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CAP. XXII.

An Act for raiſing the Sum of Two millions five hundred thouſand Pounds by way of Annuities and Treaſury Bills for the Service of *Ireland*.

[14th *May* 1811.]

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 chearfully granted to Your Majeſty in this Seſſion of Parliament, have reſolved that the Sum of Two millions five hundred thouſand Pounds, *Iriſh* Currency, be raiſed in *Ireland* in Manner herein-after 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 Two millions five hundred 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 twenty 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 Day of *December* One thouſand eight hundred and ten, 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, and that every ſuch Contributor ſhall likewiſe

Contributors entitled to the Sums herein mentioned.

be entitled to the Sum of Eleven Pounds and Fifteen Shillings, *Iriſh* Currency, in Treaſury Bills, payable in Four Years from the Twenty-fifth Day of *March* One thouſand eight hundred and eleven, and bearing Intereſt at the Rate of Five Pounds *per Centum per Annum* from that Period.

Contributors who have made Depoſits to pay the Remainder of Subſcriptions by Inſtalments.

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 Two millions five hundred thouſand Pounds to be raiſed in Manner aforeſaid, and have made a Depoſit of Five Pounds *per Centum* on the reſpective Sums by them ſo ſubſcribed to the ſaid Sum of Two millions five hundred thouſand Pounds; be it therefore enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful for ſuch Contributors, who have made ſuch Depoſits, 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 Two millions five hundred 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 Five Pounds *per Centum* on or before the Fourth Day of *May* One thouſand eight hundred and eleven; the further Sum of Seven Pounds and Ten Shillings *per Centum* on or before the Twenty-fifth Day of the ſaid Month of *May*; the further Sum of Seven Pounds and Ten Shillings *per Centum*, on or before the Twenty-fourth Day of *June* then next following; the further Sum of Ten Pounds *per Centum*, on or before the Twenty-fifth Day of *July* then next following; the further Sum of Ten Pounds *per Centum*, on or before the Twenty-ſixth Day of *Auguſt* then next following; the further Sum of Ten Pounds *per Centum*, on or before the Twenty-ſeventh Day of *September* then next following; the further Sum of Ten Pounds *per Centum*, on or before the Twenty-ſixth Day of *October* then next following; the further Sum of Ten Pounds *per Centum*, on or before the Twenty-third Day of *November* then next following; the further Sum of Ten Pounds *per Centum*, on or before the Twenty-fourth Day of *December* then next following; and the remaining Sum of Fifteen Pounds *per Centum*, on or before the Third Day of *January* One thouſand eight hundred and twelve.

Diſcount to be allowed on Payment of the whole Subſcription before Dec. 23, 1811.

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 Two millions five hundred thouſand Pounds to be contributed as aforeſaid, at any Time on or before the Twenty-third Day of *December* One thouſand eight hundred and eleven, 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 Ten Shillings *per Centum per Annum* from the Day of completing the ſame, to the Third Day of *January* One thouſand eight hundred and twelve; 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.

IV. And

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

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 twenty 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 ten, and 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 eleven, and shall also be entitled to receive Treasury Bills to the Amount of Eleven Pounds and Fifteen Shillings, payable in Four Years from the Twenty-fifth Day of *March* One thousand eight hundred and eleven, bearing Interest at the Rate of Five Pounds *per Centum per Annum* from that Period, but the said Annuities shall not be payable, nor shall the said Treasury Bills be delivered, 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 and Treasury Bills.

As soon as Subscriptions are completed they may be transferred.

V. And be it enacted, That as soon as any Contributors, who shall have subscribed for any Principal Sum in Annuities, transferable 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 Two millions five hundred 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 Two millions five hundred 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 transferrable according to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, until Redemption thereof.

Treasury Bills to be made out.

