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CAP. LXVIII.

An Act for raising the Sum of One million four hundred thousand Pounds by way of Annuities for the Service of *Ireland*. [9th *June* 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, being desirous to raise the necessary Supplies for the Service of *Ireland*, which we have chearfully granted to Your Majesty in this Session of Parliament, have resolved that the Sum of One million four hundred thousand Pounds be raised by Annuities, 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 One million four hundred thousand Pounds shall, for every One hundred Pounds contributed and paid, be entitled to the Principal Sum of One hundred and thirty Pounds in Reduced Annuities, after the Rate of Three Pounds *per Centum per Annum*, to commence from the Fifth Day of *April* One thousand eight hundred and ten, and also to a further Principal Sum of Ten Pounds Seven Shillings and Sixpence in Consolidated Annuities, after the Rate of Three Pounds *per Centum per Annum*, to commence from the Fifth Day of *January* One thousand eight hundred and ten.

Every Contributor of 100l. to be entitled to a Principal of 130l. in the 3 per Cent. Reduced, and 10l. 7s. 6d. in the 3 per Cent. Consols.

II. And whereas, pursuant to and upon the Terms and Conditions expressed in the said Resolution, several Persons have, in Books opened at the Bank of *England* for that Purpose, subscribed together the Whole of the

Contributors who have made Deposits to pay the Remainder of

Subſcriptions by Inſtalments.

the ſaid Sum of One million four hundred thouſand Pounds to be raiſed by Annuities; and made Depoſits of Ten Pounds *per Centum* on the reſpective Sums by them ſo ſubſcribed to the ſaid Sum of One million four hundred thouſand Pounds to be raiſed by Annuities, with the Caſhiers of the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*; be it therefore enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful to and for ſuch Contributors, who have made ſuch Depoſits with the Caſhier or Caſhiers of the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England* (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), to advance and pay unto the ſaid Caſhier or Caſhiers of the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, the ſeveral Remainders of the Sums by them reſpectively ſubſcribed towards the ſaid Sum of One million four hundred thouſand Pounds at or before the reſpective Days and Times, and in the Proportions hereinafter limited and appointed in that Behalf; (that is to ſay), the further Sum of Ten Pounds *per Centum*, on or before the Twenty-ſecond Day of *June* One thouſand eight hundred and ten; the further Sum of Fifteen Pounds *per Centum*, on or before the Thirteenth Day of *July* then next following; the further Sum of Ten Pounds *per Centum*, on or before the Seventeenth Day of *Auguſt* then next following; the further Sum of Ten Pounds *per Centum*, on or before the Fourteenth Day of *September* then next following; the further Sum of Fifteen Pounds *per Centum*, on or before the Nineteenth Day of *October* then next following; the further Sum of Ten Pounds *per Centum*, on or before the Sixteenth Day of *November* then next following; the further Sum of Ten Pounds *per Centum*, on or before the Fourteenth Day of *December* then next following; and the remaining Sum of Ten Pounds *per Centum*, on or before the Seventeenth Day of *January* One thouſand eight hundred and eleven.

Guardians may ſubſcribe for Infants.

III. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful for any Guardian or Truſtee, having the Diſpoſition of the Money of any Infant, to contribute and pay for or towards advancing the ſaid Sum of One Million four hundred thouſand Pounds, to be raiſed by Annuities in Manner aforeſaid; and ſuch Infant, upon the Payment of ſuch Sum or Sums ſubſcribed by ſuch Guardian or Truſtee, ſhall become a Contributor within the Meaning of this Act, and be entitled to have and receive the Annuities, Advantages, and Payments, in reſpect thereof, in ſuch and the like Manner as any other Contributor; and the ſaid Guardian and Truſtee, as to the ſaid Sum or Sums ſo advanced, is hereby diſcharged, ſo as the Name of ſuch Infant be expreſſed in the Receipt or Receipts for ſuch Money.

Diſcount to be allowed on Payment of the whole Subſcription by Dec. 13, 1810.

