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An Act for taking down the preſent Building in which the Treaſury Chambers and Offices of the Court of Exchequer in *Scotland* were ſituated, and erecting new Buildings in lieu thereof.

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WHEREAS the Building in the City of *Edinburgh*, in which the Chief Baron, and the Barons of His Majeſty's Court of Exchequer in *Scotland*, lately ſat and held Courts and Meetings for the Diſpatch of the Buſineſs of the ſaid Court, has been found to be in a very ruinous State, and too ſmall for the Accommodation of them and their Officers, and unfit for the Preſervation and Security of the numerous and valuable Records in their Cuſtody: And whereas it has been found highly expedient, that the Building in which the Treaſury Chambers and Offices were ſituated, ſhould be taken down, and new and more commodious Court Rooms and Apartments erected and built upon the Scite thereof, or as contiguous thereto as may be, for the Accommodation of the Judges and Officers of the ſaid Court; and alſo, for containing and keeping the valuable Records of the ſaid Court in a State of good Preſervation and Security: And whereas by virtue of an Act paſſed in the Thirty-ſecond Year of the Reign of His late Majeſty King *George* the Second, intituled, *An Act for enabling His Majeſty to raiſe the Sum of One million for the Uſes and Purpoſes therein mentioned, and for further appropriating the Supplies granted in this Seſſion of Parliament*, the Sum of Sixty-nine thouſand nine hundred and ten Pounds Fifteen Shillings and Nine-pence was iſſued to the Royal Bank of *Scotland* at *Edinburgh*, upon Account, for paying and diſcharging the Debts claimed and ſuſtained upon the Lands and Eſtate which became forfeited to the Crown by the Attainder of *John Drummond* taking upon himſelf the Stile or Title of Lord *John Drummond* Brother to *James Drummond*, taking upon himſelf the Stile or Title of Duke of *Perth*, or ſo much of the ſaid Debts as ſhould be and remain unſatisfied according to the ſeveral Decrees in that Behalf reſpectively made by the Lords of Seſſion in *Scotland*, and purſuant to an Act made in the Twenty-fifth Year of the Reign of His ſaid Majeſty, for annexing certain forfeited Eſtates to the Crown unalienably, and for other Purpoſes: And whereas 32 G. 2. c. 36.

By virtue of another Act made and paſſed in the Thirty-third Year of the Reign of His ſaid late Majeſty King *George* the Second, intituled, *An Act* 33 G. 2. c. 18. *for enabling His Majeſty to raiſe the Sum of One million for the Uſes and Purpoſes therein mentioned, and for further appropriating the Supplies granted in this Seſſion of Parliament*, the further Sum of Two thouſand five hundred Pounds was iſſued to the ſaid Bank upon Account, for paying and diſcharging Debts upon the ſaid forfeited Eſtates of *Perth*: And whereas after Payment of the ſaid Debts, conform to Debentures iſſued under the Hands of the Barons of His Majeſty's Court of Exchequer in *Scotland* as by the ſaid Acts directed, the Surplus and Remainder of the ſaid Sums were directed to be reſerved for the future Diſpoſition of Parliament: And whereas the ſaid Bank, upon the Fifth of *Auguſt* One thouſand ſeven hundred and eighty-four, paſſed an Account in the ſaid Court of Exchequer for the Monies ſo received and paid by them, and the Balance remaining in their Hands, as appearing on the Foot of the ſaid Account, amounts to the Sum of Nine hundred and ſixty-four Pounds Fifteen Shillings and Four-pence and Eleven-Twelfths of a Penny: And whereas by virtue of an Act paſſed in the Firſt Year of His preſent Majeſty's Reign, 1 G. 3. c. 19. intituled, *An Act for enabling His Majeſty to raiſe the Sum of One million for the Uſes and Purpoſes therein mentioned, and for further appropriating the Supplies granted in this Seſſion of Parliament, and for exempting any Annuities or Sums of Money granted or to be granted to the Royal Family from Payment of Taxes*, the Sum of Thirty-eight thouſand five hundred and fifty-three Pounds Twelve Shillings and One Penny Three Farthings, was iſſued to the Royal Bank of *Scotland* at *Edinburgh*, for paying and diſcharging the Debts and Wadſett Sums claimed and ſuſtained upon the Lands and Eſtate which became forfeited to the Crown by the Attainder of *Simon* late Lord *Lovat*, or ſo much of the ſaid Debts as ſhould remain unſatisfied according to the ſeveral Decrees in that Behalf, reſpectively made by the Lords of Seſſion in *Scotland*, and purſuant to an Act of the Twenty-fifth Year of the Reign of His late Majeſty King *George* the Second, for annexing certain forfeited Eſtates to the Crown unalienably: And whereas after Payment of the ſaid Debts, conform to Debentures iſſued under the Hands of the Barons of His Majeſty's Court of Exchequer in *Scotland*, as by the ſaid Act is directed, the Surplus and Remainder of the Money was directed to be reſerved for the Diſpoſition of Parliament: And whereas upon the ſaid Fifth Day of *Auguſt* One thouſand ſeven hundred and eighty-four, the ſaid Bank paſſed an Account in the ſaid Court of Exchequer for the Monies ſo received and paid by them; and the Balance remaining in their Hands, as appearing on the Foot of the ſaid Account, amounted to the Sum of One thouſand and ninety Pounds Five Shillings and Five-pence and Five-Twelfths of a Penny: And whereas by an Act paſſed in the Twenty-24 G. 3. c. 57. fourth Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, intituled, *An Act to enable His Majeſty to grant to the Heirs of the former Proprietors, upon certain Terms and Conditions, the Forfeited Eſtates in* Scotland, *which were put under the Management of a Board of Truſtees, by an Act paſſed in the Twenty-fifth Year of the Reign of His late Majeſty King* George *the Second, and to repeal the ſaid Act*, it was enacted, that it ſhould be lawful to His Majeſty, His Heirs and Succeſſors, to give, grant, and diſpone to the ſeveral Perſons therein named, their reſpective Heirs and Aſſigns, the ſeveral Lands and Eſtates therein mentioned, ſubject to and chargeable with the ſeveral principal Sums of Money thereby made payable, or directed to be paid, into the Court of Exchequer in *Scotland*, with ſuch Directions for the Diſpoſition or Application thereof as in the ſaid Act are contained; and it was thereby further enacted, that the ſeveral principal Sums of Money ſo made thereby payable, or directed to be paid into the ſaid Court of Exchequer, ſhould be forthwith, by Order of the ſaid Court, lodged in the Royal Bank of

