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GEORGII III. REGIS.

CAP. XL.

An Act to enable His Majesty to grant a certain Annuity to Vice Admiral Sir *John Thomas Duckworth*, Knight of the most Honourable Order of the Bath, in Consideration of the eminent Services which he has rendered to His Majesty and the Publick.

[5th *May* 1806.]

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WHEREAS Your Majesty, by Your most Gracious Message to Your faithful Commons, hath been pleased to signify Your Desire of conferring a signal Mark of Your Favour and Approbation on Vice Admiral Sir *John Thomas Duckworth* Knight of the most Honourable Order of the Bath, in consequence of the eminent Services rendered by him in the Engagement with a French Squadron on the Sixth Day of *February* One thousand eight hundred and six, when the Whole of the Line of Battle Ships belonging to the said Squadron were taken or destroyed, and the Valour and Skill displayed by him on that Occasion, and that, for that Purpose, an Annuity of One thousand Pounds should be granted to the said Sir *John Thomas Duckworth*, during the Term of his natural Life: Now we, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Commons of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, in Parliament assembled, duly considering Your Majesty's most Gracious Intention, 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

His Majesty may grant to Sir John Thomas Duckworth for Life an Annuity of 1000*l.* to commence from February 6, 1806.

of the same, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the King's most Excellent Majesty to give and grant unto the said Sir *John Thomas Duckworth* an Annuity not exceeding One thousand Pounds clear of all Deductions whatsoever, for and during the Life of the said Sir *John Thomas Duckworth*, and which may commence and take Effect from the Sixth Day of *February* One thousand eight hundred and six, the First Payment to be computed from the said Sixth Day of *February* One thousand eight hundred and six until the Fifth Day of *April* One thousand eight hundred and six, and from thenceforth shall be paid Quarterly at the Four usual Days of Payment in the Year; that is to say, the Fifth Day of *July*, the Tenth Day of *October*, the Fifth Day of *January*, and the Fifth Day of *April* in every Year; and that the said Annuity shall and may be issuing and payable out of, and charged and chargeable upon 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.

The Annuity shall be paid at the Exchequer without Fees,

II. And be it further enacted, That the said Annuity of One thousand Pounds shall, during the Life of the said Sir *John Thomas Duckworth* 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, to make forth and pass Debentures from Time to Time for paying the said Annuity, 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 said Sir *John Thomas Duckworth*, shall be a good and sufficient Discharge for the Payment thereof; and the said Debentures to be made forth and passed 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 the said Annuity to the said Sir *John Thomas Duckworth*, during the Continuance of the same, without any further or other Warrant to be sued for, had, or obtained in that Behalf.

and shall not be subject to any Tax.

III. And be it further enacted, That the said Annuity or yearly Sum of One thousand Pounds so to be granted to the said Sir *John Thomas Duckworth*, shall not be charged with the Payment of or be subject to any Tax, Rate, or Assessment, imposed or to be imposed by Authority of Parliament, or otherwise howsoever, nor to any other Charges whatsoever; any Law, Custom, or Usage, to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding.

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