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CAP. XLIX.

An Act for accelerating the making up, Examination, and Audit, of the Accounts of the Paymaster General of His Majesty's Forces.

[27th *May* 1808.]

WHEREAS an Act was passed in the Forty-fifth Year of His present Majesty's Reign, intituled, *An Act to repeal an Act made in the Twenty-third Year of His present Majesty, for the better Regulation of the Office of Paymaster General of His Majesty's Forces, and the more regular Payment of the Army, and for the more effectually regulating the said Office*: And whereas it is expedient that some of the Provisions of the said Act should be repealed, and that further and more effectual Provisions should be made for making up, examining, and auditing the Accounts of the said Office: And whereas it is expedient that an Act, passed in the Twenty-second Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled, *An Act for the better Regulation of the Office of Paymaster General of His Majesty's Forces*, should be repealed; be it therefore enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this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the said recited Act, passed in the Twenty-second Year of His present Majesty's Reign, shall be and the same is hereby repealed. 45 G. 3. c. 58. 22 G. 3. c. 81. repealed.

II. And be it further enacted, That so much of the said recited Act of the Forty-fifth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty as regulates the Mode of making up the Accounts of the Paymaster General for the Time being, and of transmitting the same to the Commissioners for auditing the Publick Accounts for Examination, and of declaring the same, and of acquitting the said Paymaster thereupon; and also the making out and keeping the Accounts for Army Services in Places beyond the *Cape of Good Hope*, or *Cape Horn*, and transmitting the same to the said Commissioners for auditing So much of 45 G. 3. c. 58. as relates to the Periods of making up and auditing Accounts repealed.

auditing the Publick Accounts for Examination, and declaring the ſame, and making out Acquittances for the ſame, ſhall be and the ſame is hereby repealed as to all Accounts to be made up and tranſmitted for Periods ſubſequent to the Twenty-fourth Day of *December* One thouſand eight hundred and ſeven.

Paymaſter to make up Annual Accounts; and preſcribing the Mode of making them up.

III. And be it further enacted, That from and after the paſſing of this Act the Paymaſter General ſhall make up an Annual Account, ending on the Twenty-fourth Day of *December* in each Year, of all Monies received and Payments made by him within the Period of the ſaid Account, to be intituled, "The General Annual Account of the Paymaſter General of "His Majeſty's Forces;" in which Account the Paymaſter General ſhall charge himſelf with the Balance actually transferred to his Account at the Bank of *England* from the Account of the preceding Paymaſter General, or with the Balance brought forward from his Account for the Year preceding (as the Caſe may be) and alſo with all Sums carried to his Account at the Bank within the Period of the Account; and all ſuch Balances and Sums of Money ſhall be ſtated in the Account ſo to be made up in the order in which they were actually, in point of Time, placed to the Account of ſuch Paymaſter General with the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*; and the ſaid Paymaſter General ſhall ſtate, on the Credit Side of ſuch Account, all Sums paid by him within the Period of the ſaid Account, under or in purſuance of any Act of Parliament, or by virtue or in purſuance of any Warrant under His Majeſty's Royal Sign Manual, or of any Warrant granted by the Lord High Treaſurer, or Lords Commiſſioners of the Treaſury, or any Three or more of them, or the Secretary at War, and ſhall alſo, in ſuch General Annual Account, place on the Credit Side thereof all Sums of Money iſſued to or transferred to the Account of any Perſon or Perſons for the Payment of Half-Pay, or of Penſions on the Compaſſionate Liſt, or the Eſtabliſhment of *Chelſea* Hoſpital; and alſo all Sums of Money paid by him on account of any Bills drawn by any of his Deputies on Foreign Stations under the Warrant of any Officer commanding in Chief on ſuch Foreign Stations reſpectively; and all Monies paid or remitted to any ſuch Deputy or Deputies; and all ſuch Sums ſhall be ſtated in the Accounts in the Order in which ſuch Bills were paid, or ſuch Monies paid, iſſued, transferred, or remitted as aforeſaid.

