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CAP. XXVI.

An Act for raiſing the Sum of Four millions nine hundred eighty one thouſand three hundred Pounds by way of Annuities. [21ſt *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 Four millions nine hundred eighty one thouſand three hundred Pounds be raiſed by Annuities, 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 Four millions nine hundred eighty one thouſand, three hundred Pounds ſhall, for every Seventy Pounds contributed and paid, be entitled to the Principal Sum of Seventy-two Pounds twelve Shillings in Annuities after the Rate of Five Pounds *per Centum per Annum*, to commence from the Fifth Day of *January* One thouſand eight hundred and eleven.

Contributor entitled to 72l. 12s. in Annuities of Five per Cent. for every 70l. contributed.

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 ſaid Sum of Four millions nine hundred eighty one thouſand three hundred

Contributors who have made Depoſits to pay the Remainder of

Subſcriptions by Inſtalments.

hundred Pounds to be raiſed by Annuities; and made Depoſits of Seven Pounds for every Sum of Seventy Pounds by them ſo ſubſcribed to the ſaid Sum of Four millions nine hundred eighty one thouſand three hundred 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 Four millions nine hundred eighty one thouſand three hundred 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 Seven Pounds on each Seventy Pounds on or before the Fourteenth Day of *June* One thouſand eight hundred and eleven; the further Sum of Fourteen Pounds on each Seventy Pounds on or before the Twenty-ſixth Day of *July* then next following; the further Sum of Fourteen Pounds on each Seventy Pounds on or before the Sixth Day of *September* then next following; the further Sum of Fourteen Pounds on each Seventy Pounds on or before the Twenty-firſt Day of *October* then next following; and the remaining Sum of Fourteen Pounds on each Seventy Pounds on or before the Twenty-ninth Day of *November* then next following.

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 Four millions nine hundred eighty one thouſand three hundred 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.

Exchequer Bills of a certain Date to be taken in Payment of Inſtalments.

IV. And be it further enacted, That every Contributor who ſhall be poſſeſſed of any Exchequer Bill or Bills bearing Date between the Firſt Day of *April* One thouſand eight hundred and ten, and the Sixteenth Day of *March* One thouſand eight hundred and eleven both inclusive, ſhall be at Liberty to pay or deliver in the ſame together with the Intereſt due thereon reſpectively on Account of any Inſtalments which ſhall become due by virtue of this Act.

Diſcount to be allowed on Payment of the whole Subſcription by Oct. 19, 1811.

V. 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 Four millions nine hundred eighty-one thouſand three hundred Pounds to be contributed as aforeſaid, at any Time on or before the Nineteenth Day of *October* 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 Four Pounds *per Centum per Annum* from the Day of completing the ſame, to the Twenty-ninth Day of *November* 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 reſpective 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.

VI. And be it further enacted, That the ſeveral Subſcribers or Contributors, their Executors, Adminiſtrators, Succeſſors and Aſſigns, in reſpect of the ſaid Sum of Four millions nine hundred eighty-one thouſand three hundred Pounds ſhall be entitled for every Seventy Pounds by him, her, or them reſpectively advanced and paid, to an Annuity after the Rate of Five Pounds *per Centum* in reſpect of the Principal Sum of Seventy-two Pounds Twelve Shillings, to commence from the Fifth Day of *January* One thouſand eight hundred and eleven, until Redemption by Parliament in Manner herein after mentioned; which ſaid Annuities ſhall be payable and paid Half-yearly, by even and equal Portions, on the Fifth Day of *July* and the Fifth Day of *January* in every Year; the Firſt Payment to be due on the Fifth Day of *July* One thouſand eight hundred and eleven, 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.

VII. And be it further enacted, That as ſoon as any Contributors, their Executors, Adminiſtrators, Succeſſors, or Aſſigns, ſhall have completed their Payments of the whole Sum payable by them reſpectively towards the ſaid Sum of Four millions nine hundred eighty-one thouſand three hundred Pounds, the Principal Sum or Sums in the ſaid Annuities after the Rate of Five Pounds *per Centum* 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; 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 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 the whole Sum payable by them reſpectively, towards the ſaid Sum of Four millions nine hundred eighty-one thouſand three hundred Pounds, 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 Annuities after the Rate of Five Pounds *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, 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 from certain Periods,

VIII. 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 eleven, ſhall be entitled to have and receive on the Fifth Day of *July* One thouſand eight hundred and eleven, at the Bank of *England*, the Half Year's Annuity after the Rate of Five Pounds *per Centum*, that ſhall become due on the Fifth Day of *July* 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 eleven, ſhall, on completing the ſame within the Time in this Act preſcribed, be entitled to receive the Year's Annuity from the Fifth Day of *January* One thouſand eight hundred and twelve, according to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act.

