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An Act for granting an additional Sum of Money for providing a suitable Residence and Estate for the Duke of *Wellington* and his Heirs, in Consideration of the eminent and signal Services performed by the said Duke to His Majesty and the Public. [11th *July* 1815.]

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WHEREAS an Act passed in the Fifty-third Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act for granting a Sum of Money for purchasing an Estate for the Marquis of* Wellington *and his Heirs, in Consideration of the eminent and signal Services performed by the said Marquis of* Wellington *to His Majesty and the Public:* (53G.3.c.133.) And whereas another Act, passed in the said Fifty-third Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act to amend an Act of the present Session of Parliament, for granting a Sum of Money for purchasing an Estate for the Marquis of* Wellington *and his Heirs, in Consideration of the eminent and signal Services performed by the said Marquis of* Wellington *to His Majesty and the Public:* And whereas an Act passed in the last Session of Parliament, intituled *An Act for settling and securing an Annuity on* Arthur *Duke of* Wellington *and his Heirs; and for empowering the Lord High Treasurer or Lords Commissioners of the Treasury to advance, out of the Consolidated Fund of* Great Britain, *a Sum of Money in lieu of such Annuity to purchase an Estate, in order to accompany the said Title, in Consideration of the eminent and signal Services performed by the said Duke of* Wellington *to His Majesty and to the Public; and for making further Provision for the Disposal of a Sum of Money granted by an Act of the last Session of Parliament for purchasing an Estate for the said Duke then Marquis of* Wellington: (54G.3.c.161.) And 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 Majesty's most faithful Commons, hath been pleased to declare, that having taken into His Consideration the most important and glorious Victory obtained by Field Marshal the Duke of *Wellington* over the *French* Army under the immediate Command of *Buonaparte* on the Eighteenth Day of *June*, is desirous of manifesting the Sense entertained by His Royal Highness and the Country of this signal and splendid Atchievement which has added fresh Renown to the *British* Arms, and which cannot fail to be productive of the most essential Advantages to *Europe*; and therefore recommended to Your Majesty's faithful Commons to enable His Royal Highness to grant such additional Provision to Field Marshal the Duke of *Wellington* as should afford a further Proof of the Opinion entertained by Parliament of the Duke of *Wellington*'s transcendant Services, and of the Gratitude and Munificence of the *British* Nation: 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 out of all or any of the Aids or Supplies granted to His Majesty for the Service of the Year One thousand eight hundred and fifteen, there shall and may be issued any Sum or Sums of Money not exceeding the Sum of Two hundred thousand Pounds of lawful Money of *Great Britain*, free and clear of all Taxes and Deductions whatsoever, to the Trustees under the said recited Acts for better enabling the said Trustees to build or provide or purchase a suitable Residence and Estate for the said Duke of *Wellington* and his Heirs.

200,000l. to be issued to the Trustees under the recited Acts for providing a suitable Residence and Estate for the Duke of Wellington.

II. And be it further enacted, That the Trustees, for the Time being for the Purposes of the said recited Acts shall be Trustees for the Purposes of this Act, and shall have all such Powers and Authorities, and be entitled to all such Rights, Privileges and Exemptions, and shall be subject to all the same Provisions and Regulations in the Execution of the Trust reposed in them by this Act, as they have and are entitled to in relation to the Trusts of the said recited Acts.

Trustees under recited Acts to be the Trustees for the Purposes of this Act.

III. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury of *Great Britain* now being, or any Three or more of them, and the Lord High Treasurer and Under Treasurer of the Exchequer, and Commissioners of the Treasury of *Great Britain* for the Time being, or any Three or more of them, and they are hereby authorized and required, by Warrant under their Hands, to direct the Auditor of the Receipt of the Exchequer in *Great Britain* now and for the Time being, to make forth and pass Debentures for paying the said Sum of Two hundred thousand Pounds, 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 Sum of Two hundred thousand Pounds to such Trustees respectively as aforesaid, to the said Duke of *Wellington* and the Heirs of the said Duke of *Wellington*, or to such other Person or Persons as

Warrant and Debentures to be made forth, without Fee.

as shall be entitled to receive the same, without any further or other Warrant to be sued for, had, or obtained in that Behalf.

Warrant not to be revocable.

IV. And be it further enacted, That after signing of any 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 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 Under Treasurer, or by or upon the Determination of the Power, Office, or Offices of them, or any of them.

Treasury, &c. required to do all Acts necessary to be done without Fee.

