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CAP. XXXIX.

An Act for raiſing the Sum of One million five hundred thouſand Pounds, by way of Annuities and a Lottery, to be charged on the Sinking Fund.

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 One million five hundred thouſand Pounds, to be raiſed in Manner following; that is to ſay, The Sum of Nine hundred thouſand Pounds by Annuities, after the Rate of Three Pounds per Centum; and the Sum of Six hundred thouſand Pounds by a Lottery, to conſiſt of Sixty thouſand Tickets, every Blank to be of the Value of Six Pounds; the Blanks and Prizes to be attended with the like Three Pounds

Preamble.

The Sum of 1,500,000 l. granted; to be raiſed,

viz. 900,000 l. thereof by Annuities, and 600,000 l. by a Lottery.

per Centum Annuities, in such Manner and Form as are herein after appointed; and 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 Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That for or towards raising the said Sum of One million five hundred thousand Pounds, it shall and may be lawful to and for all Persons, Natives or Foreigners, and Bodies Politic or Corporate, who, in pursuance of the said Resolution, shall have, on or before the Eighth Day of May, One thousand seven hundred and sixty six, in Books opened at the Bank of England for that Purpose, subscribed and agreed to contribute to the Payment of the said Sum of Nine hundred thousand Pounds, and in pursuance of the said Resolution deposited with, or paid to, the Cashier or Cashiers of the Governor and Company of the Bank of England, for the time being, the Sum of Fifteen Pounds per Centum, in Part of the Sums by them subscribed respectively, towards raising the said Sum of Nine hundred thousand Pounds, to advance and pay, and they, or their Executors, Administrators, Successors, and Assigns, are hereby required to advance, and pay to the said Cashier or Cashiers (who is and are hereby appointed the Receiver or Receivers, as well of such Contributions, as of the Contributions upon account of the said Lottery, without any further or other Warrant to be sued for, had, or obtained, in that Behalf) the Remainder of the several Sums so subscribed towards the said Sum of Nine hundred thousand Pounds, on or before the respective Days, and in the Proportions herein after limited.

Natives or Foreigners, who, in Books opened at the Bank, have subscribed to the said Sum of 900,000 *l.*

and deposited 15 *l. per Cent.* of their Subscription-money,

are to pay the Remainder as herein directed.

And, for raising the said Sum of Six hundred thousand Pounds by way of Lottery, be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Contributors to the said Sum of Nine hundred thousand Pounds, who shall have made such Deposit as aforesaid, or the Executors, Administrators, Successors, or Assigns, of such Contributors, shall, for every Sixty Pounds so subscribed and agreed to be contributed towards the said last mentioned Sum, be respectively intitled to Four Tickets in such Lottery, upon Payment of Ten Pounds for each Ticket, on or before the respective Days, and in the Proportions herein also after appointed.

The said Contributors are intitled, for every 60 *l.* so subscribed, to 4 Tickets in the Lottery,

paying 10 *l.* for each Ticket.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Contributors, or the Executors, Administrators,

tors, Successors, or Assigns, of such Contributors, who shall have made such Deposit as aforesaid of Fifteen Pounds per Centum, in Part of the Sums by them severally subscribed, as a Security for making their future Payments towards the said Sum of Nine hundred thousand Pounds, shall make the same accordingly on or before the respective Days, and in the Proportions following; that is to say, The further Sum of Ten Pounds per Centum per Annum, being Part of the Sum so remaining, on or before the Ninth Day of June, One thousand seven hundred and sixty six; the further Sum of Ten Pounds per Centum, other Part thereof, on or before the Fifteenth Day of July then next following; the further Sum of Fifteen Pounds per Centum, other Part thereof, on or before the Fifteenth Day of August then next following; the further Sum of Fifteen Pounds per Centum, other Part thereof, on or before the Fifteenth Day of September then next following; the further Sum of Fifteen Pounds per Centum, other Part thereof, on or before the Fifteenth Day of October then next following; and the remaining Sum of Twenty Pounds per Centum, on or before the Fifteenth Day of November then next following; and that the Monies to be paid by the said Contributors, or their Executors, Administrators, Successors, or Assigns, towards raising the said Sum of Six hundred thousand Pounds by way of Lottery, shall be paid to the said Cashier or Cashiers on or before the respective Days, and in the Proportions following; that is to say, The Sum of Twenty five Pounds per Centum of such Monies, on or before the Twentieth Day of June, One thousand seven hundred and sixty six; the further Sum of Thirty five Pounds per Centum, other Part thereof, on or before the Fifteenth Day of July then next following; and the remaining Sum of Forty Pounds per Centum, on or before the Fifteenth Day of September then next following.

Remainder of the Subscriptions towards the said Annuities to be paid; *viz.*

10 *l. per Cent.* by 9 *June*, 1766;

10 *l. per Cent.* by 15 *July*;

15 *l. per Cent.* by 15 *August*;

15 *l. per Cent.* by 15 *Sept.*

15 *l. per Cent.* by 15 *October*; and

20 *l. per Cent.* by 15 *Nov.*

Subscriptions to the Lottery to be paid, *viz.*

25 *l. per Cent.* by 20 *June*;

35 *l. per Cent.* by 15 *July*; and

40 *l. per Cent.* by 15 *Sept.*

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the several Subscribers or Contributors, their Executors, Administrators, Successors, and Assigns, in respect of the said Sum of Nine hundred thousand Pounds, shall be intitled to an Annuity after the Rate of Three Pounds per Centum per Annum, for and upon every One hundred Pounds by them respectively subscribed, advanced, and paid, towards the said Sum, redeemable by Parliament; which Annuity shall commence and be computed from the Fifth Day of January, One thousand seven hundred and sixty six; and

Subscribers to the said Sum of 900,000 *l.* intitled to an Annuity of 3 *l. per Cent.*

Interest to commence from 5 *Jan.* 1766.