IV. 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 One million four hundred thouſand Pounds to be contributed as aforeſaid, at any Time on or before the Thirteenth Day of *December* One thouſand eight hundred and ten, 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 Three Pounds *per Centum per Annum* from the Day of completing the ſame, to the Seventeenth Day of *January* One thouſand eight hundred and eleven; which Allowance is to be paid by the ſaid Caſhier or Caſhiers out of the Money to be contributed in purſuance of this Act, as ſoon as ſuch reſpec-

five Contributors, their Executors, Adminiſtrators, Succeſſors, and Aſſigns ſhall have completed ſuch Payment.

Contributors entitled to certain Annuities payable Half-yearly, but not till their Subſcriptions are completed.

V. And be it further enacted, That the ſeveral Subſcribers or Contributors, their Executors, Adminiſtrators, Succeſſors, and Aſſigns, in reſpect of the ſaid Sum of One million four hundred thouſand Pounds, ſhall be entitled for every One hundred Pounds by him, her, or them reſpectively advanced and paid, to an Annuity after the Rate of Three Pounds *per Centum* in reſpect of the Principal Sum of One hundred and thirty Pounds, to commence from the Fifth Day of *April* One thouſand eight hundred and ten, and ſhall alſo be entitled to a further Annuity after the Rate of Three Pounds *per Centum*, in reſpect of the additional Principal Sum of Ten Pounds Seven Shillings and Sixpence from the Fifth Day of *January* One thouſand eight hundred and ten, until Redemption by Parliament in Manner herein-after reſpectively mentioned; which ſaid reſpective Annuities ſhall be payable and paid Half-yearly, by even and equal Portions; (that is to ſay), the ſaid Reduced Annuities, after the Rate of Three Pounds *per Centum*, on the Tenth Day of *October* and the Fifth Day of *April* in every Year; and the ſaid Conſolidated Annuities, after the Rate of Three Pounds *per Centum*, on the Fifth Day of *July* and the Fifth Day of *January* in every Year; the Firſt Payment upon the ſaid Reduced Annuities, after the Rate of Three Pounds *per Centum*, to be due on the Tenth Day of *October* One thouſand eight hundred and ten, and on the ſaid Conſolidated Annuities, after the Rate of Three Pounds *per Centum*, on the Fifth Day of *July* One thouſand eight hundred and ten, but ſhall not be payable until the reſpective Subſcribers or Contributors, their Executors, Adminiſtrators, Succeſſors, 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 they may be transferred.

VI. And be it further enacted, That as ſoon as any Contributors, their Executors, Adminiſtrators, Succeſſors, or Aſſigns, ſhall have completed their Payments of ſuch Part of the Whole Sum payable by them reſpectively towards the ſaid Sum of One million four hundred thouſand Pounds, as ſhall be payable in reſpect of the Reduced Annuities, after the Rate of Three Pounds *per Centum*, to which they reſpectively ſhall become entitled in reſpect of ſuch Subſcriptions, the Principal Sum or Sums in the ſaid Reduced Annuities ſhall forthwith be, in the Books of the Bank of *England*, placed to the Credit of ſuch reſpective Contributors, their Executors, Adminiſtrators, Succeſſors, or Aſſigns, completing ſuch Payments reſpectively; and as ſoon as ſuch Contributors, their Executors, Adminiſtrators, Succeſſors, or Aſſigns, ſhall have completed the Payments of ſuch Part of the whole Sum payable by them reſpectively towards the ſaid Sum of One million four hundred thouſand Pounds, as ſhall be payable in reſpect of the ſaid Conſolidated Annuities, after the Rate of Three Pounds *per Centum*, to which they ſhall reſpectively become entitled as aforeſaid, the reſpective Principal Sums or Annuities ſhall forthwith be, in the Books of the Bank of *England*, placed to the Credit of ſuch reſpective Contributors, their Executors, Adminiſtrators, Succeſſors, and Aſſigns, completing ſuch Payments; and the Perſons to whoſe Credit ſuch Principal Sums ſhall be ſo placed, their reſpective Executors, Adminiſtrators, Succeſſors, and Aſſigns, ſhall and may have Power to aſſign and transfer the ſame, or any Part, Share, or Proportion thereof, to any other Perſon or Perſons, Body or Bodies Politick or Corporate whatſoever, in the Books of the Bank of *England*; and the ſaid Governor and

