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GEORGII III. REGIS.

CAP. LVI.

An Act to authorize the Commiſſioners and Governors of the Royal Hoſpital for Seamen at *Greenwich*, to transfer a certain Sum in the Three Pounds *per Centum* Conſolidated Annuities, now ſtanding in the Name of the Corporation of the Cheſt of *Greenwich*, into the Name of the ſaid Commiſſioners; and alſo to receive ſuch Dividends as are now due upon ſuch Annuities. [12th *May* 1815.]

WHEREAS by an Act paſſed in the preſent Seſſion of Parliament, intituled *An Act for the Encouragement and Reward of Petty Officers, Seamen, and Royal Marines, for long and faithful Services, and for the Conſolidation of the Cheſt at* Greenwich *with the Royal Hoſpital there*, it was amongſt other Things enacted, that all and every Perſon and Perſons in whoſe Name or Names any Stock, Annuities, or other Monies ſhould, upon the Firſt Day of *January* One thouſand eight hundred and fifteen, be ſtanding or being in Truſt for or for the Uſe or Benefit of the ſaid Cheſt, ſhould, as ſoon as conveniently might be after the ſaid Firſt Day of *January* One thouſand eight hundred and fifteen, aſſign and transfer ſuch Stock, Annuities, or other Monies as aforeſaid, unto the Commiſſioners and Governors of the Royal Hoſpital for Seamen at *Greenwich*, to be applied by them under the Proviſions of the ſaid Act: And whereas the Sum of One million three hundred and fifty-five thouſand four hundred Pounds Intereſt or Share in the Capital or Joint Stock of Three Pounds *per Centum* Conſolidated Annuities, created by an Act of Parliament of the Twenty-fifth Year of 55 G. 3. c. 1.

25 G. 2. c. 27. His Majeſty King *George* the Second, intituled *An Act for converting the ſeveral Annuities therein mentioned into ſeveral Joint Stocks of Annuities transferrable at the Bank of* England, *to be charged on the Sinking Fund; and alſo for conſolidating the ſeveral other Annuities therein mentioned into ſeveral Joint Stocks of Annuities transferrable at the* South Sea Houſe; and by ſeveral ſubſequent Acts is ſtanding in the Books of the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England* in the Name of the Corporation of the Cheſt at *Greenwich*; and it is neceſſary for the better Execution of the ſaid Act that the ſaid Sum ſhould be transferred into the Name of the Corporation of the Commiſſioners and Governors of the Royal Hoſpital for Seamen at *Greenwich*; but by Reaſon of the Diſſolution of the Corporation of the Superviſors of the Cheſt at *Greenwich*, there are now no Means of making ſuch Transfer, or of receiving the Arrears of Dividends due upon the ſaid Annuities without the Authority of Parliament; 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 and may be lawful for the ſaid Corporation of the Commiſſioners and Governors of the ſaid Royal Hoſpital for Seamen at *Greenwich*, and the ſaid Corporation is hereby authorized, directed, and required, by Power of Attorney, in their Corporate Name, and to be executed under their Corporation Seal, to make, conſtitute, and appoint any Perſon or Perſons their true and lawful Attorney or Attornies, to aſſign and transfer the ſaid Sum of One million three hundred and fifty-five thouſand four hundred Pounds Intereſt or Share in the ſaid Capital or Joint Stock of Three Pounds *per Centum* Conſolidated Annuities, into the Name of the ſaid Corporation of the Commiſſioners and Governors of the Royal Hoſpital for Seamen at *Greenwich*, and alſo to receive all ſuch Dividends as are now due and in Arrear upon the ſaid Capital or Joint Stock; and ſuch Perſon or Perſons ſo conſtituted and appointed as aforeſaid may and ſhall, and he and they is and are hereby authorized, required and directed to aſſign and transfer the ſaid Sum of One million three hundred and fifty-five thouſand four hundred Pounds Intereſt or Share in the ſaid Capital or Joint Stock, now ſtanding in the Books of the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, from the Name of the Corporation of the Cheſt at *Greenwich*, into the Name of the ſaid Corporation of the Commiſſioners and Governors of the ſaid Royal Hoſpital for Seamen at *Greenwich*, and alſo to receive all ſuch Dividends upon the Capital or Joint Stocks as are now in Arrear, to be applied to the ſame Uſes, Truſts, and Purpoſes as are directed by the ſaid Act of the Fifty-fifth Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty; any Law, Cuſtom, or Uſage, to the contrary notwithſtanding.

Power for transferring 1,355,400l. 3 per Cent. Conſols from the Name of the Corporation of the Cheſt at Greenwich, into the Name of the Corporation of the Commiſſioners and Governors of Greenwich Hoſpital.

Bank indemnified.

II. And be it further enacted, That the ſaid Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, and their Succeſſors, ſhall be and they are hereby held harmleſs and indemnified from and againſt all Claims and Demands of or by any Perſon or Perſons, Body or Bodies Politic or Corporate, for or by reaſon or in conſequence of the Transfer of the ſaid Sum of One million three hundred and fifty-five thouſand four hundred Pounds Three Pounds *per Centum* Conſolidated Annuities, herein before authorized and directed to be transferred, or in any Manner reſpecting the ſame, or for or by reaſon or in conſequence of the Payment by the ſaid Governor and Company of the Bank of *England* of the Dividends herein-before directed to be received;

and the ſaid Governor and Company of the Bank of *England* ſhall not be required to ſee to the Application of the ſaid Dividends, nor be in any Manner reſponſible for the Miſ-application or Non-application thereof.

Bills for the Payment of Penſions to be of the following Form.

III. And be it further enacted, That from and after the paſſing of this Act it ſhall be lawful for the Commiſſioners or Directors of the ſaid Royal Hoſpital, or any Five or more of them, to order and direct that the Bills for the Payment of Penſions ſhall be made out in ſuch Form as to ſuch Commiſſioners or Directors may from Time to Time appear to be moſt convenient and proper; and all ſuch Bills ſhall be ſigned by the Paymaſter of Penſions of the ſaid Royal Hoſpital, or in his Abſence from Sickneſs or otherwiſe, by his Chief Clerk, or be otherwiſe ſigned, as to the ſaid Commiſſioners or Directors, or any Five or more of them, ſhall ſeem fit; and that until the Commiſſioners or Directors of the ſaid Royal Hoſpital ſhall otherwiſe direct, the ſaid Bills ſhall be in the Form or to the Effect following:

Form of Bills.

'Royal Hoſpital, *Greenwich*.

'Sir,

'PAY to *B. D.* of , in the County of ' , Out-Penſioner of the Royal Hoſpital at *Greenwich*, upon pro-' ducing the Duplicate hereof, together with a Certificate under the Hands ' of the Miniſter and Churchwardens, [*or in that Part of the United* ' *Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland called Scotland*, under the Hands ' of the Miniſter and Two Elders] of the Pariſh where he reſides, that, to ' the beſt of their Knowledge and Belief, he is the Perſon named in ſuch ' Bill, the Sum of , being on Account of his Penſion, ' if the ſame ſhall be demanded within Six Calendar Months from the ' Date hereof; otherwiſe you are to return this Bill to the Paymaſter of ' Penſions of the ſaid Royal Hoſpital.

Paymaſter.'

Public Act.

IV. And be it further enacted, That this Act ſhall be deemed and taken to be a Public Act; and ſhall be judicially taken Notice of as ſuch, by all Judges, Juſtices, and others, without being ſpecially pleaded.

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