

ANNO QUADRAGESIMO QUINTO

GEORGII III. REGIS.

CAP. XL.

An Act for raiſing the Sum of One million five hundred thouſand Pounds by Way of Annuities for the Service of *Ireland*. [17th *May* 1805.]

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, being deſirous to raiſe the neceſſary Supplies for the Service of *Ireland*, which we have cheerfully granted to Your Majeſty in this Seſſion of Parliament, have reſolved that the Sum of One million five hundred thouſand Pounds, *Britiſh* Currency, be raiſed by Annuities in Manner 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 every Contributor towards raiſing the ſaid Sum of One million five hundred thouſand Pounds ſhall, for every One hundred Pounds, contributed and paid, be entitled to an Annuity of Five Pounds, to continue for a certain Term of Fifty-four Years and Nine Months, from the Fifth Day of *April* One thouſand eight hundred and five, and ſhall alſo be entitled to the principal Sum of Twenty-four Pounds in Annuities after the Rate of Five Pounds *per Centum*, to commence from the Fifth Day of *January* One thouſand eight hundred and five.

Contributor for every 100l. ſhall be entitled to the Annuities herein mentioned.

Contributors to pay in their Subscriptions in the Proportions, and within the Periods here in-after mentioned.

II. And whereas, pursuant to and upon the Terms and Conditions expressed in the said Resolution, several Persons have, in Books opened at the Bank of *England* for that Purpose, subscribed together the Whole of the said Sum of One million five hundred thousand Pounds to be raised by Annuities, and made Deposits of Ten Pounds *per Centum* on the respective Sums by them so subscribed with the Cashiers of the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*: Be it therefore enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for such Contributors who have made such Deposits with the Cashier or Cashiers of the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England* (which Cashier or Cashiers is and are hereby appointed the Receiver and Receivers of such Contributions without any other Warrant to be had in that Behalf) to advance and pay unto the said Cashier or Cashiers of the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England* the several Remainders of the Sums by them respectively subscribed towards the said Sum of One million five hundred thousand Pounds, at or before the respective Days and Times and in the Proportions hereinafter limited and appointed in that Behalf; (that is to say), the further Sum of Ten Pounds *per Centum* on or before the Thirty-first Day of *May* then next following; the further Sum of Twenty Pounds *per Centum* on or before the Twenty-third Day of *July* then next following; the further Sum of Thirty Pounds *per Centum* on or before the Twentieth Day of *September* then next following; the further Sum of Twenty Pounds *per Centum* on or before the Thirtieth Day of *December* then next following; and the remaining Sum of Ten Pounds *per Centum* on or before the Fifteenth Day of *January* One thousand eight hundred and six.

Guardians, &c. may subscribe for Infants.

III. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for any Guardian or Trustee, having the Disposition of the Money of any Infant, to contribute and pay for or towards advancing the said Sum of One million five hundred thousand Pounds, to be raised by Annuities in Manner aforesaid; and such Infant, upon the Payment of such Sum or Sums subscribed by such Guardian or Trustee, shall become a Contributor within the Meaning of this Act, and be entitled to have and receive the Annuities, Advantages, and Payments in respect thereof in such and the like Manner as any other Contributor; and the said Guardian and Trustee, as to the said Sum or Sums so advanced, is hereby discharged, so as the Name of such Infant be expressed in the Receipt or Receipts for such Money.

Allowance to be made to Contributors paying Money in advance.

IV. And be it further enacted, That every Contributor, paying in the Whole of the Sums by them respectively subscribed in respect of the said Sum of One million five hundred thousand Pounds, to be contributed as aforesaid at any Time on or before the Twenty-ninth Day of *December* One thousand eight hundred and five, shall be entitled to an Allowance of so much Money as the Interest of each Sum so paid in Advance for completing his, her, or their Contribution respectively shall amount unto, after the Rate of Four Pounds *per Centum per Annum* from the Day of completing the same to the Fifteenth Day of *January* One thousand eight hundred and six; which Allowance is to be paid by the said Cashier or Cashiers out of the Money to be contributed in pursuance of this Act, as soon as such respective Contributors, their Executors,

cutors, Administrators, Successors, and Assigns, shall have completed such Payment.

Annuities to be paid Half-yearly on the Days herein mentioned.

