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C A P. LXXXIV.

An Act to provide for the Performance of certain Duties of the Speaker during his temporary Absence from the House of Commons.

[14th August 1855.]

WHEREAS the House of Commons have provided by their Standing Orders for the temporary Performance of certain Duties of the Speaker, during his unavoidable Absence, by a Deputy Speaker: And whereas Her Majesty had previously signified Her Consent that the House might do therein as they should think fit: And whereas certain Matters concerning the Office of Speaker are regulated by Statute, and the Validity of Acts done or Proceedings taken during the Absence of the Speaker may hereafter be questioned: 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, as follows:

I. If at any Time during a Session of Parliament the Speaker shall be temporarily absent from the House, and a Deputy Speaker shall thereupon perform the Duties and exercise the Authority of Speaker, pursuant to the Standing Orders or other Order or Resolution of that House, every Act done and Proceeding taken in or by the

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House, pursuant to any Statute, shall be as valid and effectual as if the Speaker himself were in the Chair; and every Act done, and Warrant, Order, Certificate, Notice, or other Document issued, signed, or published, in relation to any Proceedings of the House of Commons, by such Deputy Speaker, shall have the same Effect and Validity as if the same had been done, issued, signed, or published by the Speaker for the Time being.

Deputy
Speaker not
to appoint
to any
Office.

II. Provided, That such Deputy Speaker shall not have Power to appoint to any Office, except for such Time as he shall continue to be Deputy Speaker.

Nothing
herein to
affect
Election of
Speaker, &c.

III. Provided also, That nothing herein contained shall affect the Election of a Speaker, or the Forms thereof, or any Prerogative of Her Majesty concerned therein, or otherwise relating to the Office of Speaker.

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