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An Act for further regulating the Iſſue and Payment of Money to His Majeſty's Forces ſerving Abroad. [4th *July* 1815.]

WHEREAS by an Act, paſſed in the Forty-eighth Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, intituled *An Act for accelerating the Making-up, Examination, and Audit of the Accounts of the Paymaſter General of His Majeſty's Forces*, it was amongſt other Things enacted, that in the Examination of the Annual Account of the Paymaſter General of His Majeſty's Forces, for Monies paid, within the Period of the ſaid Account, by his Deputies on Foreign Stations, the Commiſſioners for auditing the Public Accounts are directed and required to diſcharge the ſaid Paymaſter General of all Sums of Money paid by any Deputy on any Foreign Station, under the Warrant of the Officer Commanding in Chief on ſuch Foreign Station: And whereas it is expedient that Officers holding the Chief Command of Armies employed in active Operations Abroad ſhould, in certain Caſes, be relieved from the Charge of perſonally ſigning all Warrants for the Iſſues from Time to Time for the Service of ſuch Armies: May it therefore pleaſe 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 notwithſtanding any Thing in the ſaid recited Act contained to the contrary thereof, it ſhall be lawful for any Officer holding the Chief Command of an Army employed in active Operations Abroad, to authorize and empower a Comptroller of Army Accounts

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Commander in Chief on Foreign Stations empowered to authorize a

Comptroller of Army Accounts to ſign Warrants.

Accounts (in caſe a Comptroller of Army Accounts ſhall be attached by the Lords Commiſſioners of the Treaſury for the Time being to ſuch Army) or in the Event of no Comptroller of Army Accounts being attached to ſuch Army, or of the Death or Abſence of any ſuch Comptroller, then to authorize and empower ſuch other Perſon as may be appointed by the ſaid Commiſſioners of the Treaſury for that Purpoſe, to ſign Warrants for the Iſſue and Payment of all Sums of Money which may from Time to Time be paid by any Deputy to the Paymaſter General on Foreign Service, according to the true Intent and Meaning of the ſaid recited Act.

The Commiſſioners of Audit to diſcharge the Paymaſter General of all Sums paid by any Deputy under ſuch Warrants,

II. And be it further enacted, That in the Examination of the Annual Account of the Paymaſter General of His Majeſty's Forces, for Monies paid, within the Period of the ſaid Account, by his Deputies on Foreign Stations, the Commiſſioners for auditing the Public Accounts ſhall and they are hereby directed and required to diſcharge the Paymaſter General of all Sums of Money paid by any Deputy Abroad, under any Warrant of any ſuch Comptroller of Army Accounts, or other Perſon duly appointed and authorized for the Purpoſe of ſigning ſuch Warrants as aforeſaid, in like Manner as if the ſame had been ſigned by the Officer commanding in Chief, purſuant to the Proviſions of the ſaid Act.

Act not to prevent the Commander in Chief ſigning ſuch Warrants as he may deem expedient.

III. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained ſhall be conſtrued to extend to prevent any Officer commanding in Chief, from ſigning ſuch Warrants relating to the Expenditure of the Army under his Command, as he could or might have done before the paſſing of this Act in all Caſes where he may deem it expedient to ſign himſelf ſuch Warrants.

All Warrants ſigned already to be valid.

IV. And be it further enacted, That all Warrants which at any Time before the paſſing of this Act may have been ſigned by the Comptroller of Army Accounts attached to His Majeſty's Army in the *Netherlands*, or any other Perſon authorized to ſign ſuch Warrants by the Commander in Chief of His Majeſty's Forces there, ſhall be as valid and effectual for all the Purpoſes of this Act, as if the ſame had been ſigned after the paſſing thereof.

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