Anno ſeptimo

Georgii III. Regis.

CAP. XIX.

An Act to enable His Majeſty to ſettle certain Annuities on their Royal Highneſſes the Dukes of *York*, *Glouceſter*, and *Cumberland*.

Moſt Gracious Sovereign,

WHEREAS your Majeſty hath been pleaſed to recommend to the Conſideration of your faithful Commons, that a more competent Proviſion ſhould be made for the honourable Support and Maintenance of your Majeſty's Royal Brothers, the Dukes of York, Glouceſter, and Cumberland, than the preſent neceſſary Charges upon your Majeſty's Civil Liſt have permitted your Majeſty to make: And whereas by an Act made in the Firſt Year of your Majeſty's Reign, intituled,

Preamble, reciting Clauſes in Act 1 *Geo.* III.

An Act for the Support of His Majeſty's Houſehold, and of the Honour and Dignity of the Crown of *Great Britain*; the Duties and Revenues commonly called The Hereditary Revenues, together with ſeveral temporary Duties and Revenues thereby continued, and all other Branches and Revenues which, on the Twenty fourth Day of October, One thouſand ſeven hundred and ſixty, ſtood ſettled or appointed, to be towards the Support of the Houſehold of His late Majeſty King George the Second, of bleſſed Memory, and the Honour and Dignity of the Crown, were (except as is therein excepted) directed to be, during Your Majeſty's Life, carried to, and made Part of, the general or aggregate Fund eſtabliſhed by an Act made in the Firſt Year of the Reign of His late Majeſty King George the Firſt; and for the Support of Your Majeſty's Houſehold, and of the Honour and Dignity of Your Crown, a certain yearly Rent or Rents, or Sum or Sums of Money, was or were by the ſaid Act granted out of the ſaid Fund: And whereas by an Act made
2 *Annæ.* in the Firſt Year of the Reign of Her late Majeſty Queen Anne, for preſerving the Inheritance of ſeveral Revenues of the Crown, intituled, An Act for the better Support of Her Majeſty's Houſehold, and of the Honour and Dignity of the Crown; all Grants thereof (other than ſuch as are therein expreſſed) are declared to be
9 *Annæ.* void: And by another Act made in the Ninth Year of Her ſaid late Majeſty's Reign, intituled, An Act for eſtabliſhing a General Poſt Office for all Her Majeſty's Dominions, and for ſettling a Weekly Sum out of the Revenues thereof for the Service of the War, and other Her Majeſty's Occaſions, it was enacted, That ſuch Part of the Duties and Revenues ariſing in or by the General Letter Office or Poſt Office, which was thereby veſted in Her ſaid late Majeſty, Her Heirs, and Succeſſors, and therein mentioned to be underterminable, ſhould not be alienable, chargeable, or grantable, for any Eſtate, Term, or Time whatſoever, to endure longer than the Life of the King or Queen that ſhould make ſuch Alienation, Charge, or Grant reſpectively; and that all Gifts, Grants, Alienations, and Aſſurances whatſoever, to be had or made of, and charged upon, the ſame Duties or Revenues,

Revenues, or any Part thereof, contrary to the Proviſion of that Act, ſhould be null and void: And by an Act made in the Fifth Year of your Majeſty's Reign, intituled, An Act to alter certain Rates of Poſtage, and to amend, explain, and enlarge, ſeveral Proviſions in an Act made in the Ninth Year of the Reign of Queen *Anne*, and in other Acts relating to the Revenue of the Poſt Office; it was enacted, That all the Monies ariſing by the Rates therein before-mentioned (except as is therein excepted) ſhould be appropriated and applied to ſuch and the ſame Uſes to which the then Rates of Poſtage were reſpectively by Law appropriated and made applicable: Now we having taken into Conſideration the neceſſary Charges upon your Majeſty's Civil Liſt Revenue, ariſing from the preſent State of your Royal Family, more numerous in its Branches than theſe your Kingdoms have had the Happineſs of ſeeing it in any former Reign; and thinking it highly juſt and reaſonable that your Majeſty ſhould be enabled to make ſuch Proviſion for the honourable Support and Maintenance of their ſaid Royal Highneſſes, as may be ſuitable to their high Rank and many princely Accompliſhments, 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 Letters Patent or Indenture, or by ſeveral Letters Patent or Indentures, under the Great Seal of Great Britain, hereafter to be made, to give and grant unto his dearly beloved and Royal Brothers the reſpective Annuities or yearly Rents or Sums following; that is to ſay, One Annuity or yearly Rent or Sum of Eight thouſand Pounds of lawful Money of Great Britain, unto his Royal Highneſs Edward Auguſtus Duke of York, for and during his natural Life; One other Annuity or yearly Rent or Sum of Eight thouſand Pounds of lawful Money of Great Britain, unto his Royal Highneſs William

& 5 *Geo.* III.

