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CAP. CXXIX.

An Act for enabling His Majeſty to ſettle an Annuity on His Royal Highneſs the Prince of *Wales*, during the joint Lives of His Majeſty and of His ſaid Royal Highneſs; for making Proviſion out of His Revenues for the Payment of any Debts that may be due from His Royal Highneſs; for preventing the Accumulation of Debts in future; and for regulating the Mode of Expenditure of the ſaid Revenues. [27th *June* 1795.]

Moſt Gracious Sovereign,

WE, Your Majeſty's moſt dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Commons of *Great Britain* in Parliament aſſembled, being deſirous of enabling Your Majeſty, as well to make a ſuitable Proviſion for the Eſtabliſhment of His Royal Highneſs the Prince of *Wales*, in conſequence of His late Marriage, as to carry into Effect His ſaid Royal Highneſs's gracious Intentions and Deſire, ſignified to us, for making a due Arrangement for the Liquidation and Diſcharge of any Debts that may be Preamble.

be now due from His ſaid Royal Highneſs, and for preventing the Accumulation of Debt in future, and for regulating the Payment of His Royal Highneſs's Revenues, do 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 it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the King's moſt Excellent Majeſty, by any Letters Patent under the Great Seal of *Great Britain*, to give and grant to His ſaid Royal Highneſs the Prince of *Wales*, or to ſuch other Perſon or Perſons as His ſaid Majeſty ſhall think fit, to be named in ſuch Letters Patent, and his and their Heirs, to the Uſe of, or in Truſt for, His ſaid Royal Highneſs, One Annuity of Sixty-five thouſand Pounds of lawful Money of *Great Britain*; which Annuity of Sixty-five thouſand Pounds ſhall commence and take Effect from the Tenth Day of *October* One thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-four, and continue from thenceforth for and during the joint Lives of His ſaid preſent Majeſty (whom GOD long preſerve!) and of His ſaid Royal Highneſs; 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*, in every Year, by even and equal Portions, the Firſt Two Quarterly Payments thereof to be made on the Day after the paſſing of this Act: And that the ſaid Annuity of Sixty-five thouſand Pounds ſhall and may, by ſuch Letters Patent, be directed to be iſſuing and payable out of the Conſolidated Fund, during the joint Lives of His ſaid preſent Majeſty and of His ſaid Royal Highneſs, (after paying, or reſerving ſufficient to pay, all ſuch Sums as ſhall have been directed to be paid out of the ſame, by any Act or Acts of Parliament made previous to the Time of paſſing this Act, and with a Preference to all other Payments which ſhall or may, at any Time or Times after the paſſing of this Act, be charged upon, and payable out of the ſaid Fund).

His Majeſty may grant an Annuity of 65,000 *l.* to the Prince of *Wales*, to commence *Oct* 10, 1794, out of the Conſolidated Fund.

Annuity payable at the Exchequer, and Debentures for paying it to be made out, without Fee.

II. And be it further enacted, That the ſaid Annuity of Sixty-five thouſand Pounds ſhall be paid and payable at the Receipt of His Majeſty's Exchequer; and the Auditor of the ſaid Receipt ſhall, and he is hereby required, by virtue of ſuch Letters Patent, to make forth and paſs Debentures, from Time to Time, for paying, according to the Directions of this Act, the ſaid Annuity, as the ſame ſhall become due and payable, without any Fees or Charges to be demanded or taken for paying the ſame, or any Part thereof; and the ſaid Debentures, to be made forth and paſſed as aforeſaid, ſhall be a ſufficient Authority to the ſeveral and reſpective Officers of the Receipt of the Exchequer, now and for the Time being, for the Payment of the ſaid Annuity, according to the Directions of this Act, without any further or other Warrant to be ſued for, had, or obtained, in that Behalf.

Annuity free from Taxes.

III. And be it further enacted, That the ſaid Annuity of Sixty-five thouſand Pounds, and every Part thereof, ſhall be free and clear from all Taxes, Rates, and Aſſeſſments, and all other Charges whatſoever, impoſed or to be impoſed by Authority of Parliament, or otherwiſe.

Commiſſioners appointed.

IV. And be it further enacted, That the Speaker of the Houſe of Commons for the Time being, the Chancellor of His Majeſty's Exchequer for

for the Time being, the Master of His Majesty's Household for the Time being, the Accountant General of the High Court of Chancery for the Time being, and the Surveyor General of the Crown Lands for the Time being, shall be Commissioners for putting this Act in Execution, with Relation to the Powers hereby vested in Commissioners; and all Powers and Authorities which the said Commissioners are enabled to exercise by this Act, shall and may be exercised by any Number not less than Three of the said Commissioners; and any One of the said Persons, before he shall enter upon the Execution of the same, shall take an Oath before One of the Barons of the Coif of His Majesty's Court of Exchequer (which they are respectively authorized and required to administer) in the Form following; (that is to say),

Three Commissioners may act, and One to take an Oath before a Baron of the Exchequer.

'I *A. B.* do swear, That I will act faithfully and impartially, to the best of my Judgement, in the Execution of an Act, intituled, '[*here set forth the Title of the Act*], according to the true Intent and 'Meaning of the said Act.'

Form of Oath.

And every other of the said Commissioners shall likewise take the same Oath, before the said Commissioner, (who is hereby authorized and required to administer the same), after he shall have taken the said Oath as aforesaid, or before any other Commissioner who shall have taken the said Oath, and who is hereby also empowered to administer the same.

The other Commissioners to take the Oath.