V. And be it further enacted, That the several Subscribers or Contributors, their Executors, Administrators, Successors, or Assigns, in respect of the said Sum of One million five hundred thousand Pounds, shall be entitled, for every One hundred Pounds by him, her, or them respectively advanced and paid, to an Annuity after the Rate of Five Pounds for the Term of Fifty-four Years and Nine Months, from the Fifth Day of *April* One thousand eight hundred and five; and also to an Annuity after the Rate of Five Pounds *per Centum*, in respect of the Principal Sum of Twenty-four Pounds, to commence from the Fifth Day of *January* One thousand eight hundred and five; which said respective Annuities shall be payable and paid Half-yearly, by even and equal Portions, that is to say, the said Annuity of Five Pounds on the Tenth Day of *October* and the Fifth Day of *April* in every Year, and the said Annuity after the Rate of Five Pounds *per Centum* on the Fifth Day of *July* and the Fifth Day of *January* in every Year; the First Payment upon the said Annuity of Five Pounds to be due on the said Tenth Day of *October* One thousand eight hundred and five, and on the said Annuities after the Rate of Five Pounds *per Centum* on the Fifth Day of *July* One thousand eight hundred and five, but shall not be payable until the respective Subscribers or Contributors, their Executors, Administrators, Successors, or Assigns, shall have completed the Whole of the Sums by them subscribed for the Purchase of the said Annuities.

As soon as Subscriptions are completed, Annuities may be transferred, &c.

VI. And be it further enacted, That as soon as any Contributors, their Executors, Administrators, Successors, or Assigns, shall have completed their Payments of such Part of the whole Sum payable by them respectively towards the said Sum of One million five hundred thousand Pounds, as shall be payable in respect of the said Annuities of Five Pounds, or after the Rate of Five Pounds *per Centum*, or of either of them, the respective Principal Annuities or Sums shall forthwith be, in the Books of the Bank of *England*, placed to the Credit of such respective Contributors, their Executors, Administrators, Successors, and Assigns, completing such Payments; and the Persons to whose Credit such Principal Sums shall be so placed, their respective Executors, Administrators, Successors, and Assigns, shall and may have Power to assign and transfer the same, or any Part, Share, or Proportion thereof, to any other Person or Persons, Body or Bodies Politick or Corporate whatsoever, in the Books of the Bank of *England*; and the said Governor and Company of the Bank of *England* are hereby required, as soon as conveniently may be after the passing of this Act, to prepare proper Books for the Purpose of entering the Names of all such Contributors, and of placing to their Credit the Principal Sums so paid by them respectively, and that such of the said Contributors, their Executors, Administrators, Successors, or Assigns, who shall complete the Payments of such Parts of the whole Sum payable by them respectively towards the said Sum of One million five hundred thousand Pounds, as shall be payable in respect of any or either of the said respective Annuities, at any Time before the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England* shall have prepared their Receipts, according to the Directions of this Act, shall be entitled to have the Sums so paid forthwith placed to their Credit in the Books of the Bank of *England*; and the said Governor and Company

pany are hereby required to cauſe ſuch Sums to be forthwith placed to the Credit of the Perſons entitled to the Annuities in reſpect thereof in the Books of the ſaid Bank of *England*, and ſuch Entries in the ſaid Books ſhall be in lieu of the Receipts hereby directed to be given for all Sums paid in Manner aforeſaid; and ſuch Sums ſhall carry the Annuities of Five Pounds for Fifty-four Years and Nine Months, and then to ceaſe, and the Annuities after the Rate of Five Pounds *per Centum* redeemable by Parliament, and ſhall reſpectively be taken and deemed to be Stock transferable according to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, until the Determination of the ſaid Annuities of Five Pounds at the Expiration of the ſaid Period of Fifty-four Years and Nine Months, and until Redemption of the ſaid Annuities after the Rate of Five Pounds *per Centum* in Manner herein-after mentioned.

Contributors paying the Whole of their Subſcriptions by the Times herein ſpecified, to be entitled to Annuities at certain Periods.

