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# Georgii II. Regis.

An Act for granting to His Majesty the Sum of Two Millions, to be raised by Way of Annuities and a Lottery, and charged on the Sinking Fund, redeemable by Parliament; and for extending to *Ireland* the Laws made in this Kingdom, against private and unlawful Lotteries.

Most Gracious Sovereign,



WE, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Commons of Great Britain, in Parliament assembled, towards raising the necessary Supplies to defray Your Majesty's publick Expences, have freely resolved to give and grant unto Your Majesty the Sum of Two Millions; One Million five hundred thousand Pounds, Part thereof, to be raised by Annuities, after the Rate of Three Pounds Ten Shillings per Centum per Annum; and Five hundred thousand Pounds, Residue thereof, by a Lottery; to be attended with Annuities, after the Rate of Three Pounds per Centum per Annum, Preamble.



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Annum, in such Manner and Form as is herein after directed; and do therefore most humbly beseech Your Majesty, that it may be enacted; and be it enacted by the King'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 for or towards raising the said Sum of Two Millions, it shall and may be lawful to and for the several Persons, Natives or Foreigners, and Bodies Politick or Corporate, who in pursuance of the Resolution of the Commons of Great Britain in Parliament assembled, have, in Books opened at the Bank of England for that Purpose, subscribed and agreed to contribute to the Payment of the said Sum of Two Millions, and who have in pursuance of the said Resolution, deposited with, or paid to the Cashier or Cashiers of the Governor and Company of the Bank of England for the time being, the Sum of Ten Pounds per Centum, in Part of the Sums by them subscribed respectively, to advance and pay unto the said Cashier or Cashiers, who is and are hereby appointed the Receiver and Receivers of such Contributions (without any further or other Warrant to be sued for, had, or obtained in that Behalf) the Remainder of the several Sums so subscribed at or before the respective Days or Times, and in the Proportions in this Act limited in that Behalf.

2,000,000 *l.* to be raised by Annuities and a Lottery.

Contributors who have deposited 10 *l. per Cent.* in Part thereof;

to pay the Remainder according to the Proportions, and within the Times limited.

And whereas it is intended that all such Contributors to the said Sum of Two Millions, who shall have subscribed for Four hundred Pounds, shall be intitled to Three hundred Pounds in Annuities, after the Rate of Three Pounds Ten Shillings per Centum per Annum, transferrable at the Bank of England, and to One hundred Pounds in Lottery Tickets, to be attended with Annuities (transferrable also at the Bank of England) after the Rate of Three Pounds per Centum per Annum, and so in Proportion for a greater or less Sum; be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all such Contributors who have so made the said Deposit of Ten Pounds per Centum, in Part of the Sums by them severally subscribed, as a Security for their making their future Payments, shall make the same accordingly at or before the respective Days or Times, and in the Proportions in this Act limited in that Behalf; that is to say, In respect of their proportional Share of the said Sum of One Million five hundred thousand Pounds, Fifteen Pounds per Centum on or before the Thirtieth Day of March, One thousand seven hundred and fifty six; Twenty Pounds per

Times of Payments in respect of the Sum of 1,500,000 *l.* subscribed towards Annuities.

Centum on or before the Fifteenth Day of May, then next ensuing; Twenty Pounds per Centum on or before the Sixteenth Day of July, then next ensuing; Twenty Pounds per Centum on or before the Sixteenth Day of September, then next ensuing; and the remaining Fifteen Pounds per Centum on or before the Thirtieth Day of October, then next ensuing; and in respect of their proportional Share of the said Sum of Five hundred thousand Pounds, Twenty Pounds per Centum on or before the Twenty second Day of April, One thousand seven hundred and fifty six; Twenty Pounds per Centum on or before the Sixteenth Day of June, then next ensuing; Twenty five Pounds per Centum on or before the Fourteenth Day of August, then next ensuing; and the remaining Twenty five Pounds per Centum on or before the Twentieth Day of October, then next following; and that all such Contributors for and in respect of Three Fourths of the Sums so by them subscribed, shall be intitled to their proportional Share of Annuities, after the Rate of Three Pounds Ten Shillings per Centum per Annum; and for and in respect of the remaining Fourth Part of the Sum so subscribed, to as many Lottery Tickets as the said Fourth Part of the Sum so subscribed shall purchase, after the Rate of Ten Pounds for each Ticket; and that every such Contributor or Adventurer, for every Sum of Ten Pounds so advanced for the Purchase of a Lottery Ticket, shall be intitled to such Lot, and to such Annuity, after the Rate of Three Pounds per Centum per Annum, as is herein after directed and appointed.

Times of Payment in respect of the Sum of 500,000 *l.* towards the Lottery.

Annuities to bear 3 *l.* 10 *s.* *per Cent.* Interest;

and Tickets 3 *l. per Cent.*

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Annuities which shall become due and payable to the several Contributors, their Executors, Administrators, Successors, and Assigns, after the Rate of Three Pounds Ten Shillings per Centum per Annum, in respect of the said Sum of One Million five hundred thousand Pounds, Part of the said principal Sum of Two Millions, shall commence and be computed from the Eleventh Day of February, One thousand seven hundred and fifty six; and that so much of the said Annuities as after the said Rate of Three Pounds Ten Shillings per Centum per Annum, shall be due on the Fifth Day of January, One thousand seven hundred and fifty seven, shall be then paid; and that the Annuities which shall from and after that Time be due, shall be paid half-yearly, on the Fifth Day of July, and the Fifth Day of January, by even and equal Portions; and that the Annuities which shall become due and payable to the said Contri-

Annuities to commence from 11 *Feb.* 1756.

First Payment of Interest to be on 5 *Jan.* 1757.

and afterwards to be paid Half-yearly.



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butors, their Executors, Administrators, Successors, and Assigns, at the Rate of Three Pounds per Centum per Annum, in respect of the said Principal Sum of Five hundred thousand Pounds, Residue of the said Principal Sum of Two Millions, shall commence and be computed from the Fifth Day of January, which shall be in the Year of our Lord, One thousand seven hundred and fifty seven, and shall from time to time, be paid half-yearly on the Fifth Day of July, and the Fifth Day of January, by even and equal Portions; the First Payment thereof to be due and payable for the half Year ended the Fifth Day of July, which shall be in the Year of our Lord, One thousand seven hundred and fifty seven.