V. And whereas His Royal Highness has been graciously pleased to desire, that such Part of the Income intended to be allotted to Him as to the Wisdom and Prudence of Parliament shall seem expedient and advisable, may be appropriated to the Discharge of His Debts, and be paid to the said Commissioners, to be by them applied to that Purpose; be it therefore further enacted, That on the Fifth Day of *July* One thousand seven hundred and ninety-five, and at the End of every Quarter of a Year after the said Fifth Day of *July* One thousand seven hundred and ninety-five, until all the Debts now due and owing by His Royal Highness, as principal Debtor, not exceeding the Sum of Six hundred and fifty thousand Pounds, shall be satisfied and discharged, there shall be set apart, at the Receipt of the Exchequer, the Sum of Fifteen thousand Pounds, making the Annual Sum of Sixty thousand Pounds, which shall be issued and paid to the said Commissioners, or to such other Person or Persons as the said Commissioners shall, by Writing under their Hands, or the Hands of any Three or more of them, appoint to receive the same; and the Acquittance or Receipt of the said Commissioners, signed by any Three or more of them, or such Person or Persons as aforesaid, shall be a sufficient Discharge for the Payment of the same; and that on the Day next after the passing of this Act, for and in respect of the Two Quarters of a Year which have elapsed since the Tenth Day of *October* One thousand seven hundred and ninety-four, there shall be set apart at the said Receipt the Sum of Thirty thousand Pounds, which shall and may be at any Time issued to the said Commissioners, or to such other Person or Persons as aforesaid, in like Manner, and for the like Purposes as is before directed.

15,000*l.* to be set apart at the Exchequer, and paid quarterly to the Commissioners, to discharge the Prince's Debts.

30,000*l.* for Two Quarters, from *Oct.* 10, 1794, to be set apart immediately.

VI. And be it further enacted, That on the said Fifth Day of *July* One thousand seven hundred and ninety-five, and at the End of every Quarter of a Year after the said Fifth Day of *July* One thousand seven hundred and

On *July* 5, 1795, and so quarterly, 1250*l.* to be set apart at the Exchequer

to be paid His Royal Highneſs.

and ninety-five, there ſhall be ſet apart at the Receipt of the Exchequer, during the joint Lives of His Majeſty and His Royal Highneſs, and until the Determination of the ſaid Commiſſion, as is herein-after directed, provided the ſame ſhall determine during ſuch joint Lives, the Sum of One thouſand two hundred and fifty Pounds, which ſhall be paid to His Royal Highneſs the Prince of *Wales*, or to ſuch Perſon as ſhall be authorized by Him to receive the ſame, whoſe Receipt ſhall be a ſufficient Diſcharge for the Payment thereof; and that on the Day next after the paſſing of this Act, for and in reſpect of the Two Quarters of a Year which have elapſed ſince the Tenth Day of *October* One thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-four, there ſhall be ſet apart at the ſaid Receipt, the Sum of Two thouſand five hundred Pounds, which ſhall be in like Manner paid to His Royal Highneſs, or to ſuch Perſon as ſhall be authorized by Him to receive the ſame.

2500 *l.* for Two Quarters from *Oct.* 10, 1794, to be ſet apart immediately.

When the Debts are diſcharged, the Commiſſion to ceaſe; and 16,250 *l.* to be ſet apart quarterly for the Prince.

VII. And be it further enacted, That whenever the ſaid Debts, now due and owing by His ſaid Royal Highneſs, ſhall be paid or diſcharged, the ſaid Commiſſion, and all the Powers and Authorities given by the ſame, ſhall abſolutely ceaſe and determine, to all Intents and Purpoſes whatſoever; and from and after the Determination of the ſaid Commiſſion as aforeſaid, the Sum of Sixteen thouſand two hundred and fifty Pounds ſhall be ſet apart at the Receipt of the Exchequer, at the End of every Quarter, and the ſame ſhall be paid to His Royal Highneſs the Prince of *Wales*, or to ſuch Perſon as ſhall be authorized by Him to receive the ſame, whoſe Receipt ſhall be a ſufficient Diſcharge for the Payment thereof.

Commiſſioners may demand from Perſons concerned in the Management of the Prince's Revenues, a State of His Debts, and examine Creditors on Oath.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful for the ſaid Commiſſioners to demand, from all or any of the Officers of His ſaid Royal Highneſs, or any other Perſon or Perſons who are, or ſhall be, or may have been, concerned in the Management of the Revenues of His ſaid Royal Highneſs, a true and juſt Statement of all and every the Debts now due and owing from His ſaid Royal Highneſs to any Perſon or Perſons whatever; and the ſaid Officers, or other Perſons as aforeſaid, and each of them, are and is hereby required, within ſuch Time as ſhall be limited for that Purpoſe by the ſaid Commiſſioners, to give in ſuch Statement in Writing, as far as ſhall have come to their or his Knowledge reſpectively; and which ſhall contain the Sums due, and to whom owing, and on what Account, and whether any and what Securities have been given for the ſame; and if the ſaid Commiſſioners, upon ſuch Statement being made, ſhall ſee Cauſe for further Explanation or Inveſtigation of any Claim or Claims in particular, it ſhall and may be lawful for the ſaid Commiſſioners to ſummon before them all or any of the ſaid Officers of His ſaid Royal Highneſs, or other Perſon or Perſons as aforeſaid, with the Books, Papers, and Accounts, belonging to their reſpective Offices, touching ſuch Claim or Claims, and alſo all Perſons who have or claim to have Debts outſtanding againſt His ſaid Royal Highneſs, and ſhall deſire to have any Benefit from any of the Funds eſtabliſhed by this Act, and to examine ſuch Perſon or Perſons, or any of them, upon Oath or Affirmation, (which Oath or Affirmation the ſaid Commiſſioners, or any Three or more of them, are hereby authorized to adminiſter), touching all ſuch Matters and Things relating to the ſaid Debts, ſo to be inveſtigated as aforeſaid, and the Conſideration thereof, as ſhall be neceſſary for the Execution of the

Powers

Powers veſted in the ſaid Commiſſioners by this Act; and all ſuch Officers and Perſons are hereby required punctually to attend the ſaid Commiſſioners, at ſuch Time and Place as they ſhall appoint, and anſwer all ſuch lawful Queſtions as ſhall be put to them concerning the Premiſes.

Creditors diſſatisfied with the Judgement of the Commiſſioners may ſue them.