The 600,000 l. to be raised by a Lottery, to carry an Interest of 3 l. per Cent.

that the said Sum of Six hundred thousand Pounds, to be raised by the said Lottery, shall carry an Annuity after the Rate of Three Pounds per Centum per Annum, redeemable by Parliament; and such last mentioned Annuity shall commence and be computed from the Fifth Day of January, One thousand seven hundred and sixty seven; and all the said Annuities shall, from their said respective Commencements, be paid by half yearly Payments, in even and equal Portions, on the Fifth Day of July, and the Fifth Day of January, in every Year.

to commence from 5 Jan. 1767.

Interest on both Sums to be paid half yearly, on 5 July, & 5 Jan.

Subscribers paying the Whole of their Subscriptions towards the Annuities on or before 13 October,

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all such Subscribers or Contributors, their Executors, Administrators, Successors, and Assigns, paying in the Whole of the Sums by them respectively subscribed towards the said Sum of Nine hundred thousand Pounds, on or before the Thirteenth Day of October, One thousand seven hundred and sixty six; or paying in the Whole of the respective Sums to be by them paid towards the said Lottery, on or before the Fourteenth Day of July next; shall be allowed an Interest, by way of Discount, after the Rate of Three Pounds per Centum per Annum, on the Monies so paid for compleating their Contributions respectively, to be computed from the Day of compleating the same, to the Fifteenth Day of November, One thousand seven hundred and sixty six, in respect of the Monies so paid for compleating such Contributions to the said Sum of Nine hundred thousand Pounds; and to the Fifteenth Day of September, One thousand seven hundred and sixty six, in respect of the Monies so paid for compleating such Contributions to the said Lottery; which Allowances shall be paid by the said Cashier or Cashiers out of the Monies so contributed respectively, as soon as such Subscribers or Contributors, their Executors, Administrators, Successors, or Assigns, shall have compleated such respective Payments; and that all the Contributors towards the said Lottery, their Executors, Administrators, Successors, or Assigns, paying in the Whole of the Money to be by them respectively contributed towards the said Sum of Six hundred thousand 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 Ten Pounds for each Ticket, as soon as such Tickets can conveniently be made out.

and to the Lottery, on or before 14 July, to be allowed Interest, by way of Discount, for the same.

Tickets for the Lottery to be delivered to Subscribers compleating their Subscriptions.

Annuities made transferrable.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all the said Annuities shall be transferrable at the Bank of England.

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And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Cashier or Cashiers of the Governor and Company of the Bank of England, who shall have received or shall receive any Part of the said Contributions towards the said Sum of Nine hundred thousand Pounds, shall give a Receipt or Receipts in Writing to every such Contributor for all such Sums; and that such Receipt shall be assignable, by Indorsement thereupon made, at any Time before the Fifth Day of December, One thousand seven hundred and sixty six, and no longer.

Receipts to be given for the Money paid in towards the said Sum of 900,000 *l.*

the same are made transferrable.

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, 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 One million five hundred thousand 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.

Cashier of the Bank to give Security for duly accounting for, and paying over the said Monies into the Exchequer.

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.

Treasury to apply the Money to the Services voted this Session.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That in the Office of the Accomptant General of the Governor and Company of the Bank of England for the time being a Book or Books shall be provided and kept, in which the Names of the Contributors shall be fairly entered; which Book or Books the said respective Contributors, their respective Executors, Administrators, Successors, and Assigns, shall and may, from time to time, and at all seasonable Times, resort to and inspect, without any Fee or Charge; and that the said Accompt-

Names of Contributors to be entered in Books to be provided by the Accomptant General of the Bank;

to be inspected *gratis*;

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Duplicate to be transmitted into the Auditor's Office of the Exchequer.

ant General shall, on or before the Fifth Day of July, One thousand seven hundred and sixty eight, transmit an attested Duplicate, fairly written on Paper, of the said Book or Books into the Office of the Auditor of the Receipt of His Majesty's Exchequer, there to remain for ever.

Contributors, duly paying their Contribution-monies, intitled to a proportionable Share of the Annuities;

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That such Contributors duly paying their Contribution-monies at or before the respective Times in this Act limited in that Behalf, and their respective Executors, Administrators, Successors, and Assigns, shall have, receive, and enjoy, and be intitled, by virtue of this Act, to have, receive, and enjoy, their proportionable Share of the said Annuities of Three Pounds per Centum per Annum by this Act granted, and shall have good and sure Interests and Estates therein, subject nevertheless to Redemption as is herein after mentioned; and that all the Annuities by this Act granted, shall be free from all Taxes, Charges, and Impositions, whatsoever.

and the same are to be Tax-free;

but where the Sums subscribed shall not be duly paid,

Provided always, That in case any such Contributors, who have already deposited with, or shall hereafter pay to, the said Cashier or Cashiers, any Sum or Sums of Money, at the Times and in the Manner before-mentioned, in Part of the Sum or Sums to be by them respectively contributed or paid towards the said Sum of Nine hundred thousand Pounds, or their respective Executors, Administrators, Successors, or Assigns, shall not advance and pay to the said Cashier or Cashiers the Residue of the Sum or Sums so to be contributed or paid, at the Times and in the Manner before mentioned; then, and in every such Case, so much of the respective Sum or Sums as shall have been actually paid, in Part thereof, to the said Cashier or Cashiers, shall be forfeited for the Benefit of the Publick; and all Right and Title to the said Annuities, after the Rate of Three Pounds per Centum per Annum, in respect thereof, shall be extinguished; any thing in this Act contained to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding.

the Deposit, &c. is forfeited to the Publick.

