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Annæ Reginæ.

An Act for the Paying and Clearing the ſeveral Regiments Commanded by Lieutenant General *Stewart*, Colonel *Hill* and Brigadier *Holt*, and for Supplying the Defect of the Muſter-Rolls of thoſe and ſeveral other Regiments.

WHereas the Regiment of Foot Commanded by Lieutenant General Stewart, or the greateſt part of them, were on or about the Month of June, in the year of our Lord, One thouſand ſeven hundred and four, made Priſoners of War at Caſtle D'Ovida, in the Kingdom of Portugal, and the Regiment of Foot now Commanded by Colonel John Hill, or the greateſt part of them, were alſo on or about the Month of May, in the ſame Year of our Lord, One thouſand ſeven hundred and four, made Priſoners of War at Port O'Legre in the ſaid Kingdom, and ſo continued Priſoners for the ſpace of Twelve Months, or thereabouts, by reaſon whereof no Muſters could be made of the ſeveral Companies in the ſame Regiments, whereby the ſaid Regiments might be regularly cleared: And whereas the Regiment of Marines Commanded by Brigadier General Holt, or the greateſt part of them, in the Year One thouſand ſeven hundred and four, by reaſon of Diſputes ariſing between the Commanding Officers at Gibraltar, in the Kingdom of Spain, and other Accidents, were not regularly Muſtered, ſo that the Officers and Soldiers of the ſaid ſeveral Regiments cannot be Paid and Cleared, nor in a Condition to Raiſe Recruits; Be it therefore Enacted by the Queens moſt Excellent Majeſty, by and with the Advice and Conſent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons in Parliament Aſſembled, and by the Authority of the ſame, That it ſhall and may be Lawful for Her Majeſty to Iſſue out Her Warrant or Warrants, under Her Royal Sign Manual, for Paying to

and for the Use of the said several Regiments, and their Officers and Soldiers, or any of them, such Sum and Sums of Money, not exceeding the full Establisht Pay of the said Regiments respectively, as upon Examination before the Lord High Treasurer or Commissioners of the Treasury for the time being, shall be found reasonable for the Paying and Clearing the said Regiments respectively, or any of them (that is to say) As to the Regiment Commanded by Lieutenant General Stewart, from the time of the last Muster-Rolls taken of them in Portugal, to the Twenty fourth Day of August, One thousand seven hundred and five; And as to the Regiment Commanded by Colonel Hill, from the time of the last Musters taken of them in Portugal, to the Twenty fourth Day of June, One thousand seven hundred and five; And as to the Regiment Commanded by Brigadier General Holt, from the Twenty fifth Day of August, One thousand seven hundred and four, to the Twenty fourth Day of December, One thousand seven hundred and five, and no further, so that the same Regiments may be speedily Recruited; Any Want, or Defect, or Imperfection in the Muster-Rolls for such respective time or times notwithstanding; And that such Warrant or Warrants shall be to all Intents and Purposes, a sufficient Voucher and Vouchers, to the Auditors of the Imprests for the Passing the Accounts of the Paymaster-General, and all other the Paymasters in that behalf; Any Law or Usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

And whereas the Companies Commanded by Major James Bush, and Captain William Bisset, in the Regiment of Marines Commanded by Major General Seymour, and the Companies of Captain Henry Carter, and Captain St. John Web in the Regiment of Marines Commanded by the Lord Shannon, and the Companies of Major Richard Cobham, Captain Humphrey Corey, and Captain John Ramsey, in the Regiment of Marines Commanded by Colonel Jacob Bor, were not regularly Mustered between the Twenty fifth Day of August, One thousand seven hundred and four, and the Twenty fourth Day of June, One thousand seven hundred and five, Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said several Companies may be Paid and Cleared in manner, as aforesaid; Any Law or Usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

And whereas by One Act made in the First Year of the Reign of her present Majesty, Intituled, An Act for making good Deficiencies, and for preserving the Publick Credit, It is, amongst other things therein Enacted, That the Commissioners for Stating the Accounts of the Army, or any Three or more of them, shall have Power, and are thereby Required and Authorized to Certifie to the Paymaster-General such Sums as shall appear due to any Troops or Companies in the late Army, in the Name of, and payable to such Person or Persons as the Colonel and the majority of the Captains of such Regiments, to which such Troop and Company belonged, have or shall impower to receive the said Certificates, pursuant to such Certificates the said Paymaster-General, shall make out and issue Debentures payable out of the Forfeited Estates in the Kingdom of Ireland, to such Person or Persons Authorized, as aforesaid, to Receive such Debenture, which said Person or

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Persons Receiving such Debentures, are hereby Required to issue thereout unto all Non-commissioned Officers and Soldiers of Horse, Foot or Dragoons, their Wives or Children, or such other Persons, to whom they have Assigned their Pay for Debts by them due and contracted on Account of the same, such Share or Proportion of such Debentures, or the Benefit thereof, as shall be made appear to be justly due to such Non-Commission Officer and Soldier, by Certificate under the Hand of the Captain in whose Troop or Company they served, or in case of such Captains Death, under the Hand of the Colonel, or next Surviving Field-Officer, or Eldest Captain of the Regiment; And further, the Person or Persons so Receiving such Debentures, as aforesaid, upon Receipt thereof, are required to give Security to the Paymaster General of double the value of what he shall receive; And also at the end of Twelve Months, to return unto him the said Paymaster an Account upon Oath, to him the said Paymaster of all the Debentures by him or them issued in pursuance hereof, and returning back to the Hands of the said Paymaster such Debentures, as shall remain not issued out to the end of the Twelve Months: And whereas Colonel William Carville of Brigadier Stanhope's Regiment, now Colonel Hill's, and formerly Sir John Hanmer's, being authorized by the Colonel, and the majority of the Captains of the said Regiment, to Receive the said Debentures for the Non-Commissioned Officers and Private Men of the said Regiment, pursuant to the said Act; but being taken Prisoner at Port O'Legre in Portugal, together with the said Regiment, and losing his Effects, and all his Papers, has not Vouchers to produce to the Earl of Ranelagh, (late Paymaster General of Her Majesties Forces) for the Sums issued to the said Non-Commission Officers and Soldiers, but is ready to give an Account upon Oath of all Disbursements by him issued, in pursuance of the said recited Act, and to return back to the Hands of the said late Paymaster, such Debentures as remained not issued at the end of the said Twelve Months; Be it therefore Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Earl of Ranelagh be, and is hereby Required and Authorized to take an Account upon Oath from the said Colonel Carville, of the Debentures by him issued, in pursuance of the said Act; And upon his giving such Account, and Returning back into the Hands of the said Earl, the Debentures by him not issued, as aforesaid, to Allow of and Pass his Account, and Deliver up the Security by him given pursuant to the said Act.

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