

ANNO QUINQUAGESIMO

GEORGII III. REGIS.

CAP. XXXVII.

An Act for enabling His Majeſty to ſettle an Annuity on His Serene Highneſs the Duke of *Brunſwick Wolfenbuttel*. [24th *May* 1810.]

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 continued Occupation of the Territories of the Duke of *Brunſwick Wolfenbuttel* by the French Armies ſince the unfortunate Events which were attended by the lamented Death of his illuſtrious Father in the Year One thouſand eight hundred and ſix, His Serene Highneſs the preſent Duke of *Brunſwick Wolfenbuttel*, Your Majeſty's Nephew, has, after a Series of gallant but unavailing Efforts for the Recovery of his Poſſeſſions, been compelled to ſeek an Aſylum in Your Majeſty's Dominions, Your Majeſty recommended to the Houſe of Commons to conſider of the Means of enabling Your Majeſty to make ſome Proviſion for the Eſtabliſhment of His Serene Highneſs during ſuch Time as the State of the Continent might continue to preclude the Return of his Serene Highneſs to his own Dominions; 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 Parliament aſſembled, and by the Authority

His Majesty may grant an Annuity of 7,000 l. to the Duke of Brunswick Wolfenbuttel, to be payable Quarterly out of the Consolidated Fund,

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 His Serene Highness the Duke of *Brunswick Wolfenbuttel*, an Annuity not exceeding Seven thousand Pounds of lawful Money of *Great Britain*; which said Annuity may commence and take effect from the First Day of *January* One thousand eight hundred and ten, and shall be paid quarterly at the Four usual Days of Payment in the Year; that is to say, the Fifth Day of *April*, the Fifth Day of *July*, the Tenth Day of *October*, and the Fifth Day of *January*, in every Year, until the State of the Continent of *Europe* shall allow the Return of His Serene Highness to his own Dominions; 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 Duke of *Brunswick Wolfenbuttel*, or of such other Person or Persons as shall by the said Duke 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 Duke 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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