His Majeſty impowered by Letters Patent, or Indentures under the Great Seal,

to grant an Annuity of 8,000 *l.* unto his Royal Highneſs the Duke of *York*;

and a like Annuity to his Royal Highneſs the Duke of *Glouceſter*;

Henry Duke of Glouceſter, for and during his natural Life; and One other Annuity or yearly Rent or Sum of Eight thouſand Pounds of lawful Money of Great Britain, unto his Royal Highneſs Henry Frederick Duke of Cumberland, for and during his natural Life: Which ſaid reſpective Annuities, or yearly Rents or Sums, and every Part thereof, ſhall commence and take effect from the Fifth Day of January, in the Year of our Lord One thouſand ſeven hundred and ſixty ſeven; and ſhall be paid and payable 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, by even and equal Portions; the firſt Payment thereof to be made at the Fifth Day of April, in the Year of our Lord One thouſand ſeven hundred and ſixty ſeven; and that the ſaid reſpective Annuities, or yearly Rents or Sums, ſhall and may, by ſuch Letters Patent, Indenture or Indentures, be directed, during the Continuance of the ſaid Act made in the firſt Year of His preſent Majeſty's Reign, (intituled, An Act for the Support of His Majeſty's Houſehold, and of the Honour and Dignity of the Crown of *Great Britain*) to be iſſuing and payable out of, or charged and chargeable upon, the Duties and Revenues compoſing the ſaid Fund commonly called The General or Aggregate Fund, and every or any of them (after paying, or reſerving ſufficient to pay, all ſuch Sum and Sums of Money as hath or have been directed by any former Act or Acts of Parliament to be paid out of the ſame, but with Preference to all other Payments which ſhall or may hereafter be charged upon, and payable out of, the ſaid Fund) and from and immediately after the Expiration of the ſaid Act, to be iſſuing and payable out of, or charged and chargeable upon, all or any Part or Parts of ſuch of the ſaid Hereditary Duties, Revenues, and Branches, as were thereby carried to, and made Part of, the ſaid General or Aggregate Fund, and ſhall be then ſubſiſting; and of ſuch Part of the Rates of Poſtage,

and a like Annuity to his Royal Highneſs the Duke of *Cumberland*;

to commence from 5 *Jan.* 1767.

and to be paid Quarterly; *viz.*

on 5 *April*, 5 *July*, 10 *October*, & 5 *January*.

Firſt Payment to be made on 5 *April*, 1767;

and to be payable out of the Aggregate Fund, during the Continuance of Act 1 *Geo.* III.

and after the Expiration thereof, then out of ſuch of the Hereditary Duties, &c. as were made Part of the ſaid Fund by the ſaid Act,

Poſtage, granted by the ſaid Act made in the Fifth Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty (intituled, An Act to alter certain Rates of Poſtage, and to amend, explain, and enlarge, ſeveral Proviſions in an Act made in the Ninth Year of the Reign of Queen *Anne*, and in other Acts relating to the Revenue of the Poſt Office) as ſhall then belong to, and be Part of, the Hereditary Revenue of the Crown.

or out of ſuch of the Rates of Poſtage, granted by Act 5 *Geo.* III

as ſhall then belong to the Crown.

And it is hereby further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That the ſaid Annuities or yearly Rents or Sums reſpectively ſhall, during the Continuance of the ſaid Act made in the Firſt Year of His Majeſty's Reign, be paid and payable at the Receipt of His Majeſty's Exchequer; and from and immediately after the Expiration of the ſaid Act, either at the ſaid Receipt, or by and from the immediate Hands of all and every the Commiſſioners, Farmers, Treaſurers, or Receivers, for the time being, of the Hereditary Duties, Revenues, and Branches aforeſaid, reſpectively, upon which the ſaid reſpective Annuities or yearly Rents or Sums, or any Part or Parts thereof, ſhall be charged by virtue of this Act; and that all the ſaid Annuities, or yearly Rents or Sums, ſhall be paid and payable without any Fees or Charges to be demanded or taken for paying the ſame, or any Part thereof; and the Acquittance or Acquittances, Receipt or Receipts, of their ſaid Royal Highneſſes reſpectively, or of ſuch other Perſon or Perſons as ſhall be by them reſpectively authorized and appointed to receive any ſuch annual or yearly Rent or Sum, or any Part thereof, ſhall be a good and ſufficient Diſcharge for the Payment thereof, without any further or other Warrant to be ſued for, had, or obtained in that Behalf; and that the ſaid reſpective Annuities, or yearly Rents or Sums, and every Part thereof, ſhall be free and clear as well from the Rates and Aſſeſſments granted by an Act made in this preſent Seſſion of Parliament, (intituled, An Act for granting an Aid to His Majeſty by a Land Tax to be raiſed in *Great Britain*, for the Service of the Year One

The ſaid Annuities, during the Continuance of the Act 1 *Geo.* III. are to be paid at the Exchequer;

and afterwards either there, or by the Receivers of the Revenues, *&c.* on which they are charged;

and to be paid without any Fees, or Charges,

and to be alſo Tax-free.

thouſand ſeven hundred and ſixty ſeven) as from all Taxes, Impoſitions, and other publick Charges whatſoever.

If the Annuities ſhall ceaſe to be chargeable on the Aggregate Fund,

and become payable out of the Hereditary Revenues, between any Two of the quarterly Days of Payment;

they are then to be apportioned out of both.