Company

Company of the Bank of *England* are hereby required, as ſoon as conveniently may be after the paſſing of this Act, to prepare proper Books for the Purpoſe of entering the Names of all ſuch Contributors, and of placing to their Credit the principal Sums ſo paid by them reſpectively; and that ſuch of the ſaid Contributors, their Executors, Adminiſtrators, Succeſſors, or Aſſigns, who ſhall complete the Payments of ſuch Parts of the whole Sum payable by them reſpectively, towards the ſaid Sum of One million four hundred thouſand Pounds, as ſhall be payable in reſpect of any or either of the ſaid reſpective Annuities, at any Time before the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England* 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 *England*; 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 ſaid Bank of *England*; 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 the reſpective Reduced Annuities after the Rate of Three Pounds *per Centum per Annum*, and the ſaid Conſolidated Annuities, after the Rate of Three Pounds *per Centum per Annum* reſpectively, redeemable by Parliament; and ſhall reſpectively be taken and deemed to be Stock transferrable according to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, until Redemption thereof, in ſuch Manner as is herein-after mentioned.

Contributors paying the Whole of their Subſcriptions by the Times herein ſpecified, to be entitled to Annuities of certain Periods.

VII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That all and every ſuch Contributor or Contributors, his, her, or their Executors, Adminiſtrators, Succeſſors, and Aſſigns, who ſhall have paid into the Hands of the ſaid Caſhier or Caſhiers the Whole of his, her, or their Contribution Money, on or before the Second Day of *July* One thouſand eight hundred and ten, ſhall be entitled to have and receive on the Fifth Day of *July* One thouſand eight hundred and ten, at the Bank of *England*, the Half Year's Annuity after the Rate of Three Pounds *per Centum*, that ſhall become due on the Fifth Day of *July* One thouſand eight hundred and ten; and that all and every ſuch Contributor or Contributors who ſhall have paid into the Hands of the ſaid Caſhier or Caſhiers the Whole of his, her, or their Contribution Money on or before the Seventh Day of *October* One thouſand eight hundred and ten, ſhall be entitled to have and receive on the Tenth Day of *October* One thouſand eight hundred and ten at the Bank of *England*, the Half Year's Annuity that ſhall become due on the Tenth Day of *October* One thouſand eight hundred and ten; and that all and every ſuch Contributor or Contributors, who ſhall have paid into the Hands of the ſaid Caſhier or Caſhiers the Whole of his, her, or their Contribution Money, on or before the Second Day of *January* One thouſand eight hundred and eleven, ſhall be entitled to have and receive on the Fifth Day of *January* One thouſand eight hundred and eleven, at the Bank of *England*, the Whole Year's Annuity that ſhall become due on the Fifth Day of *January* One thouſand eight hundred and eleven; and that all and every Perſon or Perſons who ſhall not have completed the Whole of their ſaid Payments on or before the ſaid Second Day of *July* One thouſand eight hundred and ten, or the ſaid Seventh Day of *October* One thouſand eight hundred and ten, or the ſaid Second Day of *January* One thouſand eight hundred and eleven, ſhall, on completing the ſame within the Time in this Act preſcribed, be entitled to receive the Year's Annuity

Annuity from the Fifth Day of *January* One thouſand eight hundred and ten and the Fifth Day of *April* One thouſand eight hundred and ten reſpectively, as the ſame ſhall become due, according to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act.

Duty granted by 46 G. 3. c. 65. not to be charged on the Half Year's Dividends herein ſpecified, &c.

VIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the Duty granted by an Act of the Forty-ſixth Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, *for granting to His Majeſty, during the preſent War, and until the Sixth Day of* April *next after the Ratification of a Definitive Treaty of Peace, further Rates and Duties on Profits ariſing from Property, Profeſſions, Trades, and Offices*, ſhall not be charged upon the Half Year's Dividend payable on the Tenth Day of *October* One thouſand eight hundred and ten, of ſo much of the Three Pounds *per Centum* Reduced Annuities created by this Act, as ſhall not have been reſpectively written into the Books of the Bank of *England* on or before ſuch Days as ſhall be appointed by the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, for cloſing the Accounts of the ſaid Three Pounds *per Centum* Reduced Annuities, previous to the Payment of the Half-yearly Dividend thereupon that will become due on the Tenth Day of *October* One thouſand eight hundred and ten, nor upon the Half Year's Dividend ariſing on the Fifth Day of *July* One thouſand eight hundred and ten, of ſo much of the Three Pounds *per Centum* Conſolidated Annuities granted by this Act, as ſhall not have been written into the Books of the Bank of *England* on or before ſuch Day as ſhall be appointed by the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England* for cloſing the Accounts of the ſaid Three Pounds *per Centum* Conſolidated Annuities, previous to the Payment of the Half-yearly Dividend thereupon, that will become due on the Fifth Day of *July* One thouſand eight hundred and ten.

