Anno ſecundo

Georgii III. Regis.

CAP. I.

An Act for enabling His Majeſty to make Proviſion for ſupporting the Royal Dignity of the Queen, in caſe She ſhall ſurvive His Majeſty.

Moſt Gracious Sovereign,



WHEREAS Your Majeſty's moſt faithful Commons reflect with the greateſt Pleaſure on the joyful and auſpicious Event of Your Majeſty's Royal Nuptials with a Princeſs, deſcended from an illuſtrious Proteſtant Line, diſtinguiſhed by the moſt eminent Graces and Endowments, and worthy to be the Royal Partner of Your Throne, by poſſeſſing every Virtue that can adorn it, and have a juſt Senſe of that affectionate Regard which Your Majeſty has ſhewn for Your People, by conſulting Preamble.

on this moſt important and intereſting Occaſion, as on every other, Their Happineſs and that of Their Poſterity, and are truly ſenſible how acceptable it will be to Your Majeſty, that a good, certain, and competent Revenue be ſettled for ſupporting the Honour and Dignity of Her Majeſty, Your Royal Conſort, in caſe She ſhould ſurvive Your Majeſty (whoſe Lives God long preſerve) And whereas by an Act made in the Firſt Year of
1 *Annæ*, the Reign of Her late Majeſty Queen Anne, for preſerving the Inheritance of ſeveral Revenues of the Crown, intituled, An Act for the better Support of Her Majeſty's Houſhold, and of the Honour and Dignity of the Crown, all Grants thereof (other than ſuch as are therein expreſſed) are declared to be void; and by another Act made in the
9 *Annæ*, Ninth Year of Her ſaid late Majeſty's Reign, intituled, An Act for eſtabliſhing a General Poſt Office for all Her Majeſty's Dominions, and for ſettling a weekly Sum out of the Revenues thereof, for the Service of the War, and other Her Majeſty's Occaſions, it was enacted, That ſuch Part of the Duties and Revenues ariſing in or by the General Letter Office or Poſt Office, which was thereby veſted in Her ſaid late Majeſty, Her Heirs, and Succeſſors, and therein mentioned to be undeterminable, ſhould not be alienable, chargeable, or grantable for any Eſtate, Term, or Time whatſoever, to endure longer than the Life of the King or Queen that ſhould make ſuch Alienation, Charge, or Grant reſpectively; and that all Gifts, Grants, Alienations, and Aſſurances whatſoever, to be had or made of, and charged upon, the ſame Duties or Revenues, or any Part thereof, contrary to the Proviſion of that Act, ſhould be null and void: And
1 *Geo.* III. whereas by an Act made in the laſt Seſſion of Parliament, intituled, An Act for the Support of His Majeſty's Houſhold, and of the Honour and Dignity of the Crown of *Great Britain*, the Duties and Revenues commonly called The Hereditary Revenues, together with ſeveral Temporary Duties and Revenues thereby continued, and all other Branches and Revenues which, on the Twenty fourth Day of October, One thouſand ſeven hundred and ſixty,

ſixty, ſtood ſettled or appointed to be towards the Support of the Houſhold of his late Majeſty King George the Second of Bleſſed Memory, and the Honour and Dignity of the Crown, were (except as is therein excepted) directed to be, during your Majeſty's Life, carried to, and made Part of, the General or Aggregate Fund eſtabliſhed by an Act made in the Firſt Year of the Reign of his late Majeſty King George the Firſt; and for the Support of your Majeſty's Houſhold, and of the Honour and Dignity of your Crown, a certain yearly Rent or Rents, or Sum or Sums of Money, was or were by the ſaid Act granted out of the ſaid Fund: Now we do moſt humbly, cheerfully, and unanimouſly 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 it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the King's moſt Excellent Majeſty, by any Letters Patent, or Indenture, or by ſeveral Letters Patent or Indentures, under the Great Seal of Great Britain, hereafter to be made, to give and grant to her ſaid Majeſty the Queen, or to ſuch other Perſon or Perſons as his Majeſty ſhall think fit, to be named in ſuch Letters Patent, Indenture or Indentures, and his or their Heirs, to the Uſe of, or in Truſt for her Majeſty, One Annuity or yearly Rent or Sum of One hundred thouſand Pounds of lawful Money of Great Britain; which Annuity or yearly Sum of One hundred thouſand Pounds, and every Part thereof, ſhall commence and take Effect immediately from and after the Deceaſe of his Majeſty, and continue from thenceforth for and during the natural Life of her Majeſty; and ſhall be paid and payable at the Four moſt uſual Days of Payment in the Year; that is to ſay, The Fifth Day of January, the Fifth Day of April, the Fifth Day of July, and the Tenth Day of October, by even and equal Portions; the Firſt Payment thereof to be made at ſuch of the ſaid Days as ſhall firſt and next happen after the Deceaſe of his Ma-

