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CAP. LXIV.

An Act to explain and amend an Act of the Fifty-third Year of His present Majesty, as far as relates to the granting Gratuities by the *East India* Company. [25th *May* 1815.]

WHEREAS by an Act of Parliament passed in the Fifty-third Year of His Majesty's Reign, for continuing in the *East India* Company, for a further Term, the Possession of the *British* Territories in *India*, and for other Purposes, after reciting therein, that it was expedient that the said Company should be put under reasonable Limitations in respect to the granting of Gratuities, it was enacted, that from and after the passing thereof, it should not be lawful for the Court of Directors of the said Company to charge the Funds of the said Company with the Payment of any Gratuity to any Officer, Civil or Military, or any other Person, exceeding the Sum of Six hundred Pounds, unless the Grant or Resolution for that Purpose should have been sanctioned by the Court of Proprietors, and approved and confirmed by the Board of Commissioners for the Affairs of *India*; and that Copies of all Warrants or Instruments, granting any Salary, Pension, or Gratuity, should be submitted to both Houses of Parliament within One Month after such Grant, if Parliament should be then sitting, or if not, within One Month after their then next Meeting: And whereas the said last mentioned Enactment doth not fully effectuate the Intention expressed in the Preamble thereto; be it therefore enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty,

53 G.3.c.155.

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 from and after the paſſing of this Act it ſhall not be lawful for the ſaid Company, or for the Court of Directors of the ſaid Company, with the Sanction of the Court of Proprietors of the ſaid Company, to charge the Funds of the ſaid Company with the Payment of any Gratuity to any Officer, Civil or Military, or other Perſon, exceeding the Sum of Six hundred Pounds, unleſs the Grant or Reſolution for that Purpoſe ſhall have been approved and confirmed by the Board of Commiſſioners for the Affairs of *India*; and that Copies of all Warrants or Inſtruments granting any Salary, Penſion or Gratuity, ſhall be ſubmitted to both Houſes of Parliament within One Month after ſuch Grant, if Parliament ſhould be then ſitting, or if not, within One Month after their then next Meeting.

Company not to charge themſelves with any Gratuity exceeding 600l. unleſs approved by the Commiſſioners for India Affairs.

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