Credit to be given, in the Books at the Bank, to Contributors compleating their Payments to the said Sum of 900,000*l.*

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That as soon as any Contributors, their Executors, Administrators, Successors, or Assigns, shall have compleated their Payments of the whole Sum payable by them respectively towards the said Sum of Nine hundred thousand Pounds, the principal Sum or Sums so by them subscribed and paid respectively, shall forthwith be, in the Books of the Bank of England, placed to the Credit of such respective Contributors, their Executors,

Administrators, Successors, and Assigns, compleating such Payments respectively; and the Persons to whose Credit such principal Sums shall be so placed, their respective Executors, Administrators, Successors, or Assigns, shall and may have Power to assign and transfer the same, or any Part, Share, or Proportion thereof, to any other Person or Persons, Body or Bodies Politick or Corporate, whatsoever, in the Books of the Bank of England; and such Sums shall carry an Annuity after the Rate of Three Pounds per Centum per Annum, and shall be taken and deemed to be Stock transferrable, according to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, until Redemption thereof, in such Manner as is herein after mentioned.

Persons, to whose Credit such Sums shall be placed, may assign the same;

the said Sums to carry 3 *l. per Cent.* Interest, and be deemed transferrable Stock.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all the Annuities by this Act granted and made payable, in respect of the said Sum of One million five hundred thousand Pounds, shall, from the respective Commencements thereof, be charged and chargeable upon, and are hereby charged upon, and made payable out of, the Monies which shall, from time to time, arise and be in the Receipt of His Majesty's Exchequer, of or for the Surplusses, Excesses, Overplus Monies, and other Revenues, composing the Fund commonly called The Sinking Fund, after paying or reserving sufficient to pay all such Sums of Money as have been directed by any former Acts of Parliament to be paid out of the same.

Annuities charged on the Sinking Fund.

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 or 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 or 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 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

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

Method of the Lottery Books.

innermost of the said Three Columns there shall be printed Sixty 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 Sixty thousand; and upon the middle Column in every of the said Books shall be printed Sixty thousand Tickets of the same Breadth and Form, and numbered in like Manner; and in the extreme Column of the said 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 to this Effect:

LOTTERY, *Anno* One thousand seven Hundred and sixty six.

THIS Ticket will intitle the Bearer thereof to Six Pounds, or to a better Chance, in Annuities, at the Rate of Three Pounds *per Centum*, established by an Act of Parliament made in the Sixth Year of His Majesty's Reign, and transferrable at the Bank of *England*.

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

And it is hereby enacted, That the said Managers and Directors, or so many of them as shall be present at such Meeting, or the major Part of them then 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; and all and every such Cashier or Cashiers

Cashiers respectively is and are hereby directed and required, 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 intitled 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 intitled, if it be desired, to write his or her Name or Mark on the corresponding Tickets in the same Book; and at the same Time the said Cashier or Cashiers shall deliver to such Person or Persons the Ticket 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 said Annuities.

Cashiers to return the Books with the Remainder of the Tickets.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Cashier or Cashiers, on or before the Third Day of October, One thousand seven hundred and sixty six, shall re-deliver 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 intitled 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, or how much thereof, shall have been actually paid by such Cashier or Cashiers into the Receipt of the Exchequer for the Purposes herein mentioned.

Tickets of the middle Columns to be rolled up, and fastened with Silk;

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

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 of 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 or 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

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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 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.

Box to be locked up and sealed.

Books to be prepared with 2 Columns, on each of which 60,000 Tickets to be printed.

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 Sixty thousand Tickets, and upon the outermost of the said Two Columns there shall be printed Sixty thousand Tickets, all which shall be of equal Length and Breadth, as near as may be; which Two Columns in the said Books shall be joined with some Flourish or Device, through which the outermost Tickets may be cut off indentwise; and that Eleven thousand nine hundred and forty five 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 extraordinary 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 Two of them severally Ten thousand Pounds Principal Money; upon Two of them severally Five thousand Pounds Principal Money; upon every One of Four 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 One hundred of them severally, One hundred Pounds Principal Money; upon every One of Two hundred and one of them severally, Fifty Pounds Principal Money; upon every One of Eleven thousand six hundred and six of them severally, Twenty Pounds Principal

The Number and Value of the Fortunate Tickets.

