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Iſſue Exchequer Bills not exceeding 1,500,000l.

tain and *Ireland*, now or for the Time being, or any Three or more of them, or the Lord High Treaſurer of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland* for the Time being, to cauſe or direct any Number of Exchequer Bills to be made out at His Majeſty's Exchequer in *Great Britain*, not exceeding in the Whole the Sum of One million five hundred thouſand Pounds, in the ſame or like Manner, Form, and Order, and according to the ſame or like Rules and Directions (except where other Directions for making out the ſame are contained and particularly expreſſed in this Act), as in and by an Act made in the Forty-eighth Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, intituled *An Act for regulating the iſſuing and paying off of Exchequer Bills*, are enacted and preſcribed.

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Powers of recited Act to extend to Exchequer Bills made out under this Act.

II. And be it further enacted, That all and every the Clauſes, Proviſoes, Powers, Privileges, Advantages, Penalties, Forfeitures, and Diſabilities contained in the ſaid recited Act of the Forty-eighth Year of His preſent Majeſty's Reign, ſhall be applied and extended to the Exchequer Bills to be made in purſuance of this Act, as fully and effectually to all Intents and Purpoſes as if the ſaid ſeveral Clauſes or Proviſoes had been particularly repeated and re-enacted in the Body of this Act.

Bills to bear an Intereſt of Two-pence Halfpenny per Cent. per Diem.

Times when payable.

III. And be it further enacted, That the ſaid Exchequer Bills to be made out in purſuance of this Act ſhall and may bear an Intereſt not exceeding the Rate of Two-pence Halfpenny *per Centum per Diem* upon or in reſpect of the whole of the Monies reſpectively contained therein, and ſhall be made payable at ſuch Periods as ſhall be fixed by the ſaid Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Treaſury, or any Three or more of them, or the ſaid Lord High Treaſurer for the Time being; but nevertheleſs ſo as that all ſuch Bills as ſhall be advanced for the carrying on of any Public Works, ſhall be made payable within Three Years from the iſſuing thereof; and all ſuch Bills as ſhall be advanced for the Aſſiſtance of any Pariſhes in *Great Britain* ſhall be made payable within Two Years after *Eaſter* One thouſand eight hundred and eighteen; and that the principal Sum contained in every ſuch Bill, together with ſuch Intereſt as aforeſaid, to be computed from the Day of the Date thereof until the Time appointed for Payment thereof, ſhall be paid off and diſcharged upon the Days and Times reſpectively appointed for the Payment thereof.

Such Bills not to be received in Payment of any Tax before the Day appointed for their Payments, &c.

IV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That all and every the Exchequer Bills to be made forth by virtue of this Act, or ſo many of them as ſhall from Time to Time remain undiſcharged and uncancelled after the reſpective Days on which they ſhall become due and payable, ſhall and may after that Time paſs and be current to all and every the Receivers and Collectors in *Great Britain* of the Cuſtoms, Exciſe, or any Revenue, Supply, Aid, or Tax whatſoever due or payable to His Majeſty, His Heirs or Succeſſors, and alſo at the Receipt of Exchequer in *Great Britain* from the ſaid Receivers or Collectors; but no ſuch Receiver or Collector ſhall exchange, at any Time before the ſaid Day of Payment thereof, for any Money of ſuch Revenues, Aid, Taxes, or Supplies in his Hands, any Exchequer Bill which ſhall have been iſſued as aforeſaid by virtue of this Act; nor ſhall any Action be maintained againſt ſuch Receiver or Collector for neglecting or refuſing to exchange any ſuch Exchequer Bill for ready Money before the ſaid Day of Payment thereof; any Thing in this Act to the contrary contained in anywiſe notwithſtanding:

And that ſuch of the ſame Bills as ſhall be received at the ſaid Receipt of Exchequer ſhall and may be locked up and ſecured as Caſh, according to the Courſe of the ſaid Exchequer ſettled and eſtabliſhed by Law for locking up and ſecuring Monies received in Specie there.

Lord Lieutenant of Ireland may order the Advance of 250,000l. out of the Produce of the Conſolidated Fund there, for the Purpoſes of this Act.

