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An Act for granting to His Majesty a certain Sum of Money, to be raised by a Lottery. [19th *July* 1797.]

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 Six hundred and forty-six thousand two hundred and fifty Pounds, to be raised by a Lottery, to consist of Fifty-five thousand Tickets, at Eleven Pounds and Fifteen Shillings each, in such Manner as is herein after directed and appointed: And whereas, pursuant to and upon the several Terms and Conditions expressed in the said Resolution, several Persons have, in Books opened at the Bank of *England* for that Purpose, subscribed together the Whole of the said Sum of Six hundred and forty-six thousand two hundred and fifty Pounds, and made Deposits with the Cashier or Cashiers of the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, of One Pound and Five Shillings in respect of every such Ticket, Your faithful Commons 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 Parlia- Preamble.

All Perſons who have made Depoſits, purſuant to the Reſolution of the Houſe of Commons, are required to pay the Remainder of their Subſcriptions at certain Times ſpecified.

ment aſſembled, and by the Authority of the ſame, That it ſhall and may be lawful to and for all Perſons, Natives or Foreigners, Bodies Politick or Corporate, who, in purſuance of the ſaid Reſolution, ſhall have, on or before the Seventh Day of *July* One thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-ſeven, ſubſcribed towards the ſaid Sum of Six hundred and forty-ſix thouſand two hundred and fifty Pounds, and made in reſpect thereof ſuch Depoſit as aforeſaid, to advance and pay, and they, or their Executors, Adminiſtrators, Succeſſors, and Aſſigns, are hereby required to advance and pay, unto the Caſhier or Caſhiers of the ſaid Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, (which Caſhier and Caſhiers is and are hereby appointed the Receiver or Receivers of ſuch Contributions, without any other Warrant to be had on that Behalf), the remaining Sum of Ten Pounds and Ten Shillings, in reſpect of each Ticket ſubſcribed for, towards raiſing the ſaid Sum of Six hundred and forty-ſix thouſand two hundred and fifty Pounds, on or before the reſpective Days, and in the Proportions herein-after limited and appointed on that Behalf; (that is to ſay), For and in reſpect of each and every ſuch Ticket in the ſaid Lottery, the further Sum of One Pound and Ten Shillings, being Part of the Sum ſo remaining unpaid, on or before the Eleventh Day of *Auguſt* One thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-ſeven; the further Sum of Two Pounds, other Part thereof, on or before the Eighth Day of *September* then next following; the further Sum of Two Pounds, other Part thereof, on or before the Twenty-fourth Day of *October* then next following; the further Sum of Two Pounds, other Part thereof, on or before the Twenty-fourth Day of *November* then next following; and the remaining Sum of Three Pounds, on or before the Sixteenth Day of *January* One thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-eight; and that every ſuch Contributor or Adventurer in the ſaid Lottery, for every Sum of Eleven Pounds and Fifteen Shillings which he or ſhe ſhall have ſo advanced, ſhall be entitled to ſuch Lot or Share, upon each Fortunate Ticket belonging to him or her, as is herein mentioned; and that every Contributor or Adventurer to the ſaid Lottery, who ſhall pay in the Whole of his or her Contribution Money at any Time on or before the Twenty-fourth Day of *November* One thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-ſeven, ſhall be allowed an Intereſt by Way of Diſcount after the Rate of Three Pounds *per Centum per Annum* on the Sums ſo completing his or her Contributions reſpectively, to be computed from the Day of completing the ſame to the Sixteenth Day of *January* One thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-eight; which Allowance is to be paid by the ſaid Caſhier or Caſhiers, out of the Monies to be contributed in purſuance of this Act, as ſoon as ſuch Contributors or Adventurers, their Executors, Adminiſtrators, Succeſſors, and Aſſigns, ſhall have completed ſuch Payment; and that all the ſaid Contributors, or Adventurers, their Executors, Adminiſtrators, Succeſſors, or Aſſigns, paying in the Whole of their Monies to be by them reſpectively contributed towards the ſaid Sum of Six hundred and forty-ſix thouſand two hundred and fifty Pounds, ſhall have Lottery Tickets delivered to them to the Amount of the principal Sum ſo by them paid for the Purchaſe thereof, at the Rate of Eleven Pounds and Fifteen Shillings for each Ticket, as ſoon as ſuch Tickets can conveniently be made out.