His Majeſty impowered, by Letters Patent under the Great Seal, to grant unto the Queen an Annuity of 100,100*l.*

to take Place from the Deceaſe of His Majeſty, and continue during Her natural Life;

the ſame to be paid Quarterly.

jeſty, in caſe Her Majeſty the Queen ſhall ſurvive Him, as aforeſaid; and that the ſaid Annuity or yearly Sum of One hundred thouſand Pounds, ſhall or may, by ſuch Letters Patent, Indenture or Indentures, be directed to be iſſuing and payable out of, or charged and chargeable upon all or any Part of ſuch of the ſaid Duties, Revenues, and Branches, which by the ſaid Act made in the laſt Seſſion of Parliament, intituled, An Act for the Support of His Majeſty's Houſhold, and of the Honour and Dignity of the Crown of *Great Britain*, were carried to, and made Part of, the ſaid General or Aggregate Fund, as ſhall be ſubſiſting after the Deceaſe of His preſent Majeſty; and in caſe the Duties, Revenues, and Branches, out of which the ſaid Annuity or yearly Sum of One hundred thouſand Pounds, ſhall be iſſuing or payable, or charged or chargeable upon, ſhall, at any Time or Times be deficient to make good the ſame, or any Part thereof, ſuch Deficiency and Deficiencies, ſhall or may, by the ſaid Letters Patent, Indenture or Indentures, be directed to be from time to time, as often as ſuch Deficiency or Deficiencies ſhall ſo happen, ſupplied out of, iſſuing, and payable out of, or charged and chargeable upon, all and every the Duties and Revenues which compoſe the ſaid Fund, commonly called The General or Aggregate Fund, and every or any of them (after paying or reſerving ſufficient to pay, all ſuch Sum and Sums of Money, as hath or have been directed by any former Act or Acts of Parliament to be paid out of the ſame) but with Preference to all other Payments which ſhall or may hereafter be charged upon, and payable out of, the ſaid Fund.

out of the Hereditary and other Revenues carried to the Aggregate Fund, by an Act of 1 *Geo.* III.

and any occaſional Deficiency to be made good out of the Duties compoſing the ſaid Fund,

in Preference to all other Payments which ſhall hereafter be charged thereupon.

And it is hereby further enacted, That the ſaid Annuity or yearly Sum of One hundred thouſand Pounds, ſhall be paid and payable at the Receipt of His Majeſty's Exchequer, or by and from the immediate Hands of all and every the Commiſſioners, Farmers, Treaſurers, or Receivers for the time being of the ſaid Duties, Revenues, and Branches reſpectively, upon which the ſaid Annuity or yearly Sum of One hundred thouſand Pounds, or any Part or Parts thereof, ſhall be charged, without

