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GEORGII III. REGIS.

CAP. LXXXV.

An Act for raiſing the Sum of Three Millions by way of Annuities for the Service of *Ireland*.

[14th *July* 1814.]

Moſt Gracious Sovereign,

WE, Your Majeſty's moſt dutiful and loyal Subjects the Commons of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland* in Parliament aſſembled, being deſirous to raiſe the neceſſary Supplies which we have cheerfully granted to Your Majeſty in this Seſſion of Parliament, have reſolved that the Sum of Three Millions *Iriſh* Currency, be raiſed in *Ireland* in Manner herein-after mentioned; and do therefore 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 every Contributor towards raiſing the ſaid Sum of Three Millions *Iriſh* Currency, his Heirs, Executors, Adminiſtrators, and Aſſigns, ſhall, for every Sum of One hundred Pounds *Iriſh* Currency, contributed and paid, be entitled to the Principal Sum of Ninety Pounds in Annuities, after the Rate of Three Pounds Ten Shillings *per Centum per Annum*, transferrable at the Bank of *Ireland*, and the Intereſt thereon to commence from the Twenty-fifth Day of *December* One thouſand eight hundred and thirteen, and to be payable at the ſaid Bank, Half-yearly, on the Twenty-fourth Day of *June* and the Twenty-fifth Day of *December* in every Year; and

Contributors entitled to the Sums herein mentioned.

that

that every such Contributor shall likewise be entitled to the Principal Sum of Thirty-Pounds Fifteen Shillings in Annuities, after the Rate of Four Pounds *per Centum per Annum*, transferrable at the Bank of *Ireland*, and the Interest thereon to commence from the Twenty-fifth Day of *December* One thousand eight hundred and thirteen, and to be payable at the said Bank Half-yearly, on the Twenty-fourth Day of *June* and the Twenty-fifth Day of *December* in every Year.

Contributors who have made Deposits to pay the Remainder of Subscriptions by Instalments.

II. And whereas, pursuant to and upon the Terms and Conditions expressed in the said Resolution, several Persons have subscribed together the Whole of the said Sum of Three Millions to be raised in Manner aforesaid, and have made a Deposit of Five Pounds *per Centum* on the respective Sums by them so subscribed to the said Sum of Three Millions; be it therefore enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for such Contributors, who have made such Deposits, to advance and pay unto the Cashier or Cashiers of the Governor or Company of the Bank of *Ireland*, (which Cashier or Cashiers is and are hereby appointed the Receiver and Receivers of such Contributions without any other Warrant to be had in that Behalf), the several Remainders of the Sums by them respectively subscribed towards the said Sum of Three Millions at or before the respective Days and Times, and in the Proportions herein-after limited and appointed in that Behalf; (that is to say), the further Sum of Five Pounds *per Centum* on or before the Thirtieth Day of *June* One thousand eight hundred and fourteen; the further Sum of Ten Pounds *per Centum*, on or before the Twenty-sixth Day of *July* then next following; the further Sum of Ten Pounds *per Centum*, on or before the Thirtieth Day of *August* then next following; the further Sum of Ten Pounds *per Centum*, on or before the Twenty-seventh Day of *September* then next following; the further Sum of Ten Pounds *per Centum*, on or before the Twenty-ninth Day of *October* then next following; the further Sum of Ten Pounds *per Centum*, on or before the Twenty-ninth Day of *November* then next following; the further Sum of Ten Pounds *per Centum*, on or before the Twenty-fourth Day of *December* then next following; the further Sum of Fifteen Pounds *per Centum*, on or before the Twenty-fifth Day of *January* One thousand eight hundred and fifteen; and the remaining Sum of Fifteen Pounds *per Centum*, on or before the Twenty-first Day of *February* One thousand eight hundred and fifteen.

Discount to be allowed on Payment of the whole Subscription before Jan. 24, 1815.

III. And be it further enacted, That every Contributor paying in the Whole of the Sums by them respectively subscribed in respect of the said Sum of Three Millions to be contributed as aforesaid, at any Time after the said Thirtieth Day of *June* One thousand eight hundred and fourteen, and on or before the Twenty-fourth Day of *January* One thousand eight hundred and fifteen, shall be entitled to an Allowance of so much Money as the Interest of each Sum so paid in Advance for completing his, her, or their Contribution respectively shall amount unto, after the Rate of Four Pounds *per Centum per Annum* from the Day of completing the same, to the Twenty-first Day of *February* One thousand eight hundred and fifteen, which Allowance is to be paid by the said Cashier or Cashiers out of the Monies to be contributed in pursuance of this Act, as soon as such respective Contributors, their Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, shall have completed such Payments.

