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GEORGII III. REGIS.

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or Parts thereof, now are or is veſted in Sir *Andrew Snape Hamond* Baronet, Sir *Francis John Hartwell* Knight, Superviſors, and in *John Madgſhon* Gentleman, and *Edward Siſon* Gentleman, Governors of the ſaid Cheſt, and alſo in *Abel Moyſey* Eſquire, Deputy Remembrancer of His Majeſty's Court of Exchequer at *Weſtminſter*, ſome or One of them, or in ſome other Perſon or Perſons, to the Uſe of or in Truſt for the ſaid Cheſt: And whereas the Affairs of the ſaid Cheſt are now conducted and managed at *Chatham* in the County of *Kent* by certain Officers and Perſons removeable every Year: And whereas in order the more effectually to ſecure the due Adminiſtration of the Truſts of the ſaid Cheſt, and to increaſe the Funds thereof, and alſo the better to provide for the Relief of ſuch maimed and wounded Mariners and Seafaring Men as aforeſaid, it is expedient not only that the ſaid Cheſt ſhould be removed from *Chatham* aforeſaid, to the Royal Hoſpital for Seamen at *Greenwich*, and be there placed under the Superintendance and Controul of the Perſons herein-after named, but alſo that the Affairs of the ſaid Cheſt ſhould be conducted and managed as herein-after mentioned, and that the ſaid Meſſuages, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, ſhould be ſold and diſpoſed of, and the Monies ariſing therefrom veſted in the publick Funds, in Truſt for the Uſe and Benefit of the ſaid Cheſt; 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, from and after the paſſing of this Act, the ſaid Inſtitution, commonly called or known by the Name of *The Cheſt at Chatham*, ſhall be removed from *Chatham* in the County of *Kent*, to His Majeſty's Royal Hoſpital for Seamen at *Greenwich* in the ſame County, to be there conducted and managed as herein-after mentioned, and that the ſame ſhall be from henceforth denominated and called *The Cheſt at Greenwich*; and that all the Powers and Authorities, Rights, Privileges, and Advantages now veſted in the ſaid Sir *Andrew Snape Hamond*, Sir *Francis John Hartwell*, *John Madgſhon*, and *Edward Siſon*, or in any other Perſon or Perſons whatſoever, ſhall ceaſe and determine, and that the ſame ſhall from and after the paſſing of this Act, be and they are hereby veſted in the Firſt Commiſſioner for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland* for the Time being, the Comptroller of His Majeſty's Navy for the Time being, the Governor of His Majeſty's Royal Hoſpital for Seamen at *Greenwich* for the Time being, and the Auditor of the ſaid Hoſpital for the Time being, as fully and effectually, to all Intents and Purpoſes whatſoever, as the ſame were before the paſſing of this Act veſted in or enjoyed by the ſaid Sir *Andrew Snape Hamond*, Sir *Francis John Hartwell*, *John Madgſhon* and *Edward Siſon*, or in or by any other Perſon or Perſons whatſoever; which ſaid Firſt Commiſſioner for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral, Comptroller of His Majeſty's Navy, Governor of the ſaid Hoſpital, and Auditor of the ſaid Hoſpital, ſhall be and they are hereby created for ever hereafter One Body Politick and Corporate, in Deed and Name, by the Name, Style, and Title of the *Superviſors of the Cheſt at Greenwich*, and by that Name ſhall have perpetual Succeſſion, and ſhall have a Common Seal, and by that Name ſhall and may ſue and be ſued; and alſo ſhall and may have Power and Authority to purchaſe, take, and receive any Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, to them, their Succeſſors and Aſſigns, and alſo to take and receive the Gifts, either

The Cheſt at *Chatham* to be removed to *Greenwich*, and to be called the Cheſt at *Greenwich*.

Powers veſted in a Body Corporate, to be called Superviſors of the Cheſt at *Greenwich*.

