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CAP. CXLIX.

An Act for enabling His Majeſty to ſettle an Annuity of Sixteen thouſand Pounds on the Houſe of *Orange*, during His Majeſty's Pleaſure. [11th *Auguſt* 1803.]

Moſt Gracious Sovereign,

WE, Your Majeſty's moſt dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Commons of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland* in Parliament aſſembled, having taken into Conſideration Your Majeſty's moſt Gracious Meſſage, wherein Your Majeſty has been pleaſed to expreſs Your Deſire that Your Majeſty ſhould be enabled to make ſuch pecuniary Allowances to the illuſtrious Houſe of *Orange* as might appear to be warranted by a Conſideration of their preſent Situation, and of their Claims on the Generoſity of this Country, do moſt humbly beſeech Your Majeſty that it may be enacted; and be it enacted by the King's moſt Excellent Majeſty, by and with the Advice and Conſent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this preſent Parliament aſſembled, and by the Authority of the ſame, That it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the King's moſt Excellent Majeſty, by any Warrant or Warrants under His Royal Sign Manual, to give and grant unto *William* Duke of *Portland*, *James* Earl of *Malmſbury*, *Thomas* Lord *Pelham*, and *William* Lord *Auckland*, and their reſpective Heirs, in Truſt for the Houſe of *Orange* for

His Majeſty may grant, during Pleaſure, an Annuity of 16,000 *l.* to the Houſe of *Orange*, to be

payable Quarterly out of the Consolidated Fund.

for and during His Majesty's Royal Will and Pleasure, an Annuity not exceeding Sixteen thousand Pounds of lawful Money of *Great Britain*, which may commence and take Effect from the Fifth Day of *January* One thousand eight hundred and three, and shall thereafter be paid quarterly on the Four usual Days of Payment in the Year, (that is to say), the Fifth Day of *January*, the Fifth Day of *April*, the Fifth Day of *July*, and the Tenth Day of *October* in every Year; and that the said Annuity shall and may by such Warrant or Warrants be directed to be issued 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.

Annuity to be payable at the Exchequer, without Fee, &c.

II. And be it further enacted, That the said Annuity of Sixteen thousand Pounds shall, during His Majesty's Royal Will and Pleasure, 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, by virtue of such Warrant or Warrants, 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 Trustees, or any Two of them, or of such other Person or Persons as shall be by them or any Two of them authorized or appointed to receive such Annuity or any Part thereof, shall be a good and sufficient Discharge for the Payment thereof; and the said Debentures to be made forth and passed upon the said Warrant or Warrants 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, during the Continuance of the same, without any further or other Warrant to be sued for, had, or obtained in that Behalf; and that the said Annuity so to be given and granted shall be free and clear from all Taxes, Rates, and Assessments, and all other Charges whatsoever.

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