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any Fees or Charges to be demanded or taken for paying the ſame, or any Part thereof; and the Acquittance and Acquittances of Her Majeſty, or Her Truſtees, or of Her Majeſty's Treaſurer or Receiver General for the time being, ſhall be a good and ſufficient Diſcharge for the Payment thereof, without any further or other Warrant to be ſued for, had, or obtained in that Behalf; and that the ſaid Annuity or yearly Sum of One hundred thouſand Pounds, and every Part thereof, ſhall be free and clear from all Taxes, Impoſitions, and other publick Charges whatſoever; and that if the Officers of the Receipt of His Majeſty's Exchequer, or the ſaid Commiſſioners, Farmers, Treaſurers, or Receivers for the time being, of all or any of the ſaid Duties, Revenues, or Branches, upon which the ſaid Annuity or yearly Sum of One hundred thouſand Pounds, or any Part or Parts thereof, ſhall be charged, as aforeſaid, ſhall refuſe or neglect to pay the ſaid Annuity or yearly Sum, or any Part thereof, to Her Majeſty, Her Treaſurer, Receiver General, or Truſtees, or to do any Act neceſſary to enable Her Majeſty, or Her Truſtees, or Her Treaſurer, or Receiver General to receive the ſame, then Her Majeſty, or ſuch Her Truſtees, as aforeſaid, may, from time to time, ſue, proſecute, or implead ſuch Officers, Commiſſioners, Farmers, Treaſurers, or Receivers, or any of them, or all or any of their Securities, Heirs, Executors, and Adminiſtrators, by Bill, Plaint, or Action of Debt, and ſhall and may recover Judgements, and ſue out Executions thereupon againſt ſuch Officers, Commiſſioners, Farmers, Treaſurers, or Receivers reſpectively, and their reſpective Securities, Heirs, Executors, and Adminiſtrators, for ſuch Sum and Sums of Money then due and owing upon the ſaid Annuity of One hundred thouſand Pounds, or any Part thereof, as ſhall be in the Hands of ſuch Officer or Officers, Commiſſioners, Farmers, Treaſurers, or Receivers reſpectively, at the Time or Times when Demand ſhall be made of the Payment of the ſaid yearly Sum, or any Part thereof, as aforeſaid, or for the Refuſal or Neglect to do any Act neceſſary to be done by ſuch Officer or

free of all Taxes and Charges;

and the Acquittance of Her Majeſty, or Her Truſtees, to be a ſufficient Diſcharge.

Officers refuſing or neglecting to perform their Duty may be ſued.

or Officers, to enable her Majeſty, or her Truſtees, Treaſurer, or Receiver General to receive the ſame.

His Majeſty impowered likewiſe to grant, by Letters Patent under the Great Seal, the Palace of *Somerſet Houſe* in the *Strand*, with its Rights and Appurtenances,

And, for the better Accommodation of her Majeſty, in caſe She ſhall happen to ſurvive his Majeſty, be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That it ſhall and may be lawful to and for his Majeſty, notwithſtanding any Reſtriction contained in the ſaid Act made in the Firſt Year of the Reign of her ſaid late Majeſty Queen Anne, by any Letters Patent, Indenture or Indentures, under the Great Seal of Great Britain, to give, grant, ſettle, or aſſure, all that his Majeſty's Palace or Capital Meſſuage called by the Name of Denmark Houſe, *alias* Somerſet Houſe, *alias* Strond Houſe, ſituate in or near the Strand, and in or near the Pariſh of Saint Mary at Strond, in the County of Middleſex, with its Rights, Members, and Appurtenances whatſoever, and all and ſingular Houſes, Outhouſes, Stables, Coach-houſes, Edifices, Buildings, Courts, Yards, Gardens, and Appurtenances whatſoever, to the ſaid Palace or Capital Meſſuage belonging, and other the Premiſſes, or any of them, belonging or appertaining, or accepted, reputed, taken, uſed, or enjoyed, as Part, Parcel, or Member thereof, or any Part thereof; and alſo to give, grant, ſettle, or aſſure, all that his Majeſty's Houſe, now or heretofore uſually called the Lodge, and formerly in the Tenure of John Latton Eſquire, ſituate and being within the Park called or known by the Name of Richmond Old Park, in the County of Surrey, and all and ſingular the Cloſes, Wood Grounds, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments thereunto belonging, or held or enjoyed therewith by his Majeſty upon his Acceſſion to the Imperial Crown of theſe Realms, all which Premiſſes are Parcel, or reputed Parcel, of the Manor of Richmond, *alias* Weſt Sheen, in the ſaid County of Surrey; and alſo all thoſe Meſſuages and Cloſes of Land, commonly called Keele's Farm, in the Pariſh of Mortlake, in the ſaid County of Surrey, purchaſed by or in Truſt for her late Majeſty; and alſo all ſuch other Cloſes,

and alſo the *Lodge* in *Richmond Old Park*, and the Lands and Premiſſes thereunto belonging,