Interest on Lottery Tickets to commence on 5 *Jan.* 1757,

and payable half-yearly.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Cashier or Cashiers, who shall have received, or shall receive any Part of the Sums so paid by way of Deposit, or otherwise, in respect of the said Annuities, after the Rate of Three Pounds Ten Shillings per Centum per Annum, shall forthwith give Receipts in Writing, signed by himself or themselves, to every such Contributor for all such Sums, and that the Receipts to be given for any Sums paid in respect of the said Annuities, after the Rate of Three Pounds Ten Shillings per Centum per Annum, shall be assignable by Endorsement thereupon made at any Time before the Thirtieth Day of October, One thousand seven hundred and fifty six, and no longer.

Cashier to give Receipts for Money paid in,

the same made assignable.

Provided always, That such Cashier or Cashiers shall give Security to the good Liking of any Three or more of the Commissioners of the Treasury now being, or the High Treasurer, or any Three or more of the Commissioners of the Treasury for the time being, for duly answering and paying into the Receipt of His Majesty's Exchequer for the publick Use, all the Monies which they shall have already received by way of Deposit, or otherwise, or shall hereafter receive, from time to time, of or for the said Sum of Two Millions, and for accounting duly for the same, and for Performance of the Trusts hereby in them reposed; and shall, from time to time, so pay all such Monies as soon as they shall receive the same, or any Part thereof, or within Five Days afterwards at the farthest, and shall account for all Monies so received by him or them, in the Exchequer, according to the due Course thereof, deducting thereout such Sums as shall have been paid by him or them in pursuance of this Act, in Manner herein after mentioned; for which Sums so paid, Allowance shall be made in his or their Accounts.

Cashier to give Security;

and to pay in the Monies into the Exchequer.

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And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury now being, or the High Treasurer, or any Three or more of the Commissioners of the Treasury for the time being, from time to time, to issue and apply all such Sums of Money as shall so be paid into the Receipt of His Majesty's Exchequer by the said Cashier or Cashiers, to such Services as shall then have been voted by the Commons of Great Britain in this Session of Parliament. Treasury to apply the Monies to the Services voted by the Commons.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That in the Office of the Accomptant General of the said Governor and Company of the Bank of England for the time being, there shall be provided and kept a Book or Books, in which shall be fairly entered the Names of all such Contributors as aforesaid; and it shall and may be lawful for the said respective Contributors, their Executors, Administrators, Successors, and Assigns, from time to time, at all seasonable Times, to have Resort to and inspect the said Book or Books, without any Fee or Charge; and that the said Accomptant General for the time being, shall, on or before the Twenty fifth Day of March, One thousand seven hundred and fifty eight, transmit an attested Duplicate, fairly written on Paper, of the said Book or Books, into the Office of the Auditor of the Receipt of His Majesty's Exchequer, there to remain for ever. Contributors Names to be entered in a Book; the same to be inspected *gratis*. Duplicate thereof to be transmitted to the Exchequer.

And it is hereby enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all such Contributors, duly paying the whole Sums by them respectively subscribed, at or before the respective Days and Times in this Act before limited in that Behalf, their respective Executors, Administrators, Successors, and Assigns, shall have, receive, and enjoy, their proportional Share of the respective Annuities of Three Pounds Ten Shillings per Centum per Annum, and Three Pounds per Centum per Annum, out of the Monies by this Act herein after appropriated for Payment thereof, and shall have good and sure Estates and Interests therein for ever; subject nevertheless to the Provisoes of Redemption in this Act herein after contained, concerning the same respectively. Contributors making good their Payments, to have sure Estates in the Annuities.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all such Contributors, their Executors, Administrators, Successors, and Assigns, paying in the Whole, or any Part of the Sums by them subscribed respectively, previous to the Days appointed for the respective Payments herein before directed, as well in respect to their proportional Share of the said Sum of One Million five Contributors making their Payments previous to the Times limited,

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to be allowed Intereſt for the ſame, &c.

hundred thouſand Pounds, as of the ſaid Sum of Five hundred thouſand Pounds, ſhall be intitled to an Allowance of ſo much Money, as the Intereſt of the ſeveral Sums ſo previouſly paid, after the Rate of Three Pounds per Centum per Annum ſhall amount to, from the Days on which ſuch previous Payments ſhall have been actually made, to the reſpective Times on which ſuch Payments are directed to be made; ſuch Allowance to be paid by the ſaid Caſhier or Caſhiers, out of the Monies contributed towards the ſaid Sum of Two Millions, as ſoon as ſuch reſpective Contributors, their Executors, Adminiſtrators, Succeſſors, and Aſſigns, ſhall have completed their Payments herein before directed to be made; and that as ſoon as any Contributors, their Executors, Adminiſtrators, Succeſſors, and Aſſigns, ſhall have completed their Payments of the whole Purchaſe-money, payable by them reſpectively for any ſuch Annuities, after the Rate of Three Pounds Ten Shillings per Centum per Annum, the principal Sum or Sums by them ſubſcribed and paid for the Purchaſe of ſuch Annuities, ſhall forthwith be placed to the Credit of the ſaid Contributors, their Executors, Adminiſtrators, Succeſſors, and Aſſigns, completing the ſaid Payments, and made transferrable in the Books of the Bank of England, to be kept for that Purpoſe.

Contributors not making good their Payments within the Times limited, to forfeit their Depoſits.

Provided always, That in caſe any ſuch Contributors who have already depoſited with, or paid to the ſaid Caſhier or Caſhiers, any Sum or Sums of Money, at the Times and in the Manner before-mentioned, in Part of the Sums ſo by them ſubſcribed, or their reſpective Executors, Adminiſtrators, Succeſſors, or Aſſigns, do not advance and pay to the ſaid Caſhier or Caſhiers, the Reſidue of the Sums ſo by them ſubſcribed, at the Times and in the Manner before-mentioned, then and in every ſuch Caſe, ſo much of the Sum ſo ſubſcribed as ſhall have been actually paid in Part thereof to the ſaid Caſhier or Caſhiers, ſhall be forfeited for the Benefit of the Publick; any thing in this Act contained to the contrary thereof in any wiſe notwithſtanding.

Annuities, &c. charged on the *Sinking Fund*.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That the ſeveral Annuities which by this Act are granted and made payable, in reſpect of the Sum of One Million five hundred thouſand Pounds, Part of the ſaid Sum of Two Millions, as in reſpect of the Sum of Five hundred thouſand Pounds, being the Reſidue of the ſaid Two Millions, until Redemption thereof by Parliament in Manner herein after-mentioned, ſhall be charged and chargeable upon, and payable out of, the Monies which ſhall, from time to time, ariſe and be remaining in the Receipt of His Majeſty's Exchequer, or for the Surpluſſes, Exceſſes, Overplus Monies, and other

other Revenues, composing the Fund, commonly called The Sinking Fund; and the said Surplusses, Excesses, Overplus Monies, and other Revenues, are hereby appropriated for that Purpose accordingly.