Annuities payable and transferrable at the Bank.

IX. And be it further enacted, That all the Annuities aforeſaid ſhall be payable and paid, and be transferrable, at the Bank of *England*; and ſhall be ſubject to ſuch Redemption as is herein-after mentioned.

Money to be iſſued out of the Conſolidated Fund of Great Britain for Payment of Annuities and Charges;

X. And be it further enacted, That ſo much Money ſhall, from Time to Time, be ſet apart and iſſued at the Receipt of the Exchequer in *England*, out of the Conſolidated Fund of *Great Britain*, to the ſaid Caſhier or Caſhiers of the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, as ſhall be ſufficient to ſatisfy and pay the reſpective Annuities to be created in reſpect of the ſaid Sum of One Million four hundred thouſand Pounds, together with the Charges attending the ſame.

and ſhall be charged upon the ſaid Fund.

XI. And be it further enacted, That all the ſaid Annuities, Intereſt, and Dividends, which ſhall become payable in reſpect of the ſaid Sum of One Million four hundred thouſand Pounds, ſhall be charged and chargeable upon and are hereby charged upon and made payable out of the Conſolidated Fund of *Great Britain*.

The Treaſury in Ireland to iſſue out of the Conſolidated Fund and pay into the Exchequer in

XII. And be it further enacted, That the Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Treaſury in *Ireland*, or any Three or more of them for the Time being, ſhall from Time to Time, without any further Warrant to be ſued for, had, or obtained in this Behalf, cauſe to be iſſued at the Receipt of His Majeſty's Exchequer, out of the Conſolidated Fund of *Ireland*, and paid into the Receipt of His Majeſty's Exchequer in *England*, ſo much

England, Money to answer Annuities, &c. to a certain Amount.

Monies as shall be sufficient from Time to Time to answer to the said Exchequer in *England*, the several and respective Annuities and other Payments hereby directed to be paid thereout; and that such Payments shall be made into the said Exchequer in *England* Half-yearly, by even and equal Portions, (that is to say), such of the said Sums as shall be paid for the Reduced Annuities, on or before the Fifth Day of *October* and the First Day of *April* in every Year; and such of the said Sums as shall be paid for the Consolidated Annuities, on or before the First Day of *July* and the First Day of *January* in every Year; the first Payment upon the said Reduced Annuities to be made on or before the Fifth Day of *October* One thousand eight hundred and ten, and on the said Consolidated Annuities on or before the First Day of *July* One thousand eight hundred and ten.

The Bank to appoint a Cashier and an Accountant General, and the Treasury to order Money to be issued to the Cashier for Payment of Annuities.

XIII. And, for the more easy and sure Payment of all the several Annuities established by this Act, be it further enacted, That the said Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, and their Successors, shall from Time to Time, until all the said Annuities shall be redeemed, appoint and employ One or more sufficient Person or Persons, within their Office in the City of *London*, to be their Chief or First Cashier or Cashiers, and one other sufficient Person within the same Office to be their Accountant General; and that so much of the Monies by this Act appropriated for the Purpose, as shall be sufficient from Time to Time to answer the said several and respective Annuities, and other Payments herein directed to be made out of the said Monies, in respect of the Whole of the said Sum of One Million four hundred thousand Pounds, shall by Order of the Commissioners of the Treasury of *Great Britain*, or any Three or more of them, or the High Treasurer of *Great Britain* for the Time being, without any further Warrant to be sued for, had, or obtained in that Behalf, from Time to Time, at the respective Days of Payment in this Act appointed for Payment thereof, be issued and paid at the Receipt of the Exchequer in *Great Britain*, to the said First or Chief Cashier or Cashiers of the said Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, and their Successors for the Time being, by way of Imprest and upon Account for the Payment of the said several and respective Annuities payable by virtue of this Act; and that such Cashier or Cashiers, to whom the said Money shall from Time to Time be issued, shall from Time to Time, without Delay, pay the same accordingly, and render his or their Accounts thereof, according to the due Course of the Exchequer in *Great Britain*; and that the said Accountant General for the Time being shall, from Time to Time, inspect and examine all Receipts and Payments of the said Cashier or Cashiers, and the Vouchers relating thereto, in order to prevent any Fraud, Negligence, or Delay.

