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GEORGII III. REGIS.

CAP. CI.

An Act for enabling the Officers in His Majesty's Navy, and their Representatives, to draw for and receive their Half Pay; and for transferring the Duty of making certain Payments from the Clerks of the Cheque at His Majesty's Dock Yards to the Clerks of the Treasurer of the Navy at the same Yards. [1st *July* 1816.]

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the Thirty-first Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Second, intituled *An Act for the Encouragement of Seamen employed in the Royal Navy, and for establishing a regular Method for the punctual, frequent, and certain Payment of their Wages, and for enabling them more easily and readily to remit the same for the Support of their Wives and Families, and for preventing Frauds and Abuses attending such Payments*; and by another Act passed in the Thirty-fifth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act to enable Petty Officers in the Navy, and Seamen, Non-commissioned Officers of Marines, and Marines, serving in His Majesty's Navy, to allot Part of their Pay for the Maintenance of their Wives and Families*; and by another Act passed in the said Thirty-fifth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act for establishing a more easy and expeditious Method for the punctual and frequent Payment of the Wages and Pay of certain Officers belonging*

31 G. 2. c. 10.

35 G. 3. c. 28.

35 G. 3. c. 94.

belonging to His Majeſty's Navy; and by another Act paſſed in the Forty-
43 G. 3. c. 119. third Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, intituled *An Act for improving the Funds of the Cheſt at* Chatham, *and for transferring the Adminiſtration of the ſame to* Greenwich Hoſpital, *and for ameliorating the Condition of the Penſioners on the ſaid Funds*; and by another Act paſſed in
49 G. 3. c. 35. the Forty-ninth Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, intituled *An Act for the more convenient Payment of Penſions to Widows of Officers of the Navy*; and by another Act paſſed in the ſaid Forty-ninth Year of the
49 G. 3. c. 45. Reign of His preſent Majeſty, intituled *An Act for more conveniently paying of Allowances on the Compaſſionate Liſt of the Navy, and of Half Pay to Officers of the Royal Marines*; and by another Act paſſed in the ſaid Forty-ninth Year
49 G. 3. c. 108. of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, intituled *An Act to amend the ſeveral Acts reſpecting the Payment of Wages and Prize Money and Allotment of Wages to Perſons ſerving in His Majeſty's Royal Navy*; and by another Act paſſed in the Fifty-fifth Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, intituled
55 G. 3. c. 60. *An Act to repeal ſeveral Acts relating to the Execution of Letters of Attorney and Wills of Petty Officers, Seamen, and Marines, in His Majeſty's Navy, and to make new Proviſions reſpecting the ſame*; certain Proviſions and Regulations were made reſpecting the Mode of Officers in His Majeſty's Naval Service receiving their Half Pay, and reſpecting Remittances, Allotments, and Payments of certain Wages, Pay, Allowances, Penſions, and Bounty Money in the ſaid Act reſpectively mentioned, the Payments whereof are by the ſaid Act reſpectively in certain Caſes therein ſpecified, authorized, and directed to be made (among other Perſons) by the Clerks of the Cheque at His Majeſty's Dock Yards: And whereas it would tend to the Convenience and Advantage of the Commiſſioned and Warrant Officers in His Majeſty's Navy on Half Pay, and of Perſons receiving Penſions on the Ordinary Eſtimate of the Navy, the Bills for which are made out at the Navy Office, if they were enabled to draw for ſuch Half Pay and Penſions by Bills of Exchange on the Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Navy, inſtead of being paid the ſame by Remittance Bills, in the Manner now uſed: 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 at the Expiration of Six Months from and after the paſſing of this Act, if any Officer in His Majeſty's Navy, who ſhall be entitled to receive any Sum of Money for or on account of his Half Pay, or any Perſons receiving Penſions on the Ordinary Eſtimate of the Navy, the Bills for which are made out at the Navy Office, ſhall be deſirous of drawing a Bill of Exchange for the ſame upon the Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Navy, inſtead of receiving the ſame by Remittance Bill, and ſhall ſignify ſuch Deſire by Letter to the Treaſurer of His Majeſty's Navy, the proper Officer in the Navy Pay Office (firſt ſatisfying himſelf of the Amount of Half Pay due from the Half Pay Book in the Navy Pay Office, and of the Penſion due from the Bill made out by the Commiſſioners of the Navy), ſhall certify the ſame upon an Order to draw (according to the Form in the Schedule hereunto annexed), which Order ſhall be ſigned by the Commiſſioners of the Navy, attending the Naval Payments at the Navy Pay Office, and ſhall be then diſpatched from the ſaid Office to the Officer ſo deſiring Payment, and ſuch Order and Bill, when returned duly filled up to the Commiſſioners of the Navy, upon whom it ſhall be drawn, ſhall

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be aſſigned for Payment on the Treaſurer of the Navy by Three of the ſaid Commiſſioners, and ſhall be paid in the ſame Manner as Officers Quarterly Bills are now paid, and theſe Bills ſo aſſigned ſhall when paid be a ſufficient Voucher and Diſcharge to the ſaid Treaſurer for ſuch Payment in his Annual Account.