And for establishing a proper Method for drawing the said Lottery; be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That such Persons as the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, or any Three or more of them now being, or the High Treasurer, or any Three or more of the Commissioners of the Treasury for the time being shall appoint, shall be Managers and Directors for preparing and delivering out Tickets, and to oversee the drawing of Lots, and to order, do, and perform, such other Matters and Things as are hereafter in and by this Act directed and appointed by such Managers and Directors to be done and performed; and that such Managers and Directors shall meet together, from time to time, at some publick Office or Place for the Execution of the Powers and Trusts in them reposed by this Act; and that the said Managers and Directors, or so many of them as shall be present at any such Meeting, or the major Part of them, shall cause Books to be prepared, in which every Leaf shall be divided or distinguished into Three Columns, and upon the Innermost of the said Three Columns, there shall be printed fifty thousand Tickets, hereby intended to be made forth, to be numbered One, Two, Three, and so onwards, in an arithmetical Progression, where the common Excess is to be One, until they rise to and for the Number of Fifty thousand; and upon the Middle Column in every of the said Books, shall be printed Fifty thousand Tickets, of the same Breadth and Form, and numbered in like Manner; and in the Extream Column of the said Books, there shall be printed a Third Rank or Series of Tickets, of the same Number with those of the other Two Columns; which Tickets shall severally be of an oblong Figure; and in the said Books shall be joined with Oblique Lines, Flourishes, or Devices, in such Manner as the said Managers and Directors, or the major Part of them, shall think most safe and convenient; and that every Ticket in the Third or Extream Column of the said Books, shall have written or printed thereupon (besides the Number of such Ticket, and the present Year of our Lord Christ) Words to this Effect:

Managers and Directors of the Lottery to be appointed by the Treasury.

Books to be prepared with 3 Columns, in each of which 50,000 Tickets to be printed.

Tickets to be of an oblong Form, and joined with Oblique Lines, &c.

Tickets in the 3d Column to have the Words following printed on them.

THE Bearer hereof is intitled to Six Pounds, Part of the Joint Stock of Annuities, after the Rate of Three Pounds *per Centum per Annum*, transferrable at the Bank of *England*, or to a better Chance.

Managers to examine the Books with the Tickets, and deliver them to the Cashier,

and take a Receipt for the same.

Cashier to give a Ticket for every Sum of 10*l.* paid in,

and sign the same.

And it is hereby enacted, That the said Managers and Directors, or so many of them as shall be present at such Meeting, or the major Part of them then present, shall carefully examine all the said Books with the Tickets therein; and that the same be contrived, numbered, and made, according to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act; and shall deliver, or cause to be delivered, the same Books, and every or any of them, as they shall be examined, to the said Cashier or Cashiers, taking from such Cashier or Cashiers an Acknowlegement in Writing under his or their Hands, importing his or their Receipt of such Book or Books, and so many Tickets therein as shall be delivered to him or them; and the said Cashier or Cashiers is and are hereby directed and required, upon his and their receiving every or any intire Sum of Ten Pounds in full Payment of a Ticket from any Person or Persons contributing or adventuring as aforesaid, to cut out of the said Book or Books so to be put into his or their Custody, through the said Oblique Lines, Flourishes, or Devices, indentwise, One of the Tickets in the said Extream Columns, which the said Cashier or Cashiers shall sign with his or their own Name or Names; and such Cashier or Cashiers shall permit the Contributors or Adventurers, if it be desired, to write his or her Name or Mark on the corresponding Ticket in the same Book; and at the same Time the said Cashier or Cashiers shall deliver to the said Contributor or Adventurer the Ticket so cut off, which he, she, or they are to keep and use for the better ascertaining and securing of the Interest which he, she, or they, his, her, or their Executors, Administrators, Successors, or Assigns, shall or may have in the said Fund for the Monies so contributed or adventured, until Redemption thereof in Manner herein after mentioned.

Cashier to re-deliver the Books to the Managers, by 6 *November*.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Cashier or Cashiers, on or before the Sixth Day of November, One thousand seven hundred and fifty six, shall re-deliver to the said Managers and Directors at their said Office or Place of Meeting, all the said

Books, and therein all the Tickets, which the said Cashier or Cashiers shall not have cut out and delivered to the Contributors or Adventurers for their Monies as aforesaid; and shall then and there also deliver to the said Managers and Directors a true and just Account in Writing, under his or their Hands, of all Sums of Money accrued or come to the Hands of such Cashier or Cashiers, by or for the Tickets delivered or to be delivered out pursuant to this Act; and how the same, or how much thereof, shall have been actually paid by such Cashier or Cashiers into the Receipt of the Exchequer, for the Purposes in this Act expressed; and that the said Managers and Directors, or the major Part of them which shall be present at a Meeting as aforesaid, shall forthwith cause all the Tickets of the said outermost Columns which shall not have been delivered to the Contributors as aforesaid, if any such be, to be delivered into the Receipt of His Majesty's Exchequer, there to be retained and kept as Cash, to be issued, sold, and disposed of, for raising Monies for the Purposes in this Act mentioned, as the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, or the High Treasurer for the time being, shall judge reasonable and fitting.

and account for the Sums received.

Tickets undisposed of to be returned into the Exchequer.

And be it further enacted, That the said Managers and Directors, or the major Part of them, which shall be present at a Meeting as aforesaid, shall cause all the Tickets of the Middle Columns in the Books made out in Three Columns as aforesaid, which shall be delivered back to them by or from the said Cashier or Cashiers as aforesaid, to be carefully rolled up, and made fast with Thread or Silk; and the said Managers or Directors, or the major Part of them as aforesaid, shall, in their Presence, and in the Presence of such Contributors or Adventurers as will be there, cause all the said Tickets which are to be so rolled up and made fast as aforesaid, to be cut off Indentwise, through the said Oblique Lines, Flourishes, or Devices, into a Box to be prepared for that Purpose, and to be marked with the Letter (A) which is presently to be put into another strong Box, and to be locked up with Seven different Locks and Keys, to be kept by as many of the said Managers, and sealed with their Seals, or the Seals of some of them, until the said Tickets are to be drawn, as is herein after-mentioned; and that the Tickets in the First or Innermost Columns of the said Books shall remain still in the Books for discovering any Mistake or Fraud (if any such should happen

Tickets of the Middle Columns to be rolled up, and tied.

and cut off Indentwise into a Box marked with the Letter (A)

Box to be locked and sealed.

pen to be committed) contrary to the true Meaning of this Act.

