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An Act for the better Regulation of the Office of Receiver General of the Duties of Cuſtoms in *Great Britain*. [23d *July* 1806.]

WHEREAS it is expedient that Regulations ſhould be eſtabliſhed by Law in the Office of the Receiver General of the Cuſtoms in *England*, for depoſiting in the Bank of *England* all the Monies, Bills, Drafts, and Notes received by ſuch Receiver General, on Account of the Revenue under the Management of the Commiſſioners of Cuſtoms, except as herein-after mentioned, until the ſame ſhall be paid into the Exchequer; 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 Ninth Day of *Auguſt* One thouſand eight hundred and ſix, all Monies, Bills, Notes, and Drafts, received by or coming to the Hands of the Receiver General of the Cuſtoms in *England* on Account of the Revenue of Cuſtoms in *Great Britain*, ſhall be paid by him into the Hands of the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*; (that is to ſay), ſuch Monies and Notes, and ſuch of the Bills and Drafts as ſhall be already accepted, or ſhall not require Acceptance (having been firſt duly indorſed) ſhall be paid as aforeſaid on the Day on which the ſame ſhall have been received; and ſuch of the Bills and Drafts as ſhall require Acceptance, and not be already accepted when received (the ſame having been firſt duly indorſed

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where neceſſary) within Three Days after the ſame ſhall have been accepted; for which Monies, Bills, Notes, and Drafts, the Entry in the Book herein-after mentioned ſhall be a ſufficient Diſcharge; and all ſuch Monies, Bills, Notes, and Drafts ſo to be paid to the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, ſhall be placed to an Account to be raiſed in the Books of the ſaid Governor and Company, and to be intituled, 'The 'Account of the Publick Monies of the Receiver General of Cuſtoms,' inſerting the Name of ſuch Receiver General for the Time being.

Money for ordinary Payments may be retained.

II. Provided nevertheleſs, and be it further enacted, That it ſhall be lawful for ſuch Receiver General to retain and keep in his own Hands, for the Payment of caſual and ordinary and daily Demands, out of the Monies ſo received by him as ſuch Receiver General, a Sum not exceeding One thouſand Pounds at the Cloſe of each Day, unleſs any further Sum ſhall be directed to be retained by the ſaid Commiſſioners, not exceeding Four thouſand Pounds over and above the ſaid One thouſand Pounds, unleſs with the Permiſſion, in Writing, of any Three or more of the Lords Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Treaſury.

Bank to keep an Account, to be returned to the Cuſtoms for Inſpection.

III. And be it further enacted, That the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, or ſome Perſon duly authorized in that Behalf, ſhall daily, upon receiving any Money, Bills, Notes, or Drafts from ſuch Receiver General of the Cuſtoms, make an Entry of the Money, Bills, Notes, and Drafts ſo received, in a Book to be provided by the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, which Book ſhall be forthwith re-delivered to the Perſons making the Payments for the Cuſtoms, and inſpected daily after its Return by the Superviſor of the Receiver General's Receipts and Payments, or his Clerk, ſuch Clerk being firſt duly authorized by him, for whoſe Conduct he ſhall be anſwerable, who ſhall compare the ſame with the Account of Monies, Bills, Notes, and Drafts received by the ſaid Receiver General, for the Purpoſe of aſcertaining that the Receiver General conſtantly pays into the Bank all the Money, Bills, Notes, and Drafts which he ought to do under the Proviſions of this Act; and any Default which ſuch Superviſor, or his Clerk duly authorized as aforeſaid, may diſcover in that Behalf, ſhall be immediately reported to the ſaid Commiſſioners of the Cuſtoms, who ſhall report the ſame, unleſs the ſame ſhall appear to them to have happened by Miſtake or Inadvertence, to the Lords Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Treaſury.

Money carried to the Exchequer to be wrote off at the Bank.

IV. And be it further enacted, That the Monies placed to the Account of the Receiver General as aforeſaid in the Bank of *England*, ſhall be paid into the Exchequer from Time to Time as by Law is directed, in Manner following; (that is to ſay), the Receiver General, or his Clerk, duly authorized by him for that Purpoſe, for whoſe Conduct therein he ſhall be anſwerable, ſhall make an Order weekly upon the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, which Order ſhall be counterſigned by the Superviſor of the Receiver General's Receipts and Payments, to write off from his Account the Sum ſpecified; and the ſaid Governor and Company, or ſome Perſon duly authorized on their Behalf, ſhall thereupon write off ſuch Sum, and deliver a Note, drawn and cancelled in ſuch Manner as ſhall be approved by the Lords Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Treaſury, for the Amount, to the Receiver General or his Clerk, who ſhall pay the ſame into the Exchequer, and the Bank Clerks attending there ſhall receive

ceive it as ſo much Caſh; and it ſhall not be lawful for the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England* to pay or transfer any Part of the Money ſo paid in and placed to the Account of ſuch Receiver General, from ſuch Account, otherwiſe than into the Exchequer, in Manner aforeſaid, and except in the Manner herein-after directed, or to deliver any Note or Notes, Bill or Bills of Exchange, ſave and except to the Solicitor of the Cuſtoms or his Clerk, upon his Application for the ſame, together with the Receiver General or his Clerk and the Surveyor or his Clerk, for the ſole Purpoſe of taking out an Extent for the Security of the Money for which ſuch Bill of Exchange or Draft ſhall have been given, or to the ſaid Receiver General or his Clerk, any Bills, Notes, or Drafts, which may be proteſted for Non-payment, except as herein-after is mentioned, in which Caſe the Commiſſioners of Cuſtoms ſhall be immediately acquainted therewith if ſitting, by ſuch Solicitor, Receiver General, or Surveyor, or if not ſitting, at the Time of their aſſembling, and ſuch Delivery ſhall be entered by the Bank in the Book to be kept as is herein directed.