V. And be it further enacted, That at any Time after the paſſing of this Act, by or out of ſuch Monies as ſhall at any Time or Times remain in the Receipt of the Exchequer of *Ireland*, or out of the growing Produce of the Conſolidated Fund of the United Kingdom ariſing in *Ireland* (after paying or reſerving ſufficient to pay all ſuch Sum and Sums of Money as have been directed by any former Act or Acts of Parliament to be paid in *Ireland* out of the ſaid Conſolidated Fund), there ſhall and may be iſſued, by Order of the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland* for the Time being, from Time to Time, in Manner and under the Regulations herein-after mentioned and contained, any Sum or Sums of Money not exceeding in the whole the Sum of Two hundred and fifty thouſand Pounds, to be applied to the Purpoſes of this Act, in Manner and under the Regulations herein-after mentioned.

Commiſſioners.

VI. And be it further enacted, That the Right Honourable *Robert Seymour* commonly called Lord *Robert Seymour*, the Honourable *William Lambe*, Sir *Thomas Dyke Acland* Baronet, Sir *Charles Edmonſtone* Baronet, Sir *James Shawe* Baronet, Sir *John Perring* Baronet, *Thomas Sherlock Gooch* Eſquire, *Edward John Littleton* Eſquire, *Charles Grant* ſenior, Eſquire, *John Chriſtian Curwen* Eſquire, *Thomas Grimſton Eſtcourt* Eſquire, *John Smith* Eſquire, *Henry Swann* Eſquire, *Robert Matthew Caſberd* Eſquire, *Thomas Reid* Eſquire, *Benjamin Harriſon* Eſquire, *John Thornton* Eſquire, *John Delafield Phelps* Eſquire, *John Angerſtein* Eſquire, *Joſeph Berens* Eſquire, and *Charles Boſanquet* Eſquire, ſhall be and are hereby conſtituted Commiſſioners for the Execution of this Act in *Great Britain*; and that it ſhall be lawful for the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland* for the Time being, by Writing under his or their Hand or Hands, to nominate and appoint ſo many and ſuch Perſons as he or they ſhall think fit, not exceeding Fifteen in Number, to be Commiſſioners for the Execution of this Act in *Ireland*, and the ſaid Perſons ſo to be nominated ſhall be and they are hereby appointed Commiſſioners for the Execution of this Act in *Ireland*; and all the ſaid Commiſſioners are hereby reſpectively required to execute the Powers and Authorities given to them by this Act, without any Fee, Reward, Emolument, or Gratuity whatever.

Commiſſioners to take the following Oath.

VII. And be it further enacted, That any Two of the ſaid Commiſſioners in this Act named, before they ſhall enter upon the Execution of this Act in *Great Britain*, ſhall take an Oath before the Chancellor of the Exchequer, or the Maſter of the Rolls for the Time being, in *Great Britain*; and any Two of the Commiſſioners to be appointed for the Purpoſes of this Act by the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland*, ſhall, before they enter on the Execution of this Act in *Ireland*, take an Oath before any One of the Barons of the Exchequer of *Ireland*; which Oath the ſaid Chancellor, Maſter of the Rolls, and Barons, or any or either of them, are and is hereby reſpectively authorized and required to adminiſter; the Tenor whereof ſhall be as followeth; that is to ſay,

'I *A. B.*

'I *A. B.* do ſwear, That according to the beſt of my Judgment, I will faithfully and impartially execute the ſeveral Powers and Truſts veſted in me by an Act, intituled *An Act [here ſet forth the Title of this Act]*, according to the Tenor and Purport of the ſaid Act.'

And every other of ſuch Commiſſioners reſpectively ſhall likewiſe take the ſame Oath before ſuch Two Commiſſioners, who are hereby authorized and required to adminiſter the ſaid Oath, after they ſhall themſelves have taken the ſame as aforeſaid.