Books to be prepared with 2 Columns, on each of which 50,000 Tickets to be printed.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Managers and Directors, or the major Part of them which shall be present at any Meeting as aforesaid, shall also prepare, or cause to be prepared, other Books, in which every Leaf shall be divided or distinguished into Two Columns; and upon the Innermost of those Two Columns, there shall be printed Fifty thousand Tickets; and upon the Outermost of the said Two Columns, there shall be printed Fifty thousand Tickets; all which shall be of equal Length and Breadth as near as may be; which Two Columns in the said Books, shall be joined with some Flourish or Device, through which the outermost Tickets may be cut off Indentwise; and that Six thousand five hundred Tickets, Part of those to be contained in the Outermost Columns of the Books last-mentioned, shall be, and be called the Fortunate Tickets, to which extraordinary Benefits shall belong, as is herein after-mentioned; and the said Managers and Directors, or the major Part of them, or such of them as shall be present at a Meeting as aforesaid, shall cause the said Fortunate Tickets to be written upon, or otherwise expressed, as well in Figures as in Words at Length, in manner following; that is to say, Upon Two of them severally, Ten thousand Pounds Principal Money; upon Three of them severally, Five thousand Pounds Principal Money; upon Six of them severally, Two thousand Pounds Principal Money; upon Seventeen of them severally, One thousand Pounds Principal Money; upon every One of Twenty nine of them severally, Five hundred Pounds Principal Money; upon every One of One hundred and forty two of them severally, One hundred Pounds Principal Money; upon every One of Six hundred and twenty six of them severally, Fifty Pounds Principal Money; upon every One of Five thousand six hundred and seventy five of them severally, Twenty Pounds Principal Money; which Principal Sums so to be written, or otherwise expressed, upon the said Fortunate Tickets, together with Five hundred Pounds Principal Money to be allowed to the Owner of the First drawn Ticket; and One thousand Pounds Principal Money, to the Owner of the Last drawn Ticket, besides the Benefits which may happen to belong to the Two last-mentioned Tickets, will amount in the Whole to the Principal Sum of Two hundred thirty nine thousand Pounds; which Sum, being added to

6,500 Fortunate Tickets.

2 of 10,000*l.*

3 of 5,000*l.*

6 of 2,000*l.*

17 of 1,000*l.*

29 of 500*l.*

142 of 100*l.*

626 of 50*l.*

5675 of 20*l.*

500*l.* to the First drawn Ticket, and 1000*l.* to the Last.

the Sum of Two hundred fifty one thousand Pounds (which will be the Principal payable according to the Intention and Meaning of this Act, on the remaining Forty three thousand five hundred Blank or Unfortunate Tickets, computed at the Rate of Six Pounds for each Blank or Unfortunate Ticket) do amount together to the Principal Sum of Five hundred thousand Pounds, being the total Principal Sum, to be converted into Annuities in pursuance of this Act, in respect of the said Lottery Tickets; and the said Managers and Directors, or the major Part of them, who shall be present at a Meeting as aforesaid, shall cause all the said Tickets contained in the Outermost Columns of the last-mentioned Books, to be in the Presence of the said Managers and Directors, or the major Part of them, which shall be present at a Meeting as aforesaid, and in the Presence of such Contributors or Adventurers as will then be there, carefully rolled up and fastened with Thread or Silk, and carefully cut out Indentwise through the said Flourish or Device, into another Box to be prepared for this Purpose, and to be marked with the Letter (B) which Box shall be presently put into another strong Box, and locked up with Seven different Locks and Keys, to be kept by as many of the said Managers, and sealed up with their Seals, or the Seals of some of them, until those Tickets shall also be drawn in the Manner and Form herein after-mentioned; and that the whole Business of rolling up, and cutting off, and putting into the said Boxes the said Tickets, and locking up and sealing the said Boxes, shall be performed by the said Managers and Directors, or such of them as aforesaid, within Six Days at least before the Drawing of the said Lottery shall begin; and to the end every Person concerned may be well assured that the Counterpart of the same Number with his or her Ticket is put into the Box marked with the Letter (A) from whence the same may be drawn, and that other Matters are done as hereby directed, some publick Notification in Print shall be given of the precise Time or Times of cutting the said Tickets into the said Boxes, to the end that such Adventurers as shall be minded to see the same done, may be present at the doing thereof.

43,500 Blank Tickets, at the Rate of 6 *l.*

Tickets of the Outermost Columns to be rolled up and tied,

and cut out Indentwise, into a Box marked with the Letter (*B*)

Box to be locked and sealed.

Publick Notice to be given of Times of cutting the Tickets into the Boxes.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That on or before the Twenty second Day of November, One thousand seven hundred and fifty six, the said Managers and Directors shall cause the said several Boxes, with all the Tickets therein, to be brought into

The Lottery to begin drawing 22 *November.*

the Guild Hall of the City of London, by Nine of the Clock in the Forenoon of the same Day, and placed on a Table there for that Purpose, and shall then and there severally attend this Service, and cause the Two Bores containing the said Tickets, to be severally taken out of the other Two Bores in which they shall have been locked up, and the Tickets or Lots in the respective innermost Bores, being in the Presence of the said Managers and Directors, or such of them as shall be then present, and of such Adventurers as will be there, for the Satisfaction of themselves, well shaken and mingled in each Box distinctly, and some one indifferent and fit Person to be appointed and directed by the Managers aforesaid, or the major Part of them, or such of them as shall be then present, shall take out and draw One Ticket from the Box where the said numbered Tickets shall be as aforesaid put, and One other indifferent and fit Person to be appointed and directed in like Manner shall presently take out a Ticket or Lot from the Box, where the said Six thousand five hundred Fortunate, and Forty three thousand five hundred Blank Tickets, shall be promiscuously put as aforesaid; and immediately both the Tickets so drawn shall be opened, and the Number as well of the Fortunate as the Blank Ticket shall be named aloud; and if the Ticket taken or drawn from the Box containing the Fortunate and Blank Lots, shall appear to be a Blank, then the Numbered Ticket so drawn with the said Blank at the same Time drawn, shall both be put upon One File; and if the Ticket so drawn or taken from the Box containing the Fortunate and Blank Lots, shall appear to be One of the Fortunate Tickets, then the Principal Sum written upon such Fortunate Ticket, whatever it be, shall be entered by a Clerk, which the said Managers, or the major Part of them as aforesaid, shall employ and oversee for this Purpose, into a Book to be kept for entering the Numbers coming up with the said Fortunate Tickets, and the Principal Sums whereunto they shall be intitled respectively; and Two of the said Managers shall set their Names as Witnesses to such Entries; and the said Fortunate and Numbered Tickets so drawn together, shall be put upon another File, and so the said Drawing of the Tickets shall continue by taking One Ticket at a Time out of each Box, and with opening, naming aloud, and filing the same, and by entering the Fortunate Lots in such Method as is before-mentioned, until the whole Number of Six thousand five hundred Fortunate Tickets, and One more for the last drawn as aforesaid, shall be completely

