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An Act for improving the Funds of the Cheſt at *Greenwich*, and amending an Act paſſed in the Forty-third Year of His preſent Majeſty, relating to the ſaid Cheſt. [16th *July* 1806.]

WHEREAS an Act paſſed in the Forty-third Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, intituled, *An Act for improving the Funds of the Cheſt at* Chatham, *and for transferring the Adminiſtration of the ſame to* Greenwich *Hoſpital, and for ameliorating the Condition of the Penſioners on the ſaid Funds:* And whereas it is expedient that further Proviſion ſhould be made for improving the Funds of the ſaid Cheſt, and for the more effectually carrying into Execution the Purpoſes of the ſaid Act, and for enabling the Superviſors of the ſaid Cheſt to make further Proviſion for, and to extend and increaſe Allowances to, Perſons maimed or hurt, or otherwiſe diſabled in the Service of their Country; 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, from and after the paſſing of this Act, all and every Prize Agent and Prize Agents appointed or to be appointed in purſuance of an Act paſſed in the laſt Seſſion of Parliament, intituled, *An Act for the Encouragement of Seamen, and for the better and more effectually manning His Majeſty's Navy during the preſent War*, or in purſuance of any other Prize Act hereafter to be paſſed, ſhall, from and out of the Net Proceeds of all Prizes which, after the paſſing of this Act, ſhall be taken during the preſent War, by any Ship or Veſſel of War in His Majeſty's Pay, retain for the Uſe of the ſaid Cheſt at *Greenwich* and ſhall, within Ten Days next after the Diſtribution of the Proceeds of every ſuch Prize for which he or they ſhall have been or ſhall be appointed Agent or Agents as aforeſaid ſhall have been notified in the Manner directed by the ſaid laſt-mentioned Act, or any other Prize Act hereafter to be paſſed, pay over to the Accountant of the

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Prize Agents ſhall retain 3l. 6s. 8d. per Centum out of the Net Proceeds of Prizes for the Uſe of Greenwich Cheſt.



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ſaid Cheſt, or to ſuch other Perſon or Perſons as the ſaid Superviſors ſhall from Time to Time, by Writing under their Common Seal, authorize and appoint to receive the ſame, for the Uſe of the ſaid Cheſt, the Sum of Three Pounds Six Shillings and Eight-pence *per Centum* on the Net Proceeds of every ſuch Prize, any Thing in any Act or Acts, or Proclamation or Proclamations to the contrary notwithſtanding; and the Payment of ſuch Money, and the Receipt of ſuch Accountant, or ſuch other Perſon or Perſons ſo to be appointed as aforeſaid, ſhall be a good and ſufficient Diſcharge for the ſame to ſuch Agent or Agents, in his or their Accounts with all Perſons entitled to any Share of any ſuch Proceeds.

**Receiver to retain a like per Centage out of the Droits of Admiralty.**

II. And be it further enacted, That the Receiver of the Droits of Admiralty for the Time being ſhall, and he is hereby authorized and required as ſoon after the Net Proceeds ariſing from any ſuch Droits ſhall from Time to Time have been aſcertained after the paſſing of this Act, and after the Expiration of the Period within which any Appeal can be lodged againſt any Adjudication in relation to ſuch Droits as the ſame can be done, deliver in an Account thereof and pay over to the ſaid Accountant or to ſuch other Perſon or Perſons as the ſaid Superviſors ſhall by their Common Seal authorize and appoint to receive the ſame, Three Pounds Six Shillings and Eight-pence *per Centum* upon the Amount of ſuch Net Proceeds for the Uſe of the ſaid Cheſt.