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by way of Alienation or Deviſe, of any Perſon or Perſons, of any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, for any Eſtate or Intereſt whatſoever, for the Uſe of the ſaid Cheſt, without incurring any of the Penalties or Forfeitures of the Statute of Mortmain; and all Perſons whatſoever are hereby enabled to convey and deviſe the ſame, and to give and bequeath any Goods, Money, or Chattels whatſoever, for the Uſe and Benefit of the ſaid Cheſt; any Law, Statute, or Uſage, to the contrary thereof in anywiſe notwithſtanding.

Lands and Hereditaments veſted in Corporation, who may ſell the ſame.

II. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That all and every the Meſſuages, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, with their ſeveral Rights, Members, and Appurtenances, heretofore given, granted, deviſed, ſettled upon, or veſted in, or conveyed or limited, or demiſed or aſſigned to any Perſon or Perſons whomſoever, in Truſt for, or for the Uſe or Benefit of the ſaid Cheſt, or given, granted, or deviſed to the ſaid Cheſt by any Gift, Grant, Letters Patent, Charter, Will, Letters of Adminiſtration, Indentures, Deed Poll, or other Deed or Writing, or otherwiſe howſoever; and the Reverſion and Reverſions, Remainder and Remainders, Rents, Iſſues, and Profits thereof, ſhall, from and after the paſſing of this Act, be diveſted out of all and every ſuch Perſon and Perſons, his, her, and their Heirs, Executors, and Adminiſtrators, and the ſame ſhall be, and ſhall be deemed to be, and they are accordingly from henceforth ſettled upon and veſted in the ſaid Corporation, their Succeſſors and Aſſigns, to the Uſe of the ſaid Corporation, their Succeſſors and Aſſigns, for ever, freed and abſolutely diſcharged of and from all ſuch Right, Title, Eſtate, Intereſt, Claim, and Demand, as any Perſon or Perſons whatſoever hath or have, or may or can have, in or to the ſaid Meſſuages, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, or in or to any Part or Parcel thereof, upon any Account whatſoever, upon Truſt and to the Intent and Purpoſe that they the ſaid Corporation, and their Succeſſors, do and ſhall forthwith, or as ſoon as conveniently may be after the paſſing of this Act, by publick Auction or otherwiſe, as to them in their Diſcretion ſhall ſeem fit, make Sale and Diſpoſition of all and every the ſaid Meſſuages, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, ſo hereby veſted in them as aforeſaid, with their and every of their Rights, Members, and Appurtenances, at and for the beſt Price or Prices that can or may be had or gotten for the ſame; and upon Receipt of the Monies ariſing therefrom, upon Truſt, and to the Intent and Purpoſe that they the ſaid Corporation, and their Succeſſors, do and ſhall forthwith inveſt the ſame in the Purchaſe of Capital Stock in the Three Pounds *per Centum* Conſolidated Bank Annuities, in the Name of the ſaid Corporation, for the Uſe and Benefit of the ſaid Cheſt; and in the mean Time and until ſuch Sale and Diſpoſition of the ſaid Meſſuages, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, or any Part or Parts thereof, ſhall take place, upon Truſt that they the ſaid Corporation, do and ſhall pay and apply the Rents, Iſſues, and Profits of the ſaid Meſſuages, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, or of ſuch Part or Parts thereof of which no ſuch Sale or Diſpoſition ſhall have been made to and for the Uſe and Benefit of the ſaid Cheſt.

Lands ſold to be conveyed to Purchaſers.

III. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That all and every the ſaid Meſſuages, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments ſo to be ſold as aforeſaid, ſhall, from and after the Sale thereof, be and enure

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to the Uſe of the ſeveral and reſpective Purchaſer and Purchaſers thereof, or of any Part or Parts thereof reſpectively, his, her, and their reſpective Heirs, Executors, Adminiſtrators, and Aſſigns, according to the reſpective Nature and Quality of ſuch Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, and Premiſes reſpectively, freed and diſcharged, and abſolutely acquitted, exempted, and exonerated of, from, and againſt all the Uſes, Eſtates, Titles, Truſts, Powers, Proviſoes, and Limitations expreſſed and declared in any Deed or Deeds, Conveyance or Conveyances heretofore made concerning the ſaid Meſſuages, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, with regard to the ſaid Cheſt.