Cashier to give Receipt for Subscriptions, which may be assigned before Dec. 14, 1810.

Cashier to give Security for paying the Money he receives into the Exchequer.

XIV. And be it further enacted, That the Cashier or Cashiers of the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, who shall have received or shall receive any Part of the said Contributions towards the said Sum of One Million four hundred thousand Pounds, shall give a Receipt or Receipts in Writing to every such Contributor for all such Sums; and that the Receipts to be given shall be assignable at any Time before the Fourteenth Day of *December* One thousand eight hundred and ten, and no longer: Provided always, that such Cashier or Cashiers shall give Security to the good liking of any Three or more of the Commissioners of the Treasury or the High Treasurer of *Great Britain* for the Time being, for duly answering and paying into the Receipt of

His Majeſty's Exchequer in *Great Britain* as after mentioned, for the publick Uſe, all the Monies which they have already received, and ſhall hereafter receive from Time to Time, of and for the Whole of the ſaid Sum of One million four hundred thouſand Pounds, and for accounting duly for the ſame, and for Performance of the Truſt hereby in them repoſed, 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 *Great Britain*, 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.

A Book to be kept in the Accountant General's Office for entering Contributors Names, a Duplicate whereof to be tranſmitted to the Auditor of the Exchequer.

XV. And be it enacted, That in the Office of the Accountant General of the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England* for the Time being, a Book or Books ſhall be provided and kept, in which the Names of the Contributors ſhall be fairly entered; which Book or Books, the ſaid reſpective Contributors, their reſpective Executors, Adminiſtrators, Succeſſors, and Aſſigns, ſhall and may from Time to Time, and at all ſeaſonable Times, reſort to and inſpect without any Fee or Charge; and that the ſaid Accountant General ſhall, on or before the Fifth Day of *July* One thouſand eight hundred and eleven, tranſmit an atteſted Duplicate, fairly written on Paper, of the ſaid Book or Books into the Office of the Auditor of the Receipt of His Majeſty's Exchequer of *Great Britain*, there to remain for ever.

Contributors duly paying their Subſcriptions entitled to Annuities Tax free.

XVI. And be it further enacted, That ſuch Contributors, duly paying in the whole Sum ſo ſubſcribed, at or before the reſpective Times in this Act limited in that Behalf, and their reſpective Executors, Adminiſtrators, Succeſſors and Aſſigns, ſhall have, receive, and enjoy, and be entitled by virtue of this Act to have, receive, and enjoy, the ſaid ſeveral Annuities by this Act granted in reſpect of the Sum ſo ſubſcribed out of the Monies granted and appropriated in this Seſſion of Parliament for Payment thereof, and ſhall have good and ſure Intereſts and Eſtates therein, according to the ſeveral Proviſions in this Act contained, and that the ſaid ſeveral Annuities ſhall be free from all Taxes, Charges, and Impoſitions whatſoever.

Subſcriptions paid in Part and not completed, forfeited.

XVII. Provided always, That in caſe any ſuch Contributors who have already depoſited with or ſhall hereafter pay to the ſaid Caſhier or Caſhiers any Sum or Sums of Money at the Time and in the Manner hereinbefore mentioned, in Part of the Sum or Sums ſo by them reſpectively ſubſcribed, or their reſpective Executors, Adminiſtrators, Succeſſors, or Aſſigns, ſhall not advance and pay to the ſaid Caſhier or Caſhiers, the Reſidue of the Sum or Sums ſo ſubſcribed at the Times and in the Manner before mentioned, then and in every ſuch Caſe ſo much of the reſpective Sum or Sums ſo ſubſcribed, as ſhall have been actually paid in Part thereof to the ſaid Caſhier or Caſhiers, ſhall be forfeited for the Benefit of the Publick, and all Right and Title to the ſaid Annuities after the Rate of Three Pounds *per Centum per Annum*, and of Three Pounds *per Centum per Annum*, reſpectively, in reſpect therof, ſhall be extinguiſhed; any Thing in this Act contained to the contrary thereof in anywiſe notwithſtanding.