Repreſentatives of deceaſed Officers may receive Half Pay as the Officer himſelf might have done.

II. And be it further enacted, That if the Executors or Adminiſtrators of any deceaſed Officer in His Majeſty's Navy, who at the Time of his Death was entitled to any Half Pay, or the Executors or Adminiſtrators of any deceaſed Perſon receiving a Penſion payable by Bill made out at the Navy Office, ſhall be deſirous of receiving ſuch Half Pay or Penſion by Remittance Bill, Bill of Exchange or Extract, either in the Manner hitherto uſed or by this Act provided, for the Payment of ſuch Half Pay or Penſion, and ſhall ſignify ſuch his, her, or their Deſire by Letter to the Treaſurer of the Navy, requeſting Payment thereof by any of the Modes aforeſaid, it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the Treaſurer of the Navy to pay or cauſe the ſame to be paid to ſuch Executors or Adminiſtrators in the Manner required, and that all and every the Clauſes, Proviſoes, Pains, Penalties, and Regulations contained, and now in force, in any former Act or Acts or in this Act, as to the Payment of ſuch Half Pay or Penſion by any of the Modes aforeſaid, ſhall be applied to ſuch Payments, to ſuch Executors and Adminiſtrators in ſuch and the ſame Manner as the ſame are now or have been hitherto applicable to any ſuch Payments, as fully and effectually to all Intents and Purpoſes as if the ſame were herein and hereby repeated and re-enacted.

Officers may receive their Half Pay by Extract, in Manner herein mentioned.

III. And whereas it may in ſome Caſes be more convenient to Officers in His Majeſty's Navy on Half Pay reſiding near any of His Majeſty's Dock Yards, that they ſhould be enabled to receive the ſame by Extract in the Manner herein-after mentioned, inſtead of being paid the ſame by Remittance Bill or by Bill of Exchange to be drawn as herein-before mentioned; be it therefore enacted, That after the Expiration of Six Months from and after the paſſing of this Act, if any Officer in His Majeſty's Navy, who ſhall be entitled to receive any Sum of Money for or on account of Half Pay, ſhall be deſirous of having his Half Pay paid to him by Extract at any of His Majeſty's Dock Yards where Clerks for the Payment of Wages for the Navy ſhall reſide, inſtead of receiving the ſame by Remittance Bill, or Bill of Exchange, it ſhall and may be lawful to and for every ſuch Officer to apply either to the proper Clerk at the Navy Pay Office in *London*, or at the Pay Office at ſuch Dock Yard, ſignifying ſuch his Deſire; and thereupon in caſe any ſuch Application ſhall be made at any of the ſaid Dock Yards, ſuch Clerk ſhall take a Note thereof, and ſhall at ſuch Periods as may be neceſſary make out and tranſmit to the Commiſſioners of the Navy, Liſts of the Names of ſuch Officers as aforeſaid, and the Particulars of the Half Pay claimed by them reſpectively, together with the uſual Affidavit required in ſuch Caſe, which the Officer, upon his Application for Payment, ſhall furniſh to the ſaid Clerk; and the ſaid Commiſſioners of the Navy, as well on receiving ſuch Liſts as in the Event of ſuch Application as aforeſaid, having been made at the Navy Pay Office in *London*, are hereby authorized and required to tranſmit to the proper Clerk at the Dock Yard, where the Payment is required to be made, an Extract from the Half Pay Book of Officers in His Majeſty's Navy, ſimilar to the

Extracts

Extracts now ſent from Ships Books, upon the Receipt whereof Payment ſhall be made to ſuch Officer of the Sum due to him, and the Amount ſo paid ſhall be brought to Account and allowed in the Monthly Certificate in the ſame Manner as Payments upon Extracts from Ships Books are allowed.

Forging Certificates, Powers, &c. Felony without Clergy.

IV. And be it further enacted, That if any Perſon or Perſons ſhall falſely make, forge, or counterfeit, or cauſe or procure to be falſely made, forged, or counterfeited, or willingly act or aſſiſt in the falſe making, forging, or counterfeiting of any ſuch Authority or Certificate, or Bill of Exchange or Aſſignment as aforeſaid, or ſhall utter or publiſh as true any ſuch falſe, forged, or counterfeited Authority or Certificate, Bill of Exchange or Aſſignment, knowing the ſame to be falſe, forged, or counterfeited, with Intent to defraud any Perſon or Perſons, Body or Bodies Politic or Corporate, every ſuch Perſon ſo offending ſhall be deemed guilty of Felony, and being thereof lawfully convicted ſhall ſuffer Death as a Felon without Benefit of Clergy.

