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An Act for enabling His Majesty to settle an Annuity of Twelve thousand Pounds on His Royal Highness Prince *Edward*, and a like Annuity of Twelve thousand Pounds on His Royal Highness Prince *Ernest Augustus*, during His Majesty's Pleasure.

[21st *March* 1799.]

Most Gracious Sovereign,

Preamble.

WE, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Commons of *Great Britain* in Parliament assembled, having taken into our Consideration Your Majesty's most Gracious Message, wherein Your Majesty has been pleased to express Your Desire of making competent Provision for the honourable Support and Maintenance of Your dearly-beloved Sons Prince *Edward* and Prince *Ernest Augustus*, which the Monies applicable to the Purposes of Your Majesty's Civil Government would be insufficient to defray; do most humbly beseech Your Majesty that it may be enacted; and be it enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the King's most Excellent Majesty, by any Warrant or Warrants under His Royal Sign Manual, to give and grant unto their Royal Highnesses Prince *Edward* and Prince *Ernest Augustus* respectively, His Majesty's Fourth and Fifth Sons, for and during His

His Majesty may grant to Prince *Edward* and Prince *Ernest Augustus*, Annuities of 12,000*l.* each, from *Jan.* 5,

1799, payable Quarterly out of the Consolidated Fund.

Majesty's Royal Will and Pleasure, Two several Annuities, not exceeding to each of them Twelve thousand Pounds of lawful Money of *Great Britain*, which may severally commence and take Effect from the Fifth Day of *January* One thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine, and shall be respectively paid Quarterly, at the Four usual Days of Payment in the Year; that is to say, the Fifth Day of *April*, the Fifth Day of *July*, the Tenth Day of *October*, and the Fifth Day of *January*, in every Year; and that the said respective Annuities shall and may, by such Warrant or Warrants, be directed to be issued and payable out of, and charged and chargeable upon, the Fund called *The Consolidated Fund*, (after paying, or reserving sufficient to pay, all such Sum and Sums of Money as hath or have been directed to be paid out of the same by any former Act or Acts of Parliament, but with Preference to all other Payments which shall or may hereafter be charged upon and payable out of the said Fund).

The Annuities to be paid at the Exchequer without Fees; and to be free from all Taxes.

II. And be it further enacted, That the said respective Annuities of Twelve thousand Pounds each shall, during His Majesty's Royal Will and Pleasure, be paid and payable at the Receipt of His Majesty's Exchequer, out of the said Fund; and the Auditor of the said Receipt shall, and he is hereby required by virtue of such Warrant or Warrants, to make forth and pass Debentures, from Time to Time, for paying the said respective Annuities, 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 respective Acquittance or Acquittances, Receipt or Receipts, of their said Royal Highnesses, or of such other Person or Persons as shall be by them respectively authorized and appointed to receive such respective Annuities, or any Part thereof, shall be a good and sufficient Discharge for the Payment thereof; and the said Debentures to be made forth and passed upon the said Warrant or Warrants 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 respective Annuities to their said Royal Highnesses, during the Continuance of the same, without any further or other Warrant to be sued for, had, or obtained, in that Behalf; and that the said respective Annuities so to be given and granted shall be free and clear from all Taxes, Rates, and Assessments, and all other Charges whatsoever.

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