VII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That all and every ſuch Contributor or Contributors, his, her, or their Executors, Adminiſtrators, Succeſſors, and Aſſigns, who ſhall have paid into the Hands of the ſaid Caſhier or Caſhiers the Whole of his, her, or their Contribution Money, on or before the Second Day of *July* One thouſand eight hundred and five, ſhall be entitled to have and receive on the Fifth Day of *July* One thouſand eight hundred and five, at the Bank of *England*, the Half Year's Annuity after the Rate of Five Pounds *per Centum*, that ſhall become due on the Fifth Day of *July* One thouſand eight hundred and five; and that all and every ſuch Perſon or Perſons who ſhall have paid into the Hands of ſuch Caſhier or Caſhiers the Whole of his, her, or their Contribution Money on or before the Seventh Day of *October* One thouſand eight hundred and five, ſhall be entitled to have and receive on the Tenth Day of *October* One thouſand eight hundred and five, at the Bank of *England*, the Half Year's Annuity, after the Rate of Five Pounds, that ſhall become due on the ſaid Tenth Day of *October* One thouſand eight hundred and five; and that all and every ſuch Perſon or Perſons, who ſhall have paid into the Hands of ſuch Caſhier or Caſhiers, the Whole of his, her, or their Contribution Money, on or before the Second Day of *January* One thouſand eight hundred and ſix, ſhall be entitled to have and receive, on the Fifth Day of *January* One thouſand eight hundred and ſix, the Year's Annuity after the Rate of Five Pounds *per Centum*, that ſhall become due on the Fifth Day of *January* One thouſand eight hundred and ſix; and that all and every Perſon or Perſons who ſhall not have completed the Whole of their ſaid Payments, on or before the ſaid Second Day of *July* One thouſand eight hundred and five, or the ſaid Seventh Day of *October* One thouſand eight hundred and five, or the ſaid Second Day of *January* One thouſand eight hundred and ſix, ſhall, on completing the ſame within the Time in this Act preſcribed, be entitled to receive the Year's Annuity from the Fifth Day of *January* One thouſand eight hundred and five, and the Fifth Day of *April* One thouſand eight hundred and five reſpectively, as the ſame ſhall become due, according to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act.

Annuities payable and transferrable at the Bank.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That all the Annuities aforeſaid ſhall be payable and paid, and be transferrable, at the Bank of *England*; and ſhall be ſubject to ſuch Redemption as is herein-after mentioned.

IX. And be it further enacted, That ſo much Money ſhall, from Time to Time, be ſet apart and iſſued at the Receipt of the Exchequer in *England*, out of the Conſolidated Fund of *Great Britain*, to the ſaid Caſhier or Caſhiers of the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, as ſhall be ſufficient to ſatisfy and pay the reſpective Annuities to be created in reſpect of the ſaid Sum of One million five hundred thouſand Pounds, together with the Charges attending the ſame. Money to be iſſued out of the Conſolidated Fund of *Great Britain* for Payment of Annuities and Charges;

X. And be it further enacted, That all the ſaid Annuities, Intereſts, and Dividends, which ſhall become payable in reſpect of the ſaid Sum of One million five hundred thouſand Pounds, ſhall be charged and chargeable upon, and are hereby charged upon and made payable out of the Conſolidated Fund of *Great Britain*. and ſhall be charged upon the ſaid Fund.

XI. And be it further enacted, That the Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Treaſury in *Ireland*, or any Three or more of them, for the Time being, ſhall from Time to Time, without any further Warrant to be ſued for, had, or obtained in this Behalf, cauſe to be iſſued at the Receipt of His Majeſty's Exchequer out of the Conſolidated Fund of *Ireland*, and paid into the Receipt of His Majeſty's Exchequer in *England*, ſo much Monies as ſhall be ſufficient from Time to Time to anſwer to the ſaid Exchequer in *England*, the ſeveral and reſpective Annuities and other Payments hereby directed to be paid thereout; and that ſuch Payments ſhall be made into the ſaid Exchequer in *England* Half-yearly, by even and equal Portions, (that is to ſay), ſuch of the ſaid Sums as ſhall be paid for the ſaid Annuities of Five Pounds for Fifty-four Years and Nine Months, on or before the Firſt Day of *April* and the Fifth Day of *October* in every Year; and ſuch of the ſaid Sums as ſhall be paid for the ſaid Annuities after the Rate of Five Pounds *per Centum*, on or before the Firſt Day of *July* and the Firſt Day of *January* in every Year; the Firſt Payment upon the ſaid Annuities of Five Pounds for Fifty-four Years and Nine Months to be made on or before the Fifth Day of *October* One thouſand eight hundred and five, and on the ſaid Annuities after the Rate of Five Pounds *per Centum*, on or before the Firſt Day of *July* One thouſand eight hundred and five. The Treaſury in *Ireland*, to iſſue out of the Conſolidated Fund and pay into the Exchequer in *England*, Money to anſwer Annuities, &c. to a certain Amount.