with *Keele's Farm* in the Pariſh of *Mortlake*,

Wood Grounds, Walks, Eaſements, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, purchaſed by or in Truſt for Her ſaid late Majeſty, or His ſaid late Majeſty, or either of them, and added to, or uſed with, the ſaid Park, or any Part thereof, or as an Eaſement or Convenience thereto, and held and enjoyed therewith, by His Majeſty upon His Acceſſion to the Imperial Crown of theſe Realms, in as full, large, ample, and beneficial Manner and Form, as His Majeſty might have given, granted, ſettled, or aſſured the ſame, or any Part thereof, if the ſaid Act of the Firſt Year of Her ſaid late Majeſty's Reign, or any the Reſtrictions, Clauſes, Matters, or Things therein contained, had never been had or made; ſo as by ſuch Gifts, Grants, Settlements, or Aſſurances, or ſome of them, a good and ſure Eſtate and Intereſt of and in the ſaid Palace, or Capital Meſſuage and Appurtenances, and the ſaid Houſe or Lodge, Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, and all other the Premiſes aforeſaid, and every of them, be limited, appointed, ſettled, or aſſured, to or for the Uſe of, or in Truſt for Her Majeſty, in ſuch Manner that She may have and enjoy the ſole Benefit thereof immediately from and after the Deceaſe of His Majeſty, during the Term of Her Natural Life; and ſo as an Eſtate or Intereſt be thereby alſo limited, appointed, ſettled, or aſſured, to or for the Uſe of, or in Truſt for, the Executors, Adminiſtrators, and Aſſigns of Her Majeſty, to take Effect immediately from and after Her Deceaſe, and to continue for One whole Year from thence next enſuing.

and all other Cloſes, &c. added to, or uſed with the ſaid Park, and enjoyed therewith at His Majeſty's Acceſſion to the Crown.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That all and every the Powers, Precepts, Directions, and Clauſes, to be contained in His Majeſty's Letters Patent, Indenture or Indentures, hereafter to be made, as aforeſaid, for the better and more certain Payment and Aſſurance of the ſaid Annuity, or yearly Sum of One hundred thouſand Pounds, and for making the ſaid reſpective Revenues, or any of them, or any Part thereof, liable thereunto as aforeſaid, and for granting, conveying,

The ſaid Letters Patent, &c. deemed good in Law,

ing, ſettling, and aſſuring, of the ſaid Palace, or Capital Meſſuage and Appurtenances, Houſe or Lodge, Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, and other Premiſſes, ſhall be, and are hereby enacted to be good and effectual in the Law, according to the Tenor and Purport thereof, in the ſaid Letters Patent, Indenture or Indentures, to be expreſſed, notwithſtanding any Reſtriction, or other Matter or Thing, contained in the ſaid Act of Parliament made in the Firſt Year of Her late Majeſty's Reign, intituled, An Act for the better Support of Her Majeſty's Houſhold, and of the Honour and Dignity of the Crown, and notwithſtanding any Reſtriction, or other Matter or Thing, contained in the ſaid Act made in the Ninth Year of Her ſaid late Majeſty's Reign, for eſtabliſhing the Poſt-Office, or in any other Act or Acts of Parliament, and any Miſ-recital, Non-recital, Omiſſion, or other Defect, in the ſaid Letters Patent, Indenture or Indentures, hereafter to be made, in any wiſe notwithſtanding.

notwithſtanding any Reſtriction in the Act 1 *Annæ*,

or 9 *Annæ*.

Reſervation of Rights.

Saving to all and every Perſon and Perſons, Bodies Politick and Corporate, their Heirs, Executors, Adminiſtrators, and Aſſigns (other than to the King's Majeſty, His Heirs, and Succeſſors, and other than to ſuch Perſon or Perſons, who do or may ſtand ſeiſed or poſſeſſed in Truſt for His Majeſty, His Heirs, and Succeſſors) all ſuch Right, Title, Intereſt, and Demand whatſoever, which they, or any of them, have, or may have, of, in, to, or out of, the Revenues aforeſaid, or any of them, or of, in, or to, the ſaid Palace, or Capital Meſſuage and Appurtenances, Houſe or Lodge, Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, and Premiſſes, as aforeſaid, ſo to be granted as aforeſaid, or any Part thereof, before the making of this Act, as fully and effectually, to all Intents and Purpoſes, as if this Act had not been made; any thing herein contained to the contrary notwithſtanding.

FINIS.