ANNO TRICESIMO QUINTO

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CAP. LX.

An Act for applying certain Sums of Money raiſed in the County of *Stafford* by virtue of ſeveral Acts of Parliament made reſpecting the Militia of this Kingdom. [5th *May* 1795.]

WHEREAS, by virtue of divers Acts of Parliament made reſpecting the Militia of this Kingdom, or ſome or One of them, ſeveral Sums of Money have been aſſeſſed, collected, and raiſed, upon and within the County of *Stafford* for the Purpoſes in the ſaid Acts reſpectively mentioned; Parts of which Sums, to the Amount of Three thouſand three hundred and twenty-five Pounds Fifteen Shillings and Eleven-pence Farthing, now remain unapplied in the Hands of *Francis Cobb* Eſquire, Receiver General of the Land Tax for the ſaid County, and other Parts of the ſaid Sums are ſuppoſed to have been paid into the Hands of other Perſons, and to be now remaining unapplied; and it is apprehended that the ſaid ſeveral Sums, or any of them, cannot by the Laws in being be applied to any Purpoſe whatſoever: And whereas, in purſuance of a Recommendation from One of His Majeſty's Principal Secretaries of State to the Lord Lieutenant of the ſaid County, for raiſing and embodying Troops for the internal Defence of this Kingdom, a conſiderable Sum of Money has been ſubſcribed and advanced for that Purpoſe by ſeveral Gentlemen and others of the ſaid County; and Part of the Money ſo ſubſcribed has been paid into the Hands of Meſſieurs *William Stevenſon* and *Henry Webb*, Bankers, in the Town of *Stafford*, (the Treaſurers appointed by the ſaid Subſcribers, or a Committee of them), and a conſiderable Number of Forces have been raiſed, and are now training, within the ſaid County: And whereas it would greatly tend to promote the Object of the ſaid Recommendation, if the Money raiſed by virtue of the ſaid Acts as aforeſaid was applied towards defraying the Expences of raiſing, training, and embodying Troops within the ſaid County for the Purpoſe aforeſaid, in Aid of the Sums raiſed and to be raiſed by Subſcription for the like Purpoſe: May it therefore pleaſe 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 the ſaid *Francis Cobb*, and the ſeveral other Perſons to whom any of the Money aſſeſſed, collected, or raiſed, as aforeſaid, by virtue of the ſaid Acts, or any of them, has been paid, their reſpective Executors or Adminiſtrators, ſhall, and they are hereby reſpectively required, within Forty Days next after the paſſing of this Act, to pay ſuch Sum and Sums of Money to the ſaid Treaſurers, or ſuch other Perſon or Perſons as the Committee of the ſaid Subſcribers ſhall appoint, whoſe Receipt for the ſame ſhall be a ſufficient Diſcharge to the Perſons reſpectively paying ſuch Money; and in Default of Payment of ſuch Money, or any Part thereof, as aforeſaid, the ſame ſhall and may be recovered by Action of Debt, or on the Caſe, Bill, Plaint, or Information, in any of His Majeſty's Courts of Record at *Weſtminſter*, in the Names or Name of the ſaid Treaſurers, or the Survivor of them, his Executors or Adminiſtrators, or ſuch other Perſon or Perſons as aforeſaid; any Law or Statute to the contrary notwithſtanding.

Preamble.

Money raiſed for the Militia to be paid to the Treaſurer to the Subſcribers.

Perſons concerned in raiſing the Money indemnified.