IX. And be it further enacted, That if any Creditor or Creditors of His ſaid Royal Highneſs, who ſhall come in and claim before the ſaid Commiſſioners, within the Time herein-after limited, ſhall, after the Commiſſioners have heard and notified to him or them their Determination upon ſuch Claim, be diſſatisfied with the Judgement of the ſaid Commiſſioners, it ſhall be lawful for ſuch Creditor or Creditors to ſue any One or more of the ſaid Commiſſioners in his or their own Name or Names, as a Commiſſioner or Commiſſioners appointed by virtue of this Act, in any of His Majeſty's Courts of Record at *Weſtminſter*, in an Action of Debt, or on the Caſe, for the Recovery of ſuch Debt or Debts, and to ſerve ſuch Commiſſioner or Commiſſioners with a Copy of the Proceſs of ſuch Court, and to declare againſt him or them, as ſuch Commiſſioner or Commiſſioners, upon the original Cauſe of Action, in which Action or Suit Coſts ſhall be awarded to either Party, as in other Caſes of Trials at Law, provided that the Copy of ſuch Proceſs ſhall be ſerved within Ten Days from the Notification of their Determination; and no Writ of Error ſhall be brought, had, or maintained upon the Judgement in ſuch Action; any Law, Uſage, or Cuſtom, to the contrary notwithſtanding.

Commiſſioners may inſtitute Suits againſt Creditors.

X. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Commiſſioners, in the Name or Names of any One or more of them, to inſtitute any Suit in His Majeſty's Court of Chancery or Exchequer againſt any Creditor or Creditors of His ſaid Royal Highneſs, whoſe Debt ſhall have accrued before the paſſing of this Act, touching any Matters or Things relating to ſuch Debts.

No Action to be diſcontinued by Death of a Commiſſioner, *etc.*

XI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That no Action or Suit brought by virtue of this Act ſhall abate or be diſcontinued by the Death or Reſignation of the Commiſſioner or Commiſſioners in whoſe Name or Names, or by or againſt whom, the ſame ſhall be commenced, or by the Act of ſuch Commiſſioner or Commiſſioners, without the Conſent of the ſaid Commiſſioners, or Three or more of them; nor ſhall any Commiſſioner or Commiſſioners be liable to pay any Debt, Damages, Coſts, Sum or Sums of Money, by Reaſon of ſuch Action or Suit, out of his or their own Eſtate, nor to any Proceſs of Execution, but ſhall be re-imburſed all Charges and Expences out of the Funds created by virtue of this Act.

Commiſſioners may ſettle the Courſe of Payment of Debts, and make out Debentures for the ſame.

XII. And be it further enacted, That the ſaid Commiſſioners ſhall be authorized and empowered to treat, tranſact, or agree, with all or any of the Perſons on whoſe Behalf any Debt ſhall be demanded as due from His Royal Highneſs, and to ſettle and eſtabliſh ſuch Courſe and Order of Payment as to them ſhall ſeem fit; and whenever any Debt due from His ſaid Royal Highneſs as principal Debtor to any Perſon or Perſons, or when the Amount of the ſame ſhall have been proved to the Satisfaction of the Commiſſioners, or eſtabliſhed in a legal Courſe of Proceeding,

Proceeding, it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Commiſſioners, and they are hereby required, to cauſe to be made out, under the Hands and Seals of any Three or more of them, One or more Security or Securities for the Payment of the ſaid Debt, by way of Debenture or Debentures, with a Defeazance thereon for making void the ſame on Payment, according to ſuch Courſe and Order, and at ſuch Time or Times, and under ſuch Conditions as ſhall be ſettled and eſtabliſhed by the ſaid Commiſſioners for Payment of the ſaid Debts, together with Intereſt for the ſame, not exceeding the Rate of Five Pounds *per Centum per Annum*, until Payment; and all ſuch Securities, and Sums of Money due or to grow due for Intereſt thereon, ſhall be ſeverally charged upon and payable out of the reſpective Funds eſtabliſhed by this Act for Payment of the ſame, in due Courſe and Order, at the appointed Times, and in the Manner ſettled and eſtabliſhed by the ſaid Commiſſioners; and all ſuch Securities ſhall be aſſignable and tranſferrable, from Time to Time, to any Perſon or Perſons, by Indorſement in Writing under the Hands of the reſpective Creditors, or their Executors, Adminiſtrators, or Aſſigns.

Securities payable out of the Funds hereby eſtabliſhed, and may be aſſigned.

XIII. And whereas His Royal Highneſs the Prince of *Wales* is anxious ſtill further to encreaſe the Fund to be appropriated to the Diſcharge of His Debts; and is deſirous that the Sum of Thirteen thouſand Pounds *per Annum*, out of the Rents, Iſſues, and Profits, of the Duchy of *Cornwall*, ſhould be applied for that Purpoſe, during ſuch Term as His Majeſty or His Royal Highneſs may continue to be intereſted in the Revenues of the ſaid Duchy, or until the Debts now due and owing by His ſaid Royal Highneſs ſhall be paid and diſcharged, (provided the ſame ſhall be diſcharged within the Term aforeſaid), and that the ſame be paid to the Commiſſioners herein-before mentioned, in Addition to the Sum of Sixty thouſand Pounds to be by them applied to the like Purpoſes as is herein enacted, of and concerning the ſaid Sum of Sixty thouſand Pounds; be it therefore enacted, That the Receiver General, or other proper Officer of His Royal Highneſs the Prince of *Wales*, as Duke of *Cornwall*, to whom the Receipt of the Revenues of the ſaid Duchy is or ſhall be intruſted, after paying and diſcharging the Salaries of the Officers of the ſaid Duchy, and the Charges and Expences attending the Management and Collection of the ſame, which ſhall not exceed the Sum to which the ſaid Salaries, Charges, and Expences, have amounted to on an Average of the laſt Five Years, ſhall, during ſuch Term as His Majeſty or His Royal Highneſs may continue to be intereſted in the Revenues of the ſaid Duchy, or until the Debts of His ſaid Royal Highneſs ſhall be diſcharged, provided the ſame ſhall be diſcharged within ſuch Term, from Time to Time pay, by Half-yearly Payments, the Firſt Half-yearly Payment thereof to be made on the Fifth Day of *January* One thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-ſix, to the ſaid Commiſſioners, or to ſuch Perſon or Perſons to be appointed by them as aforeſaid to receive the ſame, (whoſe Acquittances and Receipts reſpectively ſhall be a Diſcharge as aforeſaid), the Yearly Sum of Thirteen thouſand Pounds out of the ſaid Rents, Iſſues, and Profits, of the ſaid Duchy, provided they amount to ſuch Sum; and in the Event of the Revenues of the ſaid Duchy of *Cornwall* not amounting to the ſaid Sum, in any One Year, then the ſaid Receiver General, or other Officer having the Receipt of the ſaid Revenues, ſhall pay over to the

13,000 *l.* annually out of the Revenues of the Duchy of *Cornwall* to be paid to the Commiſſioners, *etc.* Half-yearly,

or the Balance of Revenues, if leſs.

