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GEORGII III. REGIS.

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An Act to enable His Majesty to grant a certain Annuity to Captain Sir *Sidney Smith*, in Consideration of the eminent Services which he has rendered during his Command on the Coast of *Egypt*.

[24th *March* 1801.]

Most Gracious Sovereign,

Preamble.

WHEREAS Your Majesty, by Your most Gracious Message to Your faithful Commons, hath been pleased to signify Your Desire of conferring a signal Mark of Your Favour and Approbation on Captain Sir *Sidney Smith*, in consequence of the eminent Services which he has rendered, and the Valour and Ability which he has displayed during the whole Period of the important Operations with the Conduct of which he has been entrusted on the Coast of *Egypt*, and particularly in the gallant and heroic Defence of the Fortress of *Acra*, and that, for that Purpose an Annuity of One thousand Pounds should be granted to the said Sir *Sydney Smith*, during the Term of his natural Life, to be paid out of the Consolidated Fund: Now we, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Commons of *Great Britain* in Parliament assembled, duly considering Your Majesty's most Gracious Intention, 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 to give and grant unto the said Sir *Sidney Smith* an Annuity not exceeding One thousand Pounds, clear of all Deductions whatsoever, for and during the Life

His Majesty may grant to Sir *Sidney Smith* for Life an Annuity of 1,000*l.* to com-

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mence *May* 21, 1799;

and to be payable in Manner herein mentioned, out of the Conſolidated Fund.

Life of the ſaid Sir *Sidney Smith*, and which may commence and take Effect fom the Twenty-firſt Day of *May* One thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-nine; the Firſt Payment to be computed from the ſaid Twenty-firſt Day of *May* One thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-nine, until the Fifth Day of *January* One thouſand eight hundred and one, and from thenceforth ſhall be paid Quarterly at the Four uſual Days of Payment in the Year; that is to ſay, the Fifth Day of *April*, the Fifth Day of *July*, the Tenth Day of *October*, and the Fifth Day of *January*, in every Year; and that the ſaid Annuity ſhall and may be iſſuing and payable out of and charged and chargeable upon the Conſolidated Fund of *Great Britain*, after paying or reſerving ſufficient to pay all ſuch Sum and Sums of Money as hath or have been directed to be paid out of the ſame, by any former Act or Acts of Parliament, but with Preference to all other Payments which ſhall or may hereafter be charged upon and payable out of the ſaid Fund.

The Annuity ſhall be paid at the Exchequer, without Fees,

II. And be it further enacted, That the ſaid Annuity of One thouſand Pounds ſhall, during the Life of the ſaid Sir *Sidney Smith*, be paid and payable at the Receipt of His Majeſty's Exchequer out of the ſaid Fund; and the Auditor of the ſaid Receipt ſhall, and he is hereby required to make forth and paſs Debentures, from Time to Time for paying the ſaid Annuity, as the ſame ſhall become due and payable, without any Fees or Charges to be demanded or taken for paying the ſame, or any Part thereof, and the Acquittance or Acquittances, Receipt or Receipts of the ſaid Sir *Sidney Smith*, ſhall be a good and ſufficient Diſcharge for the Payment thereof; and the ſaid Debentures to be made forth and paſſed ſhall be a ſufficient Authority to the ſeveral and reſpective Officers of the Receipt of the Exchequer, now and for the Time being, for the Payment of the ſaid Annuity to the ſaid Sir *Sidney Smith*, during the Continuance of the ſame, without any further or other Warrant to be ſued for, had, or obtained, in that Behalf.

and ſhall not be ſubject to any Tax.

III. And be it further enacted, That the ſaid Annuity or yearly Sum of One thouſand Pounds, ſo to be granted to the ſaid Sir *Sidney Smith*, ſhall not be charged with the Payment of or be ſubject to any Tax, Rate, or Aſſeſſment, impoſed or to be impoſed by Authority of Parliament, or otherwiſe howſoever, nor to any other Charges whatſoever; any Law, Cuſtom, or Uſage, to the contrary thereof in anywiſe notwithſtanding.

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