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GEORGII III. REGIS.

CAP. CXLV.

An Act for enabling His Majesty to settle Annuities on certain Branches of the Royal Family.

[22d *July* 1806.]

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, having taken into our Consideration Your Majesty's most gracious Message, wherein Your Majesty has been pleased to declare, that Your Majesty having, by Your Message of the Eighth Day of *April* One thousand seven hundred and seventy-eight, recommended to Your faithful Commons to make competent Provision for the honourable Support and Maintenance of the younger Branches of the Royal Family; and in consequence thereof an Act having passed, charging certain Annuities for such Purpose upon the Aggregate Fund of *Great Britain*; but no Provision having afterwards been made in the Act, by which the several Revenues composing the said Aggregate Fund were transferred to the Consolidated Fund of *Great Britain*, for securing the said Annuities, by reason whereof, the Provision so recommended by Your Majesty, and carried into Effect by Act of Parliament, has failed, and become ineffectual; and Your Majesty recommended to the House of Commons to consider of such Measures as may be necessary for securing the said Annuities upon the Consolidated Fund; and that Your Majesty cannot forbear taking the Occasion to express Your Desire, that Your

faithful Commons would take into Conſideration the Propriety of ſuch Increaſe of the ſaid Allowances as the Change of Circumſtances that has ſince taken place ſhall appear to have rendered juſt and reaſonable, and that we would make ſuch further Proviſion in conſequence thereof, as the Nature of the Caſe ſhall be found to require, do 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 be lawful for the King's moſt Excellent Majeſty, by any Warrant or Warrants under His Royal Sign Manual, to give and grant unto each of their Royal Highneſſes, *William Henry* Duke of *Clarence*, *Edward* Duke of *Kent*, *Erneſt Auguſtus* Duke of *Cumberland*, *Auguſtus Frederick* Duke of *Suſſex*, and *Adolphus Frederick* Duke of *Cambridge*, for and during His Majeſty's Royal Will and Pleaſure, an Annuity not exceeding Six thouſand Pounds of lawful Money of *Great Britain*; and to Her Royal Highneſs the Princeſs *Charlotte* of *Wales*, during the Life of His preſent Majeſty, and the Life of His Royal Highneſs *George* Prince of *Wales*, an Annuity or Yearly Sum, not exceeding Seven thouſand Pounds of lawful Money of *Great Britain*; and to Her Royal Highneſs the Ducheſs Dowager of *Glouceſter*, for and during His Majeſty's Royal Will and Pleaſure, an Annuity not exceeding Four thouſand Pounds of lawful Money of *Great Britain*; and to His Highneſs *William* Duke of *Glouceſter*, in lieu of the Annuity of Eight thouſand Pounds, heretofore made payable to him out of the Aggregate Fund, an Annuity for and during His Majeſty's Royal Will and Pleaſure, not exceeding Fourteen thouſand Pounds of lawful Money of *Great Britain*; and alſo to Her Highneſs the Princeſs *Sophia* of *Glouceſter*, in lieu of the Yearly Sum of Four thouſand Pounds, heretofore made payable to her out of the Aggregate Fund, an Annuity for and during His Majeſty's Royal Will and Pleaſure, not exceeding Five thouſand Pounds of lawful Money of *Great Britain*; and alſo a further Annuity of Two thouſand Pounds of lawful Money of *Great Britain*, to commence from the Deceaſe of Her Royal Highneſs the Ducheſs Dowager of *Glouceſter*; which ſaid ſeveral Annuities may commence and take Effect from the Fifth Day of *July* One thouſand eight hundred and ſix, and ſhall be paid Quarterly, at the Four uſual Days of Payment in the Year, that is to ſay, the Tenth Day of *October*, the Fifth Day of *January*, the Fifth Day of *April*, and the Fifth Day of *July*, in every Year; and that the ſaid ſeveral Annuities ſhall and may, by ſuch Warrant or Warrants, be directed to be iſſuing and payable out of and charged and chargeable upon the Fund called the Conſolidated Fund of *Great Britain* (after paying, or reſerving ſufficient to pay, all ſuch Sum and Sums of Money as hath or have been directed to be paid out of the ſame by any former Act or Acts of Parliament, but with Preference to all other Payments which ſhall or may hereafter be charged upon and payable out of the ſaid Fund).

His Majeſty may, by Warrant under His Sign Manual, grant the Annuities herein mentioned,

to be payable Quarterly, out of the Conſolidated Fund.

II. And be it further enacted, That the ſaid ſeveral Annuities ſhall, during His Majeſty's Royal Will and Pleaſure, be paid and payable at the Receipt of His Majeſty's Exchequer, out of the ſaid Fund; and the Auditor of the ſaid Receipt ſhall, and he is hereby required by virtue of ſuch Warrant or Warrants, to make forth and paſs Debentures, from

Annuities to be payable at the Exchequer, &c.

Time to Time, for paying the ſaid ſeveral Annuities, as the ſame ſhall become due and payable, without any Fees or Charges to be demanded or taken for paying the ſame, or any Part thereof; and the Acquittance or Acquittances, Receipt or Receipts, of the Perſon hereby entitled to receive any ſuch Annuity, or of ſuch other Perſon or Perſons as ſhall by any ſuch Perſon be duly authorized and appointed to receive any ſuch Annuity, or any Part thereof, ſhall be a good and ſufficient Diſcharge for the Payment thereof; and the ſaid Debentures to be made forth, and paſſed upon the ſaid Warrant or Warrants, ſhall be a ſufficient Authority to the ſeveral and reſpective Officers of the Receipt of the Exchequer, now and for the Time being, for the Payment of any ſuch Annuity to any Perſons hereby entitled to receive the ſame, during the Continuance of the ſame, without any further or other Warrant to be ſued for, had, or obtained, in that Behalf; and that the ſaid Annuities ſo to be given and granted, ſhall be free and clear from all Taxes, Rates, and Aſſeſſments, and all other Charges whatſoever.

and the Acquittances of the Perſons entitled thereto, or the Perſons appointed to receive the ſame, ſhall be a ſufficient Diſcharge.

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