Provided always, That if the ſaid reſpective Annuities, or yearly Rents or Sums, or any or either of them, or any Part thereof, ſhall ceaſe to be chargeable upon and payable out of the ſaid General or Aggregate Fund, or any Part thereof, and ſhall become chargeable upon and payable out of all or any of the ſaid Hereditary Duties, Revenues, and Branches, between any Two of the ſaid quarterly Days of Payment; then, and in ſuch Caſe, ſuch Annuities reſpectively ſhall, at the next Quarter Day, be payable at the Receipt of the Exchequer out of the ſaid General or Aggregate Fund, and out of the ſaid Hereditary Duties, Revenues, and Branches, in Proportion to the Times during which the ſame were in the Courſe of ſuch Quarter ſo chargeable and payable; any thing herein before contained to the contrary notwithſtanding.

Officers refuſing, or neglecting to pay the ſaid Annuities when due and demanded,

or to do any Act neceſſary to the regular Payment thereof,

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That if the Officers of the Receipt of His Majeſty's Exchequer, or the ſaid Commiſſioners, Farmers, Treaſurers, or Receivers, for the time being, of all or any of the Hereditary Duties, Revenues, or Branches aforeſaid, upon which the ſaid reſpective Annuities, or yearly Rents or Sums, or any Part or Parts thereof, ſhall be charged as aforeſaid, ſhall refuſe or neglect to pay the ſaid reſpective Annuities, or yearly Rents or Sums, or any Part thereof, according to the true Intent of this Act, and of ſuch Letters Patent, Indenture, or Indentures, to be granted by His Majeſty as aforeſaid; or to do any Act neceſſary to enable any or either of their ſaid Royal Highneſſes, or any Perſon or Perſons by them reſpectively authorized and appointed, to receive the ſame; then each and every of their ſaid Royal Highneſſes reſpectively, to whom ſuch Annuity, or yearly Rent or Sum, ſhall have been granted, or ſuch other Perſon or Perſons who ſhall be ſo authorized or appointed

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to receive the ſame, or any Part thereof, ſo neglected or refuſed to be paid, may, from time to time, ſue, proſecute, or implead, ſuch Officers, Commiſſioners, Farmers, Treaſurers, or Receivers, or any of them, or all or any of their Securities, Heirs, Executors, and Adminiſtrators, by Bill, Plaint, or Action of Debt; and ſhall and may recover Judgements, and ſue out Executions thereupon, againſt ſuch Officers, Commiſſioners, Farmers, Treaſurers, or Receivers reſpectively, and their reſpective Securities, Heirs, Executors, and Adminiſtrators, for ſuch Sum and Sums of Money then due and owing upon any ſuch reſpective Annuity, or yearly Rent or Sum, or any Part thereof, as ſhall be in the Hands of any ſuch Officers, Commiſſioners, Farmers, Treaſurers, or Receivers reſpectively, at the Time or Times when Demand ſhall have been legally made of the Payment of ſuch reſpective Annuity, or yearly Rent or Sum, or any Part thereof, as aforeſaid, or for the Refuſal or Neglect to do any Act neceſſary to be done to enable any or either of their ſaid Royal Highneſſes, or any Perſon or Perſons by them reſpectively authorized and appointed, to receive the ſame.

are liable to be ſued.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That all and every the Powers, Precepts, Directions, and Clauſes, to be contained in His Majeſty's Letters Patent, Indenture or Indentures, hereafter to be made as aforeſaid, for the better and more certain Payment and Aſſurance of the ſaid reſpective Annuities, or yearly Rents or Sums, and for making the ſaid reſpective Revenues, or any of them, or any Part or Parts thereof, liable thereunto as aforeſaid, ſhall be good and effectual in the Law, according to the Tenor and Purport thereof in the ſaid Letters Patent, Indenture or Indentures, to be expreſſed, notwithſtanding any Reſtriction or other Matter or Thing contained in the ſaid Act of Parliament made in the Firſt Year of Her late Majeſty's Reign, intituled, An Act for the better Support of Her Majeſty's Houſehold, and of the Honour and Dignity of the Crown; and notwithſtanding any Reſtric-

The Powers, Directions, and Clauſes, contained in the ſaid Letters Patent, declared to be good in Law according to the Tenor and Purport thereof, notwithſtanding the Acts of 1 & 9 *Anne*.

tion or other Matter or Thing contained in the said Act made in the Ninth Year of Her said late Majesty's Reign, for establishing the Post Office, or in any other Act or Acts of Parliament; and any Mis-recital, Non-recital, Omission, or other Defect, in the said Letters Patent, Indenture or Indentures hereafter to be made, in any wise notwithstanding.

Reservation of Rights.

Saving to all and every Person and Persons, Bodies Politick and Corporate, their Heirs, Executors, Administrators, and Assigns (other than to the King's Majesty, his Heirs and Successors) all such Right, Title, Interest, and Demand whatsoever, which they, or any of them, have, or may have, of, in, to, or out of, the Revenues aforesaid, or any of them, or any Part thereof, before the making of this Act, as fully and effectually, to all Intents and Purposes, as if this Act had not been made; any thing herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

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