ANNO QUINQUAGESIMO SECUNDO.

GEORGII III. REGIS.

CAP. XXXVII.

An Act for ſettling and ſecuring a certain Annuity on Earl *Wellington* and the Two next Perſons to whom the Title of Earl *Wellington* ſhall deſcend, in Conſideration of his eminent Services.

[20th *April* 1812.]

Moſt Gracious Sovereign,

WHEREAS Your Majeſty, by Your moſt Gracious Meſſage to the Houſe of Commons, has been pleaſed to declare that Your Majeſty having taken into Your Royal Conſideration the eminent and ſignal Services performed by General Lord Viſcount *Wellington* in the Courſe of a long Series of diſtinguiſhed Exploits in the Campaigns in *Spain* and *Portugal*, and being deſirous to mark the Senſe You entertain of Services ſo honorable to the *Britiſh* Arms, and ſo eminently beneficial to the Intereſts of the Nation, have conferred upon General Lord Viſcount *Wellington* and the Heirs Male of his Body the Rank and Dignity of an Earl of the United Kingdom, by the Name, Stile, and Title of Earl *Wellington*; and Your Majeſty being further deſirous of granting to the Earl of *Wellington* a Net Annuity of Two thouſand Pounds, in Addition to the Annuity already granted by Parliament, and ſubject to the ſame Limitations impoſed in that Grant, recommended it to your faithful Commons to enable His Majeſty to grant and ſettle ſuch Annuity, and to make ſuch further Proviſion as aforeſaid, as may be thought moſt effectual for the Benefit of General the Earl of *Wellington* and his Family; We, Your Majeſty's moſt dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Commons of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, in Parliament aſſembled, duly conſidering Your Majeſty's moſt gracious Intention, 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 of the same, That in Addition to the Annuity already granted to the said Earl, then Viscount *Wellington*, by an Act passed in the Fiftieth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act for settling and securing a certain Annuity on Viscount* Wellington, *and the Two next Persons on whom the Title of Viscount* Wellington *shall descend, in Consideration of his eminent Services*, one other Annuity or yearly Rent or Sum of Two thousand Pounds of lawful Money of *Great Britain*, shall 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 have been directed by any former Act or Acts of Parliament to be paid out of the same), but with Preference to all other Payments which shall or may hereafter be charged upon or payable out of the said Fund, and the same shall from Time to Time be paid Quarterly, free and clear of all Taxes and Deductions whatsoever, in Manner and Form following; that is to say, to the said Earl *Wellington*, for and during the natural Life of the said Earl *Wellington*, and from and after his Decease, unto the Two next succeeding Heirs Male of the Body of the said Earl *Wellington*, on whom the Title, Honour, and Dignity of Earl *Wellington* shall descend, for and during their natural Lives; which said Annuity or yearly Rent or Sum shall commence and take Effect from the Fifth Day of *January* One thousand eight hundred and twelve; the First Payment to be computed from the said Fifth Day of *January* One thousand eight hundred and twelve, until the Fifth Day of *April* One thousand eight hundred and twelve; and from thenceforth shall be paid and payable at the Four usual Days of Payment in the said Year, (that is to say,) the Fifth Day of *July*, the Tenth Day of *October*, the Fifth Day of *January*, and the Fifth Day of *April*, in each and every Year, by even and equal Portions.

An Annuity of 2,000l. granted in Addition to that under 50 G. 3. c. 8.

To be payable Quarterly.

II. And it is hereby further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury now being, and the High Treasurer and Under Treasurer of the Exchequer, and Commissioners of the Treasury for the Time being, and they are hereby authorized and required by Warrant under their Hands, to direct the Auditor of the Receipt of the Exchequer now and for the Time being, to make forth and pass Debentures from Time to Time for paying the said Annuity or yearly Rent or Sum of Two thousand Pounds, in Manner as aforesaid; and as the same shall from Time to Time become due and payable, without any Fees or Charges to be demanded or taken for paying the same or any Part thereof; which said Warrant and the Debentures to be made forth and passed thereupon 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 the said Annuity or yearly Rent or Sum to the said Earl *Wellington*, and the Two next succeeding Heirs Male of the Body of the said Earl *Wellington*, at the respective Quarterly Feast Days in this Act before appointed for Payment thereof, without any further or other Warrant to be sued for, had, or obtained in that Behalf.

Debentures to be made forth at the Exchequer for the Payment.