Scotland, or in any of the publick Funds, for such Interest as could be obtained for the same, till otherwise disposed of, in Manner therein afterwards directed; and it was thereby further enacted, that the Balance of Money so to be paid in (if any) should remain under the Care of the said Court of Exchequer in *Scotland*, and be lodged in one or other of the said publick Banks or publick Funds, subject to the future Disposition of Parliament: And whereas the Sums of Money so by the said Act directed to be paid into the said Court of Exchequer in *Scotland*, have, in pursuance of the said last recited Act, been paid into the said Court, and all the Applications in the said Act directed to be made thereof, have been accordingly made in the Manner mentioned in the said Act: And whereas the building and completing the said Court Rooms and Apartments will be of the greatest publick Utility, not only to that Part of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland* called *Scotland*, but to the whole United Kingdom; 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 and may be lawful for the Chief Baron and Barons of His Majesty's Court of Exchequer in *Scotland*, to cause to be taken down the whole present Building in which are the said Treasury Chambers and Apartments lately occupied by them and the Officers of the said Court, and to cause to be erected, built, perfected, and finished, upon the Ground or Scite thereof, or as near thereto as conveniently may be, proper and suitable Court Rooms and other Apartments, according to such Plans and Designs as shall be approved by the said Barons, or any Three of them, the Chief Baron being always One.

Barons of the Court of Exchequer in Scotland may take down the Treasury Chambers, and build Court Rooms and other Apartments.

II. And be it further enacted, That the said intended Buildings, when, and as soon as the same shall be built, shall, and are hereby declared to be the Buildings wherein the said Court of Exchequer and Officers thereof shall meet for the Dispatch of publick Business; and that the same, as also the Buildings at present appropriated for the Accommodation of the Courts of Session and Justiciary, shall, from Time to Time, be maintained, supported, and repaired, by Direction of the said Chief Baron and Barons, out of the Funds applicable to the Support of the Court of Session, Justiciary, and Exchequer, in *Scotland*.

When Buildings are completed, the Court of Exchequer shall be held there, etc.

III. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the said Lord Chief Baron and Barons, or any Three of them, for the Time being, and they are hereby directed and required to issue their Warrant or Warrants to the Royal Bank of *Scotland* at *Edinburgh*, or their Cashier, to pay in to the King's Remembrancer of the said Court of Exchequer, or his Deputy, the Sum of Nine hundred and sixty-four Pounds Fifteen Shillings and Four-pence and Eleven-Twelfths of a Penny, the Balance of the passed Account of the Sum of Sixty-nine thousand nine hundred and ten Pounds Fifteen Shillings and Nine-pence, issued to the said Bank in virtue of the said recited Act of the Thirty-second Year of the Reign of His late Majesty, and of the further Sum of Two thousand five hundred Pounds, issued to the said Bank by virtue of the said Act made in the Thirty-third Year of His said late Majesty; which said Sums were issued to the said Bank for paying and discharging the Debts upon the forfeited Estate of *Perth*; and the said Lord Chief Baron, and Barons of His Majesty's Court of Exchequer in *Scotland*, or any Three of them, are hereby further directed and required to issue their Warrant or Warrants to the said Royal Bank, or their Cashier, for paying to the said Remembrancer, or his Deputy, the Sum of One thousand and ninety Pounds Five Shillings and Five Pence and Five-Twelfths of a Penny, being the Balance of another passed Account of the Sum of Thirty-eight thousand

