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CAP. XXXI.

An Act for raiſing a certain Sum of Money, by way of Annuities, and a Lottery attended with Annuities, to be charged on the Sinking Fund; and for carrying certain Duties on Wines, and on Cyder and Perry, granted by Two Acts of the Third and Sixth Years of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, to the ſaid 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 public Expences, have freely reſolved to give and grant unto Your Majeſty the Sum of One million nine hundred thouſand Pounds, to be raiſed in Manner following; that is to ſay, The Sum of One million three hundred thouſand Pounds, by Annuities, after the Rate

Preamble.

The Sum of 1,900 000 *l.* granted; to be raiſed, *viz.* 1,300,000 *l.* thereof by Annuities,

and 600,000 *l.* by a Lottery.

Rate of Three Pounds per Centum; and the Sum of Six hundred thousand Pounds, by a Lottery, to consist of Sixty thousand Tickets (the Prizes to be attended with the like Three Pounds per Centum Annuities); and that every Contributor towards the said Sum of One million three hundred thousand Pounds, shall, in respect of every Sixty five Pounds, agreed by him to be contributed for raising such Sum, be intitled to receive Three Tickets in the said Lottery, upon Payment of Ten Pounds for each Ticket: 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 One million nine hundred thousand Pounds, and made Deposits with the Cashier or Cashiers of the Governor and Company of the Bank of England of Fifteen Pounds per Centum, in Part of the Sums subscribed towards the said Sum of One million three hundred thousand Pounds; and of Five Pounds per Centum, in Part of the Sums subscribed towards raising the said Sum of Six hundred thousand Pounds by a Lottery: 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 Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That it shall and may be lawful to and for all Persons, Natives or Foreigners, Bodies Politic or Corporate, who, in pursuance of the said Resolution, shall have, on or before the Eighteenth Day of February, One thousand seven hundred and sixty eight, subscribed towards the said Sums, and made, in respect thereof, such Deposits 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 or 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 several Remainders of the Sums so subscribed towards the said Sum of One million nine hundred thousand Pounds, on or before the respective Days, and in the Proportions herein after limited and appointed on that Behalf; that is to say, In respect of their proportionable Share of the said Sum of One million three hundred thousand Pounds,

Natives or Foreigners, who, in Books opened at the Bank, have subscribed to the said Sum of 1,900,000 *l.* and deposited 15 *l. per Cent.* of their Subscription-money, are to pay the Remainder as herein directed.

the further Sum of Ten Pounds per Centum, being Part of the Sum so remaining, on or before the Nineteenth Day of April, One thousand seven hundred and sixty eight; the further Sum of Ten Pounds per Centum, other Part thereof, on or before the Seventh Day of June then next following; the further Sum of Fifteen Pounds per Centum, other Part thereof, on or before the Nineteenth Day of July then next following; the further Sum of Fifteen Pounds per Centum, other Part thereof, on or before the Twentieth Day of August then next following; the further Sum of Fifteen Pounds per Centum, other Part thereof, on or before the Twenty first Day of October then next following; and the remaining Sum of Twenty Pounds per Centum, on or before the Twenty fifth Day of November then next following; and in respect of their proportionable Share of the said Sum of Six hundred thousand Pounds, to be contributed upon account of the said Lottery, the further Sum of Twenty five Pounds per Centum, being Part of the Sum so remaining, on or before the Seventeenth Day of May, One thousand seven hundred and sixty eight; the further Sum of Thirty Pounds per Centum, other Part thereof, on or before the Twenty eighth Day of June then next following; and the remaining Sum of Forty Pounds per Centum, on or before the Eighth Day of September then next following.

10 *l. per Cent.* by 19 *April*, 1768;
10 *l. per Cent.* by 7 *June*;
15 *l. per Cent.* by 19 *July*;
15 *l. per Cent.* by 20 *August*;
15 *l. per Cent.* by 21 *October*;
and 20 *l. per Cent.* by 25 *Nov.*
Subscriptions to the Lottery to be paid, *viz.*
25 *l. per Cent.* by 17 *May*;
30 *l. per Cent.* by 28 *June*;
and 40 *l. per Cent.* by 8 *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 One million three 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 eight; and 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 nine; 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.

Subscribers to the said Sum of 1,300,000 *l.* intitled to an Annuity of 3 *l. per Cent.*
Interest to commence from 5 *Jan.* 1768.
The 600,000 *l.* to be raised by a Lottery, to carry an Interest of 3 *l. per Cent.* to commence from 5 *Jan.* 1769.
Interest on both Sums to be paid Half-yearly, on 5 *July*, and 5 *Jan.*

Subscribers paying the Whole of their Subscriptions towards the Annuities on or before 17 *October*,

and to the Lottery, on or before 25 *June*,

to be allowed Interest, by way of Discount, for the same.