II. And be it further enacted and declared, that the ſeveral Perſons who ſhall, in purſuance and according to the Directions of this Act, pay the Money which has been received by them reſpectively under or by virtue of the ſaid Acts, or any of them, as aforeſaid, their reſpective Heirs, Executors, and Adminiſtrators, Lands, Tenements, Goods, and Chattels, and all Officers and other Perſons whomſoever, who have or ought to have been concerned in the raiſing, collecting, or aſſeſſing, under or by virtue of any ſuch Acts, any ſuch Money as ſhall be paid purſuant to this Act, ſhall, from and after ſuch Payment as aforeſaid, be, and they are hereby reſpectively indemnified and abſolutely acquitted and diſcharged of and from ſuch Money, and all ſuch other Sums as ought to have been by them reſpectively raiſed, collected, or aſſeſſed, under or by virtue of the ſaid Acts, or any of them, and of and from all Actions, Suits, and Proſecutions, for or on account thereof, as fully and effectually, to all Intents and Purpoſes whatſoever, as if ſuch Money, or any other Sum or Sums which ought to have been raiſed as aforeſaid, had been raiſed and paid purſuant to the Directions and Proviſions of the ſaid Acts, or any of them, or any other Act or Acts of Parliament relating to or in anywiſe concerning the raiſing and training of the Militia of this Kingdom.

Money to be applied in paying the Expences of the Act, and afterwards in raiſing Troops for the internal Defence of the Kingdom.

III. And be it further enacted, That all the Charges and Expences incident to and attending the obtaining and paſſing of this Act ſhall, in the Firſt Place, be paid out of the Money which ſhall come to the Hands of the ſaid Treaſurers, or ſuch other Perſon or Perſons as aforeſaid, by virtue of this Act; and after ſuch Payment, all the Remainder of the ſaid Money ſhall be applied towards defraying the Expences incurred, or which may be incurred, by raiſing, cloathing, training, or embodying Troops for the internal Defence of this Kingdom, in ſuch Manner, and at ſuch Time or Times, as the Committee of the ſaid Subſcribers, at any Meeting or Meetings, or the major Part of ſuch Committee aſſembled at ſuch Meeting or Meetings, ſhall from Time to Time direct or appoint; and that in the mean Time, and until ſuch Application, in caſe the ſame ſhall not be immediately neceſſary, the ſaid Money ſhall be depoſited or diſpoſed of in ſuch Manner as the Committee of the ſaid Subſcribers ſhall, from Time to Time, order or appoint; and the Order and Direction of ſuch Committee, ſo from Time to Time aſſembled, or the major Part of them, ſhall be a full Authority in the Premiſes to ſuch Treaſurers, or other Perſon or Perſons as aforeſaid.

Surplus to be applied to ſome publick Purpoſe of the County.

IV. And be it further enacted, That in caſe any Surplus of the Money to be paid purſuant to this Act as aforeſaid ſhall remain, after the Troops raiſed purſuant to the ſaid Recommendation, or otherwiſe, for internal Defence, ſhall be diſbanded or diſembodied, and all Expences attending the ſame ſhall have been fully diſcharged, ſuch Surplus ſhall be applied for ſuch Publick Purpoſe or Purpoſes within the ſaid County as the Juſtices of the Peace, aſſembled at any General Quarter Seſſions of the Peace for the ſaid County, or the major Part of them, ſhall from Time to Time order or direct; and ſuch Order or Direction ſhall be a full Authority in the Premiſes to ſuch Treaſurers or other Perſon or Perſons as aforeſaid: Provided nevertheleſs, that no ſuch Application of the ſaid Surplus as aforeſaid ſhall be ſo directed as laſt mentioned, unleſs Notice of the Intention of making an Application of ſuch Surplus as aforeſaid ſhall be given by Advertiſement, to be inſerted Three Times in ſome Newſpaper uſually circulated in the ſaid County, at leaſt Fourteen Days preceding ſuch General Quarter Seſſions at which ſuch Order or Direction ſhall be made as aforeſaid.

Notice to be given of ſuch Application.

Publick Act.

V. And be it further enacted, That this Act ſhall be adjudged, deemed, and taken to be a Publick Act, and ſhall be judicially taken Notice of as ſuch, by all Judges, Juſtices, and other Perſons, without ſpecially pleading the ſame.

FINIS.