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ſaid Commiſſioners ſuch Sum as the ſaid Revenues ſhall amount to, after the aforeſaid Deductions, and the Deficiencies ſhall be made up with Intereſt thereon at the Rate of Five Pounds *per Centum per Annum*, from any Surplus which may ariſe in any ſubſequent Year, to be by them applied, in the Order and Courſe to be appointed as herein mentioned, towards the Diſcharge and Satisfaction of the Debts now due and owing by His ſaid Royal Highneſs to His ſeveral Creditors, who ſhall reſpectively claim and demand, and who ſhall agree to accept, the Securities to be granted by virtue of this Act, in Diſcharge and Satisfaction of the ſaid Debts, on the Terms and in the Manner in this Act ſpecified.

Principal to be paid out of the Monies placed in the Hands of the Commiſſioners, and Intereſt out of the 60,000 *l.* and 13,000 *l.*

XIV. And be it further enacted, That the Whole of the principal Sums contained in the Securities to be given by the ſaid Commiſſioners ſhall be charged upon and paid out of the Monies from Time to Time placed in the Hands of the ſaid Commiſſioners by virtue of this Act; and that the Intereſt to grow due thereon, as the ſame ſhall ariſe, ſhall be borne and diſcharged by and out of the ſaid Annuity of Sixty thouſand Pounds, to be granted by virtue of this Act, and out of the ſaid Sum of Thirteen thouſand Pounds, ſo to be paid as aforeſaid; and the ſaid Monies ſeverally ariſing as aforeſaid ſhall be and are hereby declared and eſtabliſhed to be Funds for thoſe reſpective Purpoſes.

Intereſt to be paid Half-yearly, and Surplus of the Fund to be applied in Diſcharge of the Principal.

XV. And be it further enacted, That at the End of every Half Year the ſaid Commiſſioners ſhall pay and ſatisfy all the Intereſt then due on the ſaid Securities to be granted by the ſaid Commiſſioners as aforeſaid; and the Remainder of the ſaid Annual Sum of Sixty thouſand Pounds, and of the ſaid Sum of Thirteen thouſand Pounds, or ſuch Sum as ſhall be paid to the ſaid Commiſſioners by the Receiver General to whom the Receipt of the Revenues of the Duchy of *Cornwall* ſhall belong, out of the Revenues of the ſaid Duchy, ſhall go and be by them applied towards ſatisfying and diſcharging the principal Debt due on the ſaid Securities, and remaining unſatisfied, in ſuch Manner, and at ſuch Times as they ſhall direct.

On the Demiſe of the Crown in the Prince's Life, the 60,000 *l.* to be charged on the Hereditary Revenue of the Crown.

XVI. Provided alſo, and be it enacted, That in the Event of the Demiſe of the Crown during the Life-time of His Royal Highneſs, the ſaid Sum of Sixty thouſand Pounds ſhall from thenceforth, during the Life of His Royal Highneſs, or until the ſaid Debts, or ſuch Part of them as ſhall remain due, ſhall be diſcharged, be charged upon, and the ſame are hereby accordingly charged upon, the Hereditary Revenues of the Crown during the Life of His ſaid Royal Highneſs, and ſhall not from thenceforth be paid out of the Conſolidated Fund, but ſhall be iſſued and paid out of the ſaid Hereditary Revenues, in like Manner, and for the like Purpoſes, and at ſuch Times, and in ſuch Proportions, as the ſame are herein-before directed to be iſſuing and paid out of the Conſolidated Fund.

If the Prince ſhould die before the Debts are paid, the 60,000 *l.* to be ſet apart from

XVII. Provided alſo, and be it further enacted, That in the Event of the Deceaſe of His ſaid Royal Highneſs before the Payment and Diſcharge of all the Debts of His ſaid Royal Highneſs, which the ſaid Commiſſioners are authorized to adjuſt and ſettle by virtue of this Act, and of all Intereſt that may grow due on any Securities to be granted by

the Conſolidated Fund till they are diſcharged.

by the ſaid Commiſſioners, the ſaid Annual Sum of Sixty thouſand Pounds ſhall continue to be ſet apart out of the ſaid Conſolidated Fund, and ſhall be iſſued to the ſaid Commiſſioners Quarterly, in even Portions, and by them applied to the Diminution of the ſaid Principal Debts, and Intereſt thereupon, until all ſuch Debts and Intereſt be finally ſatisfied and diſcharged.

No Claims to be received after *Sept.* 1, 1795, nor Security granted, unleſs Claims be made before that Day, and the Creditor ſubmits to be examined.

XVIII. And be it further enacted, That no Claim or Demand of any Creditor or Creditors of His ſaid Royal Highneſs ſhall be received by the ſaid Commiſſioners after the Firſt Day of *September* One thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-five; nor ſhall any Security, by way of Debenture as aforeſaid, be granted by the ſaid Commiſſioners, by virtue of this Act, to any Creditor or Creditors of His ſaid Royal Highneſs, on Account of any Debt; nor ſhall any Creditor be entitled to any Part or Share of the Funds hereby eſtabliſhed for Payment of the ſaid Debts of His ſaid Royal Highneſs, or either of them, unleſs a Claim ſhall be made by ſuch Creditor or Creditors, and an Account in Writing of ſuch Debt be delivered to the ſaid Commiſſioners, on or before the ſaid Firſt Day of *September* One thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-five; and unleſs ſuch Creditor or Creditors ſhall ſubmit to be examined touching the ſaid Debt or Debts as is herein-before directed, if the Commiſſioners ſhall ſee Cauſe to require him or them ſo to be: Provided always, that the ſaid Commiſſioners ſhall have Power to enlarge the Time for delivering in ſuch Claims and Accounts, if they ſee reaſonable Cauſe for ſo doing.

