

ANNO SECUNDO GULIELMI IV. REGIS.

CAP. LI.

An Act to regulate the Practice and the Fees in the Vice-Admiralty Courts abroad, and to obviate Doubts as to their Jurisdiction.—
23d June, 1832.

WHEREAS it is expedient that Provision should be made for the Regulation of the practice to be observed in the Suits and Proceedings in the Courts of Vice-Admiralty in His Majesty's Possessions abroad, and for the establishment of Fees to be allowed and taken in the said Courts by the respective Judges, Officers, and Practitioners therein: Be it therefore enacted by the King'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, that it shall be lawful for His Majesty, with the Advice of His Privy Council, from time to time to make and ordain such Rules and Regulations as shall be deemed expedient touching the practice to be observed in Suits and Proceedings in the several Courts of Vice-Admiralty at present or hereafter to be established in any of His Majesty's Possessions abroad, and likewise from time to time to make, ordain, and establish Tables of Fees to be taken or received by the Judges, Officers, and Practitioners in the said Courts, for all Acts to be done therein, and also from time to time, as shall be found expedient, to alter any such Rules, Regulations, and Fees, and to make any new Regulations and Table or Tables of Fees; and that all such Rules, Regulations, and Fees, after the same shall have been so made and established or altered, from time to time be entered or enrolled in the Public Books or Records of the said Courts, so far as such Practice and Fees shall relate or apply to each of such Courts respectively.

II. And be it further enacted, that a Copy of every Table of Fees so to be from time to time made and established or altered, shall be laid before the House of Commons within Three Calendar Months next after the making and establishment or alteration thereof respectively, if Parliament shall be then sitting, and if not, then within One Calendar Month next after the subsequent Meeting of Parliament.

III. And be it further enacted, that the several Fees so to be established, and no other, shall, from and after the making and establishment thereof, and the Entry and Enrollment thereof as aforesaid, be deemed and taken to be the lawful Fees of the several Judges, Officers, Ministers and Practitioners of the said respective Courts; and such Fees only shall and may be demanded, received and taken accordingly.

IV. And to the intent that all such Regulations and Fees may be promulgated and publicly made known, be it further enacted, that the Judge and Registrar of every such Court shall cause to be kept constantly hung up and preserved in some conspicuous part of every such Court, and in the Office of the Registrar, a Copy of the Table of Fees so to be from time to time ordained and established in such Courts respectively, so that the said Table may be seen and read by all Persons having any Business in any such Court and Office respectively; and that the Books or Records containing the Entries of the said Regulations and Tables of Fees, as the same shall be in force, shall be at all seasonable times open to the inspection of the Practitioners and Suitors in every such Court.

His Majesty empowered to make Regulations and establish Fees in the Vice-Admiralty Courts abroad.

Regulations and Fees to be enrolled in the respective Courts.

The Tables of Fees to be laid before the House of Commons.

Fees so established to be the only lawful Fees.

Copies of the Regulations & Tables of Fees to be hung up in each Court.