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 One million three hundred thousand Pounds, on or before the Seventeenth Day of October, One thousand seven hundred and sixty eight; or paying in the Whole of the respective Sums to be by them paid towards the said Lottery, on or before the Twenty fifth Day of June, One thousand seven hundred and sixty eight; 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 Twenty fifth Day of November, One thousand seven hundred and sixty eight, in respect of the Monies so paid for compleating such Contributions to the said Sum of One million three hundred thousand Pounds; and to the Eighth Day of September, One thousand seven hundred and sixty eight, 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.

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.

Receipts to be given for the Money paid in towards the said Sum of 1,300,000 *l*

the same are made transferrable.

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 One million three hundred thousand Pounds, shall give a Receipt or Receipts in Writing to every such Contributor for all such Sums; and that every such Receipt shall be assignable, by Indorsement thereupon made, at any Time before the Fifth Day

Day of December, One thouſand ſeven hundred and ſixty eight, and no longer.

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

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 nine 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.

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

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.

Names of Contributors to be entered in Books to be provided by the Accomptant General of the Bank; to be inſpected *gratis*:

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 Accomptant General ſhall, on or before the Fifth Day of July, One thouſand ſeven hundred and ſeventy, 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.

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

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That ſuch Contributors duly paying their Contribution-

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

tion-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 One million three 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 1,300,000*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 One million three 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

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

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.

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 nine 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 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 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 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 print-

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

Method of the Lottery Books.

ed 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 Colums; 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:

The LOTTERY for the Year One thouſand ſeven hundred and ſixty eight.

TICKET N°. By virtue of an Act of Parliament made in the Eighth Year of His Majeſty's Reign, the Bearer of this Ticket will be intitled to ſuch beneficial Chance as ſhall belong thereto, in the Lottery to be drawn purſuant to ſuch Act.

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 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; and all and every ſuch Caſhier or 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

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 Books; 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 eight, 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; 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 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.

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

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 and Directors,

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

rectors, 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.

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 Twenty thousand and fifty 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 Two of them severally, Twenty thousand Pounds Principal Money; upon every One of Four of them severally, Ten thousand Pounds Principal Money; upon every One of Five of them severally, Five thousand Pounds Principal Money; upon every One of Ten of them severally, Two thousand Pounds Principal Money; upon every One of Twenty of them severally,

The Number and Value of the Fortunate Tickets.

One thousand Pounds Principal Money; upon every One of Forty of them severally, Five hundred Pounds Principal Money; upon every One of Two hundred of them severally, One hundred Pounds Principal Money; upon every One of Six hundred of them severally, Fifty Pounds Principal Money; and upon every One of Nineteen thousand one hundred and seventy five of them severally, Twenty Pounds Principal 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, 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 here-

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 the Times of putting the Tickets into the Boxes.

by 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.

Lottery to begin drawing on 14 *Nov.* 1768.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That on or before the Fourteenth Day of November, One thousand seven hundred and sixty eight, the said Managers and Directors shall cause the said several Boxes, 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 Boxes containing the said Tickets, to be severally taken out of the other Two Boxes, in which they shall have been locked up; and the Tickets or Lots in the respective innermost Boxes 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 and fit Person, to be appointed and directed in like Manner, shall take out a Ticket or Lot from the Box where the said Twenty thousand and fifty six Fortunate, and Thirty nine thousand nine hundred and forty four 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

Method to be observed in drawing, &c.

tunate 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 taking One Ticket at a Time out of each Box, and with opening, naming aloud, and filing the same, and by entering the Fortunate Lots in such Method as is before mentioned, until the whole Number of Twenty thousand and fifty six 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 Twenty thousand and fifty six 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 virtue of 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

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,

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 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, 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.

Felony.

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 (except the administering the Oath immediately herein after mentioned) 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 Eighth 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.

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 for the said Lottery from the said Managers, comprehending the said Sixty thousand Tickets, 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.

Cashier, on receiving the Residue of the Sums subscribed,

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 towards the said Lottery, 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 Ticket 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 Publick, the Proportion of his, her, or their Purchase-money which he, she, or they, shall have so paid down as aforesaid towards the Lottery; 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

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

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 other the said undisposed Tickets (if any) there to be retained and kept as Cash, and to be issued, sold, and disposed of, for the Purposes, and in the Manner, herein before directed and appointed with respect to the said undisposed Tickets; and the said Contributor and Contributors making such Default, shall not have or receive, or be intitled to have 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.

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

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 with respect to the said Lottery, 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.

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

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; and all and every Person and Persons who shall offend in

Limitation of Sale of Chances, &c.

Penalty.

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 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, 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 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

be recovered in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record in Dublin.

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

And, to the End that all and every the Payments upon the Fortunate 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 Fortunate Tickets 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 Fortunate 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 Certificate shall be numbered in Course, according to the bringing the Tickets to the Managers so to be appointed for exchanging the same; to which

Books to be kept for entering Persons Names,

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 such Fortunate Ticket or Tickets to be exchanged

and the Number of their Tickets, &c.

for such Certificate or Certificates, and the Number or Numbers of the Fortunate Ticket or Tickets which shall be so brought, 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

Certificates to be signed, &c.

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.

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 said Accomptant 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.

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

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 Accomptant 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 had 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

Bank to employ a Chief Clerk and Accomptant General.