cipal Money: Which Principal Sums, so to be written, or otherwise expressed upon the said Fortunate Tickets, together with Five hundred Pounds Principal Money, to be allowed to the Owner of the First drawn Ticket, and One thousand Pounds Principal Money to the Owner of the Last drawn Ticket, over and above the Benefits which may happen to belong to the Two last mentioned Tickets, and, together with the Sum of Six Pounds which shall be paid or allowed for and upon each Blank or Unfortunate Ticket of the said Lottery, will amount in the Whole to the Principal Sum of Six hundred thousand Pounds, to be converted into Annuities by virtue of this Act in respect of the said Lottery; 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, or the major Part of them, which shall be present at a Meeting as aforesaid, and in the Presence of such Contributors or Adventurers as will then be there, to be carefully rolled up and fastened with Thread or Silk, and carefully cut out indentwise through the said Flourish or Device, into another Box, to be prepared for this Purpose, and to be marked with the Letter (*B*), which Box shall be put into another strong Box, and locked up with Seven different Locks and Keys, to be kept by as many of the said Managers, and sealed up with their Seals, or the Seals of some of them, until these Tickets shall also be drawn in the Manner and Form herein after mentioned; and that the whole Business of rolling up, and cutting off, and putting into the said Boxes the said Tickets, and locking up and sealing the said Boxes, shall be performed by the said Managers and Directors, or such of them as aforesaid, before the last Six Days immediately preceding the Day by this Act appointed for the Drawing the said Lottery: And to the end every Person concerned may be well assured that the Counterpart of the same Number with his or her Ticket is put into the Box marked with the Letter (A) from whence the same may be drawn, and that other Matters are done as hereby directed, some publick Notification in Print shall be given of the precise Time or Times of putting the said Tickets into the said Boxes, to the end that such Adventurers, as shall be minded to see the same done, may be present at the doing thereof.

500 *l.* to the First drawn Ticket, and 1000 *l.* to the Last drawn.

Tickets of the outermost Columns of the last-mentioned Book to be rolled up and tied,

and cut out indentwise,

into a Box marked with the Letter (B)

Box to be locked up and sealed.

Publick Notice to be given of Times of putting the Tickets into the Boxes.

Lottery to begin drawing on 17 *Nov.* 1766.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That on or before the Seventeenth Day of November, One thousand seven hundred and sixty six, the said Managers and Directors shall cause the said several Bores, with all the Tickets therein, to be brought into the Guildhall of the City of London, so that the same may be there, and placed on a Table provided for that Purpose, by Nine of the Clock in the Forenoon of the same Day; and shall then and there severally attend this Service, and cause the Two Bores containing the said Tickets, to be severally taken out of the other Two Bores, in which they shall have been locked up; and the Tickets or Lots in the respective innermost Bores being, in the Presence of the said Managers and Directors, or such of them as shall be then present, and of such Adventurers as will be there for the Satisfaction of themselves, well shaken and mingled in each Box distinctly; some One indifferent and fit Person, to be appointed and directed by the said Managers, or the major Part of them, or such of them as shall be then present, shall take out and draw One Ticket from the Box where the said numbered Tickets shall be as aforesaid put; and One other indifferent or fit Person, to be appointed and directed in like Manner, shall take out a Ticket or Lot from the Box where the said Eleven thousand nine hundred and forty five Fortunate, and Forty eight thousand and fifty five Blank Tickets shall be promiscuously put as aforesaid; and immediately both the Tickets so drawn shall be opened, and the Number, as well of the Fortunate as the Blank Ticket, shall be named aloud; and if the Ticket taken or drawn from the Box containing the Fortunate and Blank Lots shall appear to be a Blank, then the numbered Ticket so drawn with the said Blank at the same Time drawn, shall both be put upon One File; and if the Ticket so drawn or taken from the Box containing the Fortunate and Blank Lots shall appear to be One of the Fortunate Tickets, then the Principal Sum written upon such Fortunate Ticket, whatsoever it be, shall be entered by a Clerk, which the said Managers, or the major Part of them as aforesaid, shall employ and oversee for this Purpose, into a Book to be kept for entering the Numbers coming up with the said Fortunate Tickets, and the Principal Sums whereunto they shall be intitled respectively, and Two of the said Managers shall set their Names as Witnesses to such Entries; and the said Fortunate and numbered Tickets so drawn together, shall be put upon another File; and so the said Drawing of the Tickets shall continue, by

Method to be observed in drawing, &c.

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taking One Ticket at a Time out of each Box, and with opening, naming aloud, and ſtiling the ſame, and by entering the Fortunate Lots in ſuch Method as is before mentioned, until the whole Number of Eleven thouſand nine hundred and forty five Fortunate Tickets, and One more for the Laſt drawn as aforeſaid, ſhall be completely drawn; and as the ſame cannot be performed in One Day's Time, the ſaid Managers and Directors ſhall cauſe the Boxes to be locked up and ſealed in Manner as aforeſaid, and adjourn till the next Day, and ſo from Day to Day, and every Day (except Sundays, Chriſtmas-day, Thankſgiving and Faſt Days) and then open the ſame, and proceed as above, till the ſaid whole Number of Eleven thouſand nine hundred and forty five Fortunate Tickets, and One more, ſhall be completely drawn as aforeſaid; and afterwards the ſaid numbered Tickets ſo drawn, with the Fortunate Tickets drawn againſt the ſame, ſhall be and remain in a ſtrong Box locked up as aforeſaid, and under the Cuſtody of the ſaid Managers, until they ſhall take them out to examine, adjuſt, and ſettle the Property thereof. After each Day's Drawing, the Boxes to be locked up and ſealed,

