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GEORGII III. REGIS.

C. A. P. LXXXIII.

An Act for raising the Sum of Seven hundred and fifty-two thousand Pounds by way of Annuities for the Service of *Ireland*. [23d *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, being desirous to raise the necessary Supplies which we have cheerfully granted to Your Majesty in this Session of Parliament, have resolved that the Sum of Seven hundred and fifty thousand Pounds *Irish* Currency, be raised in *Ireland* in Manner hereinafter mentioned; and do therefore 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 the same, That every Contributor towards raising the said Sum of Seven hundred and fifty thousand Pounds *Irish* Currency, His Heirs, Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, shall, for every Sum of One hundred Pounds *Irish* Currency contributed and paid, be entitled to the Principal Sum of One hundred and thirty-five Pounds, in Annuities after the Rate of Three Pounds Ten Shillings *per Centum per Annum*, transferrable at the Bank of *Ireland*, and the Interest thereon to commence from the Twenty-fifth

Contributors for every 100l. shall be entitled to the Annuities herein mentioned.

fifth Day of *December* One thousand eight hundred and seven, and to be payable at the said Bank half-yearly, on the Twenty-fourth Day of *June* and the Twenty-fifth Day of *December* in every Year.

Contributors to pay in their Subscriptions in the Proportion, and within the Periods herein-after mentioned.

II. And whereas, pursuant to and upon the Terms and Conditions expressed in the said Resolution, several Persons have subscribed together the Whole of the said Sum of Seven hundred and fifty thousand Pounds to be raised by Annuities, and have made a Deposit of Five Pounds *per Centum* on the respective Sums by them so subscribed to the said Sum of Seven hundred and fifty thousand Pounds; be it therefore enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for such Contributors who have made such Deposits for the Purchase of such Annuities, to advance and pay unto the Cashier or Cashiers of the Governor, and Company of the Bank of *Ireland* (which Cashier or Cashiers is and are hereby appointed the Receiver and Receivers of such Contributions, without any other Warrant to be had in that Behalf) the several Remainders of the Sums by them respectively subscribed towards the said Sum of Seven hundred and fifty thousand Pounds at or before the respective Days and Times and in the Proportions herein-after limited and appointed in that Behalf; (that is to say), the further Sum of Fifteen Pounds *per Centum* on or before the Twentieth Day of *June* One thousand eight hundred and eight; the further Sum of Ten Pounds *per Centum* on or before the Ninth Day of *July* then next following; the further Sum of Ten Pounds *per Centum* on or before the Ninth Day of *August* then next following; the further Sum of Ten Pounds *per Centum* on or before the Tenth Day of *September* then next following; the further Sum of Ten Pounds *per Centum* on or before the Tenth Day of *October* then next following; the further Sum of Ten Pounds *per Centum* on or before the Tenth Day of *November* then next following; the further Sum of Ten Pounds *per Centum* on or before the Tenth Day of *December* then next following; and the remaining Sum of Twenty Pounds *per Centum* on or before the Fourth Day of *January* One thousand eight hundred and nine.

Allowance to be made to Contributors paying Money in Advance.

III. And be it further enacted, That every Contributor, paying in the whole of the Sums by them respectively subscribed in respect of the said Sum of Seven hundred and fifty thousand Pounds to be contributed as aforesaid at any Time on or before the Ninth Day of *December* One thousand eight hundred and eight, shall be entitled to an Allowance of so much Money as the Interest of each Sum so paid in Advance for completing his, her, or their Contribution respectively shall amount unto, after the Rate of Four Pounds *per Centum per Annum* from the Day of completing the same to the Fourth Day of *January* One thousand eight hundred and nine, which Allowance is to be paid by the said Cashier or Cashiers out of the Monies to be contributed in pursuance of this Act, as soon as such respective Contributors, their Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, shall have completed such Payments.

Annuities to be paid half-yearly on the Days herein mentioned.

IV. And be it further enacted, That the said several Subscribers or Contributors, their Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, shall, for every One hundred Pounds by him, her, or them respectively advanced and paid, be entitled to the Principal Sum of One hundred and thirty-five Pounds in Annuities after the Rate of Three Pounds Ten Shillings *per Centum*, which Annuities shall commence from the Twenty-fifth Day of *December* One thousand eight hundred and seven, and the said Annuity shall be payable

and paid Half-yearly at the Bank of *Ireland*, by even and equal Portions, on the Twenty-fourth Day of *June* and the Twenty-fifth Day of *December* in every Year; the First Payment thereon to be due on the Twenty-fourth Day of *June* One thousand eight hundred and eight, but the said Annuities shall not be payable until the respective Subscribers, or Contributors, their Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, shall have completed the Whole of the Sums by them subscribed for the Purchase of the said Annuities.

As soon as Subscriptions are completed Annuities may be transferred, &c.