IV. And

IV. And be it further enacted, That the ſaid ſeveral Subſcribers or Contributors, their Executors, Adminiſtrators, or Aſſigns, ſhall for every One hundred Pounds by him, her, or them reſpectively advanced and paid, be entitled to the Principal Sum of Ninety Pounds in Annuities, after the Rate of Three Pounds Ten Shillings *per Centum*, which Annuities ſhall commence from the Twenty-fifth Day of *December* One thouſand eight hundred and thirteen, and ſhall be payable and paid Half-yearly at the Bank of *Ireland*, by even and equal Portions, on the Twenty-fourth Day of *June* and the Twenty-fifth Day of *December* in every Year; the Firſt Payment thereon to be due on the Twenty-fourth Day of *June* One thouſand eight hundred and fourteen, and ſhall alſo be entitled to the Principal Sum of Thirty Pounds Ten Shillings in Annuities, after the Rate of Four Pounds *per Centum*, which Annuities ſhall commence from the Twenty-fifth Day of *December* One thouſand eight hundred and thirteen, and ſhall be payable and paid Half-yearly at the Bank of *Ireland*, by even and equal Portions on the Twenty-fourth Day of *June* and the Twenty-fifth Day of *December* in every Year, the Firſt Payment to be due on the Twenty-fourth Day of *June* One thouſand eight hundred and fourteen, but the ſaid Annuities ſhall not be payable, until the reſpective Subſcribers or Contributors, their Executors, Adminiſtrators, or Aſſigns, ſhall have completed the Whole of the Sums by them ſubſcribed for the Purchaſe of the ſaid Annuities.

Contributors entitled to certain Annuities payable Half-yearly, and alſo certain Treaſury Bills, but not till their Subſcriptions are completed.

V. And be it further enacted, That as ſoon as any Contributors, who ſhall have ſubſcribed, for any Principal Sum in Annuities, transferrable at the Bank of *Ireland*, their Executors, Adminiſtrators, or Aſſigns ſhall have completed their Payments of ſuch Part of the whole Sum payable by them reſpectively towards the ſaid Sum of Three Millions, as ſhall be payable in reſpect of the ſaid ſeveral Annuities of Three Pounds Ten Shillings *per Centum*, and Four Pounds *per Centum*, the Principal Sum or Sums in the ſaid ſeveral Annuities ſhall forthwith be, in the Books of the Bank of *Ireland*, placed to the Credit of the reſpective Contributors, their Executors, Adminiſtrators, and Aſſigns, completing their Payments reſpectively; and the Perſons to whoſe Credit ſuch Principal Sums ſhall be ſo placed, their reſpective Executors, Adminiſtrators, or Aſſigns, ſhall have Power to aſſign and transfer the ſame, or any Part, Share, or Proportion thereof, to any Perſon or Perſons; and the ſaid Governor and Company of the Bank of *Ireland* are hereby required, as ſoon as conveniently may be, to prepare proper Books for the Purpoſe of entering the Names of all ſuch Contributors, and placing to their Credit the Principal Sums ſo paid by them reſpectively; and that ſuch of the ſaid Contributors, their Executors, Adminiſtrators, or Aſſigns, who ſhall complete their Payments of ſuch Part of the Whole Sum payable by them reſpectively, towards the ſaid Sum of Three Millions, as ſhall be payable in reſpect of the ſaid ſeveral Annuities, at any Time before the Governor and Company of the Bank of *Ireland* ſhall have prepared their Receipts according to the Directions of this Act, ſhall be entitled to have the Sums ſo paid forthwith placed to their Credit in the Books of the Bank of *Ireland*; and the ſaid Governor and Company are hereby required to cauſe ſuch Sums to be forthwith placed to the Credit of the Perſons entitled to the ſeveral Annuities in reſpect thereof, in the Books of the Bank of *Ireland* accordingly; and ſuch Entries in the ſaid Books ſhall be in lieu of the Receipts hereby directed to be given for all Sums

As ſoon as Subſcriptions are completed they may be transferred.

paid in Manner aforeſaid; and ſuch Sums ſhall carry Annuities after the Rate of Three Pounds and Ten Shillings *per Centum per Annum*, and Four Pounds *per Centum per Annum* reſpectively, redeemable by Parliament; and ſhall be taken and deemed to be Stock transferrable according to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, until Redemption thereof.

Depoſits to be forfeited in Default of Payment of Subſcriptions.

