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GEORGII III. REGIS.

CAP. CXIV.

An Act for enabling His Majesty to raise the Sum of Three Millions for the Service of *Great Britain*.

[15th *June* 1809.]

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 most serious Consideration Your Majesty's most Gracious Message, signifying that the ancient Relations of good Understanding and Friendship between Your Majesty and the Emperor of *Austria* have been happily restored, and have been confirmed by Treaty, and that although the Provisions of the said Treaty do not include any Stipulation for pecuniary Assistance, Your Majesty is nevertheless desirous of being enabled to afford to His Imperial Majesty, such Assistance of that Description as may be called for by the Circumstances of the Contest in which His Imperial Majesty is engaged against the common Enemy, and as can be furnished by Your Majesty consistently with the other extended Demands upon the Resources of Your Majesty's Dominions; and that Your Majesty is equally desirous of continuing to the *Spanish* Cause, such Succours as may be requisite for sustaining and assisting the Efforts of that Nation against the Tyranny and Usurpation of *France*, as well as of giving Consistency and Effect to the Exertions of the People of *Portugal*, for the Defence of their lawful Government and National Independance; and that Your Majesty is therefore desirous of being enabled to provide for those Objects, and to take such other Measures as the

Exigency of Affairs may require, 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 it ſhall be lawful for the Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Treaſury, at any Time or Times to cauſe or direct any Number of Exchequer Bills to be made out at the Receipt of the Exchequer of *Great Britain*, for any Sum or Sums of Money, not exceeding in the Whole, the Sum of Three Millions, in the ſame or like Manner, Form, and Order, and according to the ſame or like Rules and Directions, as are preſcribed in and by an Act paſſed in the laſt Seſſion of Parliament, intituled, *An Act for regulating the iſſuing and paying off of Exchequer Bills.*

Treaſury to cauſe Exchequer Bills for 3,000,000l. to be made out in Manner directed by 48 G. 3. c. 1.

II. And be it further enacted, That all and every the Clauſes, Proviſoes, Powers, Privileges, Advantages, Penalties, Forfeitures, and Diſabilities, contained in the ſaid recited Act, ſhall be applied and extended to the Exchequer Bills to be made out in purſuance of this Act, as fully and effectually, to all Intents and Purpoſes, as if the ſaid ſeveral Clauſes or Proviſoes had been particularly repeated and re-enacted in the Body of this Act.

Powers of recited Act extended to this Act.

III. And be it further enacted, That the principal Sum or Sums of Money to be contained in ſuch Exchequer Bills ſhall be and are hereby charged and chargeable upon, and ſhall be paid and diſcharged by and out of the Firſt Supplies to be granted in the next Seſſion of Parliament.

Exchequer Bills chargeable on the Firſt Supplies.

IV. And be it further enacted, That the Exchequer Bills to be made out in purſuance of this Act, ſhall bear Date on the Days on which the ſame ſhall be reſpectively iſſued, and ſhall and may bear an Intereſt not exceeding the Rate of Three-pence Halfpenny *per Centum per Diem*, upon or in reſpect of the whole of the Monies reſpectively contained therein, payable out of any Aids or Supplies in the Receipt of His Majeſty's Exchequer.

Exchequer Bills to bear an Intereſt not exceeding 3½d per Cent. per Diem.

V. And be it further enacted, That all and every the Exchequer Bills to be made forth by virtue of this Act, or ſo many of them as ſhall from Time to Time remain undiſcharged and uncancelled, ſhall and may from and after the Fifth Day of *April* One thouſand eight hundred and ten, be received and taken, and ſhall paſs and be current to all and every the Receivers and Collectors in *Great Britain* of the Cuſtoms, Exciſe, or any Revenue, Supply, Aid, or Tax whatſoever, already granted due or payable, or which ſhall or may hereafter be granted due or payable to His Majeſty, His Heirs and Succeſſors, and alſo at the Receipt of the Exchequer of *Great Britain*, from the ſaid Receivers or Collectors, or from any other Perſon or Perſons, Bodies Politic or Corporate whatſoever, making any Payments there to His Majeſty, His Heirs and Succeſſors, for or upon any Account, Cauſe, or Occaſion whatſoever, according to the Purport and true Meaning of this Act, and that ſuch of the ſame Bills as ſhall be received at the Exchequer, ſhall and may be locked up and ſecured as Caſh according to the Courſe of the Exchequer, ſettled and eſtabliſhed by Law for locking up and ſecuring Monies received in Specie there.

Exchequer Bills to be taken in Payment at the Exchequer after April 5, 1810.

VI. And be it declared and further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, to advance or lend to His Majesty upon the Credit of the Exchequer Bills to be made out in pursuance of this Act, any Sum or Sums of Money not exceeding in the whole the Sum of Three millions, any Thing in an Act made in the Fifth and Sixth Years of the Reign of King *William* and Queen *Mary*, intituled, *An Act for granting to their Majesties several Rates and Duties upon Tonnage of Ships and Vessels, and upon Beer, Ale, and other Liquors, and for securing certain Recompences and Advantages in the said Act mentioned, to such Persons as shall voluntarily advance the Sum of One million five hundred thousand Pounds towards carrying on the War against* France, or in any subsequent Act, to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding. Bank may advance 3,000,000l. on the Credit of this Act.

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