VIII. COMMISSION FOR THE EXAMINATION OF WIT-NESSES.

transmit such copy with all convenient despatch, and at the same time assign the reasons for such delay, which reasons the Select Committee upon the petition in question are hereby directed to investigate, and report their opinion thereupon to the House at the time they make their report 5 on the merits of such Petition.

CXXV. And be it enacted, That the said Select Com- Committee mittee shall from time to time during the continuance of may direct. the said Commission, and at any time before reporting ceedings be-10 their final opinion to the House on the merits of the Peti- missioner. tion in question, have full power and authority to direct any further or other Warrant to the said Commissioner, under the hand and seal of the Chairman of the said Committee, ordering and directing the said Commissioner 15 to resume his sittings as such Commissioner for such purposes as shall be in the said Warrant specified, and that such and the like proceedings shall be had upon such further Warrant of the Chairman of the said Committee as are herein directed with respect to the said Warrant of the Chairman of the said Committee herein first above 20 mentioned.

CXXVI. And be it enacted, That when any such Committee Select Committee shall re-assemble to try and determine books, &c.; the merits of any such Election Petition, after any pro-produced before Com-25 ceedings shall have been had by or before any Commissioner. sioner appointed for examining any matters which shall have been referred to him by such Select Committee, it shall and may be lawful for such Select Committee to send for all or any such Books, Papers and Records, or 30 other written Documents, as were produced in evidence before such Commissioner, in like manner as such Select Committee might have done if no such proceedings had been had by or before such Commissioner, and without directing any Warrant to the said Commissioner, and 35 without ordering or directing the said Commissioner to resume his sittings as aforesaid; Provided always never- Proviso. theless, that such Select Committee shall in all other respects proceed to try the merits of such Election Petition, in manner directed by this Act, and shall determine 40 on all such matters and things as shall have been tried and examined by the said Commissioner from the written minutes of the evidence and proceedings before the said Commissioner, and from the inspection of such Books, Papers, Records and Documents, so far only as may relate 45 to such evidence and proceedings; but such Select Commitee shall not call for or receive in evidence any extracts from such Books, Papers, Records or Documents, other than such as were received and produced before such

Commissioner, nor to any point or matter not in issue

before such Commissioner.