

KEEPER OF THE SIGNET (IRELAND.)

RETURN to an Order of The Honourable House of Commons, dated
23d March 1827;—for

A Copy of the PATENT by which the Office of Keeper of the Signet in Ireland was separated from the Office of Chief Secretary, and granted for Life to the Officer now holding that Appointment.

THERE is not any Patent by which the office of Keeper of the Signet in Ireland was separated from the office of Chief Secretary, the two offices having never been conjoined by any Patent.

Annexed is a Copy of the Patent, under which that office is now held.

Irish Office, London, }
2d April 1827. }

C. W. Flint.

ROLLS OFFICE, IRELAND.

Return pursuant to the Order of The Honourable House of Commons, bearing date the twenty-third day of March one thousand eight hundred and twenty-seven; containing a Copy of the Patent granting unto *Charles Abbot* the office of Keeper of the Privy Seal in Ireland.

GEORGE THE THIRD, by the grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland King, Defender of the Faith and so forth, To all to whom these presents shall come, greeting: Whereas We did by Our Letters Patent, bearing date the twenty-fourth day of July, in the thirty-seventh year of Our reign, grant unto the Right honourable *Robert Stewart* (commonly called Lord Viscount *Castlereagh*) the office of Keeper of Our Signet Privy Seal during Our pleasure; and We being graciously pleased to revoke and determine the same: KNOW YE THEREFORE, That We of Our special grace, certain knowledge, and mere motion, by and with the advice and consent of Our Right Trusty and Right well-beloved Cousin and Councillor Philip Earl of Hardwicke, our Lieutenant-General and General Governor of Ireland, and according to the tenor and effect of Our Letters under Our Privy Signet and Royal Sign manual, bearing date at Our Court at Saint James's the first day of June one thousand eight hundred and one, in the forty-first year of Our reign, and now enrolled in the Rolls of Our High Court of Chancery in Ireland, have constituted and appointed, and by these presents, for us Our heirs and successors, We do constitute and appoint, Our Right Trusty and well-beloved Councillor *Charles Abbot*, Keeper of Our Privy Seal in that part of Our United Kingdom called Ireland, To have and to hold the said office to him the said *Charles Abbot*, for and during his natural life, together with all salaries, profits, perquisites, fees and advantages to the said office belonging or appertaining, or which shall belong or appertain thereto, the said office to be exercised or executed by him the said *Charles Abbot* or his sufficient deputy

or deputies, to be approved of by Our Lieutenant-General or other Chief Governor or Governors of Ireland for the time being : And Our further will is, That the said *Charles Abbot* may hold and enjoy the said office of Keeper of Our Privy Seal in Ireland in as full ample and beneficial manner to all intents and purposes as the said Right honourable *John Stewart* (commonly called Lord Viscount *Castlereagh*) or any other person or persons formerly held and enjoyed or of right ought to have held and enjoyed the same : And Our further will is, and by these presents We do grant unto the said *Charles Abbot*, that these Our Letters Patent, or the inrollment thereof, shall be in all things good, firm, valid, sufficient and effectual in the law to all intents and purposes whatsoever to him the said *Charles Abbot*, against us Our heirs and successors as well in all Courts of us Our heirs and successors, as elsewhere wheresoever : Provided always, That these Our Letters Patent be enrolled in the Rolls of Our High Court of Chancery in Ireland, within the space of six months next ensuing the date of these presents. In Witness whereof We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent : Witness Our aforesaid Lieutenant-General and General Governor of Ireland at Dublin, the twelfth day of June, in the forty-first year of Our reign.

Inrolled the fifteenth day of June one thousand eight hundred and one.

Rolls Office, }
29th March 1827.

R. Wogan,
D^y K. of the Rolls.

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By which the Office of Keeper of the Signet was separated from the Office of Chief Secretary.

*(Ordered, by The House of Commons, to be Printed,
9 April 1827.*