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 Four millions nine hundred eighty-one thouſand three hundred 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 Four millions nine hundred eighty-one thouſand three hundred Pounds, ſhall be charged and chargeable upon, and are hereby charged upon and made payable out of the Conſolidated Fund of *Great Britain*.

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.

XII. And, for the more eaſy and ſure Payment of the 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 Four millions

nine hundred eighty-one thouſand three hundred 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 Oct. 21, 1811.

XIII. 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 Four millions nine hundred eighty-one thouſand three hundred 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 Twenty-firſt Day of *October* One thouſand eight hundred and eleven, 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 Four millions nine hundred eighty-one thouſand three hundred 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.

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

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 Exche-

XIV. 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 twelve, tranſmit an atteſted Duplicate, fairly written on Paper, of the ſaid Book or Books into the Office of the Auditor of

of the Receipt of His Majeſty's Exchequer in *Great Britain*, there to remain for ever.

Contributors duly paying their Subſcriptions entitled to Annuities Tax free.

XV. 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 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.

XVI. 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 Five Pounds *per Centum per Annum*, in reſpect thereof, ſhall be extinguiſhed; any Thing in this Act contained to the contrary thereof in anywiſe notwithſtanding.

Annuities to be deemed Perſonal Eſtate.

XVII. 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 Four millions nine hundred eighty-one thouſand three hundred 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 apply the Money paid into the Exchequer.

XVIII. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall be lawful for any Three or more of the Commiſſioners of the Treaſury, or the High Treaſurer of *Great Britain*, 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 *Great Britain*, by the ſaid Caſhier or Caſhiers, to ſuch Services as ſhall then have been voted by the Commons of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* aud *Ireland*, in this preſent Seſſion of Parliament.

Accountant General to keep Books for entering Transfers.

XIX. 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 Four millions nine hundred eighty-one thouſand three hundred 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

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 the ſaid Stock 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 Stock 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 Stock 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.

XX. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That it ſhall be lawful to and for the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, to retain out of the ſaid Contributions at the Rate of Eight hundred Pounds for every Million thereof as an Allowance for the Service, Pains, and Labour of the ſaid Caſhier or Caſhiers employed in receiving, paying and accounting for the ſame; and alſo for the Service, Pains, and Labour of the ſaid Accountant General, for performing the Truſt repoſed in him by this Act; which Allowance, in reſpect of the Service, Pains, and Labour of the ſaid Caſhier or Caſhiers and Accountant General of the ſaid Governor and Company, ſhall be for the Uſe of the ſaid Governor and Company, and at their Diſpoſal only.

Allowance for the Expence of Management.

XXI. And be it further enacted, That all the Monies converted into Annuities after the Rate of Five Pounds *per Centum per Annum*, by virtue of this Act, or intended ſo to be, ſhall be deemed, reputed and taken to be One Capital or Joint Stock, and ſhall be added to and made Part of the Joint Stock of Annuities with and ſhall be redeemable at the ſame Time and in like Manner as the Annuities carrying an Intereſt after the Rate of Five Pounds *per Centum per Annum*, eſtabliſhed by the Acts of the Twenty-fourth, Twenty-fifth, Thirty-fourth, Thirty-fifth, Thirty-ſixth, Thirty-ſeventh, Forty-eighth, Forty-ninth, Fiftieth, and Fifty-firſt Years of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, for granting Annuities to ſatisfy certain Navy, Victualling, and Tranſport Bills, Ordnance Debentures, and Exchequer Bills, and that all and every Perſon or 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 or be deemed to have a proportional Intereſt and Share in the ſaid Stock of Annuities at the Rate aforeſaid.

Money converted into Five per Cent. Annuities to be added to the Joint Stock of Five per Cent. already eſtabliſhed.

XXII. 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 Four millions nine hundred eighty-one thouſand three hundred Pounds, either with or without the Name or Names of any Perſon or Perſons being inſerted therein, as the Contributor

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

butor 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.

XXIII. 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.

XXIV. 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.

XXV. 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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