Certain Sums not to be paid into the Bank.

V. Provided alſo, and be it further enacted, That nothing herein contained ſhall extend to require certain Monies received by ſuch Receiver General, of the Deſcription herein-after mentioned, to be paid into the Bank of *England*; (that is to ſay), Money ariſing by Deductions on Account of the Civil Liſt Tax, and One Shilling Tax on Salaries, or on Account of the Superannuation Fund, or Money received for the Repair of *Dover* Harbour, or Monies received for Fees ariſing from vacant Patent Offices, but ſuch Monies ſhall continue to be received, accounted for, and applied, as they were before the paſſing of this Act.

Salaries and other incidental Charges to be paid under Direction of the Commiſſioners of Cuſtoms by Draft counterſigned by Surveyor.

VI. And be it further enacted, That in order that the ſeveral Payments directed by Order of the Commiſſioners of the Cuſtoms in *England*, to be made by the ſaid Receiver General to Merchants or any other Perſons on Account of Drawbacks or Bounties, or on any other Account whatever, may be made without Delay, and for the Payment of which the Money then in the Hands of the ſaid Receiver General ſhall be inſufficient, it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Receiver General, or one of his Clerks, to be deputed and authorized by him for that Purpoſe and for whoſe Conduct therein he ſhall be anſwerable, to draw out of the Bank of *England*, as Occaſion may require, ſuch Sum or Sums of Money as may be ſufficient to anſwer the Purpoſe aforeſaid; and that every Draft or Order on the Bank for Money for any of the ſaid Purpoſes, ſhall be counterſigned by the Surveyor of the Receiver General's Receipts and Payments, or one of his Clerks, to be deputed and authorized by him for that Purpoſe, for whoſe Conduct therein he ſhall be anſwerable; and that the ſaid Receiver General ſhall from Time to Time account for the Monies ſo to be drawn by him or his Clerk out of the Bank.

Officers of the Exchequer to be furniſhed with Appropriation Paper.

VII. And, in order that ſeparate Accounts may be kept at the Exchequer, of the Monies paid in on various Branches of the Cuſtoms purſuant to Law, be it further enacted, That the ſaid Receiver General of the Cuſtoms ſhall, on every *Monday* Morning, furniſh the proper Officers of the Exchequer with an Appropriation Paper, ſtating the Heads under which the Receipt of the preceding Week is to be applied.

On the Death or Removal of Receiver General the Balance to veſt in his Succeſſor

VIII. And be it further enacted, That upon the Death, Reſignation, or Removal of the preſent, and of every other Receiver General of the Cuſtoms hereafter to be appointed, the Balance of Caſh for which he ſhall at that Time have Credit on his Account as ſuch Receiver General with the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, ſhall, as ſoon as a Succeſſor ſhall be appointed to the ſaid Office, actually veſt in ſuch Succeſſor, and until ſuch Succeſſor ſhall be appointed in ſuch Perſon or Perſons as ſhall for the Time being be duly authorized to execute the Duties of the ſaid Office, in Truſt for the Service of the Publick, and be forthwith tranſferred, carried over, and placed to the Account of ſuch Succeſſor or other Perſon or Perſons as aforeſaid, to be applied to the ſaid Service, in purſuance of the like Drafts and Orders as aforeſaid.

Receiver General to keep Account.

IX. And be it further enacted, That from and after the Ninth Day of *Auguſt* One thouſand eight hundred and ſix, the Receiver General of the Cuſtoms for the Time being ſhall keep the Account with the Bank of all Monies iſſued by and paid to the Bank on his Account, for the Service of the Publick; and the ſaid Receiver General, obſerving the Rules and Regulations hereby preſcribed, ſhall not be anſwerable for any Money, Bills, Notes, and Drafts, which he ſhall have ſo paid, or cauſed to be paid, into the Bank of *England*; and the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England* ſhall be anſwerable for all the Monies, Bills, Notes, and Drafts, which ſhall be actually received by them, from and on Account of ſuch Receiver General as aforeſaid, except ſuch Bills as may have been returned in Manner aforeſaid.

Puniſhing Forgery.

X. And be it further enacted, That if any Perſon or Perſons ſhall knowingly and wilfully forge or counterfeit, or cauſe or procure to be forged or counterfeited, or knowingly and wilfully act or aſſiſt in forging or counterfeiting, the Name or Hand-writing of the Receiver General of the Cuſtoms for the Time being, or of the Superviſor of the Receiver General's Receipts and Payments, or the Perſon or Perſons duly authorized as aforeſaid, to any Draft, Inſtrument, or Writing whatſoever for or in order to the receiving or obtaining any of the Money in the Hands or Cuſtody of the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, on Account of the Receiver General of the Cuſtoms, or ſhall forge or counterfeit, or cauſe or procure to be forged or counterfeited, or knowingly and wilfully act or aſſiſt in the forging or counterfeiting any Draft, Inſtrument, or Writing in Form of a Draft made by ſuch Receiver General, or the Perſon or Perſons authorized as aforeſaid, or ſhall utter or publiſh any ſuch, knowing the ſame to be forged or counterfeited, with an Intention to defraud any Perſon whomſoever, every ſuch Perſon or Perſons ſo offending, being thereof lawfully convicted, ſhall be, and is and are hereby declared and adjudged to be guilty of Felony, and ſhall ſuffer Death as in caſes of Felony without Benefit of Clergy.

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