VI. And be it further enacted, That the Sum of Five Pounds *per Centum*, depoſited and paid by every Subſcriber towards the ſaid Sum of Three Millions, ſhall remain as a Security for the due Payment of the Remainder of the Sum ſubſcribed by him, and that in caſe any Subſcriber, his Executors, Adminiſtrators or Aſſigns, ſhall not pay the Reſidue of the Sum or Sums ſo ſubſcribed, at the Times and in Manner before-mentioned, then and in every ſuch Caſe the ſaid Depoſit ſhall be forfeited for the Benefit of the Public, and all Right and Title to the ſeveral Annuities ſhall be extinguiſhed; any Thing herein contained to the contrary thereof notwithſtanding.

Caſhier to give Receipt for Subſcriptions, which may be aſſigned.

VII. And be it further enacted, That the Caſhier or Caſhiers of the Governor and Company of the Bank of *Ireland*, who hath or have received or ſhall receive any Part of the ſaid Contributions towards the ſaid Sum of Three Millions, ſhall give a Receipt or Receipts in Writing to every ſuch Contributor for all ſuch Sums; and that the Receipts ſo to be given ſhall be aſſignable by Indorſement thereon; and ſhall from Time to Time pay all ſuch Monies as ſoon as he or they ſhall receive the ſame, or any Part thereof, or within Five Days afterwards at the fartheſt, into and ſhall account for the ſame, in the Exchequer of *Ireland*, according to the due Courſe thereof, deducting thereout ſuch Sums as ſhall have been paid by him or them in purſuance of this Act, for which Sums ſo paid Allowance ſhall be made in his or their Accounts.

A Book to be kept in the Accountant General's Office for entering Contributors Names, a Duplicate whereof to be tranſmitted to the Auditor of the Exchequer.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That in the Office of the Accountant General of the Governor and Company of the Bank of *Ireland*, a Book or Books ſhall be provided and kept, in which the Names of the Contributors ſhall be fairly entered; which Book or Books every Contributor, his Executors, Adminiſtrators, and Aſſigns, may from Time to Time, and at all ſeaſonable Times, reſort to and inſpect without Fee or Reward; and the ſaid Accountant General ſhall, on or before the Twenty-fourth Day of *June* One thouſand eight hundred and fifteen, tranſmit an atteſted Duplicate, fairly written on Paper, of ſuch Book or Books into the Office of the Auditor of His Majeſty's Exchequer of *Ireland*, there to remain for ever.

Annuities to be Perſonal Eſtate.

IX. And be it further enacted, That all Perſons who ſhall be entitled to any of the Annuities hereby granted in reſpect of the ſaid Sum of Three Millions, and all Perſons lawfully claiming under them, ſhall be poſſeſſed thereof as of Perſonal Eſtate, which ſhall not be deſcendible to Heirs.

Annuities to be made One Joint Stock with the ſubſiſting Stock of 3l. 10s.

X. And be it further enacted, That all the ſeveral Annuities aforeſaid ſhall be reſpectively added to and made One joint Stock with the preſent Annuities of Three Pounds Ten Shillings *per Centum* and Four Pounds *per Centum* reſpectively now ſubſiſting in *Ireland*, and ſhall be payable and transferrable at the Bank of *Ireland* at the ſame Time and in the ſame

Manner as the ſaid preſent Annuities of Three Pounds Ten Shillings *per Centum* and Four Pounds *per Centum* reſpectively are payable and tranſferrable; and that the ſaid Annuities ſhall be free from all Taxes, Charges, and Impoſitions whatſoever. and 4l. per Cents.

XI. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful for Three or more of the Commiſſioners of the Treaſury in *Ireland*, or the Lord High Treaſurer of *Ireland* for the Time being, to iſſue and apply from Time to Time all ſuch Sums of Money as ſhall be ſo paid into the Receipt of His Majeſty's Exchequer of *Ireland* by the ſaid Caſhier or Caſhiers to ſuch Services as ſhall have been voted by the Commons of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland* in this preſent Seſſion of Parliament. Money to be applied to ſuch Services as ſhall have been voted this Seſſion.

XII. And be it further enacted, That all the Monies received by the ſaid Caſhier or Caſhiers of the Bank of *Ireland* ſhall be paid into the Receipt of His Majeſty's Exchequer at *Dublin*, and ſhall be carried to and form Part of the Conſolidated Fund of *Ireland*. Money to be carried to the Conſolidated Fund of Ireland,

XIII. And be it further enacted, That all the ſaid Annuities ſhall be charged and chargeable upon and are hereby charged upon and made payable out of the Conſolidated Fund of *Ireland*. which ſhall be chargeable with Payment of Annuities, &c.