And, to the end the Fortunate may know, whether abſent or preſent, to what Degree they have been ſo; be it enacted, That the ſaid Managers ſhall, as ſoon as conveniently may be, after the ſaid Drawing is over, cauſe to be printed and publiſhed the Number of the Tickets drawn againſt each Fortunate Ticket, and the Principal Sum written on the ſame; and if any Contention or Diſpute ſhall ariſe in the adjuſting the Property of the ſaid Fortunate Tickets, the major Part of the ſaid Managers agreeing therein, ſhall determine to whom it doth or ought to belong: And if any Perſon or Perſons ſhall forge or counterfeit any Ticket or Tickets, Certificate or Certificates, to be made forth by this Act, or alter any the Number thereof, or utter, vend, barter, or diſpoſe of, or offer to diſpoſe of, any falſe, altered, forged, or counterfeit Ticket or Tickets, Certificate or Certificates, or ſhall bring any forged or counterfeit Ticket or Certificate, or any Ticket or Certificate the Number whereof is altered (knowing the ſame to be ſuch) to the ſaid Managers, or any of them, or to the Caſhier or Caſhiers, or Accomptant General of the Bank of England for the time being, or to any other Perſon or Perſons whatſoever, with a fraudulent Intention; then every ſuch Perſon or Perſons being thereof convicted in due Form of Law, ſhall be adjudged a Felon, and ſhall ſuffer Death as in Caſes of Felony, without Benefit of Clergy: And the ſaid Managers and Directors, or any Two or more of Numbers of the Fortunate Tickets, and the Sums, to be printed. Diſputes relating thereto, to be adjuſted by the Managers. Penalty of forging Tickets or Certificates, Felony.

of them, are hereby authorized, required, and impowered, to cauſe any Perſon or Perſons bringing or uttering ſuch forged or counterfeit Ticket or Tickets, Certificate or Certificates, as aforeſaid, to be apprehended, and to commit him, her, or them, to His Majeſty's Gaol of Newgate, or to the Common Gaol of the County or Place where ſuch Perſon or Perſons ſhall be ſo apprehended, to be proceeded againſt for the ſaid Felony according to Law.

Managers to be ſworn.

Provided always, and it is hereby enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That every Perſon that ſhall be appointed as aforeſaid to be a Manager and Director for putting this Act in Execution, before his acting in ſuch Commiſſion, ſhall take the Oath following; that is to ſay,

I *A. B.* as a Manager and Director of the Lottery to be drawn in purſuance of an Act of Parliament made in the Sixth Year of His Majeſty's Reign, do ſwear, That I will faithfully execute the Truſt repoſed in me, and that I will not uſe any indirect Art or Means, or permit or direct any Perſon to uſe any indirect Art or Means, to obtain a Prize or Fortunate Lot therein, for myſelf, or any other Perſon whatſoever; and that I will do the utmoſt of my Endeavour to prevent any undue or ſiniſter Practice to be done by any Perſon whatſoever; and that I will to the beſt of my Judgement, declare to whom any Prize Lot, or Ticket, of Right does belong, according to the true Intent and Meaning of the ſaid Act.

Which ſaid Oath ſhall and may be adminiſtered by any Two or more of the other Managers and Directors.

Caſhier, on receiving the Reſidue of the Sums ſubſcribed,

Provided always, That it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Caſhier or Caſhiers, having given Security as aforeſaid, at any Time or Times, before ſuch Caſhier or Caſhiers ſhall have received any Book or Books from the ſaid Managers, comprehending the ſaid Sixty thouſand Tickets as aforeſaid, in Three Columns as aforeſaid, to receive from the ſaid Contributors, or their Executors, Adminiſtrators, Succeſſors, or Aſſigns,

the Monies to be by them reſpectively contributed on Account of the ſaid Lottery at One intire Payment, or in ſuch Proportions and Manner as aforeſaid, before ſuch Caſhier or Caſhiers ſhall have received ſuch Book or Books; and the ſaid Caſhier or Caſhiers ſhall give a Note or Receipt under his or their Hand or Hands, for the Sum or Sums ſo contributed; and ſhall be obliged thereby, and by this Act, to give the Bearer of every ſuch Note or Receipt a Ticket or Tickets of the extream Column of the Three Columns Book or Books aforeſaid, for every Ten Pounds ſo contributed, paid, or anſwered, as ſoon as he or they ſhall be enabled thereunto, by Delivery of any ſuch Book or Books to him or them from the ſaid Managers as aforeſaid; any thing herein contained to the contrary notwithſtanding.

to give Receipts for the ſame;

the Bearers intitled to One Lottery Ticket for every 10 *l.* ſubſcribed.

Provided alſo, That in caſe any ſuch Contributor as aforeſaid, who ſhall have advanced and paid down to ſuch Caſhier or Caſhiers, a Proportion of his, her, or their Conſideration-money, his, her, or their Executors, Adminiſtrators, Succeſſors, or Aſſigns, do not advance and pay unto ſuch Caſhier or Caſhiers the remaining Part of his, her, or their Conſideration-money ſo to be paid in full for ſuch Tickets as aforeſaid, on or before the Times for paying thereof as aforeſaid; that then, and in every ſuch Caſe, every ſuch Contributor ſhall forfeit and loſe to His Majeſty, for the Uſe of the Public, the Proportion of his, her, or their Purchaſe-money which he, ſhe, or they, ſhall have ſo paid down as aforeſaid; and in ſuch Caſe, no Ticket or Tickets ſhall be delivered out by the ſaid Caſhier or Caſhiers to ſuch Contributor or Contributors making ſuch Default, but the Ticket and Tickets which ſhould have been delivered to ſuch Contributor and Contributors, had they paid the full Money for the ſame, ſhall be returned and delivered to the ſaid Managers and Directors by the ſaid Caſhier or Caſhiers, together with the other Tickets (if any) in the outermoſt Column of the Book and Books firſt herein mentioned, and directed to be prepared, which ſhall not have been diſpoſed of to Contributors as aforeſaid, and ſuch Ticket and Tickets, upon and for which Defaults of Payments ſhall have been made as aforeſaid, ſhall be delivered into the Receipt of His Majeſty's Exchequer, with the other undiſpoſed Tickets (if any) there to be retained and kept as Caſh, and to be iſſued, ſold, and diſpoſed of, for the Purpoſes of this Act, as by the Commiſſioners of the Treaſury, or the High Treaſurer for the time being, ſhall be directed and appointed; and the ſaid Contributor and Contributors making ſuch Default, ſhall not have or receive, or be intitled to have

