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CAP. CXXXIII.

An Act to grant further Powers to the Commiſſioners of *Chelſea* and *Greenwich* Hoſpitals with reſpect to Penſions on thoſe Eſtabliſhments. [4th *July* 1815.]

WHEREAS an Act was paſſed in the the Fifty-ſecond Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, intituled *An Act to empower the Commiſſioners of* Chelſea *Hoſpital to commute Penſions for a Sum of Money in certain Caſes:* And whereas it is expedient to enlarge the Powers granted by the ſaid recited Act; be it therefore 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 for the Agent for the Time being of the Out Penſioners of *Chelſea* Hoſpital, and he is hereby empowered and required to pay and diſcharge, by accepting and paying Bills of Exchange, or otherwiſe, as may be ordered and directed by the Commiſſioners of the ſaid Hoſpital in that Behalf, out of the Funds provided by Parliament for the Uſe of *Chelſea* Hoſpital, in addition to the Commutation in lieu of Penſion allowed by the ſaid Act, all ſuch contingent Expences as have already been incurred, or as may be hereafter incurred, on account of ſuch diſcharged Soldiers as have been or may be permitted to commute their Penſions as aforeſaid, whether for Paſſage Money, Ships Proviſions, Subſiſtence while detained by competent Authority at any Station Abroad, Loſſes by Exchange upon Bills drawn on the ſaid Agent for the commuted Penſion, or on any other Account,

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In Addition to the Commutation in lieu of Penſions under the recited Act, contingent Expences of diſcharged Soldiers to be allowed.

Account, provided such Expences shall have been duly incurred by or under any Regulations or Orders made and prescribed in that Behalf by His Majesty's Secretary at War; and the Payments so made by the said Agent and vouched by Bills or Receipts for the same shall be accordingly allowed and admitted in his Accounts by the Commissioners for auditing the Public Accounts.

Commissioners of Chelsea Hospital to make Arrangements for paying Pensions Abroad.

II. And be it further enacted, That the Commissioners of *Chelsea* Hospital shall be and they are hereby empowered and required to make Arrangements for the Purpose of enabling Out Pensioners who may be permitted to reside out of the United Kingdom, but within His Majesty's Dominions, to receive the Amount of their Pensions abroad, either by Means of Bills of Exchange, to be drawn by such Out Pensioners upon the Agent of *Chelsea* Hospital, or otherwise, as the said Commissioners may deem most expedient.

Powers of recited Act and this Act to be exercised by the Lord Lieutenant.

III. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Lord Lieutenant or Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland*, or the Governors of *Kilmainham* Hospital, to use and apply all the Powers, Authorities, and Provisions of the said recited Act and of this Act, and all Rules and Regulations which may be made in pursuance thereof, as they may respectively deem it expedient to use and apply, to the allowing to discharged Soldiers, placed on the Pension List of the said Hospital, who may be desirous of commuting their Pensions, to commute such Pensions in such and the like Cases in which such Commutation is allowed by the said Act or this Act, in like Manner in every respect as if the said Lord Lieutenant or Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland*, or the Governors of *Kilmainham* Hospital, had been included in the Provisions of the said recited Act and this Act, and as if all such Rules and Regulations had been made by them respectively in pursuance thereof.

Commissioners of Greenwich Hospital to apportion Pensions according to Length of Service.

IV. And whereas it is expedient that the Commissioners and Governors of *Greenwich* Hospital should be authorized and empowered to apportion the Pensions that may be granted to Petty Officers, Seamen, and Marines, as well by the Length of their Service on board the Ships and Vessels of His Majesty as by their Service in His Majesty's Army, and that the Commissioners of *Chelsea* Hospital should have the like Power and Authority with respect to the granting Pensions to Non-commissioned Officers and Soldiers for previous Service in His Majesty's Navy, or as Non-Commissioned Officers or Soldiers in the Royal Marines; be it enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the Commissioners and Governors of the Royal Hospital for Seamen at *Greenwich*, upon all Applications to be hereafter made to them by any Person or Persons claiming Pensions on Account of their Services in His Majesty's Navy, to apportion the Pensions which shall be granted to such Person or Persons in their Discretion according to their Length of Service, allowing in the Apportionment of such Pensions all such Time as the said Person or Persons shall have served (previously to his entering into the Navy or Marines) either as a Non-Commissioned Officer or Private Marine, or as a Non-Commissioned Officer or Private Soldier in any of His Majesty's Land Forces.

V. And

V. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the Commissioners of the Royal Hospital at *Chelsea*, upon all Applications to be hereafter made to them by any Person or Persons claiming on Account of their Services in His Majesty's Army, to give Pensions to such Person or Persons in their Discretion according to their Length of Service, allowing in the Apportionment of such Pensions all such Time as the said Person or Persons shall have served (previously to His entering into His Majesty's Army) either as a Petty Officer, Seaman, or Landman in His Majesty's Fleet, or as a Non-Commissioned Officer or Private Marine. Commissioners of Chelsea Hospital empowered to do the same.

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