Caſhier to give Security, to the Satisfac-

II. 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,

Treaſury, or the High Treaſurer 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 he or they hath or have already received, and ſhall hereafter receive, from Time to Time, of and for the ſaid Sum of Six hundred and forty-ſix thouſand two hundred and fifty Pounds, and for accounting duly for the ſame, and for Performance of the Truſt hereby in him and them repoſed; and ſhall from Time to Time, pay all ſuch Monies, as ſoon as he or they ſhall receive the ſame, or any Part thereof, or within Five Days afterwards at the fartheſt, into, and ſhall account for the ſame 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; for which Sums ſo paid, Allowance ſhall be made in his or their Accounts.

tion of the Commiſſioners of the Treaſury;

and to pay all Monies received into the Exchequer.

III. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That it ſhall and may be lawful for Three or more of the Commiſſioners of the Treaſury, or the High Treaſurer for the Time being, to iſſue and apply, from Time to Time, all ſuch Sums of Money as ſhall be ſo 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 preſent Seſſion of Parliament.

Commiſſioners of the Treaſury empowered to apply the Money paid in by the Caſhier.

IV. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That the Sum of Five hundred thouſand Pounds, Part of the ſaid Sum of Six hundred and forty-ſix thouſand two hundred and fifty Pounds, ſhall be diſtributed and divided into Prizes, to be drawn in the ſaid Lottery, in ſuch Manner as is by this Act appointed and directed; which ſaid Sum of Five hundred thouſand Pounds ſhall be payable out of all or any of the Aids or Supplies granted in this Seſſion of Parliament, in ſuch Manner as is herein-after mentioned; and the Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Treaſury, or any Three or more of them, or the High Treaſurer for the Time being, is or are hereby required and authorized, by Warrant or Warrants under his or their Hand or Hands, to cauſe the ſaid Sum of Five hundred thouſand Pounds to be iſſued and paid, out of the ſaid Aids or Supplies, to the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, to be by them diſtributed and paid to and amongſt the reſpective Proprietors of the ſeveral Fortunate Tickets, in the Manner herein-after mentioned and directed, as ſoon as Certificates can be made out for the Sums due in reſpect of the ſame.

500,000*l.* the Amount of the Prizes, to be paid out of any Supplies granted this Seſſion.

V. 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 nominate and 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

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

Method of the Lottery Books.

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-five thouſand Tickets, 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-five thouſand; and upon the middle Column, in every of the ſaid Books, ſhall be printed Fifty-five thouſand Tickets, of the ſame Breadth and Form, and numbered in like Manner; and, in the extreme Column of the ſame 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 extreme Column of the ſaid Books ſhall have written or printed thereupon (beſides the Number of ſuch Ticket) Words or Figures to this Effect:

'LOTTERY for the Year One thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-
'ſeven.

'THE Bearer of this Ticket will be entitled to ſuch beneficial Chance
'as ſhall belong thereto, in the Lottery to be drawn in purſuance
'of an Act paſſed in the Thirty-ſeventh Year of His preſent Majeſty's
'Reign.'

Managers to examine the Books, with the Tickets, and deliver them to the Caſhiers of the Bank, taking a Receipt for the ſame.

VI. And it is hereby enacted, 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 ſo preſent, ſhall carefully examine all the ſaid Books with the Tickets therein, and take Care 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 Caſhier or Caſhiers of the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, taking from ſuch Caſhier or Caſhiers an Acknowledgement in Writing, under his or their Hand or Hands, importing his or their Receipt of ſuch Book or Books, and ſo many Tickets therein as ſhall be delivered to him or them reſpectively, that ſo the ſaid Caſhier or Caſhiers may be charged to anſwer Eleven Pounds and Fifteen Shillings in Money, for every One of the Tickets in the extreme Columns which ſhall be delivered to him or them, or for ſo many of them as he or they ſhall not deliver back to the ſaid Managers and Directors; and all and every ſuch Caſhier or Caſhiers reſpectively is and are hereby directed and required, upon his or their Receipt of every or any entire Sum of Eleven Pounds and Fifteen Shillings in full Payment for a Ticket from any Perſon or Perſons contributing or adventuring, as aforeſaid, from Time to Time 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, in the ſaid extreme Columns, ſuch Tickets as ſhall be neceſſary to be delivered to the ſeveral Perſons entitled thereto, as aforeſaid; which Tickets the ſaid Caſhier or Caſhiers ſhall ſign with his or their own Name or Names, and he or they ſhall permit the reſpective Perſon or Perſons ſo entitled,

if it be desired, to write his or her Name or Mark on the corresponding Tickets in the same Book or Books; and at the same Time the said Cashier or Cashiers shall deliver to such Person or Persons the Ticket or Tickets so cut off, which he, she, or they, are to keep and use for the better ascertaining and securing the Interest which he, she, or they, his, her, or their Executors, Administrators, Successors, or Assigns, shall or may have in the Drawing of the said Lottery.