Monies to be issued out of the Sinking Fund, from time to time, to the said Clerk, for Payment of the Annuities;

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.

who is to apply the same accordingly, and render an Account thereof.

And it is hereby also enacted, That the said Accomptant 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.

Accomptant General to inspect the Receipts and Payments, with the Vouchers.

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.

Annuities to be deemed a Personal Estate,

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 One million three 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 subsequent 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

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

subject to Redemption.

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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.

Transfer Books to be kept by the Accomptant General.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That Books shall be constantly kept by the said Accomptant General for the time being, wherein all Assignments or Transfers of all Sums advanced or contributed towards the said Sum of One million three 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 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.

Method of transferring Stock.

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 Accomptant General;

Provided always, and be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That out of the Monies arising from the Contributions towards raising the said Sum of One million nine hundred thousand Pounds, any Three or more of the Commissioners of the Treasury, or the High Treasurer for the time being, shall have Power to discharge all such incident Charges not hereby otherwise provided for, as shall necessarily attend the Execution of this Act, in such Manner as to them shall seem just and reasonable; and also to settle and appoint such Allowances as shall be thought proper, for the Service, Pains, and Labour, of the said Cashier or Cashiers for receiving, paying, and

accounting for, the said Contributions; and also shall have Power, out of the Surplusses, Exteſſes, Overplus Monies, and other Revenues, compoſing the Fund commonly called the Sinking Fund, to make such further Allowances as shall be judged reasonable, for the Service, Pains, and Labour, of the said Cashier or Cashiers for receiving, paying, and accounting for, the said Annuities payable by virtue of this Act; and also for the Service, Pains, and Labour, of the said Accomptant 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.

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

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 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.

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

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

on Penalty of 20 *l.*

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Monies arising by the Impositions, Rates, or Duties, upon Wines and Vinegar imported into Great Britain,

The Monies arising by the Duties upon

Britain, granted by an Act of Parliament made in the Third Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, intituled, An Act for granting to His Majeſty ſeveral additional Duties upon Wines imported into this Kingdom, and certain Duties upon all Cyder and Perry; and for raiſing the Sum of Three millions five hundred thouſand Pounds, by way of Annuities and Lotteries, to be charged on the ſaid Duties; and alſo the Monies ariſing by the Rates and Duties on Cyder and Perry granted by an Act of Parliament made in the Sixth Year of his preſent Majeſty's Reign, intituled, An Act for repealing the Duties granted upon Cyder and Perry by an Act made in the Third Year of His preſent Majeſty's Reign, and for granting other Duties on Cyder and Perry in lieu thereof; and for more effectually ſecuring the Duties on Cyder and Perry impoſed by ſeveral former Acts; and which ſhall be paid into the Receipt of his Majeſty's Exchequer from and after the Fifth Day of April, One thouſand ſeven hundred and ſixty eight, and alſo all Arrears thereof, and of the Duties on Cyder and Perry repealed by the ſaid Act, which ſhall be paid into the ſaid Receipt after the ſaid Day, ſhall be carried to, and made Part of, the ſaid Fund commonly called the Sinking Fund, towards making good the Payment of the Remainder of the Annuities granted by the ſaid Act made in the Third Year of his preſent Majeſty's Reign, and which by an Act made in this Seſſion of Parliament are charged upon the ſaid Fund from and after the ſaid Fifth Day of April, One thouſand ſeven hundred and ſixty eight, until the Capital and Joint Stock, on which the ſaid Annuities are attendant, be redeemed on the Fifth Day of January, One thouſand ſeven hundred and ſixty nine, in purſuance of the ſaid laſt mentioned Act, and alſo towards making good the Payment of the Annuities granted by this Act.

Wines and Vinegar imported, granted by Act 3 *Geo.* III.

and Duties upon Cyder and Perry, granted by Act 6 *Geo.* III. *&c.*

are to be carried to the Sinking Fund, towards making good the Annuities granted by the recited Act of 3 *Geo.* III.

until Redemption of the Capital, *&c.*

And, in order to obviate any Doubt which may ariſe, with reſpect to the Continuance, after the Redemption of the ſaid Capital and Joint Stock, of the ſaid Impoſitions, Rates, or Duties, upon Wines and Vinegar, granted by the ſaid Act made in the Third Year of his preſent Majeſty's Reign; and the ſaid Rates and Duties on Cyder and Perry, granted by the ſaid Act made in the Sixth Year of his preſent Majeſty's Reign; be it therefore declared by the Authority aforeſaid to be the true Intent and Meaning of the ſaid Acts, That all the ſaid Impoſitions, Rates, or Duties, upon Wines and Vinegar, and the ſaid Rates and Duties on Cyder

Duties to be continued, notwithſtanding ſuch Redemption.

and Perry, and all Matters and Things contained in the said Acts relating thereto, should continue in full Force and Effect until the same should be specially repealed or altered by Parliament.

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
General Issue. 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. Treble Costs awarded to him, her, or them, against any such Plaintiff or Plaintiffs.

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