III. And it is hereby further enacted, That after signing of such Warrant the same shall be good, valid, and effectual in Law, according to the Purport and true Meaning thereof and of this Act, and shall not be determinable or recoverable by or upon the Demise of His Majesty (whom God

Annuity not determinable.

God long preſerve) or of any of His Heirs or Succeſſors, or by or upon the Death or Removal of any of the ſaid Commiſſioners of the Treaſury or the Lord High Treaſurer, or by or upon the Determination of the Power, Office or Offices of them or any of them.

No Fee to be taken.

IV. And be it further enacted, That the Commiſſioners of the Treaſury now being, and the High Treaſurer of the Treaſury for the Time being, Chancellor and Under Treaſurer, Chamberlain and Barons of the Exchequer, and all other the Officers and Miniſters of the Court of Exchequer, and of the Receipt thereof now and for the Time being, ſhall and they are hereby authorized and ſtrictly enjoined and required to do, without Fee or Reward, all ſuch Acts, Matters, and Things as are herein-before directed and required, or ſhall be neceſſary to be done and performed by them or any or either of them, in order to render this Act and the ſeveral Payments hereby directed effectual.

Acquittance of Earl Wellington a ſufficient Diſcharge.

V. And be it further enacted, That the Acquittance or Acquittances, Receipt or Receipts of the ſaid Earl *Wellington*, and the Two next ſucceeding Heirs Male of the Body of the ſaid Earl *Wellington* on whom the ſaid Title ſhall deſcend, ſhall be a good and ſufficient Diſcharge for the Payment of the ſaid Annuity or yearly Sum without any further or other Warrant to be ſued for or obtained in that Behalf; and that the ſaid Annuity or yearly Rent or Sum, and every Part thereof, ſhall be free and clear from all Taxes, Impoſitions, and other Charges whatſoever; and in caſe any of the Officers of the Receipt of His Majeſty's Exchequer ſhall refuſe or neglect to pay the ſaid Annuity or yearly Rent or Sum, or any Part thereof, according to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, or to do any Act neceſſary to enable the ſaid Earl *Wellington* and the Two next ſucceeding Heirs Male of the Body of the ſaid Earl *Wellington* on whom the ſaid Title, Honour, and Dignity of Earl *Wellington* ſhall deſcend, to receive the ſame, then the ſaid Earl *Wellington*, and the Two next ſucceeding Heirs Male of the Body of the ſaid Earl *Wellington* on whom the ſaid Title ſhall deſcend, may from Time to Time ſue, proſecute, and implead ſuch Officers or any of them, their Heirs, Executors, or Adminiſtrators, by Bill, Plaint, or Action of Debt, and ſhall and may recover Judgement and ſue out Executions thereupon againſt ſuch Officers reſpectively, their Heirs, Executors, or Adminiſtrators, for ſo much of ſuch Sum or Sums of Money then due and owing upon the ſaid Annuity, yearly Rent or Sum, or any Part thereof, as ſhall have been in the Hands of the Officer or Officers of the Receipt of the Exchequer at the Time or Times when Demands ſhall have been legally made of the Payment of the ſaid Annuity, yearly Rent, or Sum, or any Part thereof as aforeſaid, or for the Refuſal or Neglect to do any Act neceſſary to be done by ſuch Officer or Officers reſpectively.

Annuity not to be aliened.

VI. And be it further enacted, That the ſaid Annuity, yearly Rent, or Sum of Two thouſand Pounds, ſhall be and the ſame is by this Act veſted in the ſaid Earl *Wellington*, and the Two next ſucceeding Heirs Male of the Body of the ſaid Earl *Wellington* to whom the ſaid Title, Honour and Dignity of Earl *Wellington* ſhall deſcend; and the ſame or any Part thereof ſhall not at any Time or Times hereafter be aliened, conveyed, diſpoſed, charged or encumbered by the ſaid Earl *Wellington* or by either of the Two next ſucceeding Heirs Male of the Body of the ſaid Earl *Wellington* on whom the

the ſaid Title ſhall deſcend, for any greater or larger Eſtate or Times than during the natural Life of the Perſon ſo aliening, conveying, diſpoſing, charging, or encumbering the ſame, ſo as to prevent the ſame from deſcending to the next or ſucceeding Heir Male of the Body of the ſaid Earl *Wellington* to whom the ſaid Title of Earl *Wellington* ſhall deſcend, according to the Limitation aforeſaid.

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