V. And be it further enacted, That the Commissioners of the said Treasury now being, and the Lord High Treasurer of the said Treasury for the Time being, Chancellor and Under Treasurer, Chamberlains and Barons of the said Exchequer, and all other the Officers and Ministers of the Court of Exchequer and 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 hereinbefore directed and required, or shall be necessary to be done and performed by them or any or either of them, in order to render this Act and the Payments hereby directed effectual.

Acquittances of the Trustees, &c. sufficient.

VI. And be it further enacted, That the Acquittance and Acquittances, Receipt or Receipts of the said Trustees respectively for the Sum so to be advanced to them, and of the said Duke of *Wellington*, or the Heirs of the said Duke of *Wellington* jointly with the same Trustees, or of such other Person or Persons as shall be entitled or authorized to receive such Sum as aforesaid, shall be a good and sufficient Discharge for the Payment of such Sum so to be advanced, without any further or other Warrant to be sued for or obtained in that Behalf; and that such Sum so to be advanced and every Part thereof shall be free and clear from all Taxes, Impositions, and other public 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 Sum so to be advanced, or any Part thereof, according to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, or shall refuse to do any Act necessary to enable the said Trustees respectively, and the said Duke of *Wellington* and the Heirs Male of the Body of the said Duke, or such other Person or Persons as shall be entitled to receive the same, then the said Trustees respectively, and Duke, and the Heirs of the said Duke, and such other Person or Persons as shall be entitled to receive the same, or any Part thereof, may from Time to Time sue, prosecute, and implead such Officers, or any of them, their Executors and Administrators, by Bill, Plaint, or Action of Debt, and shall or may recover Judgments, and sue out Executions thereupon against such Officers respectively, their Heirs, Executors, or Administrators, for so much of such Sum of Two hundred thousand Pounds 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 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.

The Money to be free from Taxes.

In default of Payment Officers of the Exchequer may be prosecuted.

VII. Pro-

If Truſtees be not able to lay out the Money immediately in the providing a Reſidence or Eſtate, they ſhall inveſt it in Exchequer Bills, &c.

VII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if on the Payment of the ſaid Sum of Two hundred thouſand Pounds to ſuch Truſtees as aforeſaid, the ſaid Truſtees ſhall not be able immediately to inveſt the ſame in the building, providing or purchaſing of any ſuch Reſidence or Eſtate as aforeſaid, then and in ſuch Caſe the ſaid Truſtees ſhall, and they are hereby required to lay out ſuch Sum of Two hundred thouſand Pounds, or any Part thereof, ſo to be advanced or paid to them, or ſuch Part thereof as cannot be ſo inveſted as aforeſaid in Exchequer Bills, or in any other Government Securities, and to keep the ſame ſo inveſted in Exchequer Bills, or ſome other Government Securities, bearing Intereſt, until the ſame can be inveſted in any ſuch Purchaſe as aforeſaid.

Powers of recited Acts to extend to this Act.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That all the Powers, Authorities, Proviſions, Regulations, and Clauſes in the ſaid recited Acts contained, for enabling the ſaid Truſtees therein mentioned to build or repair or alter any Manſion Houſe upon any Lands to be purchaſed under the ſaid recited Acts and this Act, and for the providing a ſuitable Reſidence and Eſtate for the ſaid Duke of *Wellington* and his Heirs, ſhall extend to this Act, and to the applying the Sum of Two hundred thouſand Pounds granted by this Act for or towards the providing a ſuitable Reſidence and Eſtate for the ſaid Duke of *Wellington*, and his Heirs, and laying out the ſaid Sum of Two hundred thouſand Pounds, or any Part thereof, for that Purpoſe, as fully and effectually, to all Intents and Purpoſes, as if the ſame were ſeverally and ſeparately repeated and re-enacted in this Act.

Reſidence and Eſtate provided for the Duke of Wellington, to be holden of His Majeſty, &c.

IX. And be it further enacted, That the Reſidence and Eſtate which ſhall be provided for the ſaid Duke of *Wellington* under the Proviſions of the ſaid recited Acts and this Act, ſhall be and be deemed to be holden by the ſaid Duke and his Heirs, and the Perſons who may be entitled thereto, of His Majeſty, His Heirs and Succeſſors, as of His Caſtle of *Windſor*, in Free and Common Soccage by Fealty, and rendering to His Majeſty, His Heirs and Succeſſors, on the Eighteenth Day of *June* in every Year, at the Caſtle of *Windſor*, One Tri-coloured Flag, for all Manner of Rents, Services, Exactions, and Demands whatever.

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