Stock now ſtanding for the Uſe of the ſaid Cheſt to be aſſigned to the Corporation.

IV. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That all and every Perſon and Perſons, in whoſe Name or Names any Stock, Annuities, or other Monies is or are now ſtanding or being, in Truſt for or for the Uſe or Benefit of the ſaid Cheſt, or in whom any Stock, Annuities, or other Monies hath or have been inveſted, for or for the Uſe or Benefit of the ſaid Cheſt, and the Survivors and Survivor of them, or the Executors or Adminiſtrators of ſuch Survivor, ſhall, as ſoon as conveniently may be after the paſſing of this Act, aſſign and transfer ſuch Stock, Annuities, or other Monies as aforeſaid, unto the ſaid Corporation, for the Uſe and Benefit of the ſaid Cheſt.

For Appointment of Directors of the Cheſt at *Greenwich*.

V. And be it further enacted, That the ſaid Superviſors, or the major Part of them, ſhall and they are hereby authorized and required, as ſoon as conveniently may be after the paſſing of this Act, to nominate, ſelect, and appoint, from and out of the Lieutenant Governor, Captains, and Lieutenants of and belonging to the ſaid Royal Hoſpital at *Greenwich*, Five fit and proper Perſons (regard being had to their State of Health and Competency for that Purpoſe) to tranſact and manage all the Affairs and Concerns of and relating to the ſaid Cheſt, which, before the paſſing of this Act, were or had been uſually tranſacted and managed by the Governors of the ſaid Cheſt, with ſuch Salaries in Addition to the Pay received by them reſpectively from the ſaid Hoſpital, not exceeding the Sum of Sixty Pounds *per Annum* to each of the ſaid Five Perſons, as they the ſaid Superviſors in their Diſcretion ſhall think fit; which ſaid Five Perſons ſo to be nominated, ſelected, and appointed as aforeſaid, ſhall be called *Directors of the Cheſt at Greenwich*, and ſhall reſpectively be ſubject to Removal from their ſaid Offices by the ſaid Superviſors, or the major Part of them, at their Diſcretion; and that all Vacancies from Time to Time happening among the ſaid Directors by Death, Reſignation, or Removal, ſhall be immediately filled up by the remaining Directors, out of and from among ſuch Officers as aforeſaid, ſubject to the Approbation of the ſaid Superviſors, or the major Part of them for the Time being.

Appointing Officers and Clerks.

VI. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That the ſaid Superviſors, or the major Part of them, ſhall and they are hereby authorized and required, as ſoon as conveniently may be after the paſſing of this Act, to appoint the following Officers, Clerks, and other Perſons to conduct and carry on the Buſineſs of the ſaid Cheſt; (that is to ſay), One Surgeon and One Aſſiſtant Surgeon, to be reſpectively choſen from among the Surgeons belonging to the ſaid Hoſpital, with Salaries in Addition to their reſpective Pay from the ſaid Hoſpital, not exceeding to the Surgeon

Surgeon the Sum of Fifty Pounds *per Annum*, and to the ſaid Aſſiſtant Surgeon the Sum of Thirty Pounds *per Annum*; One Cheque Clerk upon the Treaſurer of the Navy, with a Salary not exceeding the Sum of Sixty Pounds *per Annum*; and One Doorkeeper and One Meſſenger (being reſpectively Penſioners reſiding in the ſaid Hoſpital) with Salaries of Ten Pounds *per Annum* to the ſaid Doorkeeper and Meſſenger reſpectively; all which ſaid Officers, Clerks, and Perſons, ſhall be removeable from their ſaid Offices reſpectively, at the Diſcretion of the ſaid Superviſors, or the major Part of them for the Time being; and that all Vacancies from Time to Time happening by the Death, Reſignation, or Removal of any ſuch Officers, Clerks, and Perſons, ſhall be immediately filled up by the ſaid Superviſors, or the major Part of them for the Time being.

Accountant and Clerks to be appointed.