Commiſſioners may meet, appoint Officers, and adminiſter Oaths, &c.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That the ſaid Commiſſioners for the Execution of this Act in *Great Britain* and *Ireland* reſpectively, ſhall have Power to meet and ſit from Time to Time in ſuch Place or Places as they ſhall reſpectively find moſt convenient, with or without Adjournment; and they or any Three or more of them reſpectively may appoint and employ a Secretary and ſo many Clerks and Meſſengers as they ſhall reſpectively think meet; and it ſhall and may be lawful for the Commiſſioners for the Execution of this Act in *Great Britain*, with the Conſent and Approbation of the ſaid Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Treaſury for the Time being, or any Three or more of them, in Writing under their Hands, and for the Commiſſioners for the Execution of this Act in *Ireland*, with the Conſent and Approbation of the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland* for the Time being, to allow to ſuch Secretary, Clerks, and Meſſengers reſpectively ſuch reaſonable Salaries as to the ſaid reſpective Commiſſioners for the Execution of this Act ſhall ſeem meet; and alſo to employ a Solicitor, and any Civil Engineer or Engineers, or Surveyor or Surveyors, or other Officer or Officers, and to allow to ſuch Solicitor, Engineer or Engineers, Surveyor or Surveyors, and other Officer or Officers, ſuch Salaries, Rewards, or Emoluments as the ſaid Commiſſioners reſpectively ſhall think reaſonable for their Care and Labour; and to give and adminiſter to ſuch Secretary, Clerk, Solicitor, Engineers, Surveyors, and other Officers reſpectively, an Oath for their faithful Demeanor in all Things relating to the due Performance of the Truſts repoſed in them by the ſaid Commiſſioners reſpectively, and in all other Things touching the Premiſes; and from Time to Time, at their Diſcretion, to diſmiſs and diſcharge ſuch Secretary, Clerks, Meſſengers, Solicitor, Engineers, Surveyors, or other Officers, or any or either of them, and to appoint others in their Place; and the ſaid Secretary, Clerks, Solicitor, Engineers, Surveyors, and other Officers are hereby required faithfully to execute and perform the ſaid Truſts in them ſeverally and reſpectively repoſed, without taking any Thing for ſuch Service, other than ſuch Salaries or Rewards as the ſaid Commiſſioners ſhall direct, appoint, and allow in Manner by this Act directed.

Officers in the Exchequer not to receive Fees.

IX. And be it further enacted, That no Officer or other Perſon or Perſons whatſoever employed in and about the Execution of this Act in the Receipt of His Majeſty's Exchequer in *Great Britain* or *Ireland*, or in the Office of the Vice Treaſurer for *Ireland*, ſhall demand, take, or accept any Fee or Gratuity whatſoever for their Care and Labour, other than ſuch Salaries, Allowances, Rewards, or Emoluments as ſhall or may be granted to, or be allowed to be taken by them reſpectively under the Authority of the ſaid Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Treaſury, or any Three or more of them, or the Lord High Treaſurer for the Time being, in *Great Britain*, or

or under the Authority of the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors for the Time being in *Ireland*.

X. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Commiſſioners for the Execution of this Act, or any Three or more of them reſpectively, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, to examine upon Oath or Affirmation (which Oath or Affirmation they or any One or more of them are and is hereby authorized to adminiſter) all Perſons who ſhall be willing to be examined touching all ſuch Matters and Things as ſhall be neceſſary for the Execution of the Powers veſted in the ſaid Commiſſioners by this Act, and alſo to receive any Affidavits or Depoſitions in Writing, upon Oath or Affirmation, touching ſuch Matters or Things as aforeſaid, which ſhall be made before any Juſtice of the Peace of any County, or any Magiſtrate of any City, Borough, or Town Corporate in *Great Britain* or *Ireland*, where or near to which the Perſon making ſuch Affidavit or Depoſition ſhall reſide, and certified and tranſmitted to the ſaid Commiſſioners reſpectively under the Hand and Seal of ſuch Juſtice or Magiſtrate; which Oath or Affirmation every ſuch Juſtice or Magiſtrate ſhall be and is hereby authorized and empowered to adminiſter; provided that in every ſuch Affidavit or Depoſition there ſhall be expreſſed the Addition of the Party making ſuch Affidavit or Depoſition, and the particular Place of his or her Abode.

Commiſſioners may examine upon Oath Perſons willing to be examined, and receive Depoſitions made before Magiſtrates.