Contributors not making good their Payments with reſpect to the ſaid Lottery, within the Times limited, to forfeit their Depoſits;

and the Tickets for ſuch Sums to be delivered back into the Exchequer.

or receive, any Benefit or Advantage for or in respect of the Money which he, she, or they, shall have paid for or towards the Purchase of such Ticket or Tickets; any thing herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Managers, &c. to be paid by the Commissioners of the Treasury.

Provided also, and it is hereby enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That out of the Monies composing the said Fund, commonly called The Sinking Fund, it shall and may be lawful to and for any Three or more of the Commissioners of the Treasury, or the High Treasurer for the time being, to reward the said Managers and Directors, and the Clerks and Officers to be employed by and under them, and any other Officers and Persons that shall and may be any Ways employed in this Affair, for their Labour and Pains, and to discharge such incident Expences as shall necessarily attend the Execution of this Act, in such Manner as any Three or more of the Commissioners of the Treasury, or the High Treasurer for the time being, shall, from time to time, think fit and reasonable in that Behalf; any thing in this Act contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Limitation of Sale of Chances, &c.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That no Person or Persons shall sell the Chance or Chances of any Ticket or Tickets in the said Lottery, or any Share or Shares of any Ticket or Tickets in the said Lottery, for a Day or Part of a Day, or for a longer Time less than the whole Time of drawing the Lottery then to come; or shall receive any Money whatsoever in Consideration of the Repayment of any Sum or Sums of Money, in case any Ticket or Tickets in the said Lottery shall prove Fortunate; or shall lay any Wager relating to the drawing of any Ticket or Tickets in the said Lottery, either as to the Time of such Ticket or Tickets being drawn, or whether such Ticket or Tickets be drawn Fortunate or Unfortunate;

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and all and every Person and Persons who shall offend in any of the said Matters, shall forfeit and pay Treble the Sum and Sums of Money which shall have been received by such Person and Persons, contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act; to be recovered by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at Westminster; in which no Essoin, Protection, Privilege, or Wager of Law, or more than One Imparlance, shall be allowed; One Moiety whereof to be for the Use of His Majesty, His Heirs, or Successors, and the other Moiety to be paid to the Person or Persons who shall sue for the same; and every such Sale, Wager, or Contract, and every Agreement

Agreement relating thereto, shall be, and is hereby declared null and void.

Persons selling Shares in Tickets of which they are not possessed,

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person or Persons shall keep any Office or Offices, or shall print or publish any Scheme or Proposal, for receiving any Sum or Sums of Money in Consideration of any Interest to be granted for the same, in any Ticket or Tickets in the said Lottery, whereof such Person or Persons shall not then be actually possessed, or in Consideration of any Sum or Sums of Money to be repaid, in case any Ticket, or Number of Tickets, in the said Lottery, which shall not be in the actual Possession of such Person or Persons, shall prove Fortunate or Unfortunate; all and every such Person and Persons shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Five hundred Pounds; to be recovered by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at Westminster; in which no Essoin, Protection, or Wager of Law, or more than One Imparlance, shall be allowed; One Moiety whereof to be for the Use of His Majesty, His Heirs, and Successors, and the other Moiety to be paid to the Person or Persons who shall sue for the same; and also shall suffer Three Months Imprisonment without Bail or Mainprize.

forfeit 500*l.*

Offences committed in *Ireland* against Acts for preventing unlawful Lotteries, declared to be punishable,

and may be sued for in *Dublin*.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Offence against this Act, or any of the Acts of Parliament made in this Kingdom for preventing private and unlawful Lotteries, shall be committed in Ireland, the Offender shall incur the like Penalty and Punishment, to be inflicted in like Manner as if the Offence was committed in this Kingdom; and that such Penalties as, by this Act, or any of the said Acts, are directed to be recovered in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at Westminster, shall, in case of Offences committed against this Act or any of the said Acts in Ireland, be recovered in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record in Dublin.

After the Drawing of the Lottery, the Tickets to exchanged for Certificates.

And to the End that all and every the Payments, as well upon the Fortunate as upon the Unfortunate Tickets, may be more easily ascertained, settled, and adjusted, for the Persons who shall become intitled thereunto; be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That as soon as conveniently may be after the Drawing of the said Lottery shall be completed and ended, all and every the said Tickets to be given out as aforesaid, shall be exchanged for Certificates to be signed by such of the said Managers as shall be appointed for that Purpose.

Managers to give Notice of the Time for taking in the Tickets, and delivering out the Certificates, &c.

