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GEORGII III. REGIS.

CAP. CLX.

An Act to enable His Majesty to settle an Annuity upon Her Royal Highness the Princess of *Wales*, during the joint Lives of His Majesty and of Her Royal Highness. [29th *July* 1814.]

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WHEREAS an Act of Parliament, passed in the Thirty-fifth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act for enabling His Majesty to settle an Annuity on His Royal Highness the Prince of* Wales, *during the joint Lives of His Majesty and of His said Royal Highness, for making Provision out of His Revenues for the Payment of any Debts that may be due from His Royal Highness; for preventing the Accumulation of Debts in future; and for regulating the Mode of Expenditure of the said Revenues:* And whereas His Royal Highness the Prince of *Wales* did, under the said Act, and in pursuance of the Powers therein contained, authorize the Payment of Five thousand Pounds, made payable quarterly by the said Act to Him or any Person authorized by Him, at the Receipt of the Exchequer, to Her Royal Highness the Princess of *Wales*; which Sum hath been received for Her Use: And whereas His said Royal Highness did afterwards cause the further annual Sum of Twelve thousand Pounds to be paid to Her Royal Highness; which Sum Her Royal Highness also continued to receive, until the Arrangement herein-after mentioned: And whereas it was, in the Year One thousand eight hundred and nine, represented to His Royal Highness the Prince of *Wales*, that the Debts of Her said Royal Highness amounted to the Sum of Forty-nine thousand Pounds, and His said Royal Highness did most graciously propose to take upon Himself the Arrangement of the said Debts of Her Royal Highness to that Amount, although under no legal Obligation to pay those Debts: And whereas His Royal Highness was also graciously pleased to propose to increase the Income of Her Royal Highness to the Sum of Seventeen thousand Pounds Net, by adding the Sum of Five thousand Pounds to the said 35 G. 3 c. 129.

Sum of Twelve thouſand Pounds, amounting in the Whole, with the ſaid before-mentioned Sum of Five thouſand Pounds *per Annum*, received by Her Royal Highneſs at the Exchequer, to the Sum of Twenty-two thouſand Pounds: And whereas, with a View to ſecure Regularity in the Expenditure of Her Royal Highneſs, and that all the Demands upon Her Royal Highneſs's Income might be adminiſtered in ſuch Manner as might be neceſſary to anſwer the intended Objects which His Royal Highneſs had in view of ſeeing Juſtice done to the Creditors of Her Royal Highneſs, without bringing any increaſed Charge upon the Public; and that His ſaid Royal Highneſs ſhould obtain a Security againſt any future Demands on account of any Debts of Her ſaid Royal Highneſs, it was propoſed that Her ſaid Royal Highneſs ſhould, by a Writing under Her Hand, appoint an Officer of Her own to receive the Income propoſed to be fixed upon Her Royal Highneſs by His ſaid Hoyal Highneſs, from the Treaſurer of His Royal Highneſs, and that Her Royal Highneſs's Officer ſhould receive Inſtructions by that Appointment, to ſettle the Courſe of Payments in like Manner, and in like Time, as the Payments on Behalf of His Royal Highneſs are directed to be ſettled by the ſaid recited Act of the Thirty-fifth Year of His Majeſty's Reign: And whereas it was in ſuch Propoſal, and the Acceptance thereof underſtood, that the Arrangement, if carried into Effect, was a final Arrangement as to the Income which His Royal Highneſs was thereafter to allow to Her Royal Highneſs; and it was further agreed and underſtood, that a Document to ſuch Purport ſhould be ſigned by His Royal Highneſs as making the Propoſal, and by Her Royal Highneſs as aſſenting to and concurring with all the Parts of it; which Document was ſo ſigned accordingly: And whereas His Majeſty, having been made acquainted with the ſaid Propoſal, for the Purpoſe of learning His Majeſty's Pleaſure thereon, as the Father of His Family, did by a Writing, ſigned by His Majeſty, and with His Majeſty's Approbation, placed in the Hands of His Royal Highneſs, ſignify that His Majeſty thought it reaſonable that it ſhould be fully underſtood, and that His Majeſty did ſo underſtand it, that it would be contrary to what His Royal Highneſs reaſonably and juſtly made an indiſpenſable Condition, and contrary to the abſolute and eſſential Faith of the Tranſaction, that His Royal Highneſs's regular Payment of the Seventeen thouſand Pounds *per Annum*, being continued, ſhould remain liable in any Way for the future to the Debts of Her Royal Highneſs, His Royal Highneſs having liberally undertaken, when thus ſecured by His Majeſty's Approbation, to ſettle the Debts of Her Royal Highneſs to the Amount of the Sums of Forty-one thouſand Pounds, and Eight thouſand Pounds, making in all Forty-nine thouſand Pounds, and to increaſe Her Royal Highneſs's Income to the Net Sum of Seventeen thouſand Pounds: And whereas His Royal Highneſs did, in purſuance of ſuch Arrangement, take upon Himſelf the Payment of the ſaid Debts, amounting to the ſaid Sum of Forty-nine thouſand Pounds in the Whole, and pay, or make due Proviſion for the Payment thereof; and the ſame have been ſince fully diſcharged, and are wholly paid and ſatisfied: And whereas His ſaid Royal Highneſs did, by Warrant under His Privy Seal, given at *Carlton Houſe* on the Twentieth Day of *June* One thouſand eight hundred and nine, order and direct the Payment of ſuch annual Sum of Seventeen thouſand Pounds out of the Monies receivable to the Uſe of His Royal Highneſs at His Majeſty's Exchequer, by Quarterly Payments, to the Perſon who ſhould be appointed by Her Royal Highneſs to receive the ſame; which Sum has ever ſince been regularly and punctually paid: And whereas it is deemed proper that His Majeſty ſhould be enabled to make an Addition to the Income of Her Royal Highneſs of Thirteen thouſand Pounds annually,