Manner observed in drawing, &c.

completely drawn; and if the same cannot be performed in One Day's Time, the said Managers and Directors shall cause the Boxes to be locked up and sealed in Manner as aforesaid, and adjourn till the next Day, and so from Day to Day, and every Day (except Sundays, Christmas Day, and Fast Days appointed by particular Acts of Parliament, or by the King's Proclamation) and then open the same, and proceed as above, till the said whole Number of Six thousand five hundred Fortunate Tickets, and One more, shall be completely drawn as aforesaid; and afterwards the said Numbered Tickets so drawn, with the Fortunate Tickets drawn against the same, shall be, and remain in a strong Box locked up as aforesaid, and under the Custody of the said Managers, until they shall take them out to examine, adjust, and settle the Property thereof. After each Day's Drawing the Boxes to be locked up and sealed.

And to the end the Fortunate may know whether absent or present, to what Degree they have been so; be it enacted, That as soon as the Drawing is over, the said Managers are hereby required, as soon as conveniently may be, to cause to be printed and published the Number of the Tickets drawn against each Fortunate Ticket, and the Principal Sum written on the same; and if any Contention or Dispute shall arise in the adjusting the Property of the said Fortunate Tickets, the major Part of the said Managers agreeing therein, shall determine to whom it doth, or ought to belong; and if any Person or Persons shall forge or counterfeit any Ticket or Tickets, Certificate or Certificates, to be made forth in pursuance of this Act, or made forth or to be made forth on any former Lottery Act, or alter any the Numbers thereof, or utter, vend, barter, or dispose of, or offer to dispose of, any false, altered, forged, or counterfeited Ticket or Tickets, Certificate or Certificates, or bring any forged or counterfeit Ticket or Certificate, or any Ticket or Certificate the Number whereof is altered (knowing the same to be such) to the said Managers, or any of them, or the said Governor and Company of the Bank of England, or their Cashier or Cashiers, or Accomptant General for the time being, or to any other Person or Persons whatsoever, to the Intent to defraud His Majesty, or any Contributor or Adventurer, or the Executors, Administrators, Successors, or Assigns of any Contributor or Adventurer, upon this Act, with a fraudulent Intention, then every such Person, being thereof convicted in due Form of Law, shall be adjudged a Felon, and shall suffer Death as in Cases of Felony, without Benefit of Clergy; and the said Managers and Directors, or any Two or more

Numbers of the fortunate Tickets, and the Sums, to be printed.

Disputes relating thereto, to be adjusted by the Managers.

Penalty of forging Tickets or Certificates,

Felony.

more of them, are hereby authorized and required to cause any Person or Persons, bringing or uttering such forged or counterfeit Ticket or Tickets, Certificate or Certificates as aforesaid, to be apprehended; and to commit him, her, or them, to His Majesty's Gaol of Newgate, or to the Common Gaol of the County or Place where such Person or Persons shall be so apprehended, to be proceeded against for the said Felony according to Law.

Managers to be sworn.

Provided always, and it is hereby enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That every Person who shall be appointed as aforesaid to be a Manager and Director for putting this Act in Execution, before his acting in such Commission, shall take the Oath following; that is to say,

The Oath.

I *A. B* do swear, That I will faithfully execute the Trust reposed in me; and that I will not use any indirect Art or Means, or permit or direct any Person to use any indirect Art or Means, to obtain a Prize, or Fortunate Lot, for myself, or any other Person whatsoever; and that I will do the utmost of my Endeavours to prevent any undue or sinister Practice to be done by any Person whatsoever; and that I will, to the best of my Judgement, declare to whom any Prize, Lot, or Ticket, of Right does belong, according to the true Intent and Meaning of the Act of Parliament made in the Twenty ninth Year of His Majesty's Reign, in that Behalf.

Which said Oath shall and may be administered by any Two or more of the other Managers and Directors.

Cashier may give Receipts for Monies paid in, before he receives the Books with the Tickets.

Provided always, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Cashier or Cashiers, having given Security as aforesaid, at any Time or Times before such Cashier or Cashiers shall have received any Book or Books from the said Managers, comprehending the said Fifty thousand Tickets as aforesaid, in Three Columns as aforesaid, to receive from any Person or Persons who will voluntarily offer, contribute, and advance the Residue of any Sum of Ten Pounds, or several Sums of Ten Pounds, upon this Act as aforesaid; the Sums so offered to be contributed or advanced at One intire Payment, or in such Proportions and Manner as aforesaid, before such Cashier or Cashiers shall have received such Book or Books; and the said Cashier or Cashiers shall give a Note or Receipt under his or their Hand or Hands for the Sums so contributed, and shall be obliged thereby, and by this Act, to give the Bearer of every such Note or Receipt a Ticket or Tickets of the Extream

Column of the Three Columns, Book or Books, aforesaid, for every Ten Pounds so contributed, paid, or answered, as soon as he or they shall be enabled thereunto, by Delivery of any such Book or Books to him or them from the said Managers as aforesaid; any thing herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Adventurer not paying his whole Consideration-money by the Times limited, shall lose the advanced Money.

Provided also, That in case any such Contributor or Adventurer as aforesaid, who shall have advanced and paid down to such Cashier or Cashiers a Proportion of his, her, or their Consideration-money, his, her, or their Executors, Administrators, Successors, or Assigns, do not advance and pay unto such Cashier or Cashiers the remaining Part of his, her, or their Consideration-money, so to be paid in full for such Tickets as aforesaid, on or before the Times for paying thereof as aforesaid, that then, and in every such Case, every such Contributor or Adventurer shall forfeit and lose to His Majesty, for the Use of the Publick, the Proportion of his, her, or their Purchase-money which he, she, or they shall have so paid down as aforesaid; and in such case no Ticket or Tickets shall be delivered out by the said Cashier or Cashiers unto such Contributor or Contributors making such Default, but the Ticket and Tickets which should have been delivered to such Contributor and Contributors, had they paid the full Money for the same, shall be returned and delivered to the said Managers and Directors by the said Cashier or Cashiers, together with the other Tickets (if any) in the outermost Column of the Book and Books first herein mentioned and directed to be prepared, which shall not have been disposed of to Contributors as aforesaid; and such Ticket and Tickets, upon and for which Defaults of Payments shall have been made as aforesaid, shall be delivered into the Receipt of His Majesty's Exchequer, with other the said undisposed Tickets (if any) there to be retained and kept as Cash, and to be issued, sold, and disposed of, for the Purposes, and in the Manner, herein before directed and appointed with respect to the said undisposed Tickets; and the said Contributor and Contributors making such Default, shall not have or receive, or be intitled to have or receive, any Benefit or Advantage for or in respect of the Money which he, she, or they shall have paid for or towards the Purchase of such Ticket or Tickets; any thing herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Tickets to be disposed of shall be delivered into the Exchequer.