XII. And, for the more eaſy and ſure Payment of all the ſeveral Annuities eſtabliſhed by this Act, be it further enacted, That the ſaid Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, and their Succeſſors, ſhall from Time to Time, until all the ſaid Annuities ſhall be determined or redeemed, appoint and employ One or more ſufficient Perſon or Perſons, within their Office in the City of *London*, to be their Chief or Firſt Caſhier or Caſhiers, and One other ſufficient Perſon within the ſame Office, to be their Accountant General; and that ſo much of the Monies by this Act appropriated for the Purpoſe, as ſhall be ſufficient from Time to Time to anſwer the ſaid ſeveral and reſpective Annuities, and other Payments, herein directed to be made out of the ſaid Monies, in reſpect of the ſaid Sum of One million five hundred thouſand Pounds, ſhall, by Order of the Commiſſioners of the Treaſury of *Great Britain* or any Three or more of them, or the High Treaſurer of *Great Britain* for the Time being, without any further Warrant to be ſued for, had, or obtained in that Behalf, from Time to Time, at the reſpective Days of Payment in this Act appointed for Payment thereof, be iſſued and paid at the The Bank to appoint a Caſhier and Accountant General, and the Treaſury to order Money to be iſſued to the Caſhier for Payment of Annuities.

Receipt of the Exchequer in *Great Britain*, to the ſaid Firſt or Chief Caſhier or Caſhiers of the ſaid Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, and their Succeſſors, for the Time being, by way of Impreſt and upon Account, for the Payment of the ſaid ſeveral and reſpective Annuities payable by virtue of this Act; and that ſuch Caſhier or Caſhiers, to whom the ſaid Money ſhall from Time to Time be iſſued, ſhall from Time to Time, without Delay, pay the ſame accordingly, and render his or their Accounts thereof, according to the due Courſe of the Exchequer in *Great Britain*; and that the ſaid Accountant General for the Time being, ſhall from Time to Time inſpect and examine all Receipts and Payments of the ſaid Caſhier or Caſhiers, and the Vouchers relating thereto, in order to prevent any Fraud, Negligence, or Delay.

Caſhier to give Receipts for Subſcriptions, which may be aſſigned before Dec. 28, 1805.

XIII. And be it further enacted, That the Caſhier or Caſhiers of the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, who ſhall have received or ſhall receive any Part of the ſaid Contributions towards the ſaid Sum of One million five hundred thouſand Pounds, ſhall give a Receipt or Receipts in Writing to every ſuch Contributor for all ſuch Sums; and that the Receipts to be given ſhall be aſſignable at any Time before the Twenty-eighth Day of *December* One thouſand eight hundred and five, and no longer: Provided always, that ſuch Caſhier or Caſhiers ſhall give Security to the good liking of any Three or more of the Commiſſioners of the Treaſury, or the High Treaſurer of *Great Britain* for the Time being, for duly anſwering and paying into the Receipt of His Majeſty's Exchequer in *Great Britain*, as herein mentioned, for the publick Uſe, all the Monies which they have already received, and ſhall hereafter receive from Time to Time, of and for the Whole of the ſaid Sum of One million five hundred thouſand Pounds, and for accounting duly for the ſame, and for Performance of the Truſt hereby in them repoſed, and ſhall from Time to Time pay all ſuch Monies as ſoon as he or they ſhall receive the ſame or any Part thereof, or within Five Days afterwards at the fartheſt, into and ſhall account for the ſame, in the Exchequer of *Great Britain*, according to the due Courſe thereof, deducting thereout ſuch Sums as ſhall have been paid by him or them in purſuance of this Act, for which Sums ſo paid Allowance ſhall be made in his or their Accounts.

Caſhier to give Security for paying the Money he receives into the Exchequer.

A Book to be kept in the Accountant General's Office for entering Contributors Names, a Duplicate whereof to be tranſmitted to the Auditor of the Exchequer.

XIV. And be it enacted, That in the Office of the Accountant General of the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England* for the Time being, a Book or Books ſhall be provided and kept, in which the Names of the Contributors ſhall be fairly entered; which Book or Books, the ſaid reſpective Contributors, their reſpective Executors, Adminiſtrators, Succeſſors, and Aſſigns, ſhall and may from Time to Time, and at all ſeaſonable Times, reſort to and inſpect without any Fee or Charge; and that the ſaid Accountant General ſhall, on or before the Fifth Day of *July* One thouſand eight hundred and ſix, tranſmit an atteſted Duplicate, fairly written on Paper, of the ſaid Book or Books into the Office of the Auditor of the Receipt of His Majeſty's Exchequer of *Great Britain*, there to remain for ever.

