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GEORGII III. REGIS.

CAP. XLV.

An Act for the better Regulation of the Office of Treasurer of the Ordnance. [5th *May* 1806.]

WHEREAS the Regulations by Law established in the Offices of the Paymaster General of His Majesty's Forces, and of the Treasurer of His Majesty's Navy, for the Issuing and Payment of Publick Monies required for Army and Navy Services, have been found beneficial; and it is expedient that Regulations for the like Purposes should be established, by Law, in the Office of the Treasurer of the Ordnance; 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, the Board of Ordnance, in every Memorial to be by them presented to the Treasury, for Money for Ordnance Services, shall pray that such Sum as shall be so required may be issued to the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, on Account of the Treasurer of the Ordnance, specifying in every such Memorial the Sum required, and for what particular Service or Services, and also specifying therein the Sum total of the General Balance of Publick Money on Account of the Treasurer of the Ordnance remaining unapplied in the Hands of the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, and also stating in every such Memorial the Amount of the Assignments upon such Balance that are then outstanding; and the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury for the Time being, by their Letter, from Time to Time shall direct the Auditor of the Exchequer to issue

Board of Ordnance in Memorials to pray for the Issue of Money to the Bank.

Treasury to direct the Issue.

iſſue to the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, on Account of the Treaſurer of the Ordnance, naming ſuch Treaſurer for the Time being, the Sum for which ſuch Letter ſhall be drawn upon the unſatisfied Order at the Exchequer in favour of the ſaid Treaſurer; for which the Receipt of the Caſhier or Caſhiers of the ſaid Governor and Company ſhall be a ſufficient Diſcharge; and all Sums for which ſuch Letters of the Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Treaſury ſhall be drawn, ſhall be iſſued to the ſaid Governor and Company in like Manner as they have heretofore been iſſued to the Treaſurer of the Ordnance; and all ſuch Monies ſo to be iſſued 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 entitled, "The Account of the Treaſurer of His Majeſty's Ordnance," inſerting the Name of ſuch Treaſurer for the Time being.

Account to be kept.

Only Cuſtomary Fees to be paid.

II. And be it enacted, That no Fees whatever ſhall be paid at the Exchequer or Treaſury for or by reaſon of the Tranſactions aforeſaid, beyond the Amount of what hath been uſually paid upon Impreſts and Accounts hitherto made, according to the former Cuſtom of tranſacting Buſineſs between the Exchequer, Ordnance Office, and Bank ſeverally.

The Treaſurer or his Deputy to make Payment by Drafts on the Bank.

III. And be it further enacted, That the Treaſurer of the Ordnance for the Time being, by himſelf or his Deputy, ſhall, from and after the paſſing of this Act, make Payment on all Impreſts and Debentures ordered for Payment by the Board of Ordnance (except ſuch as ſhall be iſſued for the Pay and Allowances to the Officers and Perſons employed in the Service of the Board of Ordnance, ſubject to any Deductions for Duties or otherwiſe), by Drafts on the Bank of *England*, according to a Form of Draft hereafter to be agreed upon between the Lords Commiſſioners of the Treaſury and the Governor and Directors of the Bank of *England*, and ſtating therein whether the ſame are for the Payment of Impreſts or Debentures, or both, as the Caſe may be: Provided always, that the ſaid Treaſurer or his Deputy ſhall not have Power and Authority to draw on the ſaid Bank of *England*, for the Payment of the total Amount of the Impreſts and Debentures which ſhall at any Time be ordered for Payment by the Board of Ordnance, but for the Amount of ſuch Impreſts and Debentures only as ſhall be actually preſented for Payment to the ſaid Treaſurer: Provided alſo, that every of the ſaid Drafts ſhall have Figures inſerted in the Margin thereof, correſponding to the Page in the Books kept by the ſaid Treaſurer wherein the Entry ſhall be made, of the particular Items or Charges compoſing the Amount of any Impreſt or Impreſts, Debenture or Debentures, for the Payment whereof ſuch Draft ſhall be given.

Board of Ordnance to direct the Treaſurer to draw on the Bank for Salaries and Allowances, and on his petty Account, who ſhall keep ſeparate Accounts thereof.

