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GEORGII III. REGIS.

CAP. XXIV.

An Act for better enabling His Majesty to make Provision for the Establishment of Her Royal Highness the Princess *Charlotte Augusta*, and His Serene Highness *Leopold George Frederick* Duke of *Saxe*, Margrave of *Meissen*, Landgrave of *Thuringuen*, Prince of *Cobourg* of *Saalfeld*.

[11th *April* 1816.]

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects the Commons of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, in Parliament assembled, having taken into Consideration the most Gracious Message of His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, acting in the Name and on the Behalf of His Majesty, communicating that His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, acting in the Name and on the Behalf of His Majesty, having given the Royal Consent to a Marriage between His Daughter Her Royal Highness the Princess *Charlotte Augusta* and His Serene Highness *Leopold George Frederick* Prince of *Cobourg* of *Saalfeld*, and being fully persuaded that this Alliance could not but be acceptable to all His Majesty's faithful Subjects, was desirous of making such a Provision with a View to the said Marriage as might be suitable to the Honour and Dignity of the Country; do most humbly, cheerfully, and unanimously 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

An Annuity of 60,000l. to be granted during the Life of the Princeſs Charlotte.

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 King's moſt Excellent Majeſty, in order to provide for the Eſtabliſhment of Her ſaid Royal Highneſs the Princeſs *Charlotte Auguſta* and His Serene Highneſs *Leopold George Frederick* Duke of *Saxe*, Margrave of *Meiſſen*, Landgrave of *Thuringuen*, Prince of *Cobourg* of *Saalfeld*, upon ſuch Marriage, by any Letters Patent, under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom, to give and grant to Her ſaid Royal Highneſs the Princeſs *Charlotte Auguſta* and His Serene Highneſs *Leopold George Frederick* Duke of *Saxe*, Margrave of *Meiſſen*, Landgrave of *Thuringuen*, Prince of *Cobourg* of *Saalfeld*, or to ſuch other Perſon or Perſons as His ſaid Majeſty ſhall think fit to be named in ſuch Letters Patent, and His and their Heirs, to or to the Uſe of or in Truſt for Her ſaid Royal Highneſs and His Serene Highneſs, one Annuity of Sixty thouſand Pounds of lawful Money of *Great Britain*; which Annuity of Sixty thouſand Pounds ſhall commence and take Effect from the Day of the Marriage of Her ſaid Royal Highneſs and His ſaid Serene Highneſs, and continue from thenceforth for and during the Life of Her ſaid Royal Highneſs, and ſhall be paid and payable at the Four moſt uſual Days of Payment in the Year; (that is to ſay), the Fifth Day of *January*, the Fifth Day of *April*, the Fifth Day of *July*, and the Tenth Day of *October*, in every Year, by even and equal Portions; the Firſt Payment thereof to be made on the Firſt Quarterly Day of Payment next after the ſaid Marriage, of ſuch Proportion of ſuch Quarterly Payment as ſhall have accrued between the Day of Marriage and ſuch Quarter-Day; and that the ſaid Annuity of Sixty thouſand Pounds ſhall and may by ſuch Letters Patent be directed to be iſſuing and payable out of the Conſolidated Fund of *Great Britain* during the Life of Her ſaid Royal Highneſs, (after paying or reſerving ſufficient to pay all ſuch Sums as ſhall have been directed to be paid out of the ſame by any Act or Acts of Parliament made previous to the Time of paſſing this Act), and with a Preference to all other Payments which ſhall or may at any Time or Times after the paſſing of this Act be charged upon and payable out of the ſaid Fund.

When payable.

In caſe His Serene Highneſs ſurvive The Princeſs, an Annuity of 50,000l. to be granted for his Life.

II. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall be lawful for the King's moſt Excellent Majeſty, by any Letters Patent under the Great Seal of *Great Britain*, to give and grant unto His Serene Highneſs *Leopold George Frederick* Duke of *Saxe*, Margrave of *Meiſſen*, Landgrave of *Thuringuen*, Prince of *Cobourg* of *Saalfeld*, in caſe he ſhall ſurvive Her ſaid Royal Highneſs Princeſs *Charlotte Auguſta*, or to ſuch Perſon or Perſons as His Majeſty ſhall think fit to be named in ſuch Letters Patent, and His or their Heirs, to the Uſe of or in Truſt for His Serene Highneſs, One Annuity or Yearly Sum of Fifty thouſand Pounds of lawful Money of *Great Britain*, Part of the ſaid Annuity or Sum of Sixty thouſand Pounds; which Annuity or Yearly Sum of Fifty thouſand Pounds, and every Part thereof, to commence and take effect immediately from and after the Deceaſe of Her ſaid Royal Highneſs Princeſs *Charlotte Auguſta*, and continue from thenceforth for and during the natural Life of His ſaid Serene Highneſs, and ſhall be paid and payable at the Four moſt uſual Days of Payment in the Year; (that is to ſay), the Fifth Day of *January*, the Fifth Day of *April*, the Fifth Day of *July*, and the Tenth Day of *October*, in every Year, by even and equal Portions; the Firſt Payment thereof to be made on the Firſt Quarterly Day of Payment next after the Deceaſe of Her ſaid Royal Highneſs, of ſuch Proportion of ſuch Quarterly Payment as ſhall

have accrued between the Day of ſuch Deceaſe and ſuch Quarter Day; and that the ſaid Annuity of Fifty thouſand Pounds ſhall and may by ſuch Letters Patent be directed to be iſſuing and payable out of the ſaid Conſolidated Fund during the Life of His ſaid Royal Highneſs, (after paying or reſerving ſufficient to pay all ſuch Sums as ſhall have been directed to be paid out of the ſame by any Act or Acts of Parliament made previous to the Time of paſſing this Act), and with a Preference to all other Payments which ſhall or may at any Time or Times after the paſſing of this Act be charged upon and payable out of the ſaid Fund.

Annuities to be payable at the Exchequer without Fees;

III. And be it further enacted, That the ſaid Annuities of Sixty thouſand Pounds and Fifty thouſand Pounds ſhall reſpectively be paid and payable at the Receipt of His Majeſty's Exchequer; and the Auditor of the ſaid Receipt ſhall, and he is hereby required by virtue of ſuch Letters Patent, to make forth and paſs Debentures from Time to Time for paying, according to the Directions of this Act, the ſaid Annuities reſpectively as the ſame ſhall become due and payable, without any Fees or Charges to be demanded or taken for paying the ſame, or any Part thereof; and the ſaid Debentures to be made forth and paſſed as aforeſaid 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 Annuities reſpectively, according to the Directions of this Act, without any further or other Warrant to be ſued for, had, or obtained in that Behalf.

and to be Tax-free.

IV. And be it further enacted, That the ſaid Annuities of Sixty thouſand Pounds and Fifty thouſand Pounds, and every Part thereof reſpectively, ſhall be free and clear from all Taxes, Rates, and Aſſeſſments, and all other Charges whatſoever, impoſed or to be impoſed by Authority of Parliament or otherwiſe.

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