VII. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That the ſaid Directors, or the major Part of them, ſo to be appointed as aforeſaid, ſhall and they are hereby directed and required, as ſoon as conveniently may be after their Nomination as aforeſaid, and ſo from Time to Time as Occaſion ſhall require, to nominate and appoint One fit and proper Perſon to be Accountant to the ſaid Cheſt, with a Salary not exceeding the Sum of Three hundred Pounds *per Annum*, and alſo Two Clerks to the ſaid Accountant, with a Salary to One of ſuch Clerks of One hundred and forty Pounds *per Annum*; and to the other of ſuch Clerks of One hundred Pounds *per Annum*, which ſaid Accountant and Clerks ſhall be removeable from their ſaid Offices reſpectively, at the Diſcretion of the ſaid Directors, or the major Part of them for the Time being.

Compenſation to be made for Loſs of Offices.

VIII. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That, in order to make Compenſation to ſuch Perſon or Perſons as may happen to be removed, under and by virtue of this Act, from any Offices, Places, or Employments in the Affairs of the ſaid Cheſt, now held and enjoyed by them, with Salaries annexed thereto, it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Superviſors and they are hereby directed and required, to pay and allow to all and every ſuch Perſon and Perſons (not being again appointed to the like or any other Offices, Places, or Employments in the Affairs of the ſaid Cheſt, under and by virtue of this Act, nor vacating ſuch their ſaid Offices, Places, or Employments, on any Account, or which would have vacated the ſame before the paſſing of this Act), ſuch Sum and Sums of Money, and payable at ſuch Time or Times, as and for Compenſation for the Loſs of any ſuch Offices, Places, or Employments, not exceeding the Amount of Two Years Salary, nor leſs then the Amount of One Year's Salary, to each of ſuch reſpective Perſons, as to the ſaid Superviſors, or the major Part of them, in their Diſcretion ſhall ſeem fit; and that all ſuch Allowances ſhall be defrayed and paid out of the Monies appropriated for the Payment of the ordinary Expences of His Majeſty's Navy.

Offices to be provided.

IX. And be it further enacted, That the Lords Commiſſioners of the Admiralty, together with the Governor of the ſaid Royal Hoſpital, ſhall, as ſoon as conveniently may be after the paſſing of this Act, allot and appropriate, or erect and build, or purchaſe and procure, within or near to the ſaid Hoſpital, ſuch and ſo many convenient Rooms, Offices, and other Places, as ſhall be neceſſary for the Purpoſe of tranſacting and

carrying on the Buſineſs of the ſaid Cheſt; and ſhall alſo fit up, furniſh, and provide the ſame with all needful and neceſſary Fixtures, Furniture, and other Things, at the Expence of the ſaid Cheſt.

Records and Books to be delivered over to the Directors.

X. And be it further enacted, That all Records, Muniments, Books, Papers, and Accounts whatſoever, relating to the ſaid Cheſt, now in the Cuſtody or Power of the preſent Governors thereof, ſhall forthwith, upon the Appointment of the ſaid Directors of the ſaid Cheſt, be delivered over to the ſaid Directors, to be by them carefully preſerved and kept for the Uſe and Benefit of the ſaid Cheſt.

Rules and Regulations for granting and paying Penſions.

XI. And be it further enacted, That the ſaid Superviſors, or the major Part of them, ſhall, and they are hereby directed forthwith to make and eſtabliſh ſuch Rules and Regulations for the granting, allotting, and paying off Penſions out of the ſaid Cheſt, and for the conducting and managing of the Affairs thereof, as they in their Diſcretion ſhall think fit; and alſo that the ſaid Directors, or the major Part of them for the Time being, ſhall, from Time to Time, make and eſtabliſh ſuch further Rules and Regulations for the Purpoſes aforeſaid, as Occaſion ſhall require; but that none of the Rules and Regulations ſo to be made and eſtabliſhed by the ſaid Directors ſhall be carried into Effect until the ſame ſhall have been approved and confirmed by the ſaid Superviſors, or the major Part of them, for the Time being.