Commiſſioners may enlarge Time for delivering in Claims.

If Security be accepted, the Debt to merge therein.

XIX. And be it further enacted, That if any Security ſhall be granted by the ſaid Commiſſioners, on Account of any Debt or Debts due from His ſaid Royal Highneſs, as principal Debtor to any Creditor or Creditors, and ſhall be accepted by ſuch Creditor or Creditors, the ſaid Debt or Debts ſhall be and is hereby declared to be utterly from thenceforth merged therein, and ſhall not, on any Pretence whatever, be ſet up againſt His ſaid Royal Highneſs, or againſt any Perſon or Perſons who ſhall or may be joined with Him as Security for the ſame; but that His ſaid Royal Highneſs, His Heirs, Executors, and Adminiſtrators, and every Perſon or Perſons who ſhall or may be Security for the ſame, and his and their Lands, Tenements, Goods, and Chattels, ſhall from thenceforth be wholly exonerated and diſcharged therefrom, and from all Securities whatever which ſhall have been given or entered into on Account of His ſaid Royal Highneſs.

Creditors to declare on Oath the Nature of former Securities, and deliver them up, unleſs it appears they cannot be; in which Caſe they ſhall be held in Truſt for the Prince.

XX. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That before any Creditor or Creditors ſhall be entitled to any Security by way of Debenture, to be granted by the ſaid Commiſſioners by virtue of this Act, in Satisfaction of any Debt or Debts, the ſaid Creditor or Creditors ſhall be required to declare, on his or her Oath or Affirmation as aforeſaid, before the ſaid Commiſſioners, the Nature and Kind of the former Securities (if any) which, he, ſhe, or they, or any others in Truſt for him, her, or them, hold for the ſaid Debt or Debts; and every Security, of what Nature or Kind ſoever the ſame ſhall be, ſhall and is hereby required to be firſt delivered up to the ſaid Commiſſioners, to be cancelled, unleſs it ſhall appear, to the Satisfaction of the ſaid Commiſſioners, that the ſame cannot be delivered up by ſuch Creditor or Creditors; and if any ſuch Creditor or Creditors ſhall obtain from the ſaid

Commiſſioners any Security by virtue of this Act, on Account of any Debt or Debts, without delivering up all former Securities for the ſame, or any Part thereof, every ſuch former Security ſhall, for the Purpoſe of ſecuring ſuch Debt or Debts to ſuch Creditor or Creditors, be of no Avail, but ſhall, to the Extent of the Intereſt of ſuch Creditor or Creditors, be held in Truſt for His Royal Highneſs, in ſuch Manner as the ſaid Commiſſioners ſhall direct; and it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Commiſſioners to direct the Payment of the Debt or Debts of any Creditor or Creditors who ſhall not deliver up ſuch former Security or Securities, to be poſtponed until all other Debts of His ſaid Royal Highneſs which ſhall be fully diſcloſed (and the Securities for which ſhall have been delivered to the ſaid Commiſſioners) ſhall be paid off and ſatisfied, or in ſuch other Manner as the ſaid Commiſſioners ſhall deem reaſonable and neceſſary.

The Payment of Debts, where Securities are not given up, may be poſtponed.

XXI. And be it further enacted, That the Lords Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Treaſury, or the Lord High Treaſurer for the Time being, are hereby directed and authorized to iſſue and cauſe to be iſſued all ſuch Sum or Sums of Money, to ſuch Perſon or Perſons as the ſaid Commiſſioners ſhall authorize to receive the ſame, by any Writing under the Hands of any Three or more of them, not exceeding Five hundred Pounds in any One Year, out of any Part of the Publick Money remaining in the Receipt of the Exchequer, which ſaid Sum ſhall be deemed and taken to be a Part of the ſaid Annuity of Sixty thouſand Pounds, and ſhall be deducted from the Amount of the ſame; which Sums ſo to be iſſued and advanced ſhall be employed in defraying all the neceſſary Charges and Expences in or about the Execution of this Act; and which Money ſo to be iſſued ſhall not be ſubject to any Tax, Duty, Rate, or Aſſeſſment whatſoever, impoſed or to be impoſed by Authority of Parliament, or otherwiſe.

Treaſury may order 500*l.* to be iſſued annually, for defraying the Expences of executing this Act, out of the 60,000*l.*

XXII. And be it further enacted, That if any Perſon or Perſons, upon Examination upon Oath or Affirmation before the ſaid Commiſſioners reſpectively, ſhall wilfully and corruptly give falſe Evidence, every ſuch Perſon or Perſons ſo offending, and being thereof duly convicted, ſhall be and is hereby declared to be ſubject and liable to ſuch Pains and Penalties as by any Law now in being ſuch Perſons convicted of wilful and corrupt Perjury are ſubject and liable to.

Perſons giving falſe Evidence before the Commiſſioners, liable to the Penalties for Perjury.

XXIII. And be it further enacted, That the ſaid Commiſſioners hereby appointed ſhall from Time to Time, at their Diſcretion, or as often as they ſhall be thereunto required during their carrying on any Proceedings by virtue of this Act, and as ſoon as poſſible after the Determination of ſuch Proceedings, without any further Requiſition, give an Account of their Proceedings, in Writing, to the Lords Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Treaſury, or the Lord High Treaſurer for the Time being.

Commiſſioners to give an Account of their Proceedings to the Treaſury.