And be it further enacted, That such of the said Managers as any Three or more of the Commissioners of the Treasury, or the High Treasurer for the time being, shall appoint to take in the said Tickets, and deliver out the said Certificates for and in lieu thereof, shall give timely Notice, by Advertisement to be printed and published in Manner as they shall think fit, of the Days and Times for taking in the said Tickets, and delivering out the said Certificates, for and in lieu of the same; and every Person's Certificate shall be numbered in Course, according to their bringing their Tickets to the Managers so to be appointed for exchanging the same; to which Purpose, such Managers shall enter, or cause to be entered, into a Book or Books to be by them kept for that Purpose, the Name of every Person who shall bring any Ticket or Tickets to be exchanged for such Certificate or Certificates, and the Number or Numbers of the Ticket or Tickets which shall be so brought by such Person or Persons, the Value in Principal Money payable thereupon, and the Day of the Month, and the Year of our Lord, when the same was so brought; which Book and Books shall lie open in the Office to be appointed for taking in the said Tickets to be exchanged for such Certificates, for all Persons concerned to peruse; all which Certificates shall be signed by the Managers so to be appointed, or the major Part of them, and be directed to the Accomptant General of the Bank of England for the time being.

Books to be kept for entering Persons Names,

and the Number of their Tickets, &c.

Certificates to be signed, &c.

Accomptant General to give Credit for the Principal Sums in the Certificates.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Accomptant General of the Bank of England for the time being, to whom the said Certificates are to be directed as aforesaid, shall, upon receiving and taking in the said Certificates, or any of them, give Credit to the Persons named therein, in a Book or Books to be by him provided and kept, for the principal Sums contained in every such Certificate; and the Persons to whose Credit such Principal Sums shall be entered in the said Book or Books, his, her, or their Executors, Administrators, Successors, and Assigns, shall and may have Power to assign or transfer the same, or any Part, Share, or Proportion thereof, to any other Person or Persons, Bodies Politick or Corporate whatsoever, in Books to be prepared and kept by the said Accomptant General; and the said Principal Sums so assigned or transferred shall carry the said Annuity of Three Pounds per Centum per Annum, and shall be taken and deemed to be Stock transferrable by virtue of this Act, until the Redemption thereof in Manner herein mentioned; and the

Assignments may be made of the said Sums, &c.

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the said Accountant General of the Bank of England for the time being, is hereby authorized and directed to cancel and file the Certificates, as they shall, from time to time, be received and taken in by him; and to give the Persons bringing in the same a Note under his hand, testifying the Principal Money for which they shall have Credit in the said Book or Books, by Reason or Means of the Certificates so received, taken in, and cancelled as aforesaid, and of the Annuities attending the same. Certificates to be filed and cancelled, and Notes to be given in lieu thereof.

And, for the more effectual Execution of this Act, be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Governor and Company of the Bank of England, and their Successors, shall, from time to time, until the said Annuities shall be redeemed, appoint or employ One or more sufficient Person or Persons within their Office in the City of London to be their Chief or First Cashier or Cashiers, and One other sufficient Person within the same Office to be their Accountant General; and that so much of the Monies, from time to time, and at any Time, arising or being in the Receipt of the Exchequer of or for the Surpluses, Excesses, Overplus Monies, and other Revenues composing the Fund, commonly called The Sinking Fund, as shall be sufficient, from time to time, to answer the Half-yearly Payments of the said Annuities, shall (after paying, or reserving sufficient to pay, all such Sums of Money as, before the passing of this Act, shall have been directed by any former Acts of Parliament to be paid out of the said Fund) by Order of the Commissioners of the Treasury, or any Three or more of them, or the High Treasurer for the time being, without any further or other Warrant to be sued for, had, or obtained, in that Behalf, be issued and paid at the said Receipt of Exchequer to the said First or Chief Cashier or Cashiers of the said Governor and Company of the Bank of England and their Successors for the time being, by way of Imprest and upon Account, for the Payment of the said Annuities; and that such Cashier or Cashiers to whom the said Monies shall, from time to time, be issued, shall, from time to time, without Delay, apply and pay the same accordingly, and render his or their Accounts thereof according to the due Course of the Exchequer. Bank to employ a Chief Clerk and Accountant General. Monies to be issued out of the Sinking Fund, from time to time, to the said Clerk, for Payment of the Annuities; who is to apply the same accordingly, and render an Account thereof.

And it is hereby also enacted, That the said Accountant General for the time being shall, from time to time, inspect and examine all Receipts and Payments of the said Cashier or Cashiers, and the Vouchers relating thereunto, in order to prevent any Fraud, Negligence, or Delay. Accountant General to inspect the Receipts and Payments, with the Vouchers.

Annuities deemed a Personal Estate,

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all Persons and Corporations intitled to any of the said Annuities, and their Executors, Administrators, Successors, and Assigns, respectively, and all Persons and Corporations lawfully claiming under them, shall have good, sure, absolute, and indefeazible Estates and Interests in the same, according to the Tenor and true Meaning of this Act, and shall be possessed thereof as of a Personal Estate, which shall not be descendable to Heirs, nor liable to any Foreign Attachment by the Custom of London, or otherwise; any Law, Custom, or Usage, to the contrary notwithstanding.

and to be added to the Joint Stock transferrable at the Bank;

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all the Monies to which any Person or Persons shall be intitled by virtue of this Act, in respect of any Sum advanced or contributed towards the said Sum of Nine hundred thousand Pounds, on which the said Annuities, after the Rate of Three Pounds per Centum, shall be attending, and the Principal Sums to be determined by the Drawing of the said Lottery, to be attended with Annuities after the like Rate, shall be added to and made Part of the Joint Stock of Annuities transferrable at the Bank of England, into which the several Sums carrying an Interest after the same Rate were converted by certain Acts of Parliament, made in the Twenty fifth, Twenty eighth, and Twenty ninth, Years of his late Majesty's Reign, and by several other Acts; subject, nevertheless, to Redemption by Parliament, in such Manner and upon such Notice as in the said Act made in the Twenty fifth Year of his said late Majesty's Reign is directed, in respect of the several and respective Sums, or any Part thereof, for which the several and respective Annuities therein mentioned, or any of them, are payable; and that all and every Person and Persons, and Corporations, whatsoever, in Proportion to the Money to which he, she, or they, shall be intitled as aforesaid, shall have, and be deemed to have, a proportional Interest and Share in the said Joint Stock of Annuities.

subject to Redemption.