XI. And be it further enacted, That if any Perſon or Perſons, upon Examination upon Oath or Affirmation before the ſaid Commiſſioners for the Execution of this Act reſpectively, or if any Perſon or Perſons making any ſuch Affidavit or Depoſition as before mentioned, ſhall wilfully and corruptly give falſe Evidence, or ſhall in ſuch Affidavit or Depoſition wilfully and corruptly ſwear, affirm, or allege any Matter or Thing which ſhall be falſe or untrue, every ſuch Perſon or Perſons ſo offending, and being thereof duly convicted, ſhall be and is and are hereby declared to be ſubject and liable to ſuch Pains and Penalties as by any Law now in force in *Great Britain* or *Ireland* reſpectively Perſons convicted of wilful and corrupt Perjury are ſubject and liable to.

Perſons giving falſe Evidence guilty of Perjury.

XII. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful for the ſaid Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Treaſury, or any Three or more of them, or the ſaid Lord High Treaſurer for the Time being, in *Great Britain*, and for the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors for the Time being in *Ireland*, and they are hereby reſpectively authorized and required, to iſſue and advance or cauſe to be iſſued and advanced all ſuch Sums of Money to ſuch Perſon or Perſons, in ſuch Manner and in ſuch Proportions as the Commiſſioners for the Execution of this Act in *Great Britain* or *Ireland*, or any Three or more of them reſpectively, ſhall by Writing under their Hands from Time to Time deſire, out of any Part of the Public Monies remaining in His Majeſty's Exchequer at *Weſtminſter* or *Dublin* reſpectively, to be replaced in the Manner in this Act mentioned; which Sums ſo to be iſſued and advanced ſhall be employed for the Payment of Allowances, and in defraying all other neceſſary Charges and Expences in or about the Execution of this Act, without other Account than before the ſaid Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Treaſury; and which Money ſo to be iſſued ſhall not be ſubject to any Tax, Duty, Rate, or Aſſeſſment whatſoever impoſed by Authority of Parliament;

Treaſury to iſſue Money for defraying the Charges in the Execution of this Act, of which an Account ſhall be laid before Parliament.

but that an Account of the ſaid Charges and Expences ſhall be laid before both Houſes of Parliament, within Two Months after the Expiration of the ſaid Commiſſions reſpectively, if Parliament ſhall be then ſitting; but if Parliament ſhall not be then ſitting, then within Fourteen Days after the Commencement of the then next Seſſion of Parliament.

Commiſſioners to meet to receive or appoint a Perſon to receive Applications in Writing for the Loan of Exchequer Bills, and to aſcertain the Amount immediately wanted.

XIII. And be it further enacted, That on the Day next after this Act ſhall have received the Royal Aſſent, or as ſoon after as the Commiſſioners for the Execution of this Act in *Great Britain* and in *Ireland* reſpectively, or any Three or more of them who ſhall have taken the ſaid Oath, can reſpectively aſſemble, the ſaid Commiſſioners ſhall reſpectively proceed to receive, or ſhall appoint a proper Perſon for receiving, all ſuch Applications in Writing as ſhall be made to them reſpectively from any Body or Bodies Politic or Corporate, or Company or Companies of Proprietors, or Perſon or Perſons engaged in or deſirous of carrying on or intereſted in any Works of a public Nature, carried on or which may hereafter be carried on under the Authority of Parliament, in any Part of the United Kingdom, or any Applications for the Encouragement of Fiſheries, or the Support of any Collieries or Mines, or from any Pariſhes in *Great Britain*, for the Loan and Advance of Money, by Exchequer Bills or otherwiſe, according to this Act; and the ſaid Commiſſioners ſhall alſo then fix and appoint ſubſequent Days for taking into their Conſideration all ſuch Applications, and ſhall meet together for that Purpoſe, and ſhall proceed with all convenient Diſpatch to aſcertain the Amount of the Sums which in their Judgment it will be expedient to advance under this Act, in purſuance of Applications made for ſuch Aſſiſtance; having Regard, in conſidering all ſuch Applications as ſhall be made for the carrying on of ſuch Public Works, Fiſheries, Collieries, or Mines, to the Benefit which may ariſe in affording Employment for the labouring Claſſes of the People, and the Numbers to be employed, and to the ultimate Security which may be afforded by the Rates and Tolls of ſuch Public Works for the Repayment of the Money advanced; and in conſidering all ſuch Applications from Pariſhes in *Great Britain*, to the ſpecial Difficulties experienced in the Pariſhes requiring Aſſiſtance, and to the Sufficiency of the Securities which may be propoſed, whether on the Pariſh Rates or otherwiſe.

