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GEORGII III. REGIS.

C A P. LIX.

An Act for enabling His Majeſty to ſettle an Annuity on Her Royal Highneſs the Ducheſs of *Brunſwick Wolfenbuttel.* [1ſt *June* 1808.]

Moſt Gracious Sovereign,

WE, Your Majeſty's moſt dutiful and loyal Subjects the Commons of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland* in Parliament aſſembled, having taken into our Conſideration Your Majeſty's moſt gracious Meſſage, wherein Your Majeſty has been pleaſed to ſtate, that in conſequence of the diſaſtrous Defeat of the *Pruſſian* Arms in the Autumn of One thouſand eight hundred and ſix, attended with the melancholy Death of the reigning Duke of *Brunſwick Wolfenbuttel*, and the Occupation of his Territories by the Enemy, Your Majeſty's Siſter, the Widow of that Illuſtrious Prince, has been compelled to ſeek an Aſylum in Your Majeſty's Dominions; and that immediately on her Arrival in *England* an Eſtabliſhment ſuited to her Rank, required by her Misfortunes, and ſuch as it became His Majeſty's Affection to afford, was provided out of the Civil Liſt; but no Proviſion being made in the Diſtribution of that Fund for this unforeſeen Charge, Your Majeſty recommended to the Houſe of Commons to conſider of the Means of enabling Your Majeſty to continue the Support of that Eſtabliſhment; 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

His Majesty may grant an Annuity of 10,000 l. to the Duchess of Brunswick Wolfenbuttel, to be payable quarterly out of the Consolidated Fund.

Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That it shall be lawful for the King's most Excellent Majesty, by any Warrant under His Royal Sign Manual, to give and grant unto Her Royal Highness the Duchess of *Brunswick Wolfenbuttel*, for and during her natural Life, an Annuity not exceeding Ten thousand Pounds of lawful Money of *Great Britain*; which said Annuity may commence and take effect from the Fifth Day of *April* One thousand eight hundred and eight, and 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 by such Warrant be directed to 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).

Annuity payable at the Exchequer, and Debentures to be passed for that Purpose without Fee.

II. And be it further enacted, That the said Annuity shall 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 by virtue of such Warrant 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 Duchess of *Brunswick Wolfenbuttel*, or of such other Person or Persons as shall by the said Duchess be duly authorised and appointed to receive such Annuity or any Part thereof, shall be a good and sufficient Discharge for the Payment thereof, and the said Debentures to be made forth and passed upon the said Warrant 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 such Annuity to the said Duchess during the Continuance of the same, without any further or other Warrant to be sued for, had, or obtained in that Behalf, and that the said Annuity so to be given and granted shall be free and clear from all Taxes, Rates, and Assessments, and all other Charges whatsoever.

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