Managers, &c. to be paid by the Commissioners of the Treasury out of the Lottery Money.

Provided also, and it is hereby enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That out of the Monies to arise by the said Contributions to the Lottery as aforesaid, it shall

shall and may be lawful to and for any Three or more of the Commissioners of the Treasury, or the High Treasurer for the time being, to reward the said Managers and Directors, and the Clerks and Officers to be employed by and under them, and any other Officers and Persons that shall and may be any wise employed in this Affair, for their Labour and Pains; also to discharge all incident Expences as shall necessarily attend the Execution of this Act, in such Manner as any Three or more of the Commissioners of the Treasury, or the High Treasurer for the time being, shall, from time to time, think fit and reasonable in that Behalf; any thing in this Act contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Guardians may adventure Infants Money in the Lottery.

And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for any Guardian or Trustee, having the Disposition of the Money of any Infant, for the Use and Benefit of such Infant, to contribute and pay for or towards advancing the said Sum of Two Millions, the Sum of Ten Pounds, or divers entire Sums of Ten Pounds, of the Monies of such Infant, and such Infant upon Payment of such Sum or Sums shall become a Contributor within the Meaning of this Act, and be intitled to have and receive such Payment in respect thereof, and in such like Manner, as any other Contributor; and the said Guardian and Trustee, as to the said Sum or Sums so advanced, is hereby discharged, so as the Name of such Infant be expressed in the Receipt or Receipts for such Money, and also upon the Ticket or Tickets that shall be delivered out for the same, that so it may appear that such Infant or Infants was or were the Contributor or Contributors.

Limitation of Sale of Chances, &c.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That no Person or Persons in Great Britain or Ireland shall sell the Chance or Chances of any Ticket or Tickets in the said Lottery, or any Share or Shares in any Ticket or Tickets in the said Lottery, for a Day, or Part of a Day, or for a longer Time, less than the whole Time of drawing the Lottery then to come, or shall receive any Money whatsoever, in Consideration of the Repayment of any Sum or Sums of Money in case any Ticket or Tickets in the said Lottery shall prove Fortunate, or shall lay any Wager relating to the drawing of any Ticket or Tickets in the said Lottery, either as to the Time of such Ticket or Tickets being drawn, or whether such Ticket or

Penalty.

Tickets be drawn Fortunate or Unfortunate; and all and every Person and Persons who shall offend in any of the aforesaid Matters, shall forfeit and pay

Treble the Sum and Sums of Money which ſhall have been received by ſuch Perſon and Perſons, contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, to be recovered by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, in any of His Majeſty's Courts of Record at Weſtminſter or Dublin reſpectively; in which no Eſſoin, Protection, Privilege, or Wager of Law, or more than One Imparlance ſhall be allowed; One Moiety whereof to be for the Uſe of His Majeſty, His Heirs, or Succeſſors, and the other Moiety to be paid to the Perſon or Perſons who ſhall ſue for the ſame; and every ſuch Sale, Wager, or Contract, and every Agreement relating thereto, ſhall be and is hereby declared to be null and void.

Perſons ſelling Shares in Tickets of which they are not poſſeſſed,

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That if any Perſon or Perſons in Great Britain or Ireland ſhall keep any Office or Offices, or ſhall print or publiſh any Scheme or Propoſal for receiving any Sum or Sums of Money in Conſideration of an Intereſt to be granted for the ſame in any Ticket or Number of Tickets in the ſaid Lottery, whereof ſuch Perſon or Perſons ſhall not then be actually poſſeſſed, or in Conſideration of any Sum or Sums of Money to be repaid, in caſe any Ticket or Number of Tickets in the ſaid Lottery which ſhall not be in the actual Poſſeſſion of ſuch Perſon or Perſons ſhall prove Fortunate, all and every ſuch Perſon and Perſons ſhall forfeit and pay the Sum of Five hundred Pounds, to be recovered by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, in any of His Majeſty's Courts of Record at Weſtminſter or Dublin reſpectively; in which no Eſſoin, Protection, or Wager of Law, or more than One Imparlance ſhall be allowed; One Moiety thereof to be for the Uſe of His Majeſty, His Heirs, or Succeſſors, and the other Moiety to be paid to the Perſon or Perſons who ſhall ſue for the ſame; and alſo ſhall ſuffer Three Months Impriſonment without Bail or Mainprize.

to forfeit 500*l.*

Offences committed in *Ireland* againſt Acts for preventing unlawful Lotteries, declared to be puniſhable,

and may be ſued for in *Dublin*.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That if any Offence againſt any of the Acts of Parliament made in this Kingdom, for preventing private and unlawful Lotteries, ſhall be committed in Ireland, the Offender ſhall incur the like Penalty and Puniſhment, to be inflicted in like Manner, as if the Offence was committed in this Kingdom; and that ſuch Penalties as by any of the ſaid Acts are directed to be recovered in any of His Majeſty's Courts of Record at Weſtminſter, ſhall, in caſe of Offences committed againſt

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any of the said Acts in Ireland, be recovered in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at Dublin.

After the Drawing of the Lottery, the Tickets to be exchanged for Certificates.

And to the end that all the Payments as well upon the Fortunate as upon the Unfortunate Tickets, may be more easily ascertained, settled, and adjusted for the Persons who shall be and become intitled thereunto; be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That as soon as conveniently may be after the Drawing of the said Lottery shall be completed and ended, all the said Tickets, as well those contained in the Books with Three Columns, as those contained in the Books with Two Columns, to be given out as aforesaid, shall be exchanged for Certificates to be signed by such of the said Managers as shall be appointed for that Purpose.

Managers to give Notice of the Time for taking in the Tickets, and delivering out the Certificates, &c.