Contributors duly paying their Subſcriptions entitled to Annuities Tax free.

XV. And be it further enacted, That ſuch Contributors, duly paying the whole Sum ſo ſubſcribed at or before the reſpective Times in this Act limited in that Behalf, and their reſpective Executors, Adminiſtrators,

tors, Succeſſors, and Aſſigns, ſhall have, receive, and enjoy, and be entitled by virtue of this Act to have, receive, and enjoy, the ſaid ſeveral Annuities by this Act granted in reſpect of the Sum ſo ſubſcribed, out of the Monies granted and appropriated in this Seſſion of Parliament for Payment thereof, and ſhall have good and ſure Intereſts and Eſtates therein, according to the ſeveral Proviſions in this Act contained, and that the ſaid ſeveral Annuities ſhall be free from all Taxes, Charges, and Impoſitions whatſoever.

Subſcriptions paid in Part and not completed, forfeited.

XVI. Provided always, That in caſe any ſuch Contributors who have already depoſited with or ſhall hereafter pay to the ſaid Caſhier or Caſhiers any Sum or Sums of Money at the Time and in the Manner herein-before mentioned, in Part of the Sum or Sums ſo by them reſpectively ſubſcribed, or their reſpective Executors, Adminiſtrators, Succeſſors, or Aſſigns, ſhall not advance and pay to the ſaid Caſhier or Caſhiers the Reſidue of the Sum or Sums ſo ſubſcribed at the Times and in the Manner before mentioned, then and in every ſuch Caſe ſo much of the reſpective Sum or Sums ſo ſubſcribed, as ſhall have been actually paid in Part thereof to the ſaid Caſhier or Caſhiers ſhall be forfeited for the Benefit of the Publick, and all Right and Title to the ſaid reſpective Annuities of Five Pounds, and after the Rate of Five Pounds *per Centum*, in reſpect thereof, ſhall be extinguiſhed; any Thing in this Act contained to the contrary thereof in anywiſe notwithſtanding.

Annuities to be deemed Perſonal Eſtate.

XVII. And be it further enacted, That all Perſons who ſhall be entitled to any of the Annuities hereby granted in reſpect of the ſaid Sum of One million five hundred thouſand Pounds, and all Perſons lawfully claiming under them, ſhall be poſſeſſed thereof as of a Perſonal Eſtate; which ſhall not be deſcendible to Heirs, nor liable to any Foreign Attachment by the Cuſtom of *London*, or otherwiſe; any Law, Statute, or Cuſtom, to the contrary notwithſtanding.

Treaſury may remit to *Ireland* Part of the Loan.

XVIII. And be it further enacted, That the ſaid Lords Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Treaſury, or any Three or more of them, ſhall and may, and they are hereby authorized, to remit to the Exchequer of that Part of the United Kingdom called *Ireland*, from Time to Time, any Sums of Money, not exceeding in the Whole the Sum of One million five hundred thouſand Pounds, to be applied to ſuch Services for *Ireland*, as ſhall have been voted by the Commons of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, in this preſent Seſſion of Parliament.

Accountant General to keep Books for entering Transfers.

XIX. And be it further enacted, That Books ſhall be conſtantly kept by the ſaid Accountant General for the Time being, wherein all Aſſignments or Transfers of all Sums advanced or contributed towards the ſaid Sum of One million five hundred thouſand Pounds ſhall be entered and regiſtered; which Entry ſhall be conceived in proper Words for that Purpoſe, and ſhall be ſigned by the Parties making ſuch Aſſignments or Transfers, or if ſuch Parties be abſent, by their reſpective Attorney or Attornies thereunto lawfully authorized, in Writing under his or their Hand and Seal, or Hands and Seals, to be atteſted by Two or more credible Witneſſes; and that the ſeveral Perſons to whom ſuch Transfers ſhall be made, ſhall reſpectively underwrite their Acceptance thereof, and that no other Method of aſſigning or transferring the ſaid

Stock may be deviſed.