XIV. And be it enacted, That ſo much Money ſhall from Time to Time be ſet apart at the Receipt of the Exchequer in *Ireland*, out of the Conſolidated Fund of *Ireland*, and ſhall be paid to the Governor and Company of the Bank of *Ireland*, as ſhall be ſufficient to ſatisfy and pay all ſuch Annuities as ſhall be created by virtue of this Act, together with the Charges attending the ſame; and that the ſaid Lord High Treaſurer of *Ireland*, or the ſaid Commiſſioners of the Treaſury, or any Three of them, for the Time being, ſhall have Power to diſcharge all ſuch incidental Charges as ſhall neceſſarily attend the Execution of this Act, in ſuch Manner as to them ſhall ſeem juſt and reaſonable. Money to be ſet apart to the Bank of Ireland for Payment of the Annuities, &c.

XV. And be it further enacted, That Books ſhall be conſtantly kept by the ſaid Accountant General for the Time being, wherein all Aſſignments or Transfers of all Sums advanced or contributed towards the ſaid Sum of Three Millions, ſhall be entered and regiſtered; which Entry ſhall be conceived in proper Words for that Purpoſe, and ſhall be ſigned by the Parties making ſuch Aſſignments or Transfers, or if ſuch Parties be abſent, by their reſpective Attorney or Attornies thereunto lawfully authorized, by Writing under his or their Hand and Seal, or Hands and Seals, to be atteſted by Two or more credible Witneſſes; and that the ſeveral Perſons to whom ſuch Transfers ſhall be made, ſhall reſpectively underwrite their Acceptance thereof, and that no other Method of aſſigning and transferring the ſaid reſpective Annuities, or any Part thereof, or any Intereſt therein, ſhall be good and available in Law; and that no Stamp Duties whatſoever ſhall be charged on any of the ſaid Transfers. Accountant General to keep Books for entering Transfers. Transfers not liable to Stamp Duties.

XVI. And be it further enacted, That if any Perſon or Perſons ſhall forge or counterfeit, or cauſe or procure to be forged or counterfeited, or ſhall willingly act or aſſiſt in the forging or counterfeiting any Receipt or Receipts for the Whole of, or any Part or Parts of, the ſaid Contribu- Perſons counterfeiting Receipts for Contributions, &c.

guilty of Felony.

tions towards the ſaid Sum of Three Millions, either with or without the Name or Names of any Perſon or Perſons being inſerted therein, as the Contributor or Contributors thereto, or Payer or Payers thereof or of any Part or Parts thereof; or ſhall alter any Number, Figure, or Word therein, or utter or publiſh as true any ſuch falſe, forged, counterfeited, or altered Receipt or Receipts, with Intent to defraud the Governor and Company of the Bank of *Ireland*, or any Body Politic or Corporate, or any Perſon or Perſons whatſoever, every ſuch Perſon or Perſons ſo forging or counterfeiting, or cauſing or procuring to be forged or counterfeited, or willingly acting or aſſiſting in the forging or counterfeiting, or altering, uttering, or publiſhing as aforeſaid, being thereof convicted in due Form of Law, ſhall be adjudged guilty of Felony, and ſhall ſuffer Death as a Felon without Benefit of Clergy.

No Fee to be taken for receiving Contributions, or paying or transferring Annuities, on Penalty of 40l.

XVII. And be it further enacted, That no Fee, Reward, or Gratuity whatſoever, ſhall be demanded or taken of any of His Majeſty's Subjects, for receiving and paying the ſaid Subſcription or Contribution Monies or any of them, or for any Receipt concerning the ſame, or for paying the ſaid Annuities, or any of them, or for any Transfer of any Sum, great or ſmall, to be made in purſuance of this Act, upon Pain that any Officer or Perſon offending, by taking or demanding any ſuch Fee, Reward, or Gratuity, ſhall, for every ſuch Offence, forfeit the Sum of Twenty Pounds to the Party aggrieved, with full Coſts of Suit, to be recovered by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, in any of His Majeſty's Courts of Record at *Dublin*, wherein no Eſſoign, Protection, Privilege, Wager of Law, Injunction, or Order of Reſtraint, or any more than One Imparlance ſhall be granted or allowed.

Perſons ſued may plead the General Iſſue.

XVIII. And be it further enacted, That if any Perſon or Perſons ſhall be ſued, moleſted, or proſecuted, for any Thing done by virtue or in purſuance of this Act, ſuch Perſon or Perſons ſhall and may plead the General Iſſue, and give this Act and the Special Matter in Evidence, in his, her, or their Defence or Defences; and if afterwards a Verdict ſhall paſs for the Defendant or Defendants, or the Plaintiff or Plantiffs ſhall diſcontinue his, her, or their Action or Proſecution, or be nonſuited, or Judgment ſhall be given againſt him, her or them upon Demurrer or otherwiſe, then

Treble Coſts.

ſuch Defendant or Defendants ſhall have Treble Coſts awarded to him, her, or them, againſt any ſuch Plaintiff or Plaintiffs.

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