VI. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the Lord High Treasurer of *Ireland* for the Time being, or for the Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Treasurer of *Ireland*, or any Three or more of them, now or for the Time being, to prepare or make and issue, or cause to be prepared or made and issued, any Number of Bills entitling the Bearer to the Sum or Sums to be respectively specified therein, not exceeding in the Whole the Amount hereby authorised, and declaring such Sum or Sums to be payable, or such Bills to pass current at the Receipt of His Majesty's Exchequer in *Ireland*, after the Twenty-fifth Day of *March* One thousand eight hundred and fifteen, which shall be expressed in such Bills respectively; and the said Bills shall be numbered in Arithmetical Progression, beginning with Number One.

Deposits to be forfeited in Default of Payment of Subscriptions.

VII. And be it further enacted, That the Sum of Five Pounds *per Centum*, deposited and paid by every Subscriber towards the said Sum of Two millions five hundred 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 Public, and all Right and Title to the Annuities and Treasury Bills depending thereon shall be extinguished; any Thing herein contained to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

Cashier to give Receipt for Subscriptions, which may be assigned.

VIII. 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 Two millions five hundred 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.

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.

IX. 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 twelve, 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.

X. 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 Two millions five hundred 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 made One joint Stock with the subsisting Stock of 3l. 10s. per Cents.

XI. 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 transferrable 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 transferrable; and that the said Annuities shall be free from all Taxes, Charges, and Impositions whatsoever.

If Treasury Bills be not paid off before March 25, 1815, they may be taken in Payment of the Revenues in Ireland,

XII. And be it further enacted, That in case the Treasury Bills which shall be issued in pursuance of this Act, or any of them, shall not be paid off and discharged on or before the Twenty-fifth Day of *March* One thousand eight hundred and fifteen, then the said Treasury Bills, or such of them as shall not be so paid off and discharged, shall be received and taken by and be current to any Receiver or Collector in *Ireland* of the Customs, Excise, or any Revenue, Aid, or Tax in *Ireland*, for and in Satisfaction of any Customs, Excise, or any Revenue, Aid, or Tax then or thereafter to become due or payable to His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, in *Ireland*, and shall be taken, pass, and be current at the Receipt of His Majesty's Exchequer in *Ireland*, from every such Receiver or Collector for or in respect of the Customs, Excise, or any Revenue, Aid, or Tax by him collected or received at or after the said Twenty-fifth Day of *March* One thousand eight hundred and fifteen.

when Interest shall cease.

XIII. And be it further enacted, That as soon as any of the said Treasury Bills, which shall or may be issued in pursuance of this Act, shall be received by any such Receiver or Collector, all Interest shall cease from the Day of such Receipt and shall be no longer payable thereon, and the same when paid by such Receiver or Collector into the Receipt of His Majesty's Exchequer in *Ireland* shall be cancelled.

Money to be applied to such Services as shall have been voted this Session.

XIV. 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,

XV. 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*.

which shall be chargeable with Payment of Annuities, &c.

XVI. And be it enacted, That all the said Annuities, and the Interest on the said Treasury Bills which shall become payable in respect of the said Sum of Two millions five hundred thousand Pounds, shall be charged and chargeable upon and are hereby charged upon and made payable out of the Consolidated Fund of *Ireland*.

 XVII. And

Money to be ſet apart to the Bank of Ireland for Payment of the Annuities, &c.

XVII. 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 Intereſt on the ſaid Treaſury Bills ſhall commence from the ſaid Twenty-fifth Day of *March* One thouſand eight hundred and eleven, and ſhall be paid to the Perſon or Perſons entitled thereto without any Fee or Charge, and free from all Deductions whatſoever, until ſuch Perſon or Perſons ſhall be reſpectively paid their Principal Money at One entire Payment; 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.

Accountant General to keep Books for entering Transfers.

XVIII. 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 Two millions five 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, 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.

Transfers not liable to Stamp Duties.

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

XIX. 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 Two millions five hundred 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.

No Fee to be taken for receiving Contributions, or

XX. 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 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.

Penalty of 20l. for paying or transferring Annuities, or

XXI. 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.

Perſons ſued may plead the General Iſſue.

Treble Coſts.

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