Annuities, or any Part thereof, or any Intereſt therein, ſhall be good or available in Law: Provided always, that all Perſons poſſeſſed of any Share or Intereſt in either of the ſaid Stocks of Annuities, or any Eſtate or Intereſt therein, may deviſe the ſame by Will, in Writing, atteſted by Two or more credible Witneſſes; but that no Payment ſhall be made upon any ſuch Deviſe, until ſo much of the ſaid Will as relates to ſuch Share, Eſtate, or Intereſt, in the ſaid Stocks of Annuities, be entered in the ſaid Office; and that in default of ſuch Tranſfer or Deviſe, ſuch Share, Eſtate, or Intereſt, in the ſaid Stocks of Annuities, ſhall go to the Executors, Adminiſtrators, Succeſſors, and Aſſigns; and that no Stamp Duties whatſoever ſhall be charged on any of the ſaid Tranfers; any Law or Statute to the contrary notwithſtanding.

Transfers not liable to Stamp Duties.

Treaſury may defray incidental Expences out of Contributions, and allow Salaries to the Caſhier and Accountant General.

XX. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That out of the Monies ariſing from the Contributions towards raiſing the ſaid Sum of One million five hundred thouſand Pounds by Annuities, any Three or more of the Commiſſioners of the Treaſury, or the High Treaſurer of *Great Britain* for the Time being, ſhall have Power to diſcharge all ſuch incident Charges as ſhall neceſſarily attend the Excution of this Act, in ſuch Manner as to them ſhall ſeem juſt and reaſonable; and alſo to ſettle and appoint ſuch Allowances as ſhall be thought proper for the Service, Pains, and Labour of the ſaid Caſhier or Caſhiers, for receiving, paying, and accounting for the ſaid Contributions; and alſo ſhall have Power to make, out of the ſaid Conſolidated Fund, ſuch further Allowances as ſhall be judged reaſonable for the Service, Pains, and Labour, of the ſaid Caſhier or Caſhiers for receiving, paying, and accounting for the ſaid Annuities payable by virtue of this Act; and alſo for the Service, Pains, and Labour of the ſaid Accountant General, for performing the Truſt repoſed in him by this Act; all which Allowances to be made as aforeſaid, in reſpect of the Service, Pains, and Labour of any Officer or Officers of the ſaid Governor and Company, ſhall be for the Uſe and Benefit of the ſaid Governor and Company, and at their Diſpoſal only.

The Annuitie of 5 per Cent. for 54 Years, &c. ſhall be added to the Joint Stock of Annuities granted by 1 and 2 Geo. 3

XXI. And be it further enacted, That all the ſaid Annuities of Five Pounds *per Annum*, to continue for a certain Term of Fifty-four Years and Nine Months from the Fifth Day of *April* One thouſand eight hundred and five, and then to ceaſe, to which any Perſon or Perſons, Bodies Politick and Corporate, ſhall be entitled by virtue of this Act, in reſpect of any Sum or Sums of Money advanced or contributed towards raiſing the ſaid Sum of One million five hundred thouſand Pounds as aforeſaid, ſhall be added to and made one joint Stock with certain Annuities which, by Two Acts made in the Firſt and Second Years of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, were granted and made payable at the Bank of *England*, for the reſpective Terms of Ninety-nine Years and Ninety-eight Years from the Fifth Days of *January* One thouſand ſeven hundred and ſixty-one and One thouſand ſeven hundred and ſixty-two reſpectively, and then to ceaſe, and which ſaid reſpective Annuities were conſolidated and made One joint Stock of Annuities by divers Acts made in the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, and ſhall be paid, payable, and transferrable at the ſame Time and Times, and in like Manner with the Annuities granted by the ſaid Acts.

XXII. And

XXII. And be it further enacted, That all the Monies to which any Perſon or Perſons ſhall become entitled by virtue of this Act, in reſpect of any Sum advanced or contributed towards the ſaid Sum of One million five hundred thouſand Pounds, on which the ſaid Annuities after the Rate of Five Pounds *per Centum* ſhall be attending, ſhall be added to the joint Stock of Annuities with, and ſhall be redeemable at the ſame Time and in like Manner as the Annuities carrying an Intereſt after the Rate of Five Pounds *per Centum*, eſtabliſhed by the Acts of the Twenty-fourth, Twenty-fifth, Thirty-fourth, Thirty-fifth, Thirty-ſixth, and Thirty-ſeventh Years of His preſent Majeſty's Reign for granting Annuities to ſatisfy certain Navy, Victualling, Tranſport, and Exchequer Bills, and Ordnance Debentures; and that all and every Perſon and Perſons and Corporations whatſoever, in Proportion to the Money to which he, ſhe, or they, ſhall become entitled as aforeſaid by virtue of this Act, ſhall have and be deemed to have a proportional Intereſt and Share in the ſaid joint Stock of Annuities at the Rate aforeſaid.