**Agents to retain the ſame out of Bounty Bills**

III. And be it further enacted, That from and after the paſſing of this Act, all and every Agent and Agents for Bounty Money ſhall in like Manner, from and out of the Net Proceeds of all Bounty Bills which ſhall be made out purſuant to the Directions of the ſaid Act of the Forty-fifth Year of His preſent Majeſty's Reign, or of any other Prize Act hereafter to be paſſed, in reſpect of any Ship or Veſſel which, from and after the paſſing of this Act, ſhall be taken during the preſent War, and which ſhall have been received by any ſuch Agent or Agents, retain, for the Uſe of the ſaid Cheſt, and ſhall, within Ten Days next after the Receipt of the ſame reſpectively, pay over to the ſaid Accountant, or to ſuch other Perſon or Perſons as the ſaid Superviſors ſhall by their Common Seal authorize and appoint to receive the ſame, for the Uſe of the ſaid Cheſt, the Sum of Three Pounds Six Shillings and Eight-pence *per Centum* upon the Amount of the Net Proceeds of every ſuch Bounty Bill, any Thing in any Act or Acts, or Proclamation or Proclamations to the contrary notwithſtanding; and every ſuch Payment, and the Receipt of the ſaid Accountant, or ſuch Perſon or Perſons ſo to be appointed as aforeſaid, ſhall be a good Diſcharge to ſuch Agent or Agents for the ſame, in his or their Accounts with all Perſons entitled to any Share in ſuch Bounty Bill.

**Receipt of Accountant to be a good Diſcharge to a Purchaſer.**

IV. And be it further enacted, That upon the Sale of any Meſſuages, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments under the Proviſions of the ſaid recited Act, now made or at any time hereafter to be made, the Receipt of the Accountant of the ſaid Cheſt for the Time being, for the Purchaſe Money to be paid for the ſame, ſhall be a good, valid, and ſufficient Diſcharge to the Perſons, Bodies Politic or Corporate, purchaſing ſuch Meſſuages, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments reſpectively, for ſo much Money as in ſuch Receipt ſhall be acknowledged to have been received, to all Intents and Purpoſes; and ſuch Purchaſer or Purchaſers ſhall not be bound to ſee to the ſubſequent Inveſtment of the ſaid Purchaſe Monies under the ſaid Act.



V. And

Future Vacancies of Directors to be filled up by Supervisors.

V. And be it further enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act, all Vacancies which shall thereafter happen among the Directors of the said Chest, by Death, Resignation, or Removal, shall be filled up by the Supervisors of the said Chest, out of such Officers as are in the said recited Act described, and not by the remaining Directors; and it shall be lawful for the said Supervisors, and they are hereby authorized and empowered to increase or alter the Salaries of the said Directors to such Extent and in such Manner as they the said Supervisors shall from Time to Time think reasonable and proper; any Thing in the said Act to the contrary notwithstanding.

Supervisors may appoint Clerks, &c. with proper Salaries.

VI. And be it further enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act, it shall be lawful for the Supervisors of the said Chest, and they are hereby authorized and required from Time to Time, as the same may be necessary, to appoint such Accountants, Clerks, Surgeons, Assistants, Messengers, and other Officers and Servants, as shall appear to them from Time to Time to be necessary, and with such Salaries as such Supervisors shall think fit and adequate to their respective Situations, and from Time to Time to remove any such Accountants, Clerks, Surgeons, Assistants, Messengers, and other Officers and Servants, and appoint any others in their Stead, and also to supply all Vacancies which may arise therein; any Thing in the said recited Act to the contrary notwithstanding.

Statements and Accounts to be laid annually before Parliament.

VII. And be it further enacted, That a Statement of all Appointments which shall be made by the said Supervisors, pursuant to the Powers vested in them by this Act, and also an Account of the Funds, Receipt, and Expenditure of the said Chest, shall be annually laid before both Houses of Parliament.

Directors may alter Form of Bills, and directing by whom they shall be signed.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act, it shall be lawful for the Directors of the said Chest, or the major Part of them, to order and direct that the Bills for the Payment of Pensions out of the said Chest shall be made out in such Form as to such Directors may from Time to Time appear to be most convenient and proper, and all such Bills shall be signed by the Accountant of the said Chest, or in his Absence, from Sickness or otherwise, by his Chief Clerk, and not by the said Directors, as in the said Act mentioned; and such Bills shall be attested or countersigned by the Clerk making Entry of the said Bills any Thing in the said Act contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Receiver General, on Examination of Certificate, to inquire whether the Pensioner is also a Pensioner of Greenwich Hospital.

IX. And be it further enacted, That every Receiver General of Land Tax, Collector of Customs or Excise, or Clerk of the Cheque, examining any Duplicate or Certificate under the said Act, shall also inquire, on the Oath of the Party, whether the Chest Pensioner delivering the same is likewise an Out Pensioner of the Royal Hospital for Seamen at *Greenwich*, and to satisfy himself that such Chest Pensioner is not also an Out Pensioner of the said Royal Hospital, before he shall pay any Bill under the said Act and this Act.

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