Commiſſioners to cauſe Applications to be claſſed, and to eſtabliſh Regulations for apportioning the Sums to be advanced.

XIV. And be it further enacted, That the ſeveral Commiſſioners for the Execution of this Act ſhall and they are hereby reſpectively required, before any Appointment ſhall be made of any Exchequer Bills, or Money to be advanced under this Act, to cauſe all the Applications delivered to ſuch Commiſſioners reſpectively to be claſſed according to the Amount of the Sums reſpectively applied for, and the Nature of the Securities tendered, and the Circumſtances, as far as the ſame ſhall appear upon the ſaid Applications, and thereupon to draw up and eſtabliſh ſuch general Rules and Regulations for their own Government in the apportioning and diſtributing the Sums to be advanced and lent in Exchequer Bills or Money under this Act, to the ſeveral Bodies Politic or Corporate, or Companies, or Perſons, or Pariſhes applying for the ſame, as they in their Diſcretion ſhall deem equitable and juſt; all which Rules and Regulations ſhall within a convenient Time be entered in a Book or Books to be prepared and kept by ſuch Commiſſioners reſpectively for that Purpoſe; and the ſaid ſeveral Commiſſioners for the Execution of this Act, according to the true Purport and Meaning of ſuch general Rules and Regulations as aforeſaid,

ſaid, ſhall proceed to take into their Conſideration all ſuch Applications, which ſhall ſpecify the Amount of the Sums required to be advanced as aforeſaid, and which ſhall tender any Security which the ſaid Commiſſioners are authorized by this Act to take for the Payment of the Sums to be advanced, and which ſhall alſo ſpecify the Nature thereof; and from Time to Time, on Inquiry into the ſame reſpectively, ſhall determine what Bodies Politic and Corporate, Companies, Perſons, and Pariſhes, ſhall in their Judgment be entitled to any Part of the Exchequer Bills or Money to be advanced or lent under this Act, and to what Amount, and ſhall aſcertain the Nature and Amount of the Securities to be required from them for the ſame reſpectively.

Treaſury to direct the Exchequer to iſſue Bills in Great Britain, agreeably to Certificates of the Commiſſioners.

XV. And be it further enacted, That when and as ſoon as the ſaid Commiſſioners for the Execution of this Act in *Great Britain* ſhall have reſpectively determined upon any Amount of ſuch Bills to be advanced under the Proviſions of this Act, the ſaid Commiſſioners ſhall forthwith reſpectively certify ſuch Amount to the Auditor of the Receipt of His Majeſty's Exchequer at *Weſtminſter* for the Time being, who on ſuch Certificate or Certificates being depoſited in his Office ſhall cauſe and direct to be delivered to the Bearer or Bearers thereof, in the Manner and under the Regulations ſpecified in this Act, Exchequer Bills payable at ſuch Periods and to ſuch Amount as the ſaid Commiſſioners for the Execution of this Act ſhall direct, provided that the total Amount to be iſſued by virtue of ſuch Certificates ſhall not at any one Time exceed the Amount of Exchequer Bills directed to be iſſued under this Act; and every ſuch Exchequer Bill ſhall bear Date on the Day on which the ſaid Certificates ſhall appoint and direct, and ſhall and may be ſigned by the Auditor of the Receipt of His Majeſty's Exchequer, or in His Name by any Perſon duly authorized by the ſaid Auditor to ſign the ſame.

In Ireland Lord Lieutenant ſhall iſſue Warrants for Advances out of the Conſolidated Fund, agreeably to the Certificate of Commiſſioners there.