Meetings of Directors to be Weekly,

XII. And be it further enacted, That in order to prevent the Inconveniencies ariſing to Perſons applying for Relief from the ſaid Cheſt, from being unneceſſarily detained upon that Occaſion, the ſaid Directors, or Three of them at the leaſt, ſhall, and they are hereby required to meet on *Tueſday* in every Week, for the Purpoſe of examining into and conſidering the Caſes of all ſuch Perſons ſo applying for Relief as aforeſaid; and they the ſaid Directors ſhall thereupon forthwith determine upon the Caſe or Caſes of the Perſon or Perſons ſo applying, unleſs they ſhall ſee Occaſion to adjourn the Conſideration thereof.

Enabling Penſioners to receive their Monies in an eaſy Manner, and preventing Frauds.

XIII. And, the more effectually to enable ſuch Mariners and Seafaring Men, to whom Penſions are or ſhall be granted out of the ſaid Cheſt, to receive the ſame in the moſt eaſy and convenient Manner, and for preventing Frauds and Abuſes attending the ſame; be it enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That it ſhall and may be lawful, to and for the ſaid Directors, or the major Part of them, and they are hereby authorized and required, as often as there ſhall be Occaſion, to make out or cauſe to be made out Two Bills for every Penſion granted out of the ſaid Cheſt; which Bills ſhall be Duplicates, and joined together with oblique Lines, Flouriſhes, or Devices, in ſuch Manner as the ſaid Directors ſhall think proper, and ſhall be payable to ſuch Penſioner by the Receiver General of the Land Tax for any County, Riding, or City, within the United Kingdom, Collector of the Cuſtoms for any Port, Collector of Exciſe for any Collection in the United Kingdom, or Clerk of the Cheque at any of His Majeſty's Dock Yards reſpectively, near which ſuch Penſioner ſhall happen to reſide, according to the Appointment of ſuch Bills; and the ſaid Bills being numbered and dated ſhall be ſigned by the ſaid Directors, or any Three of them, and atteſted by the ſaid Accountant, or One of his ſaid Clerks, and be written or printed according to the following Form:

The

The Form — A. N° 1. Cheſt at *Greenwich*.

Sir, Pay to *B. D.* of in the County of Penſioner of the Cheſt at *Greenwich*, upon producing the Duplicate hereof, together with a Certificate under the Hands of the Miniſter and Churchwardens [*or*, in that Part of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland* called *Scotland*, under the Hands of the Miniſter and Two Elders] of the Pariſh where the ſaid *B. D.* reſides, that the ſaid *B. D.* to the beſt of their Knowledge and Belief, is the Perſon named in ſuch Bill, the Sum of being on Account of the Penſion of the ſaid *B. D.* if the ſame ſhall be demanded within Six Calendar Months from the Date hereof, otherwiſe you are to return this Bill to the Accountant of the Cheſt at *Greenwich*.

Signed *A. B.*, *C. D.*, *E. F.* } Directors of the Cheſt at *Greenwich*.

Atteſted, *C. D.* Accountant, (*or*, Clerk to the Accountant) of the Cheſt at *Greenwich*.

To
The Receiver General of the Land Tax of the County of
The Collector of the Cuſtoms at the Port of
The Collector of the Exciſe at
The Clerk of the Cheque at
(*as the Caſe may be*)

By virtue of the Act of the Forty-third of King *George* the Third.

N. B. The perſonating or falſely aſſuming the Name and Character of any Penſioner of the Cheſt at *Greenwich*, or his Executor or Adminiſtrator, in order to receive the Penſion due to ſuch Penſioner, his Executor or Adminiſtrator, or procuring any other to do the ſame, is made Felony without Benefit of Clergy, by the Act of the Forty-third of King *George* the Third.

