

## CAP. CI.

An Act for extending to the Governors and Officers of the *East India* Company the Powers given by an Act of the Fifth Year of King *George* the Fourth to Her Majesty's Governors and Officers for the more effectual Suppression of the Importation of Slaves into *India* by Sea. [10th August 1842.]

5 G. 4. c. 113.

‘ WHEREAS by an Act passed in the Fifth Year of the  
 ‘ Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Fourth, in-  
 ‘ titled *An Act to amend and consolidate the Laws relating to the*  
 ‘ *Abolition of the Slave Trade*, various Provisions are made for  
 ‘ the more effectual Suppression of the Importation of Slaves  
 ‘ into Her Majesty's Colonies and Plantations, and various  
 ‘ Powers and Authorities are given to the Governors, Lieu-  
 ‘ tenant Governors, and other Persons exercising the Autho-  
 ‘ rity of Governors in Her Majesty's Colonies and Plantations,  
 ‘ and to Her Majesty's Officers there, Civil and Military, for  
 ‘ the more effectual Suppression of the Importation of Slaves  
 ‘ into such Colonies and Plantations by Sea, and for the Punish-  
 ‘ ment of all Persons guilty of the Crime of introducing or  
 ‘ attempting to introduce Slaves into any such Colonies or  
 ‘ Plantations: And whereas it is expedient that Powers and  
 ‘ Authorities by the said recited Act given to the Governor or  
 ‘ Lieutenant Governor, or other Person exercising the Autho-  
 ‘ rity of Governor, in the Colonies, Plantations, or other Places  
 ‘ therein referred to, should be extended to and vested in the  
 ‘ respective Governors of the several Presidencies or Places  
 ‘ within the Territories under the Government of the *East*  
 ‘ *India* Company, and that all Powers and Authorities thereby  
 ‘ given to Her Majesty's Officers, Civil and Military, should  
 ‘ be extended to and vested in the Officers of the *East India*  
 ‘ Company, Civil and Military, within the Territories under  
 ‘ the Government of the said Company;’ 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, That all and singular the Powers and Authorities  
 by the said recited Act of the Fifth Year of the Reign of King  
*George* the Fourth given to or vested in the Governors or  
 Lieutenant Governors, or other Persons exercising the Au-  
 thority of Governors in Her Majesty's Colonies, Plantations,  
 or other Places in the said recited Act referred to, for the  
 more effectual Suppression of the Importation of Slaves into  
 such Colonies, Plantations, or other Places by Sea, and for the  
 more effectual Punishment of all Persons guilty of the Crime  
 of introducing or attempting to introduce Slaves into any such  
 Colonies, Plantations, or Places by Sea, shall be and the same  
 are hereby expressly given to and vested in the several and  
 respective Governors of the several and respective Presidencies

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and Places within the Territories under the Government of the *East India* Company, and the Persons having the chief Civil or the chief Military Authorities at or near the Places where any Offence made cognizable by or under this Act shall have been committed or attempted to be committed; and that the Powers and Authorities by the said recited Act given to or vested in Her Majesty's Officers, Civil and Military, for the like Purpose, shall be and are hereby given to and vested in the several Officers of the *East India* Company, Civil and Military.

## CAP. CII.

An Act for the better Discovery and Prevention of Bribery and Treating at the Election of Members of Parliament. [10th August 1842.]

WHEREAS it has become notorious that extensive Bribery prevails in many Places in the Election of Members to serve in Parliament, and that the Laws now in force are insufficient for the Discovery thereof; and it is expedient that further Powers be given for that Purpose, and for collecting Evidence on which to found further Proceedings in regard to Places in which Bribery shall be found to have been generally or extensively practised; 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, That if after a Committee shall have been nominated for the Trial of an Election Petition, in which Bribery shall be charged to have been committed, the Petition shall be withdrawn, or the Charges of Bribery therein contained, or any other Charge of Bribery which shall have been made or stated before such Committee, whether in support of any Petition complaining of the Return, or by way of Recrimination, or in answer to any Petition, shall be withdrawn, abandoned, or not *bonâ fide* prosecuted before the said Committee, it shall and may be lawful for such Committee in its Discretion to examine into and ascertain the Circumstances under which such Withdrawal, Abandonment, or Forbearance to prosecute such Charges as aforesaid shall have taken place, and whether the same has been the Matter of Compromise, Arrangement, or Understanding, covert or otherwise, in order to avoid the Discovery of Bribery at the said Election; and the said Committee shall be authorized, if it shall think fit, to state in their Report upon the Election Petition any special Matter relating to the Cause and Reason of the Abandonment or Forbearance to prosecute the said Charges; and for more effectual Discovery of the Truth of the Matters so to be inquired into full Power and Authority is hereby given to such Committee to examine (as Witnesses subject to the ordinary Rules of Evidence) the Sitting Member or Members, or Candidate or Candidates at the said Election, and their several and respective Agents, and all

Election Committee authorized to ascertain the Cause of the Abandonment of Charges of Bribery, and to report.