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making the Annual Income of Her Royal Highneſs by ſuch Addition, amount in the Whole to the Annual Sum of Thirty-five thouſand Pounds: And whereas it is expedient that His Majeſty ſhould for ſuch Purpoſe be enabled to grant One Annual Sum of Thirty-five thouſand Pounds, to be in lieu of the Five thouſand Pounds and Seventeen thouſand Pounds, now received by or for and on Behalf or Her Royal Highneſs by the Authority of His Royal Highneſs, out of the Sums payable to His Royal Highneſs at the Exchequer; and that ſuch Thirty-five thouſand Pounds ſhould be made payable to Her Royal Highneſs at the Receipt of the Exchequer, in Quarterly Sums, to the Uſe of Her Royal Highneſs, during the joint Lives of His Majeſty and of Her Royal Highneſs: And whereas it is, under ſuch Circumſtances as are above recited, juſt and reaſonable and proper, that His Royal Highneſs ſhould be fully indemnified and diſcharged from and againſt all Demands and Debts which may have been or may hereafter be incurred by Her Royal Highneſs: We, Your Majeſty's moſt dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Commons of the United Kingdom in Parliament aſſembled, 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 and may be lawful to and for His Royal Highneſs the Prince Regent, in the Name and on the Behalf of The King's moſt Excellent Majeſty, by any Letters Patent under the Great Seal of *Great Britain*, to give and grant to Her ſaid Royal Highneſs the Princeſs of *Wales*, One Annuity of Thirty-five thouſand Pounds of lawful Money of *Great Britain*, which Annuity of Thirty-five thouſand Pounds ſhall commence and take Effect from the Fifth Day of *July* One thouſand eight hundred and fourteen, and continue from thenceforth for and during the joint Lives of His Majeſty and of Her ſaid Royal Highneſs, and ſhall be paid and payable at the Four moſt uſual Days of Payment in the Year; that is to ſay, the Tenth Day of *October*, the Fifth Day of *January*, the Fifth Day of *April*, and the Fifth Day of *July* in every Year, by even and equal Portions; the Firſt Quarterly Payment thereof to be made on the Day after the Tenth Day of *October* One thouſand eight hundred and fourteen; and that the ſaid Annuity of Thirty-five thouſand Pounds ſhall and may, by ſuch Letters Patent, be directed to be iſſuing and payable out of the Conſolidated Fund, during the joint Lives of His Majeſty and of Her ſaid Royal Highneſs, after paying, or reſerving ſufficient to pay, all ſuch Sums as ſhall have been directed to be paid out of the ſame by any Act or Acts of Parliament made previous to the Time of paſſing this Act, and with a Preference to all other Payments which ſhall or may at any Time or Times after the paſſing of this Act be charged upon and payable out of the ſaid Fund.

