



Duchy of Lancaster Act 1812

1812 CHAPTER 161

XXIII Commissioners of Woods, &c. to receive Verifications and take Examinations on Oath touching Matters which relate to the Department of the Land Revenue.

And whereas by an Act, parted in the Fiftieth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act for uniting the Offices of Surveyor General of the Land Revenues of the Crown, and Surveyor General of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, Parks and Chases*, the Commissioners of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenue, or any one of them, are authorized to receive a Verification and take an Examination on Oath touching and concerning all Matters of Surveys, Returns, Reports, Estimates, Accounts, and other Matters and Things, of and from every Officer and other Person, in all Cases wherein the Surveyor General of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, Parks and Chafes, was immediately before the palling of that Act by Law authorized so to do : And whereas k is expedient that alike Authority should be given to them to receive Verifications and take Examinations on Oath touching Matters which relate to the Department of His Majesty's Land Revenue, and which were, previous to the passing of the above mentioned Act, under the separate Cognizance or Management of the Surveyor General of that Department; be it therefore enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners or any One of them, and they or any One of them are and is hereby authorized, to receive a Verification and take an Examination upon Oath of and from any Officer and other Person employed in making and conducting any Surveys, Returns, Reports, Estimates and Accounts, or other Matters and Things touching and concerning the said Department of His Majesty's Land Revenue in like Manner as they are by the said above-mentioned Act empowered to do in all Matters and Things relating to the Department of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, Parks and Chafes; and if any Officer or other Person shall in any such Verification or Examination upon Oath as aforesaid, knowingly and wilfully forswear himself, herself, or themselves, such Officer or other Person so offending shall be liable to be punished in such Manner as is provided by the different Laws and Statutes now in force for the Punishment of wilful and corrupt Perjury.