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Amend an Act of the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Years of Her present Majesty, to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to Civil Bills and the Courts of Quarter Sessions in Ireland, and to transfer to the Assistant Barristers certain Jurisdiction as to Insolvent Debtors.

HEREAS by the Provisions of an Act passed in the Preamble. Session of Parliament holden in the Fourteenth and 14 & 15 Vict. Fifteenth Years of the Reign of Her present Majesty, Chapter Fifty-seven, it was enacted, that the Lord Lieutenant of 5 Ireland might nominate and appoint to the Office of Assistant Barrister for each and every County and Riding in Ireland a practising Barrister-at-Law of Ten Years standing at the least, who shall have actually practised Ten Years in Her Majesty's Superior Courts in Dublin, and shall not at the Time of his Appointment to such 10 Office have retired from such Practice; and that every Assistant Barrister so appointed should hold his Office during good Behaviour, but that it should be lawful for Her Majesty to remove any such Assistant Barrister from his Office upon the Address of both Houses of Parliament; and that such Assistant Barristers should severally 15 receive the annual Salaries in the Schedule to the said Act mentioned, [Bill 165.] according

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according to the Classification of the County to which he was appointed; and that it should be lawful for Her Majesty to grant to any Person who shall have executed the Office of Assistant Barrister. and who shall have resigned the same, an Annuity or yearly Sum not exceeding Four hundred Pounds, provided he shall have continued 5 in Office Twenty Years, or be afflicted with some permanent Infirmity disabling him from the due Execution of his Office : And whereas the said Annuity or Pension is disproportionate to the Salaries and Services of the Assistant Barrister of First and Second Class Counties. and by reason thereof no adequate Provision can be made for such 10 of the Assistant Barristers as by reason of their advanced Age and lengthened Services may have become unable to discharge the Duties of their Office with the necessary Diligence and Efficiency, whereby the due Administration of Justice in the County Courts in Ireland is greatly hindered: Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's most 15 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, as follows :

Retiring Pension of Assistant Barrister. I. It shall be lawful for Her Majesty and Her Successors, by any Letters Patent under the Great Seal of Ireland, to grant to any 20 Person who shall have executed the Office of Assistant Barrister, within the Meaning of the said recited Act, for any County or Riding of a County in Ireland, and who shall have resigned the same, or been removed from the same for Infirmity, in manner herein-after mentioned, an Annuity or yearly Sum not exceeding *Two Thirds* of the annual 25 Salary to which the Person so resigning shall have been entitled immediately before his Resignation, the said Annuity or yearly Sum to be paid out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland : Provided always, that no such Annuity or yearly Sum of Money shall be granted to any Assistant Barrister 30 unless he shall have continued in Office *Twenty* Years, or be afflicted with some permanent Infirmity disabling him from the due Execution of his Office, the same to be distinctly recited in such Grant.

Removal of Assistant Barristers for Misbehaviour or Inability. 9 & 10 Vict. c. 95. s. 18.

II. That, for and notwithstanding anything contained in the said recited Act, if it shall appear to the Lord Chancellor of Ireland (for 35 the Time being) that any Assistant Barrister within the Meaning of the said Act shall be guilty of any Misbehaviour in his said Office, or shall be incapable of discharging his Duty therein by reason of permanent Infirmity, it shall and may be lawful for the said Lord Chancellor to certify the same to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, 40 whereupon it may be lawful for the said Lord Lieutenant to remove such Assistant Barrister from his Office : Provided that, save as aforesaid, Assistant Barristers shall hold their Office during good Behaviour, and

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and that, notwithstanding such Power of Removal herein-before vested in the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, any Assistant Barrister may be removed by the Crown on Addresses from both Houses of Parliament, in manner provided by the said recited Act.

III. It shall be lawful for the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland to remove 9 & 10 Vict. 5 any Assistant Barrister from any County to which he shall have been c. 95 s. 19. Lord Lieuappointed, for the Purpose of appointing him to any other County in tenant may which the Salary of the said Assistant Barrister shall not be less than transfer Assistant in the County from which he shall be so removed.

Barristers to other Counties.

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(Prepared and brought in by Mr. Fitzroy, Mr. Attorney General for Ireland, Lord Naas, and Mr. Hamilton.)

Ordered, by The House of Commons, to be Printed, 29 June 1858.

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