Granting an Annuity of 35,cool. on Her Royal Highneſs the Princeſs of Wales.

II. And be it further enacted, That the ſaid Annuity of Thirty-five thouſand Pounds ſhall be paid and payable at the Receipt of His Majeſty's Exchequer; and the Auditor of the ſaid Receipt ſhall, and he is hereby required by virtue of ſuch Letters Patent, to make forth and paſs Debentures from Time to Time for paying according to the Directions of this Act the ſaid Annuity, 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 ſaid Debentures, to be made forth and paſſed as aforeſaid, 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 according to the Directions of the ſaid Act, without any further or other Warrant to be ſued for, had, or obtained in that Behalf.

Annui y payable at the Exchequer, and Debentures for paying it, to be made out without Fee.

III. And

Annuity free from Taxes.

III. And be it further enacted, That the ſaid Annuity of Thirty-five thouſand Pounds, and every Part thereof, ſhall be free and clear from the Duty impoſed by an Act of the Forty-ſixth Year of His preſent Majeſty for granting a Contribution on the Profits arifing from Property, Profeſſions, Trades, and Offices, and from all other Taxes, Rates, and Aſſeſſments, and all other Charges whatſoever, impoſed or to be impoſed by Authority of Parliament, or otherwiſe howſoever.

Upon Commencement, and during the Annuity of 35,000l. to Princeſs of Wales, the 5,000l. and 17,000l. to be reſerved at the Exchequer, and carried to the Conſolidated Fund.

IV. And be it further enacted, That upon and from and after the Commencement of the Payment to Her Royal Highneſs at the Exchequer, of the ſaid Annuity of Thirty-five thouſand Pounds, the ſaid annual Sums of Five thouſand Pounds and Seventeen thouſand Pounds reſpectively, heretofore payable and paid as aforeſaid to Her Royal Highneſs under the Authority of His Royal Highneſs, ſhall be no longer payable or paid to Her Royal Highneſs; and all Warrants for ſuch Payments or Diſpoſitions thereof made by His Royal Highneſs for the Payment of ſuch Sums reſpectively, to or for the Uſe or Benefit of Her Royal Highneſs, ſhall become and be wholly void; and from thenceforth ſuch ſeveral Sums of Five thouſand Pounds and Seventeen thouſand Pounds reſpectively, ſhall, during the Continuance of the ſaid Annuity of Thirty-five thouſand Pounds to Her Royal Highneſs, be reſerved at the Exchequer out of the Sums payable at the Exchequer to His Royal Highneſs, and be carried to and made Part of the Conſolidated Fund of *Great Britain*.

His Royal Highneſs the Prince Regent indemnified againſt all Debts of Her Royal Highneſs the Princeſs of Wales.

V. And be it further enacted, That His Royal Highneſs the Prince Regent is hereby declared to be, and ſhall be, and is by this Act freed and fully indemnified againſt, and wholly diſcharged from all Debts, Claims, and Demands, which may hereafter be incurred by, or may in any Manner have ariſen, or may hereafter ariſe out of any Expenditure of Her ſaid Royal Highneſs; and every Action or Suit or Proceeding againſt His Royal Highneſs, or againſt any Commiſſioner or Officer of His Royal Highneſs, or affecting any Revenue of His Royal Highneſs, for or in reſpect of any ſuch Debt, Claim, or Demand, ſhall be and is hereby declared to be wholly null and void to all Intents and Purpoſes whatſoever.

Annuity to be in Part of Jointure. 35 G. 3. c. 130.

VI. And whereas an Act paſſed in the Thirty-fifth Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, intituled *An Act for the better enabling His Majeſty to make Proviſion for a ſure and certain Jointure for Her Royal Highneſs the Princeſs of* Wales, *for the Term of Her Life:* And whereas no Letters Patent for granting any Annuity under the ſaid Act have been granted by His Majeſty; be it therefore enacted, That the Annuity of Thirty-five thouſand Pounds, when granted and ſecured to Her Royal Highneſs under this Act, ſhall be and be deemed and taken to be in Part of the Fifty thouſand Pounds allowed to be granted under the ſaid recited Act, and in lieu of Thirty-five thouſand Pounds of the ſaid Sum of Fifty thouſand Pounds.

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