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GEORGII III. REGIS.

CAP. CIX.

An Act to empower the Commiſſioners of *Chelſea Hoſpital* to commute Penſions for a Sum of Money in certain Caſes. [9th *July* 1812.]

WHEREAS invalid, diſabled, or diſcharged Soldiers, become entitled to certain Penſions and Allowances from *Chelſea Hoſpital* by reaſon of their Service or their having become invalid or diſabled: And whereas many Perſons, Subjects of His Majeſty, belonging to Foreign Plantations or Settlements, and reſident out of the United Kingdom, and others the Natives of Foreign Countries allowed by Law to ſerve His Majeſty, become by Wounds or Service entitled to ſuch Penſions and Allowances, but are deſirous on being diſcharged, when entitled to Out Penſions, of returning to their Homes, or of reſiding out of *England*, and are put to great Trouble and Inconvenience in receiving their Penſions by reaſon of their reſiding abroad; and it is expedient that the Commiſſioners of *Chelſea Hoſpital* ſhould be enabled to commute ſuch Penſions for an Equivalent in Money: May it therefore pleaſe 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 *Chelſea Hoſpital* to give to any Soldier not a Native of the United Kingdoms, who may have been or may be diſcharged, and may be entitled to any Out Penſion or Allowance from *Chelſea Hoſpital* by reaſon of Service, or having become invalid or diſabled, and ſhall be deſirous of reſiding out of *England*, and

Soldiers not Natives may on Recommendation be allowed a Sum in Groſs

instead of an Annual Pension.

and who may be recommended for that Purpose by any Order of His Majesty, to be signified to the said Commissioners by His Majesty's Secretary at War, such Sum of Money in Gross, in lieu of and for the Purchase of such annual Pension or Allowance as may be directed by the Secretary at War, with the Approbation of the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury in that behalf; any Thing contained in an Act passed in the Twenty-eighth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, or any other Act or Acts of Parliament to the contrary notwithstanding.

Such Sums to be paid out of the Money applicable to the Payment of Pensions.

II. And be it further enacted, That the Money to be paid as aforesaid to any such Person as an Equivalent for the Pension or Allowance to which he is entitled shall be paid out of any Money voted for or applicable to the Payment of Pensions or Allowances to discharged Soldiers under the Management of the Commissioners of *Chelsea Hospital*, and the Receipt of the Person receiving such Equivalent shall be a full Discharge for the said Commissioners for the said Sum or Sums of Money so paid by them as aforesaid, and shall also be a Discharge by the Person giving such Receipt of all Claims to any future Payment of the said Pension or Allowance: Provided always, that no such Receipt shall be liable to any Stamp Duty.

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