Transfer Books to be kept by the Accountant General.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That Books shall be constantly kept by the said Accountant General for the time being, wherein all Assignments or Transfers of all Sums advanced or contributed towards the said Sum of Nine hundred thousand Pounds, and of all Sums determined and ascertained by the drawing of the said Lottery, shall be entered and registered; which Entries shall be conceived in proper Words for that Purpose, and shall be signed by the Party or Parties

Method of transferring Stock.

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making ſuch Aſſignments or Transfers; or, if any ſuch Party or Parties be abſent, by his, her, or their Attorney or Attornies thereunto lawfully authorized, by Writing under his, her, or their Hand and Seal, or Hands and Seals, to be atteſted by Two or more credible Witneſſes; and that the Perſon or Perſons to whom ſuch Transfer ſhall be made, ſhall reſpectively underwrite his, her, or their Acceptance thereof; and that no other Method of aſſigning or transferring any Part of the ſaid Annuities or Principal Sums ſhall be good and available in Law; and that no Stamp Duties whatſoever ſhall be charged on the ſaid Transfers, or any of them.

Annuities deviſeable by Will

Entry to be made of ſuch Clauſe in the Will.

Provided always, That all Perſons poſſeſſed of any Eſtate, Share, or Intereſt, in the ſaid Annuities, may deviſe the ſame by Will; but that no Payment ſhall be made upon any ſuch Deviſe, until ſo much of the ſaid Will as relates to ſuch Eſtate, Share, or Intereſt, be entered in the Office of the ſaid Governor and Company; and that in Default of ſuch Transfer or Deviſe, ſuch Share, Eſtate, or Intereſt, ſhall go to the Executors, Adminiſtrators, or Succeſſors.

Treaſury to pay all incident Charges attending the Execution of this Act;

and to make an Allowance to the Caſhier, and Accountant General;

to be at the Diſpoſal of the Governor and Company of the Bank.

Provided always, and be it enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That the Commiſſioners of the Treaſury, or any Three or more of them, or the High Treaſurer for the time being, ſhall have Power, and he and they is and are hereby authorized to defray ſuch incidental Charges as ſhall neceſſarily attend the Execution of this Act, in ſuch Manner as to him or them ſhall ſeem juſt and reaſonable, out of the Surpluſſes, Exceſſes, Overplus Monies, and other Revenues, compoſing the Fund commonly called The Sinking Fund; and alſo to appoint ſuch Allowances as he or they ſhall think proper, out of the ſaid Fund, for the Service, Pains, and Labour, of the ſaid Caſhier or Caſhiers in receiving, paying, and accounting for, the ſaid Contributions and the ſaid Annuities; and for the Service, Pains, and Labour of the ſaid Accountant General, for performing the Truſt hereby repoſed in him: All which Allowances to be made as aforeſaid in reſpect of the Service, Pains, and Labour, of any Officer or Officers of the ſaid Governor and Company, ſhall be for the Uſe and Benefit of the ſaid Governor and Company, and at their Diſpoſal only.

Bank to continue a Corporation till theſe Annuities be redeemed, &c.

Provided always, and be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That the ſaid Governor and Company of the Bank of England, and their Succeſſors, notwithſtanding the Redemption of all or any of their own Funds in purſuance of the Acts for eſtabliſhing the ſame, or any of them, ſhall continue a Corporation for the Purpoſes of this Act, until

until all the said Annuities shall be redeemed by Parliament; and that the said Governor and Company of the Bank of England, or any Member thereof, shall not incur any Disability for or by reason of their doing any Matter or Thing in pursuance of this Act.

No Fee to be taken for receiving or paying the Contribution-monies, Annuities, &c.

And be it further enacted, That no Fee, Reward, or Gratuity whatsoever, shall be demanded or taken of any of his Majesty's Subjects, for receiving or paying the said Contribution-monies, or any of them, or for any Tallies or Receipts concerning the same, or for issuing the Monies for paying the said Annuities, or any of them, or for any Transfer of any Sum, great or small, to be made in pursuance of this Act; upon Pain that any Offender, or Person offending by taking or demanding any such Fee, Reward, or Gratuity, shall, for every such Offence, forfeit the Sum of Twenty Pounds to the Party aggrieved, with full Costs of Suit; to be recovered by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, in any of his Majesty's Courts of Record at Westminster; wherein no Essoin, Protection, Privilege, or Wager of Law, Injunction, or Order of Restraint, or any more than One Imparlance, shall be granted or allowed.

on Penalty of 20*l.*

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person or Persons shall be sued, molested, or prosecuted, for any Thing done by virtue or in pursuance of this Act, such Person or Persons shall and may plead the General Issue, and give this Act, and the Special Matter, in Evidence, in his, her, or their Defence or Defences; and if afterwards a Verdict shall pass for the Defendant or Defendants, or the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs shall discontinue his, her, or their Action or Prosecution, or be nonsuited, or Judgement shall be given against him, her, or them, upon Demurrer or otherwise; then such Defendant or Defendants shall have Treble Costs awarded to him, her, or them, against any such Plaintiff or Plaintiffs.

General Issue.

Treble Costs.

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