And be it further enacted, That such of the said Managers as any Three or more of the Commissioners of the Treasury now being, or the High Treasurer for the time being, shall be so appointed to take in the said Tickets, and deliver out the said Certificates for and in lieu thereof, shall give timely Notice by Advertisement, to be printed and published in manner as they shall think fit, of the Days and Times for taking in the said Tickets, and delivering out the said Certificates for and in lieu of the same; and every Person's Certificate shall be numbered in Course, according to their bringing their Tickets to the said Officer or Officers so to be appointed for exchanging the same; to which Purpose such Officer or Officers shall enter, or cause to be entered, into a Book or Books to be by him or them kept for that Purpose, the Name of every Person who brings any Ticket or Tickets to be exchanged for such Certificate or Certificates, and the Number or Numbers of the Ticket or Tickets which shall be so brought by such Person or Persons, the Value in Principal Money payable thereupon, and the Day of the Month, and the Year of our Lord, when the same was so brought; which Book and Books shall lie open in the Office to be appointed for taking in the said Tickets to be exchanged for such Certificates, for all Persons concerned to peruse; all which Certificates shall be signed by the Officer or Officers so to be appointed, or the major Part of them, and be directed to the Accomptant General of the Bank of England for the time being.

Book to be kept for entering Persons Names,

and the Number of their Tickets, &c.

Certificates to be signed, &c.

Accomptant General to give Credit for the Principal Sums in the Certificates.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Accomptant General of the Bank of England for the time being, to whom the said Certificates are to be directed as aforesaid, shall, upon receiving and taking

taking in the said Certificates, or any of them, give Credit to the Persons named therein, in a Book or Books, in Manner herein before directed, to be by him provided and kept for that Purpose, for the Principal Sums contained in every such Certificate; and the Persons to whose Credit such Principal Sums shall be entered in the said Book or Books, his, her, or their Executors, Administrators, Successors, and Assigns, shall and may have Power to assign and transfer the same, or any Part, Share, or Proportion thereof, to any other Person or Persons, Bodies Politick or Corporate whatsoever, in other Books to be prepared and kept by the said Accomptant General for that Purpose; and the Principal Sums so assigned or transferred shall carry the said Annuity of Three Pounds per Centum per Annum, and shall be taken and deemed to be Stock transferrable by virtue of this Act, until the Redemption thereof, in manner herein after mentioned; and the said Accomptant General of the Bank of England for the time being is hereby authorized and directed to cancel and file the Certificates, as they shall, from time to time, be received and taken in by him, and to give the Persons bringing in the same, a Note under his Hand testifying the Principal Money for which they have Credit in the said Book or Books, by reason or means of the Certificates so received, taken in, and cancelled, as aforesaid, and of the Annuities attending the same.

Assignments may be made of the said Sums, &c.

Certificates to be filed and cancelled, and Notes to be given in lieu thereof.

And for the more easy and sure Payment, as well of the said Annuities after the Rate of Three Pounds Ten Shillings per Centum per Annum, as of the said Annuities after the Rate of Three Pounds per Centum per Annum, be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Governor and Company of the Bank of England, and their Successors, shall, from time to time, until the said respective Annuities shall be redeemed according to this Act, appoint and employ One or more sufficient Person or Persons within their Office in the City of London, to be their First or Chief Cashier or Cashiers, and One other sufficient Person in the said Office to be their Accomptant General; and that so much of the Monies by this Act appropriated for this Purpose, as shall be sufficient, from time to time, to answer the said several and respective Annuities, and other Payments herein directed to be made out of the said Monies, shall, by Order of the Commissioners of the Treasury, or any Three or more of them now being, or the High Treasurer,

A Chief Cashier, and Accomptant General, to be appointed by the Bank for paying the Annuities.

Treaſury to iſſue Monies for that Purpoſe to the ſaid Caſhier,

ſurer, or any Three or more of the Commiſſioners of the Treaſury for the time being, without any further or other Warrant to be ſued for, had, or obtained in that Behalf, from time to time, at the reſpective Days of Payment in this Act before appointed for Payment thereof, to be iſſued and paid at the Receipt of His Majeſty's Exchequer to the ſaid Firſt or Chief Caſhier or Caſhiers, by way of Impreſt, and upon Account, for the Payment of the ſaid ſeveral and reſpective Annuities payable by virtue of this Act; and that all and every ſuch Caſhier and Caſhiers, to whom the ſaid Monies ſhall, from time to time, be iſſued, ſhall, from time to time, without Delay, pay the ſame accordingly, and render his or their Accounts thereof, according to the due Courſe of the Exchequer.

who is to account for the ſame.

Accomptant General to examine the Receipts and Payments of the Caſhier.

And it is hereby alſo enacted, That the ſaid Accomptant General for the time being ſhall, from time to time, inſpect and examine all Receipts and Payments of the ſaid Caſhier or Caſhiers, and the Vouchers relating thereunto, in order to prevent any Fraud, Negligence, or Delay; and that all Perſons who ſhall be intitled to any of the ſaid ſeveral and reſpective Annuities, and all Perſons lawfully claiming under them, ſhall be poſſeſſed thereof as of a Perſonal Eſtate, and that the ſame ſhall not be deſcendable to the Heir, and ſhall be free from all Taxes, Charges, and Impoſitions whatſoever, and ſhall not be liable to any Foreign Attachment by the Cuſtom of London, or otherwiſe; any Law, Statute, or Cuſtom to the contrary in any wiſe notwithſtanding.

Annuities deemed a Perſonal Eſtate, &c. and to be Tax-free.

The 3 and half *per Cent.* Annuities deemed a Joint Stock;

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That the ſaid Sum of One Million five hundred thouſand Pounds, Part of the ſaid Sum of Two Millions, on which the ſaid Annuities, after the Rate of Three Pounds Ten Shillings per Centum per Annum, ſhall be attending, ſhall be deemed One Capital or Joint Stock; and that all Perſons and Corporations whatſoever, in Proportion to the Monies by them ſeverally advanced, for the Purchaſe of the ſaid Annuities after the Rate of Three Pounds Ten Shillings per Centum per Annum, or to which they ſhall become intitled, by virtue of this Act, ſhall have, and be deemed to have, a proportional Intereſt and Share in the ſaid Stock and in the Annuities attending the ſame, at the Rate aforeſaid; and that the ſaid whole Capital or Joint Stock, or any Share or Intereſt therein, and the proportional Annuity attending the ſame, ſhall be aſſignable and transferrable as this Act directs, and not otherwiſe.

and made transferrable.

