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An Act to enable the *East India* Company to defray the Expences of certain Volunteer Corps raised by the said Company. [27th *May* 1803.]

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the Thirty-third Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled, *An Act for continuing in the* East India *Company, for a further Term, the Possession of the* British *Territories in* India, *together with their exclusive Trade, under certain Limitations; for establishing further Regulations for the Government of the said Territories, and the better Administration of Justice within the same; for appropriating to certain Uses the Revenues and Profits of the said Company; and for making Provision for the good Order and Government of the Towns of* Calcutta, Madras, *and* Bombay; it was amongst other Things enacted, that during the Continuance of the exclusive Trade to the said Company, the Net Proceeds of the Sales of Goods at Home, with the Duties and Allowances arising by private Trade, and all other Profits of the said Company in *Great Britain*, after providing for the Payment of Bills of Exchange already accepted by the said Company, as the same should become due, and for the current Payment of other Debts, Interest, and other Outgoings, Charges, and Expences of the said Company, (their Bond Debt always excepted), should be applied and disposed of in the Manner in the said Act particularly mentioned: And whereas, during the late War, by virtue of Acts of Parliament then in Force, and which have since expired, and with the Approbation of His Majesty, and under the Authority of Commission for that Purpose granted by His Majesty, the said United Company, at their own Expence, raised, formed, and maintained, a Brigade of Infantry Volunteers for the Defence and Pro-

33 Geo. 3. c. 52.

tection of their Houſe and Warehouſes, and, ſubject thereto, for ſuch publick Services as in the Acts by virtue of which they were raiſed is mentioned: And whereas under and by virtue of an Act made and paſſed in the laſt Seſſion of Parliament, intituled, *An Act to enable His Majeſty to avail Himſelf of the Offers of certain Yeomanry and Volunteer Corps to continue their Services*, His Majeſty has been pleaſed to accept the Offer of the Volunteers ſo raiſed and maintained by the ſaid United Company, to continue their Services: And whereas it is expedient that the ſaid United Company ſhould be enabled to pay the Expences of ſuch Volunteers; be it therefore 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 ſaid United Company, from Time to Time, to pay and defray all and every the Charges and Expences whatſoever, of ſuch Corps of Volunteers as the ſaid United Company may now, or at any Time hereafter, lawfully raiſe, train, and maintain, and alſo their Pay and Allowances when on Duty or Service, and to charge the ſame amongſt the ordinary Outgoings, Charges, and Expences of the ſaid United Company, previous to the Application of the Net Proceeds of their Sales of Goods at Home, and other Profits mentioned in the ſaid Act paſſed in the Thirty-third Year of His Majeſty's Reign, to, for, and upon the Purpoſes, in and by the ſame Act directed; any Thing in the ſame Act contained to the contrary thereof in anywiſe notwithſtanding.

42 Geo. 3. c. 66.

Eaſt India Company may pay the Expences of ſuch Volunteer Corps as they may raiſe, and alſo their Pay when on Service.

II. And be it further enacted, That ſuch Corps of Volunteers ſo raiſed and maintained, or to be raiſed and maintained by the ſaid United Company, ſhall be employed, in the Firſt Place, in ſuch Manner as by the Court of Directors of the ſaid United Company ſhall be deemed neceſſary for the Protection and Defence of the Houſe of the ſaid United Company, commonly called *The Eaſt India Houſe*, and of the Warehouſes of the ſame Company, and, ſubject thereto, ſhall be employed upon ſuch publick Services, and for ſuch other Purpoſes upon and for which other Volunteer Corps, lawfully embodied, may be lawfully called out and employed; and during the Time the ſaid Corps of Volunteers ſo raiſed and maintained by the ſaid United Company ſhall be employed in the Defence and Protection of the ſaid United Company's ſaid Houſe and Warehouſes, they ſhall be ſubject to Military Diſcipline, in like Manner as they would be if they were employed in any publick Service whatſoever by virtue of and under the Authority of any Acts of Parliament in Force at the Time they may be ſo employed.

Such Corps ſhall be employed in Defence of the *Eaſt India* Houſe and Warehouſes, and on ſuch publick Services as other Volunteer Corps, and be ſubject to Military Diſcipline.

III. And be it further enacted, That this Act ſhall be and be deemed a publick Act, and ſhall be taken Notice of as ſuch by all Judges, Juſtices, and other Perſons whomſoever, without the ſame being ſpecially pleaded.

Publick Act.

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