And as ſoon as the ſaid Bills ſhall be ſo made out and ſigned, the ſaid Directors ſhall cauſe them to be cut aſunder indentwiſe, through the oblique Lines, Flouriſhes, or Devices, and ſhall cauſe One of the ſaid Bills to be tranſmitted forthwith to the Perſon nominated and ſpecified in ſuch Bills, and the other of the ſaid Bills to be tranſmitted forthwith to the ſaid Receiver General of the Land Tax, Collector of the Cuſtoms, Collector of the Exciſe, or Clerk of the Cheque, on whom ſuch Bills ſhall be ſo drawn as aforeſaid, and the ſaid Receiver General of the Land Tax, Collector of the Cuſtoms, Collector of Exciſe, and Clerk of the Cheque, if the ſaid Duplicates of ſuch Bills ſhall be produced and delivered to either of them reſpectively, within Six Calendar Months from the Date thereof, are hereby required and enjoined to examine ſuch Duplicate, together with the Certificate to be produced as aforeſaid, and to enquire into the Truth thereof by the Oath of the Perſon producing the ſame, or ſuch Perſon being a Quaker, by the ſolemn Affirmation of ſuch Perſon (which Oath or Affirmation they are hereby reſpectively authorized

thorized and required to adminiſter), and upon being duly ſatisfied of the Truth of ſuch Certificate, to teſtify the ſame on the Back of ſuch Bill, and ſhall immediately pay to ſuch Penſioner, without Fee or Reward, on any Pretence whatſoever, the Sum contained in ſuch Bill, taking his Receipt for the ſame on the Back thereof; which Bill ſo paid, upon being produced and delivered at the Office of the Treaſurer of the Navy, ſhall be immediately repaid by the ſaid Treaſurer to ſuch Receiver General of the Land-Tax, Collector of the Cuſtoms, Collector of the Exciſe, or Clerk of the Cheque, or to the Order of any ſuch Receiver General, Collector of the Cuſtoms, Collector of the Exciſe, or Clerk of the Cheque, reſpectively; but in caſe the Duplicate of ſuch Bill ſhall not be produced and delivered, and the Payment thereof be demanded, within Six Calendar Months from the Date thereof, or if a proper Certificate of the Perſon claiming ſuch Penſion be not likewiſe produced, then the ſaid Receiver General, Collector of the Cuſtoms, Collector of the Exciſe, or Clerk of the Cheque, ſhall return ſuch Bill to the Directors of the ſaid Cheſt at *Greenwich*, who ſhall cauſe ſuch Bill to be cancelled; and from and after the cancelling of the ſame, ſuch Part of the ſaid Penſion ſhall accrue and become payable in like Manner as if the ſaid Bill had not been made out; all which ſaid Bills and Receipts to be ſo made and given as aforeſaid ſhall be free and exempt from and not liable to any Duty of Stamps whatſoever, any Law or Statute to the contrary thereof notwithſtanding.

Penſioners to inform the Directors upon Change of Reſidence.

XIV. And be it further enacted, That every Penſioner who ſhall be entitled under the Authority of this Act to receive Payment of his Penſion by Remittance as herein-before mentioned ſhall, as often as he ſhall change his Place of Abode, give Notice thereof to the ſaid Directors, or to the Accountant for the ſaid Cheſt; and in caſe, for want of any ſuch Notice, any Loſs ſhall happen by reaſon of the Remittance of the Duplicate of ſuch Penſioner's Bill, to the Place from which ſuch Penſioner ſhall have removed, without giving ſuch Notice, ſuch Loſs ſhall fall upon and be borne and ſuſtained by the Penſioner ſo making Default in this Behalf.

Mode of proceeding in Caſes where Collectors ſhall not have publick Money in Hand.

XV. Provided always, and it is hereby further enacted, That if any ſuch Receiver General, Collector of the Cuſtoms, Collector of the Exciſe, or Clerk of the Cheque, to whom the Duplicate of any of the Bills herein-before directed to be made out ſhall be tendered for Payment, ſhall not then have in his Hands publick Money ſufficient to anſwer the ſame, and ſhall refuſe or delay the immediate Payment thereof, ſuch Receiver General, Collector of the Cuſtoms, Collector of the Exciſe, or Clerk of the Cheque, ſhall immediately indorſe on the Back of the ſaid Duplicate the Day of its being ſo tendered to him, and the Cauſe of his Refuſal or Delay to pay the ſame, and ſhall appoint thereon, for the Payment of ſuch Bill, ſome future Day within the Space of Two Months at the fartheſt, from the Day of its having been firſt tendered to him as aforeſaid; which Duplicate, with the Indorſement thereon, ſhall be immediately delivered back to the Perſon preſenting the ſame; and if upon Complaint to be made to the reſpective Commiſſioners appointed by His Majeſty, His Heirs or Succeſſors, to manage the ſaid ſeveral Duties of the Land Tax, Cuſtoms, or Exciſe, or to the Commiſſioners of the Navy, if the Perſon complained of be a Clerk of the Cheque, it ſhall appear that

Penalty on Perſons wilfully delaying the Payment of any Bill.