IV. Provided always, and be it enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful for the ſaid Board of Ordnance, from Time to Time to authorize and empower the ſaid Treaſurer or his Deputy to draw on the Bank of *England*, for ſuch Sums as the ſaid Board ſhall deem proper, for the Payment of Salaries and Allowances, ſubject to Deductions for Duties or otherwiſe as aforeſaid, to the Officers of the ſaid Board, and Perſons employed under their Direction or Authority, and for ſuch Sums as ſhall be neceſſary for Payments on his petty Account; and the ſaid Treaſurer or his Deputy is hereby directed to draw diſtinct and ſeparate Drafts for each of the ſaid Services, and to keep a ſeparate Account thereof, and to ſtate

to the Board of Ordnance in his Applications for Leave to draw on the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England* on account of the ſaid Services, the Balance remaining in his Hands on account of each of the ſaid Services reſpectively, which Sums when iſſued by the Bank of *England* to the ſaid Treaſurer or his Deputy, ſhall be depoſited by him in his Office at the Tower of *London*, or at ſuch other Place or Places as the ſaid Board of Ordnance ſhall direct, and ſhall not on any Account be withdrawn from thence, but for the actual Diſcharge of the Salaries, Allowances, and petty Payments aforeſaid.

Treaſurer of the Ordnance to pay into the Bank all Monies received by him.

V. And be it further enacted, That all Sums of Money received by the ſaid Treaſurer for the Service, or on Account of the Ordnance, ſhall be immediately paid by him into the Bank of *England*, and placed to his Account there in Manner aforeſaid; and ſuch Money ſhall be iſſued, paid, and applied in ſuch and the like Manner, and under the ſame Regulations and Reſtrictions, as the Money to be iſſued from the Exchequer for Ordnance Services is herein directed to be iſſued, paid, and applied.

Drafts drawn, agreeable to this Act ſufficient Authority for the Bank to pay them.

VI. And be it further enacted, That all Drafts drawn purſuant to the Directions of this Act, but not otherwiſe, ſhall be ſufficient Authority to the Bank of *England* to pay the Amount thereof to the Perſons mentioned in ſuch Drafts, or to the Bearer of them: Provided always, that nothing herein contained ſhall extend, or be deemed or conſtrued to extend, to render the Bank of *England* accountable for or on Account of any Omiſſion or Miſtake in relation to any Figure required by this Act to be inſerted in the Margin of any ſuch Drafts.

On Death or Removal of the Treaſurer, the Balance in the Bank to veſt in his Succeſſor.

VII. And be it further enacted, That upon the Death, Reſignation, or Removal, of the preſent and of every other Treaſurer of the Ordnance hereafter to be appointed, the Balance of Caſh for which he ſhall at that Time have Credit on his Account, as Treaſurer 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 in Truſt for the Service of the Ordnance, and be forthwith transferred, carried over, and placed to the Account of ſuch Succeſſor, to be applied to the ſaid Service in purſuance of the like Drafts as aforeſaid; and the Board of Ordnance ſhall, and they are hereby directed and required to form their Memorials and Requiſitions to the Treaſury; and the Treaſurer of the Ordnance for the Time being ſhall, and he is hereby directed and required, to iſſue his Drafts as aforeſaid, for all unſatisfied Charges and Demands on Account of the Ordnance Services, although the ſame ſhall have accrued in the Time of any former Treaſurer.

Treaſurer to keep Account.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That, from and after the paſſing of this Act, the Treaſurer of the Ordnance for the Time being ſhall keep the Account with the Bank, of all Monies iſſued on his Account for the Service of the Ordnance, and the ſaid Treaſurer, obſerving the Rules and Regulations hereby preſcribed, ſhall not be anſwerable for any Money which he ſhall not actually receive; and the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England* ſhall be anſwerable for all the Monies which ſhall be actually received by them for the Service of the Ordnance.

IX. And

For preventing Forgery of Inſtruments.

IX. 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 of the Treaſurer of the Ordnance for the Time being, or his Deputy, 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 Treaſurer of the Ordnance; 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 Treaſurer of the Ordnance or his Deputy, 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.

Extending Proviſions to Ireland.

X. And be it further enacted, That all Monies which ſhall be iſſued from the Exchequer of *Ireland*, or received by the Treaſurer of the Ordnance or his Deputy, in *Ireland*, for the Service of His Majeſty's Ordnance, ſhall be paid to the Governor and Company of the Bank of *Ireland*, ſubject to the like Rules, Regulations, and Reſtrictions, as the Monies iſſued by the Auditor of the Exchequer to the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England* on Account of the Treaſurer of the Ordnance, are made liable to by the Proviſions of this Act.

Act may be altered or repealed this Seſſion.

XI. And be it further enacted, That this Act may be altered, varied, or repealed, by any Act to be made in this preſent Seſſion of Parliament.

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