XXIV. And be it further enacted, That no Action or Suit ſhall be commenced againſt any Perſon or Perſons, for any Thing done by virtue or in purſuance of this Act, until Ten Days Notice thereof, in Writing, ſhall have been given to the ſaid Commiſſioners; nor after a ſufficient Satisfaction, or a Tender thereof, hath been made to the Party or Parties aggrieved; nor after Six Calendar Months next after the Fact committed; and every ſuch Action ſhall be brought in the Court of Exche-

Limitation of Actions.

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quer, and ſhall be laid in the County of *Middleſex*, and not elſewhere; and the Defendant or Defendants in ſuch Action or Suit ſhall and may
General Iſſue. plead the General Iſſue, and give this Act, and the Special Matter, in Evidence at any Trial to be had thereupon, and that the ſame was done in purſuance and by the Authority of this Act; and if the ſame ſhall appear ſo to be done, or if ſuch Action or Suit ſhall be brought after the Time herein-before limited for bringing the ſame, or ſhall be brought without Ten Days Notice thereof, or ſhall be brought in any other County or Place, or after a ſufficient Satisfaction made or tendered as aforeſaid, that then the Jury ſhall find for the Defendant or Defendants; or if the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs ſhall become nonſuited, or ſuffer a Diſcontinuance of his, her, or their Action or Actions, or if a Verdict ſhall paſs againſt the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, the Defendant or Defendants ſhall
Treble Coſts. have Treble Coſts, and ſhall have ſuch Remedy for recovering the ſame as any Defendant or Defendants hath or have for Coſts of Suit in any other Caſes of Law.

Principal Officer of the Prince to make out a Plan of the Eſtabliſhment of His Royal Highneſs, *&c.*

XXV. And whereas it is His Royal Highneſs's Deſire that there ſhould be eſtabliſhed a regular Courſe of Payment of all juſt Demands which may be hereafter made upon His ſaid Royal Highneſs, for any Debt hereafter to become due, and that the Accumulation of Debt for the future may be prevented; be it further enacted, That the principal Officer or Officers of His Royal Highneſs ſhall, within Fourteen Days after the paſſing of this Act, prepare and make out, for the Approbation of His Royal Highneſs, a Plan of the Eſtabliſhment of His ſaid Royal Highneſs, in diſtinct Departments and Claſſes, and in ſuch Order as he or they ſhall think fit and expedient, together with a Plan of the Salaries and Payments of each Claſs, and of each individual Office therein; and ſhall alſo prepare and make out an Eſtimate of the Annual Expences of each diſtinct Department in His Royal Highneſs's ſaid Eſtabliſhment; One Copy of which Plan and Eſtimate, after being approved of by His Royal Highneſs, ſhall be lodged with the Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Treaſury, and another in the Office of the Treaſurer, or ſuch principal Officer or Officers for the Time being, as ſhall be appointed by His Royal Highneſs, and another with the
From *July* 5, 1795, Diſburſements from the Prince's Revenues to be made by the Treaſurer, for which he ſhall be reſponſible. Clerks of the Two Houſes of Parliament reſpectively: And that, from and after the Fifth Day of *July* One thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-five, all Diſburſements which ſhall be made out of the Revenues of His ſaid Royal Highneſs, for any of the Purpoſes aforeſaid, ſhall be made by the Treaſurer or principal Officer or Officers of His ſaid Royal Highneſs, in the Order ſpecified in ſuch Plan and Eſtimate, and no other; for which Diſburſements, to be made in the Order ſo ſpecified, the Treaſurer or principal Officer or Officers for the Time being of His Royal Highneſs ſhall be reſponſible, and liable to anſwer
Plan may be altered. the Damages to the Party grieved: Provided nevertheleſs, that if it ſhall at any Time be neceſſary or expedient to alter the ſaid Plan of Eſtabliſhment, or Eſtimate of Expences, as aforeſaid, it ſhall and may be lawful for the principal Officer or Officers, or other Perſons concerned in the Management of His Royal Highneſs's Houſehold, being directed ſo to do by His Royal Highneſs, to ſtate ſuch Alteration as may be thought neceſſary to be made therein; and if the ſame ſhall be approved of by His Royal Highneſs, ſuch Alteration ſo made in the Plan of Eſtabliſhment, or Eſtimate of Expences, of His ſaid Royal Highneſs, ſhall be lodged as is herein-before mentioned.

XXVI. And

When the Commiſſion ſhall ceaſe, a new Plan of the Eſtabliſhment of the Prince to be made out, &c.

XXVI. And be it further enacted, That whenever the Debts now due and owing by His Royal Highneſs ſhall be paid and diſcharged, (provided the ſame ſhall be diſcharged during the joint Lives of His Majeſty and His Royal Highneſs), and the ſaid Commiſſion ſhall ceaſe and determine, and the whole Sum of Sixty-five thouſand Pounds become payable to His Royal Highneſs, or ſuch Perſon as he ſhall appoint, as is herein-before enacted, then and in ſuch Caſe the principal Officer or Officers concerned in the Management of His Royal Highneſs's Houſehold, ſhall, within Two Months after the Determination of the ſaid Commiſſion, form a new Plan of the Eſtabliſhment of His Royal Highneſs, in diſtinct Departments and Claſſes, with the Salaries and Payments in each Claſs, and each individual Office therein, and an Eſtimate of the Annual Expences of each Department therein, and the ſame, after being approved by His Royal Highneſs, ſhall be laid before the Lords Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Treaſury, and before both Houſes of Parliament, within Ten Days after the Firſt Day of the next Seſſion of Parliament, after the Determination of the ſaid Commiſſion.

Treaſurer of the Prince to cauſe Payments to be entered in a Book, which His Majeſty's Treaſury may inſpect.

XXVII. And be it further enacted, That the Treaſurer or principal Officer or Officers of His Royal Highneſs for the Time being, ſhall cauſe a Book or Books to be kept, in which all Payments for any of the Purpoſes aforeſaid ſhall be duly entered, in the Order and Courſe of Payment, with the Day, Month, and Year, of paying the ſame; and it ſhall be lawful for the Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Treaſury for the Time being, from Time to Time, to demand an Inſpection of ſuch Book or Books, or any Copy or Copies of the ſame, or any Part thereof; and the ſaid Treaſurer, or principal Officer or Officers, is hereby required to pay Obedience to the Orders of the ſaid Commiſſioners for that Purpoſe.