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ſuch Receiver General, Collector of the Cuſtoms, Collector of the Exciſe, or Clerk of the Cheque, hath unneceſſarily and wilfully refuſed or delayed the Payment of ſuch Bill, or that ſuch Receiver General, Collector of the Cuſtoms, Collector of the Exciſe, or Clerk of the Cheque, or any Perſon employed by or under any of them, hath directly or indirectly received or taken any Fee, Reward, Gratuity, Diſcount, or Deduction whatſoever, on account of the Payment of the ſaid Bill, it ſhall and may be lawful to and for any Three or more of the ſaid Commiſſioners to convict and fine any ſuch Offender under their reſpective Direction, in any Sum not exceeding Fifty Pounds, according to the Nature and Degree of the Offence; which Conviction ſhall be made by ſuch reſpective Commiſſioners; and ſuch Fine ſhall be levied and recovered in ſuch and the ſame Manner, to all Intents and Purpoſes, as any Conviction may be made and any Penalty may be levied or recovered for any Offence againſt any Law by which any Cuſtom or Exciſe is impoſed or laid; and the ſaid Fine, when recovered, ſhall be paid to the Informer or Informers againſt ſuch Offender or Offenders.

Allowing in the Accounts of the Treaſurer of the Navy all Bills paid by him.

XVI. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That all the Bills ſo paid by the ſaid Treaſurer of the Navy ſhall be allowed as ſo much Caſh paid in ready Money in the Accounts of the ſaid Treaſurer of the Navy with the ſaid Directors of the ſaid Cheſt at *Greenwich*, and the ſaid Directors of the ſaid Cheſt at *Greenwich* are hereby required and directed to allow and pay the ſame to the ſaid Treaſurer of the Navy accordingly.

Perſons perſonating Penſioners ſhall ſuffer Death.

XVII. And whereas divers wicked Practices may be carried on by Perſons knowingly and wilfully perſonating, and falſely aſſuming the Name and Character of any Penſioner of the ſaid Cheſt, or the Executor or Adminiſtrator of any ſuch Penſioner, in order to receive the Money due to any ſuch Penſioner on account of his Penſion; be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That, from and after the paſſing of this Act, whoſoever willingly and knowingly ſhall perſonate or falſely aſſume the Name or Character of, or procure any other to perſonate or falſely to aſſume the Name or Character of any Perſon entitled or ſuppoſed to be entitled as a Penſioner, or as the Executor or Adminiſtrator of any Perſon entitled or ſuppoſed to be entitled as a Penſioner, to any Penſion or Allowance of Money from the ſaid Cheſt, in order to receive the Money due or ſuppoſed to be due on ſuch Penſion, every ſuch Perſon ſo offending, and being lawfully convicted of any ſuch Offence or Offences, ſhall be deemed guilty of Felony, and ſuffer Death as a Felon without Benefit of Clergy.

Puniſhing Perſons guilty of Perjury.

XVIII. And be it further enacted, That if any Perſon upon Examination upon Oath or Affirmation before any Receiver General of the Land Tax, Collector of the Cuſtoms, Collector of the Exciſe, or Clerk of the Cheque, touching any of the Matters or Things herein-before directed to be enquired into, upon Oath or Affirmation as aforeſaid, ſhall wilfully and corruptly ſwear or affirm any Matter or Thing which ſhall be falſe or untrue, every ſuch Perſon ſo offending, and being thereof lawfully convicted, ſhall be and is hereby declared to be ſubject and liable to the like Pains and Penalties, as any Perſon convicted of wilful and corrupt Perjury is by any Law now in force ſubject and liable to.

