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An Act for raising the Sum of Five Millions by Loans or Exchequer Bills, for the Service of *Great Britain* for the Year One thousand eight hundred and three. [13th *July* 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, towards raising the necessary Supplies, which we have chearfully granted to Your Majesty in this Session of Parliament, have resolved to give and grant unto Your Majesty the Sum herein-after mentioned; and do therefore 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 Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, now or for the Time being, or any Three or more of them, or the High Treasurer for the Time being, at any Time or Times before the Fifth Day of *January* One thousand eight hundred and four, to cause or direct any Loans to be taken or received at His Majesty's Exchequer of *Great Britain*, from any Person or Persons, Natives or Foreigners, Body or Bodies Politick or Corporate, or any Number of Exchequer Bills to be made out there, for any Sum or Sums of Money, not exceeding in Loans and Exchequer Bills together in the Whole, the Sum of Five Millions, in the same or like Manner, Form, and Order, and according to the same or like Rules and Directions, as in

Commissioners of the Treasury may raise 5,000,000*l.* by Loans and Exchequer Bills in like Manner as is prescribed by the Malt Act of this Session, c. 3. concerning Loans, &c.

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and by an Act of this preſent Seſſion of Parliament, intituled, *An Act for continuing and granting to His Majeſty certain Duties upon Malt, Mum, Cyder, and Perry, for the Service of the Year One thouſand eight hundred and three*, are preſcribed concerning the Loans or Exchequer Bills to be taken or made in purſuance of the ſaid Act: Provided always, that every ſuch Exchequer Bill ſhall and may be ſigned by the Auditor of the Receipt of His Majeſty's Exchequer, or in his Name by any Perſon duly authorized by the ſaid Auditor to ſign the ſame, with the Approbation of the Lords Commiſſioners of the Treaſury, in Writing under their Hands, or of any Three or more of them.

The Clauſes, &c. in the ſaid Act relating to Loans or Exchequer Bills, (Exception) extended to this Act.

II. And be it further enacted, That all and every the Clauſes, Proviſoes, Powers, Privileges, Advantages, Penalties, Forfeitures, and Diſabilities, contained in the ſaid laſt mentioned Act, relating to the Loans or Exchequer Bills authorized to be made by the ſame Act, (except ſuch Clauſes as do charge the ſame on the Duties granted by the ſame Act, and except ſuch Clauſes as limit the Rate of Intereſt to be paid for the Forbearance of Money lent on the Credit of the ſaid Act, and alſo except as is herein-after mentioned), ſhall be applied and extended to the Loans and Exchequer Bills to be made in purſuance of this Act, as fully and effectually, to all Intents and Purpoſes, as if the ſame Loans or Exchequer Bills had been originally authorized by the ſaid laſt mentioned Act, or as if the ſaid ſeveral Clauſes or Proviſoes had been particularly repeated and re-enacted in the Body of this Act.

Exchequer Bills to bear an Intereſt not exceeding 3 *d.* ½ *per Cent. per Diem.*

III. And be it further enacted, That the Exchequer Bills to be made out in purſuance of this Act, ſhall and may bear an Intereſt not exceeding the Rate of Three-pence Halfpenny *per Centum per Diem*, upon or in reſpect of the Whole of the Monies reſpectively contained therein.

Exchequer Bills ſo iſſued not to be received again in Payment of any Taxes; nor exchanged before *April* 5, 1804.

IV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That no Exchequer Bill or Bills to be made out by virtue of this Act, ſhall, after the ſame hath or have been iſſued at the Exchequer, be afterwards, at any Time before the Fifth Day of *April* One thouſand eight hundred and four, received or taken, or paſs or be current, to any Receiver or Collector in *Great Britain*, of the Cuſtoms, Exciſe, or any Revenue, Supply, Aid, or Tax whatſoever, due or payable to His Majeſty, His Heirs or Succeſſors, or at the Receipt of the Exchequer, from any ſuch Receiver or Collector, or from any other Perſon or Perſons, Bodies Politick or Corporate, otherwiſe or on any other Account than for the Diſcharge and cancelling of ſuch Bills, in caſe the ſame ſhall be in due Courſe or Order of Payment before the ſaid Fifth Day of *April* One thouſand eight hundred and four, nor ſhall any ſuch Receiver or Collector exchange at any Time before the ſaid Fifth Day of *April* One thouſand eight hundred and four, for any Money of ſuch Revenues, Aids, Taxes, or Supplies, in his Hands, any Exchequer Bill or Bills which ſhall have been iſſued as aforeſaid by virtue of this Act; nor ſhall any Action be maintained againſt any ſuch Receiver or Collector for neglecting or refuſing to exchange any ſuch Bill or Bills for ready Money before the ſaid Fifth Day of *April* One thouſand eight hundred and four, any Thing in the ſaid recited Act, made in this preſent Seſſion of Parliament, or this Act, contained to the contrary notwithſtanding.

Action not to lie for ſuch Refuſal.

Principal and Intereſt, with Charges, to be repaid out of

V. And be it further enacted, That all ſuch Loans or Exchequer Bills, together with the Intereſt, Premium, Rate, and Charges, incident to or attending

attending the ſame, ſhall be and are hereby charged and chargeable upon, and ſhall be repaid by and out of the firſt Supplies to be granted in the next Seſſion of Parliament, any Thing herein contained to the contrary notwithſtanding. the firſt Supplies to be granted in the next Seſſion.

VI. And be it declared and further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful for the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, to advance or lend to His Majeſty in like Manner, at the Receipt of the Exchequer, upon the Credit of Loan granted by this Act, any Sum or Sums of Money, not exceeding in the Whole the Sum of Two Millions, any Thing in an Act, made in the Fifth and Sixth Years of the Reign of King *William* and Queen *Mary*, intituled, *An Act for granting to Their Majeſties ſeveral Rates and Duties upon Tonnage of Ships and Veſſels, and upon Beer, Ale, and other Liquors, and for ſecuring certain Recompences and Advantages in the ſaid Act mentioned, to ſuch Perſons as ſhall voluntarily advance the Sum of One million five hundred thouſand Pounds, towards carrying on the War againſt* France; or in any ſubſequent Act to the contrary thereof in anywiſe notwithſtanding. Bank of *England* authorized to advance 2,000,000*l.* on the Credit of this Act, notwithſtanding the Act 5 & 6 Gul. & Mariæ.

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