Treaſurer to cauſe an Account to be made out Quarterly of Expences of the Prince, which he ſhall examine and ſign,

XXVIII. And be it further enacted, That the Treaſurer, or principal Officer or Officers, for the Time being, of His Royal Highneſs, ſhall, within Fourteen Days after the Expiration of every Quarter of a Year, cauſe to be prepared and made out a juſt and exact Account of all the Expences incurred by His Royal Highneſs within the preceding Quarter of a Year; and every ſuch Account ſhall contain and ſet forth the ſeveral Sums paid, and the ſeveral Demands made, and then outſtanding, on Account of the Expences of each Department, within the ſaid Quarter; and the ſaid Treaſurer, or principal Officer or Officers, ſhall, and he is hereby required to examine and audit the ſaid Accounts, with the Vouchers relative to the ſame, and to ſign his or their Approbation of the ſame, or of ſuch Part or Parts thereof as he or they ſhall approve; provided that the Amount thereof ſhall not be diſproportionate to or exceed the Plan and Eſtimate as herein-before is directed.

and by Warrant from the Prince, may pay the Sums ſpecified therein.

XXIX. And be it further enacted, That upon the Settlement of ſuch Quarterly Account as aforeſaid, it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Treaſurer, or principal Officer or Officers, being thereunto authorized by Warrant or Warrants under the Privy Seal of His Royal Highneſs, to pay, in the Order and Courſe ſettled as aforeſaid, the Sums of Money ſpecified in ſuch Accounts, as the Quarterly Expence incurred as aforeſaid, to the reſpective Perſons to whom His Royal Highneſs ſhall be debited in ſuch Account; and the ſaid Treaſurer, or principal Officer or Officers, ſhall pay the ſame accordingly.

How Arrears at the End of Quarters shall be discharged.

XXX. And be it further enacted, That if any Deficiency shall arise in the Revenues of His Royal Highness, at the End of any Quarter of a Year, so as to create an Arrear in the Payment of any Claims made against His Royal Highness, and allowed as aforesaid, such Arrears shall be carried to the Account of the next Quarter, and (except in the Case where any Arrears of a preceding Quarter shall likewise be carried to the same Account) shall be placed therein first in Order of Payment, and shall be paid first in Order out of the First Monies payable on Account of the next succeeding Quarter: Provided always, that no Arrear of any of the Salaries or Allowances made, or to be made, by His Royal Highness to any Officer or Officers, whose Duty it may be to carry this Act into Execution, or who may be concerned in the Execution of the same, shall be carried on beyond the Term of One Quarter after the Quarter in which the same shall have become due; and that no Arrears of any Sort shall, on any Account, or under any Pretence, be carried on for more than Two Quarters of a Year after the Quarter when the same shall accrue due: And that if it shall happen that any Arrears shall have been carried on for Two Quarters of a Year, the same shall be discharged and paid out of the Sum due and payable in the Quarter to which such Arrear shall be carried, in preference to the Arrear of the preceding Quarter, and in preference to all Demands that shall accrue in the Quarter to which such Arrear shall be so carried; and it shall not be lawful for any Officer or Officers of His Royal Highness to audit, allow, or settle, any Account for the Quarter to which such Arrears of Two Quarters shall be carried, or to issue any Sum or Sums of Money for the Payment or Satisfaction of the Claims of the Quarter to which such Arrears shall be carried, until the said Arrears shall be fully paid and satisfied: Provided also, that in case, at the End of any Quarter, there shall be carried to the Account of the same the Arrears of Two Quarters preceding, the Arrears of the Quarter immediately preceding shall be placed second in the Order of Payment, and shall be paid second in Order, next and immediately after the Payment of the Arrears of the Quarter next but One preceding.

Surplus at the End of any Quarter to be paid the Prince.

XXXI. And be it further enacted, That if at the End of any Quarter of a Year any Surplus shall remain of the said Revenue of His said Royal Highness, after paying and satisfying all Debts and Demands accrued during such Quarter, and all Arrears of former Quarters in each Department, such Surplus shall and may be paid over to His Royal Highness's Privy Purse.

Demands accrued after *July* 5, 1795, to be delivered in Quarterly.

XXXII. And be it further enacted, That every Creditor of His Royal Highness, whose Demand shall accrue after the Fifth Day of *July* One thousand seven hundred and ninety-five, shall deliver into the Office of the Treasurer, or principal Officer or Officers of His Royal Highness for the Time being, a Particular, in Writing, containing the Nature and Amount of such Demand, and signed by him or her, within Ten Days after the Expiration of the Quarter of a Year in which such Demand shall accrue, in order that the same may be included in the preceding Quarterly Account, to be audited as aforesaid; and it shall not be lawful for the Treasurer, or principal Officer or Officers of His Royal Highness, to include in any such Account to be audited as aforesaid, or to allow, any Debt or Demand, of what Nature or Kind soever, which

No Demand to be included in Account, but what has accrued with-

shall not have wholly accrued within the Quarter of a Year preceding such Audit, other than the Arrears of such preceding Quarters as aforesaid, or which shall not be presented to the proper Officer of His Royal Highness, within the Time herein-before limited, and according to the Directions of this Act; nor shall the Treasurer, or principal Officer or Officers of His Royal Highness, under any Pretence or Colour of Authority whatever, issue or cause to be issued any Sum of Money for the Purpose of paying, satisfying, or discharging, any Debt or Demand, or any Part thereof, which shall not have accrued, and be claimed, as aforesaid; and if any Person or Persons who shall have, or claim to have, any Debt or Demand against His Royal Highness, on any Account whatever, shall not, after the Fifth Day of *July* One thousand seven hundred and ninety-five, deliver a Particular, in Writing, of the said Debt or Demand to the proper Officer of His Royal Highness, within Ten Days after the Expiration of the Quarter of a Year in which such Debt or Demand accrued, every such Debt or Demand shall be barred both at Law and in Equity; and all Bonds, Bills, Notes, or other Securities for Money, given or made in Consideration of any Debt or Demand, whereof the Particulars, in Writing, shall not be delivered according to the Directions of this Act, shall be null and void, to all Intents and Purposes; and that if any Officer of or Person employed by His Royal Highness, to whom the Particulars of such Debts or Demands shall be delivered, according to the Directions of this Act, shall neglect or refuse to insert the same in his Account of the Quarterly Expences incurred, in the Manner before directed, every such Officer shall be liable to pay the Amount thereof in Damages to the Party grieved.

in the Quarter preceding the Audit, &c.