V. And be it enacted, That as soon as any Contributors, who shall have subscribed for any Principal Sum in Annuities transferrable at the Bank of *Ireland*, their Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, shall have completed their Payments of such Part of the whole Sum payable by them respectively towards the said Sum of Seven hundred and fifty thousand Pounds as shall be payable in respect of the said Annuities of Three Pounds Ten Shillings *per Centum*, the Principal Sum or Sums in the said Annuities shall forthwith be, in the Books of the Bank of *Ireland*, placed to the Credit of the respective Contributors, their Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, completing their Payments respectively; and the Persons to whose Credit such Principal Sums shall be so placed, their respective Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, shall have Power to assign and transfer the same, or any Part, Share, or Proportion thereof, to any Person or Persons, and the said Governor and Company of the Bank of *Ireland* are hereby required, as soon as conveniently may be, to prepare proper Books for the Purpose of entering the Names of all such Contributors, and placing to their Credit the Principal Sums so paid by them respectively; and that such of the said Contributors, their Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, who shall complete their Payments of such Part of the whole Sum payable by them respectively towards the said Sum of Seven hundred and fifty thousand Pounds as shall be payable in respect of the said Annuities, at any Time before the Governor and Company of the Bank of *Ireland* shall have prepared their Receipts, according to the Directions of this Act, shall be entitled to have the Sums so paid, forthwith placed to their Credit in the Books of the Bank of *Ireland*; and the said Governor and Company are hereby required to cause such Sums to be forthwith placed to the Credit of the Persons entitled to the Annuities in respect thereof in the Books of the Bank of *Ireland* accordingly, and such Entries in the said Books shall be in lieu of the Receipts hereby directed to be given for all Sums paid in Manner aforesaid; and such Sums shall carry Annuities after the Rate of Three Pounds and Ten Shillings *per Centum per Annum*, redeemable by Parliament, and shall be taken and deemed to be Stock transferable according to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, until Redemption thereof.

Deposits in Default of Payment of the whole Sum subscribed to be forfeited.

VI. And be it further enacted, That the Sum of Five Pounds *per Centum*, deposited and paid by every Subscriber towards the said Sum of Seven hundred and fifty thousand Pounds shall remain as a Security for the due Payment of the Remainder of the Sum subscribed by him; and that in case any Subscriber, his Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, shall not pay the Residue of the Sum or Sums so subscribed at the Times and in Manner before mentioned, then and in every such Case the said Deposit shall be forfeited for the Benefit of the Publick, and all Right and Title to the Annuities depending thereon, shall be extinguished; any Thing herein contained to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

VII. And

Bank to give Receipts for Payments, which may be assigned.

VII. And be it further enacted, That the Cashier or Cashiers of the Governor and Company of the Bank of *Ireland*, who hath or have received or shall receive any Part of the said Contributions towards the said Sum of Seven hundred and fifty thousand Pounds, shall give a Receipt or Receipts in Writing to every such Contributor for all such Sums, and that the Receipts so to be given shall be assignable by Indorsement thereon; and shall from Time to Time pay all such Monies as soon as he or they shall receive the same, or any Part thereof, or within Five Days afterwards at the farthest, into and shall account for the same in the Exchequer of *Ireland*, according to the due Course thereof, deducting thereout such Sums as shall have been paid by him or them in pursuance of this Act, for which Sums so paid Allowance shall be made in his or their Accounts.

Book to be kept in the Accountant General's Office for entering Contributors Names, &c.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That in the Office of the Accountant General of the Governor and Company of the Bank of *Ireland* a Book or Books shall be provided and kept in which the Names of the Contributors shall be fairly entered; which Book or Books, every Contributor, his Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, may from Time to Time, and at all seasonable Times, resort to and inspect without Fee or Reward; and the said Accountant General shall, on or before the Twenty-fourth Day of *June* One thousand eight hundred and nine transmit an attested Duplicate, fairly written on Paper, of such Book or Books, into the Office of the Auditor of His Majesty's Exchequer of *Ireland*, there to remain for ever.

Annuities to be Personal Estate.

IX. And be it further enacted, That all Persons who shall be entitled to any of the Annuities hereby granted in respect of the said Sum of Seven hundred and fifty thousand Pounds, and all Persons lawfully claiming under them, shall be possessed thereof as of Personal Estate which shall not be descendible to Heirs.

Annuities to be one joint Stock with the present 3l. 10s. per Cents, of Ireland.

X. And be it further enacted, That all the Annuities aforesaid shall be added to and made one joint Stock with the present Annuities of Three Pounds Ten Shillings *per Centum* now subsisting in *Ireland*, and shall be payable and transferable at the Bank of *Ireland*, at the same Time and in the same Manner, as the said present Annuities of Three Pounds Ten Shillings *per Centum* are payable and transferable; and that the said Annuities shall be free from all Taxes, Charges, and Impositions whatsoever.

Application of the Money.

XI. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for Three or more of the Commissioners of the Treasury in *Ireland*, or the Lord High Treasurer of *Ireland* for the Time being, to issue and apply from Time to Time all such Sums of Money as shall be so paid into the Receipt of His Majesty's Exchequer of *Ireland*, by the said Cashier or Cashiers, to such Services as shall have been voted by the Commons of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, in this present Session of Parliament.

Money to be carried to the Consolidated Fund of Ireland.

