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VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

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An Act for removing Doubts as to the Powers of the Registrar of Her Majesty's Privy Council to administer Oaths, and for providing for the Performance of the Duties of such Registrar in his Absence. [20th August 1853.]

WHEREAS Doubts are entertained as to the Extent of the Powers of the Registrar of Her Majesty's Privy Council appointed under an Act of the Session holden in the Third and Fourth Years of King *William* the Fourth, intituled *An Act for the better Administration of Justice in His Majesty's Privy Council*, for taking Evidence and administering Oaths: And whereas it would be for the public Convenience if such Registrar were empowered to take Affidavits and other Evidence and administer Oaths in all Matters pending before Her Majesty in Council or before the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, and if Provision were made for the Appointment of a Person to act in the Absence of such Registrar: Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual

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Registrar of the Privy Council.

and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, as follows :

Registrar
may examine
Witnesses
upon Oath.

I. It shall be lawful for the Registrar for the Time being of Her Majesty's Privy Council appointed under the said Act, or such other Person or Persons as shall be appointed for this Purpose by Her Majesty in Council or by the said Judicial Committee, to examine Witnesses and take Affidavits and Depositions upon Oath in all Appeals, Causes, and Matters whatsoever pending before Her Majesty in Council or before the said Judicial Committee, and to administer Oaths accordingly.

President of
the Council
may appoint
a Person to
act for Regis-
trar in his
Absence.

II. In case of the Absence of the said Registrar it shall be lawful for the President of Her Majesty's Privy Council to appoint a Person to act for the said Registrar during such Absence, and such Person while so acting shall have the same Powers in all respects as are vested in the said Registrar.

Saving of
the existing
Powers of
Her Majesty,
Her Council,
and the
Judicial
Committee.

III. Nothing herein contained shall be taken to affect the Power of Her Majesty under the said Act or otherwise, to direct or limit the Duties to be performed by the said Registrar, or any other Authority which might have been exercised by Her Majesty or by Her Privy Council or the said Judicial Committee in case this Act had not been passed.

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