Demands not delivered in Time limited, to be barred, and Securities for such Debts void.

Officer neglecting to insert Demands in Quarterly Accounts, liable to Payment of them.

XXXIII. And be it further enacted, That no Action or Suit, either at Law or in Equity, shall be brought, commenced, or prosecuted, by any Creditor against His Royal Highness, in His own Name as a Party, for the Recovery of any Debt or Demand due from His said Royal Highness, which shall accrue after the Fifth Day of *July* One thousand seven hundred and ninety-five, nor upon any Bond, Bill, or Note, nor upon any Security to be given after the passing of this Act, for the securing any Debt or Demand due from His said Royal Highness; but that all Proceedings in any such Action or Suit shall be null and void, to all Intents and Purposes.

No Action to be brought against the Prince for any Debt which shall accrue after *July* 5, 1795.

XXXIV. Provided always, and be it enacted, That nothing herein contained shall extend to prevent any Action or Suit against His Royal Highness the Prince of *Wales*, by any Person having any Title by Way of Mortgage not made by His Royal Highness, or for Rent reserved upon any Lease or Grant of Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, not made to or in Trust for His Royal Highness, or any Action or Suit against His Royal Highness as Duke of *Cornwall*, in respect of His Duchy of *Cornwall*.

Act not to prevent certain Suits against the Prince.

XXXV. And, in order that due Provision may be made for the Recovery of the just Debts of His said Royal Highness, be it further enacted, That in all Cases where a Demand shall be made, or a Debt shall be claimed, which Demand or Debt shall have wholly accrued after the Fifth Day of *July* One thousand seven hundred and ninety-five, within the Quarter preceding such Claim or Demand, and the Particulars thereof shall be delivered to the proper Officer of His said Royal Highness,

Creditors who have delivered in their Demand in the Time limited, may sue for the same within Three Months after Delivery.

neſs, to be appointed for that Purpoſe, within the Time herein-before limited, and the ſame ſhall not be paid, it ſhall be lawful for the Creditor or Creditors, at any Time within Three Calendar Months after Delivery of ſuch Particulars, but not afterwards, to ſue and proſecute for the Recovery of ſuch Debt or Demand; in which Action or Suit the Treaſurer, or other principal Officer or Officers of His ſaid Royal Highneſs for the Time being, to whom the Particulars of the Demand ſhall have been delivered, ſhall be made Defendant, and the like Proceedings ſhall be had in ſuch Action or Suit as if the Treaſurer, or other principal Officer or Officers for the Time being, were the real Party therein; ſave and except, that notwithſtanding the Plaintiff may obtain Judgement, no Execution ſhall iſſue againſt the Perſon of the Treaſurer, or other principal Officer or Officers for the Time being, nor againſt his or their proper Effects, but the Judgement ſhall be a Charge upon the Funds of His Royal Highneſs, which ſhall be in or come into the Hands of the Treaſurer, or other principal Officer or Officers of His ſaid Royal Highneſs for the Time being, within Two Quarters after the Quarter in which the Debt or Debts for which ſuch Action ſhall have been brought and Judgement obtained ſhall have accrued; and ſuch Funds, whenever the ſame ſhall be in the Hands of ſuch Treaſurer, or other principal Officer or Officers, ſhall be liable to the Payment of the Debt or Damages, and Coſts, recovered in ſuch Action or Suit, in preference to all Debts and Demands, except ſuch as ſhall have ariſen in conſequence of any prior Judgement which ſhall have been obtained, as is herein-before directed, and a Note or Docquet of every Judgement ſo obtained as aforeſaid ſhall be entered by the Creditor obtaining the ſaid Judgement in the Office of the Treaſurer, or other principal Officer or Officers of His Royal Highneſs, within Ten Days after ſigning the ſame, in order to entitle him to the Benefit of this Act.

Treaſurer to be made Defendant.

Judgement to be a Charge upon the Prince's Funds, &c.

Officer neglecting to prepare Accounts, or to apply Monies as ſettled by this Act, or miſapplying Monies, &c liable to Damages, which may be ſued for in any Court at *Weſtminſter*.

XXXVI. And be it further enacted, That if any Officer of the Eſtabliſhment of His ſaid Royal Highneſs, or other Perſon entruſted with the Management of His Revenues, ſhall neglect or refuſe to prepare, make up, or tranſmit, any Account or Accounts, or to audit and inveſtigate the ſame, or to pay and apply the Monies in his Hands for that Purpoſe in the Order and Courſe to be ſettled and eſtabliſhed by virtue of this Act, or ſhall divert or miſapply the ſame, or any Part thereof, contrary to the Directions of this Act, or ſhall wilfully omit to inſert in his Quarterly Account the Claim or Claims of any Creditor or Creditors delivered within the Time allowed by this Act, or ſhall wilfully prepare, make up, or tranſmit, any falſe Account, every ſuch Officer or other Perſon, ſo offending againſt this Act, in any of the Particulars before mentioned, ſhall be liable to pay Damages to the Party grieved; and that all Damages incurred by any Perſon or Perſons by virtue of this Act ſhall and may be ſued for, proſecuted, and recovered, by Action of Debt, or on the Caſe, in any of His Majeſty's Courts at *Weſtminſter*, with full Coſts of Suit, in which no Eſſoign, Protection, Wager of Law, or more than One Imparlance, ſhall be allowed.

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