XII. And be it further enacted, That all the Monies received by the said Cashier or Cashiers of the Bank of *Ireland*, shall be paid into the Receipt of His Majesty's Exchequer at *Dublin*, and shall be carried to and form Part of the Consolidated Fund of *Ireland*.

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XIV. And be it enacted, That ſo much Money ſhall from Time to Time be ſet apart at the Receipt of the Exchequer in *Ireland*, out of the Conſolidated Fund of *Ireland*, and ſhall be paid to the Governor and Company of the Bank of *Ireland*, as ſhall be ſufficient to ſatisfy and pay all ſuch Annuities as ſhall be created by virtue of this Act, together with the Charges attending the ſame; and that the ſaid Lord High Treaſurer of *Ireland*, or the ſaid Commiſſioners of the Treaſury or any Three of them for the Time being, ſhall have Power to diſcharge all ſuch incidental Charges, as ſhall neceſſarily attend the Execution of this Act, in ſuch Manner as to them ſhall ſeem juſt and reaſonable. and to be paid to the Bank of Ireland.

XV. And be it further enacted, That Books ſhall be conſtantly kept by the ſaid Accountant General for the Time being, wherein all Aſſignments or Tranſers of all Sums advanced or contributed towards the ſaid Sum of Seven hundred and fifty thouſand Pounds, ſhall be entered and regiſtered; which Entry ſhall be conceived in proper Words for that Purpoſe, and ſhall be ſigned by the Parties making ſuch Aſſignments or Tranſers, or if ſuch Parties be abſent, by their reſpective Attorney or Attornies thereunto lawfully authorized by Writing under his or their Hand and Seal, or Hands and Seals, to be atteſted by Two or more credible Witneſſes; and that the ſeveral Perſons to whom ſuch Transfers ſhall be made, ſhall reſpectively underwrite their Acceptance thereof, and that no other Method of aſſigning and transferring the ſaid Annuities, or any Part thereof, or any Intereſt therein, ſhall be good and available in Law; and that no Stamp Duties whatſoever ſhall be charged on any of the ſaid Transfers. Books to be kept for entering Tranſfers.

XVI. And be it further enacted, That if any Perſon or Perſons ſhall forge or counterfeit, or cauſe or procure to be forged or counterfeited, or ſhall willingly act or aſſiſt in the forging or counterfeiting any Receipt or Receipts for the Whole of or any Part or Parts of the ſaid Contributions towards the ſaid Sum of Seven hundred and fifty thouſand Pounds, either with or without the Name or Names of any Perſon or Perſons being inſerted therein as the Contributor or Contributors thereto, or Payer or Payers thereof, or of any Part or Parts thereof, or ſhall alter any Number, Figure, or Word therein, or utter or publiſh, as true, any ſuch falſe, forged, counterfeited, or altered Receipt or Receipts, with Intent to defraud the Governor and Company of the Bank of *Ireland*, or any Body Politick or Corporate, or any Perſon or Perſons whatſoever, every ſuch Perſon or Perſons ſo forging or counterfeiting, or cauſing or procuring to be forged or counterfeited, or willingly acting or aſſiſting in the forging or counterfeiting, or altering, uttering, or publiſhing as aforeſaid, being thereof convicted in due Form of Law, ſhall be adjudged guilty of Felony, and ſhall ſuffer Death as a Felon without Benefit of Clergy. Perſons forging Receipts for Contributions or Debentures, &c. guilty of Felony.

XVII. And be it further enacted, That no Fee, Reward, or Gratuity whatſoever ſhall be demanded or taken of any of His Majeſty's Subjects, for receiving and paying the ſaid Subſcription or Contribution Monies, or any of them, or for any Receipt concerning the ſame, or for paying Fees not to be taken, on Penalty of 20l.

paying the ſaid Annuities or any of them, or for any Transfer of any Sum great or ſmall, to be made in purſuance of this Act, upon Pain that any Officer or Perſon offending, by taking or demanding any ſuch Fee, Reward, or Gratuity, ſhall, for every ſuch Offence, forfeit the Sum of Twenty Pounds to the Party aggrieved, with full Coſts of Suit, to be recovered by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, in any of His Majeſty's Courts of Record at *Dublin*, wherein no Eſſoign, Protection, Privilege, Wager of Law, Injunction, or Order of Reſtraint, or any more than One Imparlance, ſhall be granted or allowed.

Perſons ſued may plead the General Iſſue.

XVIII. And be it further enacted, That if any Perſon or Perſons ſhall be ſued, moleſted, or proſecuted, for any Thing done by virtue or in purſuance of this Act, ſuch Perſon or Perſons ſhall and may plead the General Iſſue, and give this Act and the Special Matter in Evidence, in his, her, or their Defence or Defences; and if afterwards a Verdict ſhall paſs for the Defendant or Defendants, or the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs ſhall diſcontinue his, her, or their Action or Proſecution, or be nonſuited, or Judgment ſhall be given againſt him, her, or them, upon Demurrer or otherwiſe, then ſuch Defendant or Defendants ſhall have Treble Coſts awarded to him, her, or them, againſt any ſuch Plaintiff or Plaintiffs.

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