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GEORGII III. REGIS.

CAP. CLXII.

An Act for settling and securing an Annuity on Lord *Beresford* and the Persons to whom the Title of Lord *Beresford* shall descend, in Consideration of his eminent Services. [29th *July* 1814.]

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WHEREAS His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, acting in the Name and on the Behalf of Your Majesty, by His most Gracious Message to Your most faithful Commons, hath been pleased to declare, That having taken into His Consideration the distinguished Services performed by *William Carr* Lord *Beresford*, a Lieutenant-General in His Majesty's Army, in the Course of the War in *Portugal* and *Spain*; and being desirous to confer some signal Mark of His Favour upon the said *William Carr* Lord *Beresford*, recommended to Your Majesty's faithful Commons the Adoption of such Measures as may be necessary for the Accomplishment of this important Purpose: Now, We Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Commons of the United Kingdom 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 One 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);

An Annuity of 2000l. per Ann. settled on Lord Beresford, and his Heirs for ever;

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 Lord *Beresford*, for and during the natural Life of the ſaid Lord *Beresford*, and from and after his Deceaſe, unto the ſucceeding Heirs Male of the Body of the ſaid Lord *Beresford*, on whom the Title, Honour, and Dignity of Lord *Beresford* ſhall deſcend, for ever; which ſaid Annuity, or yearly Rent or Sum, ſhall commence and take Effect from the Third Day of *May* One thouſand eight hundred and fourteen; the Firſt Payment to be computed from the ſaid Third Day of *May* One thouſand eight hundred and fourteen, until the Fifth Day of *July* One thouſand eight hundred and fourteen, and from thenceforth ſhall be paid and payable at the Four 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 each and every Year, by even and equal Portions.

to commence from May 3, 1814 and to be paid quarterly.

The Annuity to be paid at the Exchequer, without Fees.

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 Lord *Beresford*, and the ſucceeding Heirs Male of the Body of the ſaid Lord *Beresford*, 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.

The Warrant for Payment of the Annuity not to be determinable upon the Demiſe of His Majeſty, &c.

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 revocable by or upon the Demiſe of His Majeſty, (whom 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.

Treaſury, Chancellor of the Exchequer, etc. are to do all Things neceſſary for the Execution of this Act, without Fees.

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, Chamberlains 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

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.

The Receipt of Lord Beresford, and his Succeſſors, ſhall be a ſufficient Diſcharge.

V. And be it enacted, That the Acquittance or Acquittances, Receipt or Receipts, of the ſaid Lord *Beresford*, and the ſucceeding Heirs Male of the Body of the ſaid Lord *Beresford*, 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 Lord *Beresford*, and the ſucceeding Heirs Male of the Body of the ſaid Lord *Beresford*, on whom the ſaid Title, Honour, and Dignity of Lord *Beresford* ſhall deſcend, to receive the ſame, then the ſaid Lord *Beresford*, and the ſucceeding Heirs Male of the Body of the ſaid Lord *Beresford*, 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 to be Tax free.

How the Annuity may be recovered.

Annuity not to be aliened or incumbered for a longer Term than during the Life of the Poſſeſſor.

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 Lord *Beresford*, and the ſucceeding Heirs Male of the Body of the ſaid Lord *Beresford*, to whom the ſaid Title, Honour, and Dignity of Lord *Beresford* ſhall deſcend; and the ſame or any Part thereof, ſhall not at any Time or Times hereafter be aliened, conveyed, diſpoſed, charged, or incumbered, by the ſaid Lord *Beresford*, or by any of the ſucceeding Heirs Male of the Body of the ſaid Lord *Beresford*, on whom the ſaid Title ſhall deſcend, for any greater or larger Eſtate, or Time, 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 Lord *Beresford*, to whom the ſaid Title of Lord *Beresford* ſhall deſcend, according to the Limitation aforeſaid.

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