XVI. And be it further enacted, That when and as ſoon as the ſaid Commiſſioners for the Execution of this Act in *Ireland* ſhall have determined upon any Amount of ſuch Money to be advanced under the Proviſions of this Act, the ſaid Commiſſioners ſhall forthwith certify ſuch Amount to the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland* for the Time being, by one or more Certificate or Certificates under the Hands and Seals of the ſaid Commiſſioners or any Three or more of them; and the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland* for the Time being ſhall, on Receipt of any ſuch Certificate, direct his Warrant to the Vice Treaſurer of *Ireland* for the iſſuing ſuch Sum or Sums of Money as ſhall be ſpecified in ſuch Certificate, out of the Receipt of the Exchequer of *Ireland*, in Manner directed by Two Acts, the one made in the Fifty-fourth Year of His preſent Majeſty's Reign, intituled *An Act for the more effectual Regulation of the Receipts and Iſſues of His Majeſty's Treaſury, and for ſecuring the due Application of Money coming into the Hands of the Public Accountants in* Ireland; and the other made in the laſt Seſſion of Parliament, intituled *An Act to unite and conſolidate into One Fund all the public Revenues of* Great Britain *and* Ireland; *and to provide for the Application thereof to the general Service of the United Kingdom*; and every ſuch Certificate of the ſaid Commiſſioners for the Execution of this Act in *Ireland*, ſhall be preſented at the Office of the ſaid Vice Treaſurer for *Ireland*, together with ſuch Warrant of the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors; and every ſuch Certificate ſhall be depoſited

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depoſited and ſhall remain in the Office of the Auditor General of the Exchequer in *Ireland*; provided, that the whole Amount of Money to be iſſued by virtue of ſuch Certificates of the ſaid Commiſſioners ſhall not at any one Time exceed the Sum of Two hundred and fifty thouſand Pounds.

Commiſſioners may appoint other Days for conſidering further Applications from Time to Time, &c. and the Treaſury may direct further Bills to be iſſued, &c.

XVII. And be it further enacted, That the ſaid ſeveral Commiſſioners for the Execution of this Act, or any Three or more of them reſpectively, ſhall fix and appoint other proper and convenient Days for taking into Conſideration ſuch further Applications as ſhall from Time to Time be made to them, and ſhall aſcertain the Amount of ſuch Exchequer Bills or Money as ſhall be required to be from Time to Time iſſued for the Purpoſes of this Act, and ſhall by like Certificate or Certificates as aforeſaid certify the ſame to the ſaid Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Treaſury, or the ſaid Lord High Treaſurer for the Time being in *Great Britain*, or to the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors in *Ireland*, who ſhall reſpectively, on Receipt of any ſuch Certificate, direct further Exchequer Bills or Money to be iſſued to ſuch Amount from Time to Time, until the whole of the Bills to be made out, and of the Money to be advanced in purſuance of this Act, ſhall have been iſſued for the Purpoſes aforeſaid; and the ſaid ſeveral Commiſſioners for the Execution of this Act ſhall from Time to Time proceed reſpectively to determine to what Amount ſuch Exchequer Bills or Money ſhall be advanced under this Act, and ſhall grant Certificates thereof, in ſuch Form and under the like Rules and Regulations as are herein-before mentioned concerning the Exchequer Bills or Money to be firſt iſſued or advanced as aforeſaid; and the proper Officers ſhall from Time to Time deliver ſuch Exchequer Bills or iſſue ſuch Money in the Form and Manner before directed.

Liſts of Exchequer Bills made out to be delivered to the Commiſſioners.

XVIII. And be it further enacted, That ſuch Officers by whom ſuch Exchequer Bills ſhall be delivered ſhall from Time to Time, upon Requiſition of the ſaid Commiſſioners for the Execution of this Act in *Great Britain*, deliver to them at their Office complete Liſts of all the Exchequer Bills made out by them, ſpecifying therein the reſpective Dates and Sums expreſſed therein, and the Periods appointed for the Payment of the ſame, and diſtinguiſhing therein the Perſons to whom and the Numbers of the Certificates by virtue whereof the ſame were iſſued reſpectively.

Liſt of Warrants from Lord Lieutenant ſhall be tranſmitted to Commiſſioners.

XIX. And be it further enacted, That the Auditor General of the Exchequer in *Ireland* ſhall without Fee or Reward from Time to Time, upon Requiſition of the Commiſſioners for the Execution of this Act in *Ireland*, deliver to them complete Liſts of all Sums iſſued by Warrants of the Lord Lieutenant of *Ireland*, and counterſigned according to Law by the ſaid Vice Treaſurer, ſpecifying the reſpective Dates and Sums expreſſed therein, and diſtinguiſhing the Perſons to whom and the Numbers of the Certificates in conſequence whereof the ſaid Warrants were iſſued reſpectively.

