

ANNO QUINQUAGESIMO SECUNDO

GEORGII III. REGIS.

CAP. LVII.

An Act to enable His Majesty to settle on their Royal Highnesses the Princesses *Augusta Sophia*, *Elizabeth*, *Mary*, and *Sophia*, an Annuity of Thirty-six thousand Pounds, instead of the Annuity settled on them by an Act passed in the Eighteenth Year of His present Majesty. [5th *May* 1812.]

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WHEREAS an Act passed in the Eighteenth Year of Your Majesty's Reign, intituled *An Act for enabling His Majesty to settle on their Royal Highnesses the Princes* Frederick *Bishop of* Osnaburgh, William Henry, Edward, Ernest Augustus, Augustus Frederick, *and* Adolphus Frederick, *an Annuity of Sixty thousand Pounds* per Annum; *and also to settle on their Royal Highnesses the Princesses* Charlotte Augusta Matilda, Augusta Sophia, Elizabeth, Mary, *and* Sophia, *One other Annuity of Thirty thousand Pounds* per Annum; *and also to settle on His Highness Prince* William Frederick, *One other Annuity of Eight thousand Pounds* per Annum; *and on Her Highness the Princess* Sophia Matilda, *One other Annuity of Four thousand Pounds* per Annum: And whereas Your Majesty has been graciously pleased to express Your Desire to Your faithful Commons, to be empowered to provide for the Establishment of their Royal Highnesses the Princesses *Augusta Sophia*, *Elizabeth*, *Mary*, and *Sophia*, by an immediate Grant; therefore we Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Commons of the United Kingdom of *Great* 18 G. 3. c 31.

Britain and *Ireland*, 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 it ſhall be lawful to and for the King's moſt Excellent Majeſty, inſtead of the ſaid Annuity in the ſaid Act mentioned, by any Letters Patent, or by ſeveral Letters Patent, under the Great Seal of *Great Britain* hereafter to be made, to give and grant to their Royal Highneſſes Princeſs *Auguſta Sophia*, Princeſs *Elizabeth*, Princeſs *Mary*, and Princeſs *Sophia*, and to the Survivors and Survivor of them, or to ſuch other Perſon or Perſons as His Majeſty ſhall think fit to be named in ſuch Letters Patent, and his or their Heirs, during the Lives of their ſaid Royal Highneſſes, and the Life of the Survivor of them, in Truſt for their ſaid Royal Highneſſes, or the Survivors or Survivor of them, One Annuity or Yearly Sum of Money not exceeding the Sum of Thirty-ſix thouſand Pounds of lawful Money of *Great Britain*, by the Year, to commence and take Effect from the Eighteenth Day of *February* One thouſand eight hundred and twelve, and to be paid and payable by even and equal Portions on the Four moſt uſual Days of Payment in the Year; that is to ſay, the Fifth Day of *January*, the Fifth Day of *April*, the Fifth Day of *July*, and the Tenth Day of *October*; the Firſt Payment thereof to be made as ſoon as may be after the paſſing of this Act, for the proportionate Part of the Quarter between the ſaid Eighteenth Day of *February* and the Fifth Day of *April* One thouſand eight hundred and twelve; and that ſuch Annuity or Yearly Sum of Money ſhall or may, by ſuch Letters Patent as aforeſaid, be given and granted to iſſue, and ſhall accordingly iſſue and be payable out of, and be charged and chargeable upon, the Conſolidated Fund of *Great Britain*, after paying or reſerving ſufficient to pay all ſuch Sum or Sums of Money as hath or have been directed to be paid out of the ſame by any former Act or Acts of Parliament, but with Preference to all other Payments which ſhall and may be hereafter charged upon and payable out of the ſaid Fund.

His Majeſty empowered to ſettle on the Four Princeſſes, inſtead of the Annuity granted by Act, 18 G. 3. c. 31. an Annuity of 36,000l.

II. Provided alſo, and it is hereby enacted, That upon the Death of any of their ſaid Royal Highneſſes the Princeſſes, or upon the Marriage of any one of them, and the Payment of a Portion on or in Conſideration of ſuch Marriage, not leſs than Forty thouſand Pounds Sterling, the Right, Title, Share, and Intereſt of ſuch Princeſs ſo dying or being married, in and to the ſaid Yearly Rent or Annuity of Thirty-ſix thouſand Pounds, or any Part thereof, ſhall ceaſe and determine, and the ſaid whole Annuity ſhall from thenceforth accrue and remain to the Three other Princeſſes; and upon the Death or Marriage of any other of the ſaid Princeſſes, and the Payment of a Portion, not leſs than Forty thouſand Pounds Sterling, on or in Conſideration of ſuch Marriage, the Right, Share, and Intereſt of ſuch other Princeſs ſo dying or being married, in or to the ſaid Annuity of Thirty-ſix thouſand Pounds, ſhall ceaſe and determine, and Two Third Parts of the ſaid Annuity of Thirty-ſix thouſand Pounds, amounting to Twenty-four thouſand Pounds *per Annum*, and no more, ſhall accrue and belong to the other Two Princeſſes then unmarried; and upon the Death or Marriage of either of the ſaid Two laſt-mentioned Princeſſes, and Payment of a Portion, not leſs than Forty thouſand Pounds Sterling, on or in Conſideration of ſuch Marriage, the Right, Share, and Intereſt of ſuch Princeſs, of, in, and to the ſaid Annuity of Twenty-four thouſand Pounds, ſhall

Regulations for dividing the ſaid Annuity upon the Marriage or Death of any of the Princeſſes.

ceaſe and determine; and the other of the ſaid Princeſſes then living ſhall be entitled to Twelve thouſand Pounds *per Annum*, Part of the ſaid Rent or Annuity of Twenty-four thouſand Pounds, and no more, to ceaſe and be determined on her Death or Marriage, and the Payment of a Portion not leſs than Forty thouſand Pounds Sterling, on or in Conſideration of ſuch Marriage.

The Annuities to be paid at the Exchequer, without Fees, and to be free from all Taxes.

III. And be it further enacted, That the ſaid reſpective Annuities ſhall be paid and payable at the Receipt of His Majeſty's Exchequer, out of the ſaid Fund, and the Auditor of the ſaid Receipt ſhall and he is hereby required, by virtue of ſuch Warrant or Warrants, to make forth and paſs Debentures, from Time to Time, for paying the ſaid reſpective Annuities as the ſame ſhall become due and payable, without any Fees or Charges to be demanded or taken for paying the ſame, or any Part thereof; and the reſpective Acquittance or Acquittances, Receipt or Receipts, of their ſaid Royal Highneſſes, or of ſuch other Perſon or Perſons as ſhall be by them reſpectively authorized and appointed to receive ſuch reſpective Annuities, or any Part thereof, ſhall be a good and ſufficient Diſcharge for the Payment thereof; and the ſaid Debentures to be made forth and paſſed upon the ſaid Warrant or Warrants 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 reſpective Annuities to their ſaid Royal Highneſſes, during the Continuances of the ſame, without any further or other Warrant to be ſued for, had, or obtained in that Behalf; and that the ſaid reſpective Annuities ſo to be given and granted ſhall be free and clear from all Taxes, Rates, and Aſſeſſments, and all other Charges whatſoever.

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