The 3 *l. per Cent.* Annuities to be made a Joint Stock with Annuities of like Value, incorporated by Act 25 *Geo.* II.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all the Monies to which any Person or Persons shall become intitled by virtue of this Act, in respect of any Sum advanced or contributed towards the said Sum of Five hundred thousand Pounds, on which the said Annuities after the Rate of Three Pounds per Centum per Annum, shall be attending, shall be added to the Joint Stock of Annuities transferrable at the Bank of England, into which the several Sums carrying an Interest after the Rate of Three Pounds per Centum per Annum, were by an Act made in the Twenty fifth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, converted, and shall be deemed Part of the said Joint Stock of Annuities; subject nevertheless to a Redemption by Parliament, in such Manner, and upon such Notice, as is in the said Act directed in respect of the several and respective Annuities redeemable by virtue of the said Act; and that all and every Person and Persons, and Corporations whatsoever, in Proportion to the Money to which he, she, or they shall become intitled as aforesaid by virtue of this Act, shall have, and be deemed to have, a proportional Interest and Share in the said Joint Stock of Annuities at the Rate aforesaid.

Transfer Books to be kept by the Accomptant General.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That there shall be constantly kept by the Accomptant General for the time being, Books, wherein all Assignments or Transfers of the Capital or Joint Stock of Annuities after the Rate of Three Pounds Ten Shillings per Centum per Annum, and also all Assignments or Transfers of the said Annuities after the Rate of Three Pounds per Centum per Annum, shall at all seasonable Times be entered and registered; which Entries shall be conceived in proper Words for that Purpose, and shall be signed by the Parties making such Assignments or Transfers; or if such Parties be absent, by their respective Attorney or Attornies thereunto lawfully authorized, in Writing under their Hands and Seals, to be attested by Two or more credible Witnesses; and that the several Persons to whom such Transfers shall be made, do respectively underwrite their Acceptance thereof; and that no other Method of assigning and transferring the said several Annuities, or any Part thereof, or any Interest, shall be good and available in Law.

Method of transferring Stock.

Annuities devizeable by Will.

Provided always, That all Persons possessed of any Share or Interest in either of the said Joint Stocks of Annuities, or any Estate or Interest therein, may devise the same by Will in Writing, attested by Two or

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Entry to be made of such Clause in the Will.

more credible Witnesses; but that no Payment shall be made on any such Devise, till so much of the said Will as relates to the said Joint Stocks of Annuities be entered in the said Office; and in Default of such Transfer or Devise, such Share or Interest in the said Joint Stock of Annuities shall go to the Executors or Administrators; and that no Stamp Duties whatsoever shall be charged on the said Transfers, or any of them; any other Law or Statute to the contrary notwithstanding.

Transfer not liable to Stamp Duties.

Treasury to pay all incident Charges attending the Execution of this Act;

Provided always, and be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That out of the Monies arising from the Contributions towards raising the said Sum of Two Millions, the Commissioners of the Treasury, or any Three or more of them now being, or the High Treasurer, or any Three or more of the Commissioners of the Treasury for the time being, shall have Power to discharge all such incident Charges as shall necessarily attend the Execution of this Act, in such Manner as to them shall seem just and reasonable; and also to settle and appoint such Allowances as they shall think just and reasonable for the Service, Pains, and Labour of the said Cashier or Cashiers, for receiving, paying, and accounting for the said Contributions; and also shall have Power to make out of the said Sinking Fund, such further Allowances as they shall think just and reasonable, for the Service, Pains, and Labour of the Cashier or Cashiers of the Governor and Company of the Bank of England, for receiving, paying, and accounting for the several and respective Annuities payable by virtue of this Act; and also for the Service, Pains, and Labour of the Accomptant General of the said Governor and Company, for performing the Duty and Trust incumbent on him by this Act; all which Allowances hereby impowered to be made as aforesaid, in respect to the Service, Pains, and Labour of any Officer or Officers of the said Governor and Company, shall be for the Use and Benefit of the said Governor and Company, and at their Disposal only; any thing herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

and to make an Allowance to the Cashier, and Accomptant General;

to be at the Disposal of the Governor and Company of the Bank.

Officers taking any Fee or Gratuity in the Course of their Business, forfeit 20*s.*

And be it hereby enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That no Fee or Gratuity shall be demanded or taken of any of His Majesty's Subjects, for receiving or paying the said Contribution-monies, or any of them, or for any Tallies or Receipts concerning the same, or for issuing the Monies for paying the said several Annuities, or any of them; and that no Fee or Gratuity shall be demanded or taken for any Transfer, great or small, to be made in pursuance

pursuance of this Act, upon Pain that the Officer or Person offending, by taking or demanding any such Fee or Gratuity contrary to this Act, shall forfeit the Sum of Twenty Pounds to the Party grieved, to be recovered with Full Costs of Suit in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at Westminster.

The Annuities at 3 *l.* 10 *s per Cent.* not redeemable till after the Expiration of 15 Years, &c.

Provided also, and it is hereby enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That at any Time after the Expiration of Fifteen Years, to be computed from the Eleventh Day of February, One thousand seven hundred and fifty six, and not sooner, upon Six Months Notice to be printed in the London Gazette, and affixed upon the Royal Exchange in London, by Authority of Parliament, and upon Repayment by Parliament of the whole Principal Sum of One Million five hundred thousand Pounds, for which the said Annuities after the Rate of Three Pounds Ten Shillings per Centum per Annum are payable, to such respective Persons or Corporations as shall be intitled to the same Annuities, or upon the like Repayment by Parliament of any Part of the said Sum of One Million five hundred thousand Pounds, so as such Part of the Sum so paid at any One Time, be not less than Five hundred thousand Pounds; and also upon full Payment of all Arrearages of the same Annuities; then, and not till then, the said Annuities shall cease and determine, and be understood to be redeemed; and that any Vote or Resolution of the House of Commons, signified by the Speaker, in Writing, to be inserted in the London Gazette, and affixed on the Royal Exchange in London as aforesaid, shall be deemed and adjudged to be sufficient Notice, within the Words and Meaning of this Act.

Bank to continue a Corporation till these Annuities be redeemed, &c.

Provided always, and it is hereby enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Governor and Company of the Bank of England, and their Successors, notwithstanding the Redemption of all or any their own Funds in pursuance of the Acts for establishing the same, or any of them, shall continue a Corporation till all the said several Annuities shall be redeemed by Parliament, according to the Provisoes herein before contained in that Behalf; and that the said Governor and Company, or any Member thereof, shall not incur any Disability for or by reason of their doing any Matter or Thing in pursuance of this Act.

Limitation of Actions.

And it is hereby enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person or Persons shall at any Time or Times be sued or prosecuted for any thing by him or

them done or executed in pursuance of this Act, or of any Matter or Thing in this Act contained, such Person or Persons shall and may plead the General Issue, and give the Special Matter in Evidence for his or their Defence; and if upon the Trial a Verdict shall pass for the Defendant or Defendants, or the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs shall become Nonsuited, then such Defendant or Defendants, shall have Treble Costs to him or them awarded against such Plaintiff or Plaintiffs.

General Issue.

Treble Costs.

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