The Money on which the 5 per Cent. ſhall be attending ſhall be added to the 5 per Cent. Annuities already eſtabliſhed.

XXIII. And be it further enacted, That if any Perſon or Perſons ſhall forge or counterfeit, or cauſe or procure to be forged or counterfeited, or ſhall willingly act or aſſiſt in the forging or counterfeiting any Receipt or Receipts for the Whole of or any Part or Parts of the ſaid Contributions towards the ſaid Sum of One million five hundred thouſand Pounds, either with or without the Name or Names of any Perſon or Perſons being inſerted therein as the Contributor or Contributors thereto, or Payer or Payers thereof, or of any Part or Parts thereof, or ſhall alter any Number, Figure, or Word therein, or utter or publiſh, as true, any ſuch falſe, forged, counterfeited, or altered Receipt or Receipts, with Intent to defraud the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, or any Body Politick or Corporate, or any Perſon or Perſons whatſoever, every ſuch Perſon or Perſons ſo forging or counterfeiting, or cauſing or procuring to be forged or counterfeited, or willingly acting or aſſiſting in the forging or counterfeiting, or altering, uttering, or publiſhing as aforeſaid, being thereof convicted in due Form of Law, ſhall be adjudged guilty of Felony, and ſhall ſuffer Death as a Felon without Benefit of Clergy.

Perſons counterfeiting Receipts for Contributions, &c. guilty of Felony.

XXIV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the ſaid Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, and their Succeſſors, notwithſtanding the Redemption of all or any of their own Funds in purſuance of the Acts for eſtabliſhing the ſame, or any of them, ſhall continue a Corporation for the Purpoſes of this Act, until all the Annuities by this Act granted ſhall be redeemed by Parliament as aforeſaid; and that the ſaid Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, or any Member thereof, ſhall not incur any Diſability for or by reaſon of their doing any Matter or Thing in purſuance of this Act.

Bank to continue a Corporation till the Annuities hereby granted ceaſe.

XXV. And be it further enacted, That no Fee, Reward, or Gratuity, whatſoever, ſhall be demanded or taken of any of His Majeſty's Subjects, for receiving or paying the ſaid Subſcription or Contribution Monies, or any of them, or for any Receipt concerning the ſame, or for paying the ſaid Annuities, or any of them, or for any Tranſfer of any Sum, great or ſmall, to be made in purſuance of this Act, upon Pain that any Officer

No Fee to be taken for receiving Contributions, or paying or tranſferring Annuities, on Penalty of 20*l.*

Officer or Perſon offending, by taking or demanding any ſuch Fee, Reward, or Gratuity, ſhall, for every ſuch Offence, forfeit the Sum of Twenty Pounds to the Party aggrieved, with full Coſts of Suit, to be recovered by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, in any of His Majeſty's Courts of Record at *Weſtminſter*, wherein no Eſſoign, Protection, Privilege, or Wager of Law, Injunction, or Order of Reſtraint, or any more than One Imparlance ſhall be granted or allowed.

Perſons ſued may plead the General Iſſue.

XXVI. And be it further enacted, That if any Perſon or Perſons ſhall be ſued, moleſted, or proſecuted, for any Thing done by virtue or in purſuance of this Act, ſuch Perſon or Perſons ſhall and may plead the General Iſſue, and give this Act and the Special Matter in Evidence, in his, her, or their Defence or Defences; and if afterwards a Verdict ſhall paſs for the Defendant or Defendants, or the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs ſhall diſcontinue his, her, or their Action or Proſecution, or be nonſuited, or Judgement ſhall be given againſt him, her, or them, upon Demurrer or otherwiſe, then ſuch Defendant or Defendants ſhall have Treble Coſts awarded to him, her, or them, againſt any ſuch Plaintiff or Plaintiffs.

Treble Coſts.

Act may be altered or repealed this Seſſion.

XXVII. And be it further enacted, That this Act may be varied, altered, or repealed by any Act to be paſſed in this Seſſion of Parliament.

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