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An Act for transferring all Contracts and Securities entered into with or given to the Commissioners for Transports, to the Commissioners of the Navy and Victualling. [21st *May* 1816.]

WHEREAS by a Commission or Letters Patent passed under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, bearing Date at *Westminster*, the Fifteenth Day of *September* One thousand eight hundred and thirteen, Sir *Ruper George* Baronet, *James Bowen* Esquire, *John Douglas* Esquire, *John Harness* Doctor of Physic, *Courtnay Boyle* Esquire, and *John Forbes* Esquire, were constituted and appointed Commissioners, during His Majesty's Pleasure, for conducting the Transport Service, and also for the Care of sick and wounded Seamen, as well as for the Care and Custody of Prisoners of War: And whereas it is expedient that if His Majesty should be pleased to cancel or revoke the said Letters Patent, all Properties, Estates, Rights, and Contracts now vested in the said Commissioners, or their Assigns, on Behalf of His Majesty, should be preserved and conveyed over to such other Commissioners or Persons as His Majesty may be pleased to appoint in that Behalf; 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 if His Majesty shall be pleased by any Commission or Letters Patent to cancel and revoke the said Commission or Letters Patent bearing Date the said Fifteenth Day of *September* One thousand eight hundred and thirteen; and by any other Commission, Letters Patent, or Order in Council, hereafter to be made, to grant, transfer, or commit all or any of the Powers, Authorities, and Rights now vested in the said Commissioners, relating to or so far as they may relate to the Conduct and Management of the Transport Service, or other Service respecting the Employment of Ships or Vessels in any other Department of His Majesty's Government, or any Thing relating thereto, to the prin-

Powers of Commissioners for Transports, so far as relates to the Transport Service, may be transferred to Commissioners of the Navy, &c.

cipal Officers and Commiſſioners of the Navy, that from and after ſuch Revocation, and ſuch further Grant, by His Majeſty, all Contracts, Covenants, and Agreements made and entered into between the ſaid Commiſſioners for conducting the Tranſport Service, or any Perſon on their Behalf, and any other Perſon or Perſons whomſoever, for the Hire of Tranſport Ships and Veſſels, or for any other Purpoſe connected with the Tranſport Service, or other Services above-mentioned, or in any Manner relating thereto; and all Bonds and other Securities entered into by any Perſon or Perſons for the due Performance of ſuch Contracts, Covenants, or Agreements, or for the doing or performing of any other Act, Matter, or Thing whatſoever, relating to the ſaid Tranſport and other Services, ſhall be veſted in and transferred to the ſaid principal Officers and Commiſſioners of the Navy, and ſhall continue in force in like Manner, to all Intents and Purpoſes, as if the ſame Contracts, Covenants, and Agreements, Bonds and other Securities, had been entered into with the Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Navy, or any of them.

Such Powers, ſo far as reſpects the Care of ſick and wounded Seamen, &c. may be tranſferred to the Commiſſioners for Victualling.

II. And be it further enacted, That if His Majeſty ſhall ſo as aforeſaid be pleaſed to cancel and revoke the ſaid Commiſſion or Letters Patent, bearing Date the ſaid Fifteenth Day of *September* One thouſand eight hundred and thirteen, and by any other Commiſſion or Letters Patent or Order in Council hereafter to be made, to grant, transfer or commit all or any the Powers, Authorities, and Rights now veſted in the ſaid Commiſſioners for conducting the Tranſport Service, relating to or ſo far as they may relate to the Care of ſick and wounded Seamen, or any Thing relating thereto, or ſo far as they may relate to the Care and Maintenance of Priſoners of War, or any Thing relating thereto, to the Commiſſioners for victualling His Majeſty's Navy, that from and after ſuch Revocation and ſuch further Grant by His Majeſty, all Contracts, Covenants, and Agreements made and entered into between the ſaid Commiſſioners for conducting the Tranſport Service, or any Perſon on their Behalf, and any other Perſon or Perſons whomſoever for the Supply of any Articles or Things whatſoever, for the Uſe of the ſick and wounded Seamen in His Majeſty's Service or Priſoners of War, or for any other Purpoſe connected with the Care of the ſaid Seamen or Priſoners, or in any Manner relating thereto, and all Bonds and other Securities entered into by any Perſon or Perſons for the due Performance of ſuch laſt mentioned Contracts, Covenants, or Agreements, or for the doing or performing of any other Act, Matter, or Thing whatſoever relating to the laſt mentioned Services, ſhall be veſted in and transferred to the ſaid Commiſſioners for victualling His Majeſty's Navy, and ſhall continue in force in like Manner, to all Intents and Purpoſes, as if the ſame Contracts, Covenants and Agreements, Bonds and other Securities had been entered into with the Commiſſioners for victualling His Majeſty's Navy, or any of them.

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