Separate Accounts of Half Pay, Chelſea Hoſpital, and Penſions on the Compaſſionate Liſt, to be made up.

IV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That at the Time of making up ſuch General Annual Account as aforeſaid, the ſaid Paymaſter General ſhall make up alſo ſeparate Accounts of Monies received and paid within the Period comprized in the ſaid General Account, on account of Half-Pay, and of *Chelſea* Hoſpital, and of Penſions on the Compaſſionate Liſt reſpectively; and in every ſuch ſeparate Account the Balance remaining from the Account of the preceding Year, applicable to the Payment of Half-Pay, or of the Eſtabliſhment of *Chelſea* Hoſpital, or of Penſions on the Compaſſionate Liſt reſpectively, and all Monies placed from Time to Time to the Account of ſuch Services reſpectively, within the Period of the General Account, and which ſhall have been ſo inſerted in the General Account as before directed on the Credit Side thereof, ſhall be placed on the Debit Side of ſuch ſeparate Accounts reſpectively; and all particular Payments made out of any Sums of Money ſo placed on the Debit Side of ſuch ſeparate Accounts reſpectively, for which proper Vouchers ſhall be produced, on account of Half-Pay, *Chelſea* Hoſpital, or Penſions on the Compaſſionate Liſt, ſhall be placed on the Credit Side thereof, and all ſuch Receipts and Payments ſhall be ſtated in ſuch ſeparate Accounts under each

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each reſpective Head, in the Order, in point of Time, in which the ſame reſpectively took place.

V. And be it further enacted, That the General Annual Account of the Paymaſter General for the Time being, ſo made up as aforeſaid, together with ſuch ſeparate Annual Accounts of Half-Pay, Eſtabliſhment of *Chelſea* Hoſpital, and Penſions on the Compaſſionate Liſt, for each Year ending on the Twenty-fourth Day of *December*, with proper Vouchers, ſhall, within Three Months after the Twenty-fourth Day of *December* in each Year, be tranſmitted to the Commiſſioners for auditing the Publick Accounts, who ſhall and they are hereby directed and required, with the leaſt poſſible Delay after the Receipt thereof, to examine or cauſe to be examined the ſame; and ſhall diſcharge the ſaid Paymaſter General of all Sums paid in purſuance of any Act of Parliament or Warrant as aforeſaid; and the ſaid Commiſſioners ſhall, after ſuch Examination, and without waiting for Vouchers of Payments made by the Paymaſters General through their Deputies on Foreign Stations, preſent or cauſe to be preſented to the proper Officer for Declaration, the ſaid General and ſeparate Annual Accounts as aforeſaid, ſpecifying the Amount diſcharged by proper Vouchers, and the Amount with which the Paymaſter General ſtill remains charged for the Year, on account of Payments made by their Deputies on Foreign Stations as aforeſaid, and alſo ſpecifying the Sums of Money with which the Paymaſter General is to remain charged for the ſucceeding Year on account of Balances (if any) remaining on ſuch General and ſeparate Annual Accounts as aforeſaid; and when ſuch Account ſo diſcharged by proper Vouchers as aforeſaid ſhall be declared, a Quietus or Acquittance in the uſual Form ſhall be made out to the Paymaſter General, his Heirs, Executors, and Adminiſtrators for ſuch Account ſo declared as aforeſaid.

Mode of tranſmitting general and ſeparate Accounts to Auditors, and declaring and giving Quietus upon ſuch Accounts.