Cashiers to return the Books, with the undisposed Tickets,

with an Account of Money received and paid in.

VII. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Cashier or Cashiers, on or before the Sixth Day of *February* One thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight, shall redeliver 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 of the same, and delivered to the Persons entitled thereto, 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 Hand or 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, and how much thereof, shall have been actually paid, by such Cashier or Cashiers, into the Receipt of the Exchequer, for the Purposes herein mentioned; and that the said Managers and Directors, or the major Part of them, which shall be present as aforesaid, shall forthwith cause all the Tickets of the said outermost Columns, which shall not have been delivered to the Contributors and Adventurers 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 Money for the Purposes in this Act mentioned, as any Three of the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, or the High Treasurer for the Time being, shall judge fitting.

Undisposed Tickets to be delivered into the Exchequer.

Tickets of the Middle Columns to be rolled up, and fastened with Thread or Silk;

and cut off indentwise into a Box marked with the Letter (*A*),

and put into another Box, to be locked up, and sealed.

VIII. 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 in the Middle Columns, in the Books made out with 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 and 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 up into another strong Box, and to be locked with Seven different Locks and Keys, to be kept by as many of the said Managers and Directors, 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 to be committed) contrary to the true Meaning of this Act.

IX. And

Books to be prepared with Two Columns on each of which 55,000 Tickets are to be printed.

IX. 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-five thouſand Tickets, and upon the outermoſt of the ſaid Two Columns there ſhall be printed Fifty-five thouſand Tickets; all which ſhall be of equal Length and Breadth, as near as may be; which Two Columns in the ſaid Book ſhall be joined with ſome Flouriſh or Device, through which the outermoſt Tickets may be cut off indentwiſe; and that Sixteen thouſand ſix hundred and ninety-ſix 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 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 every One of Four of them ſeverally, Twenty thouſand Pounds Principal Money; upon every One of Three of them ſeverally, Ten thouſand Pounds *Principal* Money; upon every One of Four of them ſeverally, Five thouſand Pounds Principal Money; upon every One of Five of them ſeverally, Two thouſand Pounds Principal Money; upon every One of Ten of them ſeverally, One thouſand Pounds Principal Money; upon every One of Twenty of them ſeverally, Five hundred Pounds Principal Money; upon every One of Fifty of them ſeverally, One hundred Pounds Principal Money; upon every One of One hundred of them ſeverally, Fifty Pounds Principal Money; and upon every One of Sixteen thouſand five hundred of them ſeverally, Sixteen Pounds Principal Money: Which Principal Sums ſo to be written, or otherwiſe expreſſed upon the ſaid Fortunate Tickets, together with One thouſand Pounds Principal Money to be allowed to the Owner of the Ticket which ſhall be Firſt drawn a Blank; and Five thouſand Pounds Principal Money to be allowed to the Owner of the Ticket which ſhall be Firſt drawn a Blank on the Fourth Day of the Drawing of the ſaid Lottery; and Ten thouſand Pounds Principal Money to be allowed to the Owner of the Ticket which ſhall be Firſt drawn a Blank on the Ninth and Twentieth Days reſpectively of the Drawing of the ſaid Lottery; and Twenty thouſand Pounds Principal Money to be allowed to the Owner of the Ticket which ſhall be Firſt drawn a Blank on the Fifteenth and Twenty-ſixth Days reſpectively of the Drawing of the ſaid Lottery; will amount in the Whole to the Principal Sum of Five hundred thouſand Pounds: Which Sum of Five hundred thouſand Pounds only, after deducting out of the ſaid Sum of Six hundred and Forty-ſix thouſand two hundred and fifty Pounds, the Sum of One hundred and forty-ſix thouſand two hundred and fifty Pounds, for the Benefit of the Publick, is to be paid at the Bank of *England* to the Proprietors of the ſaid Fortunate Tickets, in Proportion to their reſpective Intereſts therein, in ſuch Manner as is appointed by this Act: 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 ſaid laſt-mentioned Books to be, in the Preſence of the ſaid Managers and Directors,

The Number and Value of the Fortunate Tickets.

Owners of Firſt drawn Blanks on certain Days of Drawing, entitled to the Sums herein ſpecified.

Tickets in the outermoſt Column of the laſt mentioned Books to be rolled up and tied,