

And before  
Select Com-  
mittees on pri-  
vate Bills in  
Senate.

2. Any Select Committee of the Senate to which any Private Bill has been referred by that House, may examine witnesses upon oath, upon matters relating to such Bill, and for that purpose the Chairman or any Member of such Committee may administer an oath to any such witness.

Or in the  
House of Com-  
mons.

3. Any Select Committee of the House of Commons to which any Private Bill has been referred by that House, may examine witnesses upon oath, upon matters relating to such Bill, and for that purpose the Chairman or any Member of such Committee may administer an oath to any such witness.

Perjury.

4. Any person examined as aforesaid, who shall wilfully give false evidence, shall be liable to the penalties of perjury.

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An Act further securing the independence of Parlia-  
ment.

[Assented to 22nd May, 1868.]

Preamble.

**H**ER Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows :

1. Except as hereinafter specially provided—

No person  
holding an  
office of emo-  
lument  
under the  
Government of  
Canada, to be  
member of the  
House of Com-  
mons.

1. No person accepting or holding any office, commission or employment in the service of the Government of Canada, at the nomination of the Crown, to which an annual salary, or any fee, allowance or emolument in lieu of an annual salary from the Crown is attached, shall be eligible as a Member of the House of Commons, nor shall he sit or vote in the same during the time he holds such office, occupation or employ-  
ment ;

Exception as to  
Members of the  
Privy Council,  
or persons  
holding certain  
offices.

2. Nothing in this section shall render ineligible as aforesaid, any person holding any of the following offices, that is to say : President of the Privy Council, Receiver General, Minister of Finance, Minister of Justice, Minister of Militia and Defence, Secretary of State, Secretary of State for the Provinces, Minister of Public Works, Postmaster General, Minister of Agriculture and Emigration, Minister of Inland Revenue, Minister of Customs, or Minister of Marine and Fisheries, or shall disqualify him to sit or vote in the House of Commons, provided he be elected while holding such office, and not otherwise disqualified ;

Proviso.

Exception  
as to one Com-  
missioner of  
Inter-colonial  
Railway and  
Officers  
in the Army,

3. Nothing in this section shall render ineligible, as aforesaid, or disqualify to sit or vote in the House of Commons, one of the Commissioners appointed under the Act respecting the Intercolonial Railway, or any Officer of Her Majesty's Army or Navy, or any Officer in the Militia or Militiaman

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