VI. And be it further enacted, That from and after the paſſing of this Act, the Paymaſter General ſhall make up, in like Manner, another Annual Account, ending the Twenty-fourth Day of *December* in each Year, to be intituled, "The Annual Account of the Paymaſter General of His Ma-"jeſty's Forces, for Monies paid within the Period of the ſaid Account by "his Deputies on Foreign Stations;" which Account ſhall be tranſmitted to the Commiſſioners for auditing the Publick Accounts as far as the ſame can be made up, within Eighteen Months after the Period of the ſaid Account; and the ſaid Commiſſioners for auditing the Publick Accounts ſhall and they are hereby directed and required, with the leaſt poſſible Delay, to examine or cauſe to be examined the ſame, and ſhall diſcharge the ſaid Paymaſter General of all Sums of Money paid by any Deputy on any Foreign Station under the Warrant of the Officer commanding in Chief on ſuch Foreign Station, and as ſoon as the ſame ſhall have been examined the ſaid Commiſſioners ſhall in like Manner preſent ſuch Account for Declaration, ſpecifying the Sums of Money with which the Paymaſter General is to remain charged for the ſucceeding Year, on account of Balances, if any remaining on ſuch Account; and when ſuch Account, diſcharged by proper Vouchers as aforeſaid, ſhall be declared, a Quietus or Acquittance in the uſual Form ſhall be made out to the Paymaſter General, his Heirs, Executors, and Adminiſtrators, for ſuch Account ſo declared as aforeſaid, and the Paymaſter General ſhall remain charged in his Account of the following Year, with ſuch Balances, if any, on ſuch Annual Accounts reſpectively, as ſhall have been ſo ſpecified as aforeſaid; provided always that the Paymaſter General ſhall at the ſame Time that he tranſmits to the Commiſſioners for auditing the Publick Accounts ſuch Annual Accounts ſo made up as aforeſaid,

Mode of tranſmitting Accounts of Deputy Paymaſters for Services on Foreign Stations, and declaring and giving Quietus upon ſuch Accounts.

transmit to them any Accounts for the same Year made up in such other Manner as the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury shall direct, for the greater Convenience of Examination and Audit.

Mode of examining West India Accounts not to be affected.

VII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act shall be construed to vary or alter the Mode of examining the Account of any Deputy Paymaster in the *West Indies* or on the Continent of *South America*, as directed by an Act of the Forty-sixth Year of His present Majesty, intituled, *An Act to provide for the more effectual Examination of Accounts of the Expenditure of the Publick Money in the* West Indies, *and for the better Discovery of Frauds and Abuses therein.*

Making up Accounts, and transferring Balance on the Death or Removal of a Paymaster, within the Year.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That in the Event of the Death, Resignation or Removal of the Paymaster General, in the course of the Year, the Account shall be so made up as to include and distinguish the actual Payments of each Paymaster General within the Year, and to specify and distinguish the respective Balances, if any remaining, on the Death or Removal of any Paymaster General on his several Accounts aforesaid, and transferred over to the succeeding Paymaster General, so as to enable the Commissioners for auditing the Publick Accounts to distinguish each Account, and examine and declare the Accounts of any Paymaster General, so dying or going out of Office, as a separate and distinct Account; and the Transfer of such Balances to any succeeding Paymaster General shall be a sufficient Discharge to the Heirs, Executors, or Administrators of any Paymaster General so dying, or to any Paymaster General going out of Office, for the Amount of such Balances; and a Quietus and full Acquittance shall be given to the Heirs, Executors, or Administrators of any Paymaster General so dying, or to the Paymaster General, or his Heirs, Executors, or Administrators so going out of Office, for his General Account and several and distinct Accounts as aforesaid, when and as soon as the same shall have been examined and declared; and the succeeding Paymaster General shall become charged with the Balances so transferred as aforesaid.

Paymaster in his Memorials for Money, to state only outstanding Drafts on his Balance, and not Claims and other Demands.

IX. And be it further enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act the Paymaster General, in the first Memorial in every Month presented by him to the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury for Supplies of Money, shall insert in such Memorials the Balance of Publick Money on his Account in the Hands of the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, together with an Account of all Exchequer Bills delivered to the Paymaster General which shall not have been disposed of, and the Produce thereof carried to his Account at the Bank, together with an Account of all outstanding Drafts with which such Balance is chargeable, without stating any Claims or other Demands upon the said Balance; any Thing in the said recited Act of the Forty-fifth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty to the contrary notwithstanding.

Act may be altered this Session.

X. And be it further enacted, That this Act may be altered, varied, or repealed by any Act or Acts to be passed in this Session of Parliament.

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