[I.] Commissioners of the Great Seal may execute the Power and entitled to the Emoluments of Chancellor. Their Place.**

Such Commissioners for the time being may use and exercise at all times according to their Commissions as of right belonging to the Lords Commissioners of the Great Seale of England for the time being all and every the same and like Offices Authority Jurisdiction and Execution of Laws and all other Customes Priviledges Emoluments and Advantages which the Lord Chancellor of England or Lord Keeper of the Great Seale of England for the time being of right ought to [<sup>x2</sup>have use] or execute as belonging to their or either of their said Offices or otherwise howsoever to all intents and purposes as if the said Lords Commissioners for the time being were Lord

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Chancellor or Lord Keeper of the Great Seale of England and shall have and take place next after the Peeres of this Realme [<sup>X3</sup>and Speaker of the House of Commons unlesse any of them shall happen to be a Peere and then to take place according to his Peerage]

**Editorial Information**

- X2 Variant reading of the text noted in *The Statutes of the Realm* as follows: use have *O*. [*O*. refers to a collection in the library of Trinity College, Cambridge]
- X3 annexed to the Original Act in a separate Schedule.

**II** ..... F1

**Textual Amendments**

- F1 S. II repealed by [Justices of the Peace Act 1968 \(c. 69\)](#), [Sch. 5 Pt. I](#)

**III** ..... F2

**Textual Amendments**

- F2 S. III repealed by [Justices of the Peace Act 1968 \(c. 69\)](#), [Sch. 5 Pt. II](#)

**IV–VI** ..... F3

**Textual Amendments**

- F3 S. IV–VI repealed by [Local Government \(Clerks\) Act 1931 \(c. 45\)](#), [Sch. 4](#)

**VII, VIII** ..... F4

**Textual Amendments**

- F4 Ss. VII, VIII repealed by [Statute Law Revision Act 1948 \(c. 62\)](#), [Sch. 1](#)

**IX** ..... F5

**Textual Amendments**

- F5 S. IX repealed by [Lancaster County Clerk Act 1871 \(c. 73\)](#), [s. 4](#)

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