Payments now made by the Clerks of the Cheque to be made by the Clerks of the Treaſurer of the Navy.

V. And whereas it is expedient that the Duty of making certain of the Payments as are by the ſaid recited Acts authorized and directed to be made by ſuch Clerks of the Cheque as relate to Allotments, Remittances of Half Pay to Seamen's Wages, to Penſions payable by Bill, to Widows Penſions, to *Greenwich* Penſions, to Payments on the Compaſſionate Liſt, and to King's Bounty to the Widows and other Relations of thoſe ſlain in fight, ſhould be transferred to and be made by the Clerk or Clerks of the Treaſurer of His Majeſty's Navy at the ſaid Dock Yards reſpectively; be it therefore enacted, That from and after the Expiration of Six Months from and after the paſſing of this Act, the Duty of making the aforeſaid Payments which by the ſaid Acts or any or either of them, or any other Act or Acts of Parliament are authorized and directed to be made by the Clerks of the Cheque at His Majeſty's Dock Yards, ſhall be transferred to and ſhall hereafter be made by the Clerk or Clerks of the Treaſurer of His Majeſty's Navy at the ſame Dock Yards reſpectively; and that the Allotments, Remittance Bills, and all other Payments aforeſaid, which under or by virtue of the ſaid Acts or any or either of them are authorized to be directed (among other Perſons) to ſuch Clerks of the Cheque, ſhall, inſtead thereof (as to the ſaid Clerks of the Cheque) be directed to the Clerk or Clerks of the Treaſurer of His Majeſty's Navy, at the ſame Dock Yards reſpectively; and that all and every the Clauſes, Proviſions, Pains, Penalties, and Regulations contained and now in force in the aforeſaid Acts, with reſpect to ſuch Allotments and Remittance Bills as aforeſaid, and the Payment thereof by the ſaid Clerks of the Cheque, ſhall be applied to ſuch Allotments and Remittance Bills as aforeſaid, and the Payment thereof by the Clerk or Clerks of the Treaſurer of His Majeſty's Navy at any of the ſaid Dock Yards, in ſuch and the ſame Manner as the ſame are now applicable to ſuch Allotments and Remittance Bills as aforeſaid, and the Payment thereof by ſuch Clerks of the Cheque, as fully and effectually as if the ſame were herein and hereby repeated and re-enacted; and that ſuch of the ſaid Payments as come under the Head of Allotments ſhall be checked as is now done at the Navy Office in *London*, and brought to account and allowed in the Monthly Certificate, and that thoſe coming under the Head of Remittances of Half Pay and Remittances of Seamen's Wages ſhall be

brought to account and allowed in the ſame Manner as Payments upon Extracts from Ships Books.

VI. And be it further enacted, That no Bill of Exchange, which ſhall be drawn under or by virtue of this Act, ſhall be ſubject or liable to or charged or chargeable with any Stamp Duty whatever. No Bill to be ſubject to Stamp Duty.

VII. And be it further enacted, That no Perſons reſiding out of His Majeſty's Dominions ſhall be entitled to any of the Privileges and Benefits given or intended by this Act. Benefit of this Act.

SCHEDULE to which this Act refers.

FORM of the CERTIFICATE or Order for drawing a BILL for Half Pay or Penſion, and of an Aſſignment thereof, under the Authority of the Act of the Fifty-ſixth Year of His Majeſty King George the Third.

HALF PAY OR PENSION.

being entitled to the Sum of
(on Account of Half Pay, as a in the Royal Navy, *or* Penſion, *as the Caſe may be*) between the and is hereby authorized to draw the following Bill upon the Commiſſioners of the Navy for the ſaid Sum.

N. B. This Bill is not to be ſeparated from the Authority for drawing it.

Certified *C. D.*
Treaſurer's Clerk.

(Signed) *A. B.*
Commiſſioner of the Navy.

Gentlemen,

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THREE Days after Sight, pleaſe to pay to or Order, the Sum of being the Amount of (Half Pay due to me as a in the Royal Navy, *or* Penſion, *as the Caſe may be*) for the Time above mentioned.

To the Honourable the Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Navy, Somerſet Place.

Navy Office, Day of 18

No.

To be paid by the Treaſurer of His Majeſty's Navy, out of Monies received under the Head of (Wages, *or* of General Services, *as the Caſe may be*).

E. B. E. S. P. F.

BY virtue of the Act Fifty-ſixth *George* the Third.—N. B. The forging of this Bill or procuring any other Perſon to forge the ſame, in order to receive the Whole or any Part of the Half Pay or Penſion therein mentioned, is made Felony without Benefit of Clergy.

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