Court of Exchequer to order 964*l.* 15*s.* 4 *d.*, etc. and 1,090*l.* 5*s.* 5*d.* etc. to be paid over to the King's Remembrancer, out of the Monies herein mentioned.

thouſand five hundred and thirty-three Pounds Twelve Shillings and Five Pence Three-Farthings, for paying and diſcharging the Debts and Wadſett Sums claimed and ſuſtained upon the Lands and Eſtate which became forfeited to the Crown by the Attainder of *Simon* late Lord *Lovat*, in virtue of the ſaid Act paſſed in the Firſt Year of His preſent Majeſty's Reign; and the ſaid Bank, or their Caſhier, are hereby directed and required to pay, or cauſe to be paid, upon the Warrant or Warrants of the ſaid Barons being preſented unto them, into the Hands of the ſaid Remembrancer, or his Deputy, the ſaid Sums of Nine hundred and ſixty-four Pounds Fifteen Shillings and Four Pence and Eleven-Twelfths of a Penny, and One thouſand and ninety Pounds Five Shillings and Five Pence and Five-Twelfths of a Penny, for and towards erecting and completing the ſaid Court Rooms and other Apartments, free of all Deductions whatſoever; and the Receipt or Receipts of the ſaid Remembrancer, or his Deputy, ſhall be a ſufficient Voucher or Vouchers to the ſaid Bank, or to the Caſhier of the ſaid Bank, for the Sum or Sums thereby acknowledged to be received, and be taken as Evidence of their having been paid in all Caſes whatſoever.

And alſo 12,000l. out of the Surplus Money directed by 24 G. 3. c. 57. to be paid into the Court of Exchequer.

IV. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Lord Chief Baron and Barons, or any Three of them, for the Time being, and they are hereby directed and required, by and out of the unexhauſted Balance or Surplus of the Monies ſo directed by the ſaid recited Act paſſed in the Twenty-fourth Year of His ſaid Majeſty's Reign, to be paid into the ſaid Court by the ſeveral Perſons therein named, over and above what ſhould ſatisfy the Purpoſes and Appropriations by the ſaid Act ſpecially directed, to pay or cauſe to be paid into the Hands of the ſaid King's Remembrancer, or his Deputy, the Sum of Twelve thouſand Pounds good and lawful Money of *Great Britain*, free of all Deductions whatſoever; and the Receipt or Receipts of the ſaid King's Remembrancer, or his Deputy, for the ſaid Sum of Twelve thouſand Pounds, or for any Part thereof, ſhall be a ſufficient Voucher or Vouchers to the Barons, for the Sum or Sums thereby acknowledged to be received, and be taken as Evidence of their having iſſued and expended ſo much of the Money paid into Court in purſuance of the ſaid Act in all Caſes whatever; and for that Purpoſe, the ſaid Chief Baron or Barons, or any Three of them, ſhall, from Time to Time, iſſue their Warrants to the Bank or Banks, or to the Perſon or Perſons in whoſe Hands the ſaid Money ſhall happen to have been, or now is lodged or depoſited, after being paid into Court as aforeſaid, for Payment thereof as aforeſaid; which ſaid Warrants, together with the Receipt of the Perſon or Perſons to whom the ſame ſhall be iſſued and paid, ſhall be a ſufficient Diſcharge for the Payment thereof.

Money to be applied in erecting the Buildings.

V. And be it further enacted, That the ſaid King's Remembrancer, or his Deputy, do, and they are hereby required and commanded, ſo ſoon as the ſaid ſeveral Sums of Nine hundred and ſixty-four Pounds Fifteen Shillings and Four Pence and Eleven-Twelfths of a Penny, and One thouſand and ninety Pounds Five Shillings and Five Pence and Five-Twelfths of a Penny, and Twelve thouſand Pounds, are iſſued and paid as aforeſaid, to apply the ſame, with all convenient Speed, towards the erecting and completing the ſaid Buildings, according to ſuch Directions and Inſtructions as ſhall from Time to Time be given to them by the ſaid Lord Chief Baron and Barons, and to the Uſes and Intents and for the Purpoſes herein-before mentioned, and none other.

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