XVIII. And

Annuities to be deemed Perſonal Eſtate.

XVIII. 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 One million four hundred thouſand Pounds, and all Perſons lawfully claiming under them, ſhall be poſſeſſed thereof as of a Perſonal Eſtate, which ſhall not be deſcendible to Heirs, nor liable to any Foreign Attachment by the Cuſtom of *London*, or otherwiſe; any Law, Statute, or Cuſtom to the contrary notwithſtanding.

Treaſury may remit to Ireland Part of the Loan.

XIX. And be it further enacted, That the ſaid Lords Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Treaſury, or any Three or more of them, ſhall and may, and they are hereby authorized, to remit to the Exchequer of that Part of the United Kingdom called *Ireland*, from Time to Time any Sums of Money, not exceeding in the Whole the Sum of One million four hundred thouſand Pounds, to be applied to ſuch Services for *Ireland*, as ſhall have been voted by the Commons of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, in this preſent Seſſion of Parliament.

Accountant General to keep Books for entering Transfers.

XX. And be it further enacted, That Books ſhall be conſtantly kept by the ſaid Accountant General for the Time being, wherein all Aſſignments or Transfers of all Sums advanced or contributed towards the ſaid Sum of One million four hundred 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 Transfers, or if ſuch Parties be abſent, by their reſpective Attorney or Attornies thereunto lawfully authorized, in 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 or available in Law: Provided always, that all Perſons poſſeſſed of any Share or Intereſt in either of the ſaid Stocks of Annuities, or any Eſtate or Intereſt therein, may deviſe the ſame by Will in Writing, atteſted by Two or more credible Witneſſes; but that no Payment ſhall be made upon any ſuch Deviſe, until ſo much of the ſaid Will as relates to ſuch Share, Eſtate, or Intereſt in the ſaid Stocks of Annuities, be entered in the ſaid Office; and that in Default of ſuch Transfer or Deviſe, ſuch Share, Eſtate, or Intereſt in the ſaid Stocks of Annuities, ſhall go to the Executors, Adminiſtrators, Succeſſors, and Aſſigns; and that no Stamp Duties whatſoever ſhall be charged on any of the ſaid Transfers; any Law or Statute to the contrary notwithſtanding.

Stock may be deviſed.

Transfers not liable to Stamp Duties.

Treaſury may defray incidental Expences out of Contributions, and allow Salaries to the Caſhier and Accountant General.

XXI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That out of the Monies ariſing from the Contributions towards raiſing the ſaid Sum of One million four hundred thouſand Pounds by Annuities, any Three or more of the Commiſſioners of the Treaſury, or the High Treaſurer of *Great Britain* for the Time being, ſhall have Power to diſcharge all ſuch incident Charges as ſhall neceſſarily attend the Execution of this Act, in ſuch Manner as to them ſhall ſeem juſt and reaſonable; and alſo to ſettle and appoint ſuch Allowances as ſhall be thought proper for the Service, Pains, and Labour of the ſaid Caſhier or Caſhiers, for receiving, paying, and accounting for the ſaid Contributions; and alſo ſhall have Power to make out of the ſaid Conſolidated Fund ſuch further Allowances as ſhall be judged reaſonable for the Service, Pains, and Labour of the ſaid Caſhier or Caſhiers for

for receiving, paying, and accounting for the ſaid Annuities payable by virtue of this Act; and alſo for the Service, Pains, and Labour of the ſaid Accountant General, for performing the Truſt repoſed in him by this Act; all which Allowances to be made as aforeſaid, in reſpect of the Service, Pains, and Labour of any Officer or Officers of the ſaid Governor and Company, ſhall be for the Uſe and Benefit of the ſaid Governor and Company, and at their Diſpoſal only.

