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GEORGII III. REGIS.

CAP. LV.

An Act to amend an Act, made in the Twenty-fifth Year of His preſent Majeſty, for better examining and auditing the Publick Accounts of this Kingdom, and for enabling the Commiſſioners, in certain Caſes, to allow of Vouchers although not ſtamped according to Law. [27th *June* 1805.]

WHEREAS by an Act paſſed in the Twenty-fifth Year of His preſent Majeſty's Reign, intituled, *An Act for better examining and auditing the Publick Accounts of this Kingdom*, it is enacted, that the Paymaſter General of His Majeſty's Forces, the Treaſurer of the Navy, the Treaſurer of the Ordnance, and every other publick Officer, paying into the Hands of any Perſon or Perſons whomſoever, Money for publick Services by way of Impreſt or on Account, ſhall, within Thirty Days after the Thirty-firſt Day of *December* in every Year, tranſmit an Account of all Sums of Money, iſſued or paid by him or them to any Perſon or Perſons for the publick Service within the preceding Year, to the Commiſſioners for auditing the publick Accounts, who are required forthwith to tranſmit Duplicates of the ſame to His Majeſty's Remembrancer in the Court of Exchequer, who immediately on Receipt of ſuch Accounts is required to put the ſeveral Sums ſo iſſued in charge againſt the Parties, in like Manner as with reſpect to Perſons receiving Money by way of Impreſt or on Account of the Receipt of His Majeſty's Exchequer; and it is thereby further enacted, that no Accountant ſhall be allowed in his Account any Sum which he ſhall iſſue or pay over to any Sub-accountants, unleſs he ſhall have tranſmitted to the ſaid Commiſſioners regular Accounts thereof in the Manner and within the Times above mentioned, 25 G. 3. c. 52,

mentioned, unleſs Proof ſhall be produced, to the Satisfaction of the Lord High Treaſurer or the Commiſſioners of the Treaſury, that any Failure of tranſmitting the ſame did not happen from the wilful Neglect of the Perſon iſſuing or paying over the Money as aforeſaid: And whereas it is expedient to extend the Period within which Accounts of Sums of Money iſſued to Sub-accountants may be tranſmitted to the Commiſſioners for auditing the publick Accounts, and that the ſaid Commiſſioners ſhould be enabled in certain Caſes to allow of Vouchers for Monies paid although the ſame may not have been ſtamped according to Law: 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 be lawful for the Paymaſter General of His Majeſty's Forces, the Treaſurer of the Navy, the Treaſurer of the Ordnance, and every other publick Officer, who, ſince the Thirty-firſt Day of *December* One thouſand eight hundred and four, hath paid, or who ſhall hereafter pay into the Hands of any Perſon or Perſons whomſoever, Money for publick Services by way of Impreſt or on Account, within Twelve Calendar Months after the Thirty-firſt Day of *December* One thouſand eight hundred and five, and within Twelve Calendar Months after the Thirty-firſt Day of *December* in every future Year, to tranſmit an Account of all Sums of Money iſſued or paid by him or them to any Perſon or Perſons for the publick Service within the preceding Year to the Commiſſioners for auditing the publick Accounts, who ſhall, within Six Months after the Receipt of ſuch Account, take the ſame into Conſideration; and if it ſhall appear to them that the Perſons to whom publick Monies ſhall be ſo ſtated to have been iſſued or paid, or any of them, ought to be made Sub-accountants, and to be ſet inſuper in the declared Account of ſuch Principal, they ſhall forthwith tranſmit a Schedule or Certificate thereof to His Majeſty's Remembrancer in the Court of Exchequer, who ſhall immediately put the Sums ſo iſſued or paid in charge againſt the ſaid Party or Parties, and the ſaid Sums ſhall be allowed in the Accounts of the reſpective Accountants iſſuing the ſame, in like Manner as if ſuch Accounts had been tranſmitted within the Period preſcribed by the ſaid Act.

The Paymaſter General of the Forces, and the Treaſurer of the Navy, &c. ſhall yearly tranſmit an Account of the Money paid by him for the publick Service to the Commiſſioners for publick Accounts, who ſhall take the Account into Conſideration within Six Months, &c.

II. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall be lawful for the Commiſſioners for auditing the publick Accounts, in their Examination of any Accounts for any Periods preceding the Thirty-firſt Day of *December* One thouſand eight hundred and four, to admit and allow of Receipts and Vouchers for any Monies expreſſed therein to have been paid, although ſuch Receipts or Vouchers ſhall not have been ſtamped according to Law.

Vouchers for Accounts preceding Dec. 31, 1804, to be allowed though not ſtamped.

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