Accountant and his Clerk may ſend and receive Letters and Packets upon Buſineſs relating to the ſaid Cheſt, free from the Duty of Poſtage.

XIX. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That all Letters or Packets addreſſed to the ſaid Directors, or their Accountant for the Time being, upon any Buſineſs or Affairs relating to the ſaid Cheſt, ſhall, from and after the paſſing of this Act, be free from the Duty of Poſtage; and alſo that all Letters or Packets ſent by the ſaid Accountant, or in his Abſence by his Chief Clerk for the Time being, in the Execution of this Act, in Manner and Form herein-after directed, ſhall be ſent free from the ſaid Duty of Poſtage; and all Letters and Packets relating to the Execution of this Act, that ſhall be forwarded by the ſaid Accountant, or his ſaid Chief Clerk as aforeſaid, ſhall be under Covers with the Words "Purſuant to Act of Parliament Forty-third *George* the Third," printed upon the ſame; and the ſaid Accountant or his ſaid Chief Clerk, as the Caſe may be, ſhall write his Name under the ſame; and they and each of them are and is hereby ſtrictly prohibited from incloſing or ſending under ſuch Covers, any Writing, Paper, or Parcel whatſoever, excepting ſuch as relate to the Execution of this Act.

Penalty on ſuch Accountant or Clerk ſending any Writing, Paper, or Parcel, other than relating to the Act.

XX. And be it further enacted, That if any ſuch Accountant or Clerk as aforeſaid ſhall preſume to ſend or convey, under any of the Covers aforeſaid, any Writing, Paper, or Parcel, other than thoſe relating to the Execution of this Act, he ſhall for every ſuch Offence forfeit and pay the Sum of One hundred Pounds, to be recovered with full Coſts of Suit by any Perſon or Perſons, by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, in any of His Majeſty's Courts of Record at *Weſtminſter*, wherein no Eſſoign, Privilege, Protection, Wager of Law, or more than One Imparlance ſhall be allowed; One Moiety of which Penalty ſhall go to the Perſon who ſhall ſue for the ſame, and the other Moiety thereof to and for the Benefit of the ſaid Cheſt.

Aſſignments made by Penſioners ſhall be void.

XXI. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That all Aſſignments, Bargains, Sales, Orders, Contracts, Agreements, or Securities whatſoever, which ſhall be given or made by any Penſioner, for, upon, or in reſpect of any Sum or Sums of Money to become due on any Penſion granted or to be granted by the Directors of the ſaid Cheſt, ſhall be abſolutely null and void to all Intents and Purpoſes.

Penſion to be paid to any other Perſon when the Penſioner cannot appear perſonaly.

XXII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That in caſe any Penſioner to whom ſuch Duplicate of Bill ſhall be remitted ſhall be prevented or diſabled from appearing perſonally before the Receiver General, Collector of the Cuſtoms, Collector of the Exciſe, or Clerk of the Cheque, by Bodily Infirmity, and ſuch Diſability ſhall be certified in Writing by the Miniſter and Churchwardens or Miniſter and Elders (as the Caſe may be) of the Pariſh where ſuch Penſioner may happen to reſide, or by the Phyſician, Surgeon, or Apothecary attending him, then and in ſuch Caſe, the Sum mentioned in ſuch Duplicate of Bill ſhall be paid to any other Perſon whom ſuch Penſioner ſhall by Writing under his Hand, to be indorſed upon ſuch Duplicate, order the ſame to be paid; ſuch Perſon at the Time of demanding Payment thereof, producing ſuch Duplicate of Bill, together with ſuch Certificates reſpectively, as to the Identity of ſuch Penſioner, and his Inability to appear perſonally as before mentioned, and giving a Receipt for the ſame at the Foot of ſuch Order;

Order; which Order, and alſo the Receipt laſt mentioned, ſhall be reſpectively free from the Duty of Stamps; and ſuch Receipt ſhall be as effectual in Law to all Intents and Purpoſes as if given by ſuch Penſioner, any Thing herein-before contained to the contrary thereof notwithſtanding.

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