The 3*l.* per Cent. Reduced Annuities to be added to the Joint Stock of 3*l.* per Cent. Reduced Annuities.

XXII. And be it further enacted, That all the Monies to which any Perſon or Perſons ſhall become entitled by virtue of this Act, in reſpect of any Sum advanced or contributed towards the ſaid Sum of One million four hundred thouſand Pounds, on which the ſaid Reduced Annuities, after the Rate of Three Pounds *per Centum per Annum*, ſhall be attending, ſhall be added to the Joint Stock of Annuities transferrable at the Bank of *England*, which by an Act made in the Twenty-third Year of the Reign of His late Majeſty, were reduced from Four Pounds *per Centum per Annum* to Three Pounds *per Centum per Annum*, and ſhall be deemed Part of the ſaid Joint Stock of Annuities, ſubject nevertheleſs to Redemption by Parliament, in ſuch Manner, and upon ſuch Notice as in the ſeveral Acts by which the ſaid Annuities, after the Rate of Four Pounds *per Centum per Annum* were reſpectively granted are directed in reſpect of the Annuities redeemable by virtue thereof, and that all and every Perſon and Perſons and Corporations whatſoever, in Proportion to the Money to which he, ſhe, or they, ſhall become entitled as aforeſaid by virtue of this Act, ſhall have and be deemed to have a proportional Intereſt and Share in the ſaid Joint Stock of Annuities at the Rate aforeſaid.

The 3*l.* per Cent. Conſolidated Annuities under this Act to be added to the Joint Stock of 3*l.* per Cent. Conſolidated Annuities.

XXIII. And be it further enacted, That all the Monies to which any Perſon or Perſons ſhall become entitled by virtue of this Act, in reſpect of any Sum advanced or contributed towards the ſaid Sum of One million four hundred thouſand Pounds, on which the ſaid Conſolidated Annuities after the Rate of Three Pounds *per Centum per Annum* ſhall be attending, ſhall be added to the Joint Stock of Annuities transferrable at the Bank of *England*, into which the ſeveral Sums carrying an Intereſt after the Rate of Three Pounds *per Centum per Annum*, were by ſeveral Acts made in the Twenty-fifth, Twenty-eighth, Twenty-ninth, Thirty-ſecond, and Thirty-third Years of the Reign of His late Majeſty King *George* the Second, and by ſeveral ſubſequent Acts conſolidated, and ſhall be deemed Part of the ſaid Joint Stock of Annuities, ſubject nevertheleſs to Redemption by Parliament, in ſuch Manner, and upon ſuch Notice, as in the ſaid Act, made in the Twenty-fifth Year of His ſaid late Majeſty's Reign, is directed in reſpect of the ſeveral and reſpective Annuities redeemable by virtue of the ſaid Act; and that all and every Perſon and Perſons and Corporations whatſoever, in Proportion to the Money to which he, ſhe, or they ſhall become entitled as aforeſaid by virtue of this Act, ſhall have and be deemed to have a proportional Intereſt and Share in the ſaid Joint Stock of Annuities at the Rates aforeſaid.

Perſons counterfeiting Receipts for Contributions, &c. guilty of Felony.

XXIV. 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 One million four hundred thouſand Pounds, either

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 *England*, 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.

Bank to continue a Corporation till the Annuities hereby granted ceaſe.

XXV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the ſaid Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, and their Succeſſors, notwithſtanding the Redemption of all or any of their own Funds, in purſuance of the Acts for eſtabliſhing the ſame, or any of them, ſhall continue a Corporation for the Purpoſes of this Act, until all the Annuities by this Act granted ſhall be redeemed by Parliament as aforeſaid; and that the ſaid Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, or any Member thereof, ſhall not incur any Diſability for or by reaſon of their doing any Matter or Thing in purſuance of this Act.

No Fee to be taken for receiving Contributions, or paying or transferring Annuities, on Penalty of 20l.

XXVI. 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 or paying the ſaid Subſcription or Contribution Monies or any of them, or for any Receipt concerning the ſame, or for 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 *Weſtminſter*, wherein no Eſſoign, Protection, Privilege, or 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.

XXVII. 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 Judgement 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.

Treble Coſts.

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