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An Act for directing certain publick Accounts to be laid annually before Parliament, and for discontinuing certain other Forms of Account now in Use. [22d *June* 1802.]

WHEREAS by an Act of Parliament of *Great Britain*, passed in the Twenty-seventh Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled, *An Act for repealing the several Duties of Customs and Excise, and granting other Duties in lieu thereof; and for applying the said Duties together with the other Duties composing the publick Revenue; for permitting the Importation of certain Goods, Wares, and Merchandize, the Produce or Manufacture of the* European *Dominions of the* French *King, into this Kingdom; and for applying certain unclaimed Monies remaining in the Exchequer, for the Payment of Annuities on Lives, to the Reduction of the National Debt*, it is amongst other Things enacted, that the Commissioners of the Treasury shall cause to be prepared, and shall lay before both Houses of Parliament, within Fourteen Days after the Commencement of every Session, an Account of the total Produce of the Duties of Customs, Excise, Stamps, and Incidents respectively, in the Manner in the said recited Act specified: And whereas the Accounts kept in several of the publick Offices are often required, for the Purpose of being laid before the Houses of Parliament, at other Periods of the Year: And whereas such Accounts, if required to be made up to Periods different from those which are usual in the respective Offices, occasion great Delay and Inconvenience to the publick Service, and unless made up in a corresponding Manner and to correspond-

27 Geo. 3. c. 13.

ing Periods in ſucceſſive Years, do not diſtinctly and conveniently ſhew the comparative Amount and total annual Produce of the ſaid Duties and Incidents: And whereas it is expedient that Accounts ſhould be made up ſtating the total annual Income of *Great Britain*, including the aforeſaid Duties of Cuſtoms, Exciſe, Stamps, and Incidents, and all other its ordinary Revenues and extraordinary Reſources, and that the ſame, together with certain other publick Accounts, ſhould be annually laid before Parliament: May it therefore pleaſe 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 ſo much of the ſaid recited Act as requires the Commiſſioners of the Treaſury to lay an Account of the total Produce of the Duties of Cuſtoms, Exciſe, Stamps, and Incidents, before both Houſes of Parliament within Fourteen Days after the Commencement of every Seſſion of Parliament, ſhall be, and the ſame is hereby repealed.

So much of the recited Act as requires the Treaſury to lay an Account of the Produce of the Duties of Cuſtoms, Exciſe, Stamps, and Incidents, before Parliament, ſhall be repealed.

II. And whereas the publick Accounts of the Receipts and Iſſues of His Majeſty's Exchequer of *Great Britain* now are, and for a long Time paſt have been, made up to certain quarterly Periods; *videlicet*, the Fifth Day of *January*, the Fifth Day of *April*, the Fifth Day of *July*, and the Tenth Day of *October*, whereby the Declarations of the ſaid Receipts and Iſſues which now are and hitherto have been made up at the Terms of *Eaſter* and *Michaelmas* are become entirely uſeleſs and cauſe much unneceſſary Labour and Expence in the Offices of the Auditor and Clerk of the Pells in the ſaid Exchequer; be it enacted, That, from and after the paſſing of this Act, the Uſage of making up ſuch Declarations be, and the ſame is hereby diſcontinued and utterly aboliſhed.

The Declarations of Receipts and Iſſues at the Exchequer made at *Eaſter* and *Michaelmas*;

III. And whereas the making ingroſſed Copies of the daily Records of the Receipts and Iſſues of His Majeſty's Receipt of Exchequer in the Office of the Clerk of the Pells is not only laborious and very expenſive, but it is no longer found to be conducive to the publick Service; be it therefore enacted, That the ſaid Uſage of making ingroſſed Copies of the daily Records of the Receipts and Iſſues of the Exchequer be, and the ſame is hereby diſcontinued and utterly aboliſhed.

and the Uſage of making ingroſſed Copies of the daily Records of ſuch Receipts and Iſſues, ſhall be aboliſhed.

IV. And be it further enacted, That, from and after the Fifth Day of *January* One thouſand eight hundred and three, the Lords Commiſſioners for executing the Office of Lord High Treaſurer for the Time being ſhall annually cauſe an Account of the total Income of *Great Britain* (including the aforeſaid Duties of Cuſtoms, Exciſe, Stamps, and Incidents, and all other its ordinary Revenues and extraordinary Reſources), to be prepared and made out for One Year ending on the Fifth Day of *January* in each Year, together with an Account of the Income of the Conſolidated Fund of *Great Britain* for every ſuch Year, and alſo of the actual Payments thereout within the ſaid Year, and of the future annual Charge upon the ſaid Fund as the ſame ſtood on that Day, and alſo an Account of the net Produce of all the permanent Taxes of *Great Britain* within the ſaid Year, and alſo an Account of the Arrears and Balances due from all publick Accountants on the ſaid Fifth Day of *January* in each Year, and alſo an Account of the Exports and Imports of *Great Britain*, and of the Shipping regiſtered in or belonging to the ſeveral Ports

After *Jan.* 5. 1803, the Treaſury ſhall annually cauſe an Account of the Revenues of *Great Britain*, and other Accounts herein mentioned, to be made up to *Jan.* 5, and laid before Parliament on or before the 5th of *March* yearly.

Ports of His Majeſty's Dominions within the ſaid Year, and alſo an Account of the publick Expenditure of *Great Britain* within the ſaid Year, and alſo an Account of the publick funded Debt of *Great Britain*, and the Reduction thereof, and alſo an Account of the unfunded Debt and outſtanding of *Great Britain*, as the ſame ſtood reſpectively on the Fifth Day of *January* in each Year, and alſo an Account ſhewing how the Monies given for the Service of *Great Britain* for the Year preceding the ſaid Fifth Day of *January*, have been diſpoſed of; and that the ſaid Lords Commiſſioners ſhall, in each Year cauſe ſuch Accounts to be laid before both Houſes of Parliament on or before the Twenty-fifth Day of *March* in each Year, if Parliament ſhall be then ſitting, or if Parliament ſhall not then be ſitting, within Fourteen Days after the next Sitting of Parliament.

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