Perſons to whom Bills ſhall be advanced to enter into Security, &c.

XX. And be it further enacted, That all and every Perſon and Perſons to whom ſuch Exchequer Bills or ſuch Sum or Sums of Money reſpectively ſhall be advanced or lent, for the Uſe of any Body or Bodies Politic or Corporate, or Company or Companies, in the United Kingdom, or Pariſh or Pariſhes in *Great Britain*, or for any ſuch other Purpoſe as aforeſaid,

ſaid, under the Proviſions of this Act, ſhall previouſly enter into ſuch Security in ſuch Sum or Sums of Money as the Caſe may require, and as the ſeveral Commiſſioners for the Execution of this Act, or any Three or more of them, ſhall reſpectively deem neceſſary; which Securities the ſaid Commiſſioners reſpectively, or any Three or more of them, ſhall by their Diſcretion have full Power and Authority to cauſe to be taken; and every Security to be taken in purſuance of this Act ſhall be by Writing obligatory to our Sovereign Lord the King, in ſuch Sum or Sums of Money as ſhall be directed by ſuch Commiſſioners reſpectively, or any Three or more of them, by virtue of this Act, to be paid to our ſaid Lord the King, by ſuch Form of Words as Obligations to the King's Majeſty have been uſed to be made, and with ſuch Conditions to be thereunder written as by ſuch Commiſſioners reſpectively ſhall be deemed proper; and that all ſuch Obligations to be ſo made ſhall be good and effectual in the Law, and ſhall be of the ſame Quality, Force, and Effect to all Intents and Purpoſes as any Obligation made to our Sovereign Lord the now King or his Predeceſſors, or any of them, hath at any Time heretofore been or now is adjudged, received, or taken to be; any Law, Uſage, or Cuſtom to the contrary notwithſtanding: Provided, that no Perſon who ſhall enter into any ſuch Security for any Money to be advanced for carrying on of any Public Work, or for the Encouragement of any Fiſhery, or Support of any Colliery or Mine, ſhall be liable in reſpect of any ſuch Security for any larger Amount than the Sum for which any ſuch Perſon ſhall reſpectively become perſonally bound by his individual Subſcription.

Depoſit of Stock may be received inſtead of perſonal Security.

XXI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Commiſſioners reſpectively, in every Caſe under this Act, to accept and take any Depoſit or Transfer of any Public Funds, Stock, or Securities, or to accept a Charge upon the Poor's Rate of any Pariſh in *Great Britain*, as herein-after mentioned, in lieu and inſtead of perſonal Security.

Commiſſioners to require Mortgages of Tolls of public Works as a collateral Security.

XXII. And be it further enacted, That in all Caſes of Aſſiſtance afforded by the Loan or Advance of any Bills or Money under the Proviſions of this Act, for the carrying on of any ſuch public Works, Collieries or Mines, the ſeveral Commiſſioners for the Execution of this Act ſhall, in Addition to the Security required to be taken from the Perſons applying for ſuch Aſſiſtance, require and take Mortgages, Aſſignments, or other competent Security, upon the Rates, Tolls, and Receipts accruing or which may at any Time thereafter accrue, ariſe, or be taken, collected, or received by or for the Uſe of the Body Corporate or Politic, or Company of Proprietors, or Perſons intereſted in the public Work in reſpect or in aid of which the Advance of Bills or Money under this Act ſhall have been made, for the ſecuring the Repayment of the full Amount of the Bills or Money advanced, together with all the Intereſt which may ariſe and become due upon ſuch Amount; and it ſhall be lawful for any ſuch Body Corporate or Politic, or for the Company of Proprietors to whom any ſuch public Work ſhall belong, or for the reſpective Truſtees, Commiſſioners, Committees of Management, or other Perſons, by whatever Name or Names called, under whoſe Care, Management, or Control any ſuch public Work ſhall be, to mortgage, aſſign, and ſecure ſuch Rates, Tolls, or Receipts to the Secretary of the ſaid Commiſſioners reſpectively,

Proprietors of ſuch Works empowered to mortgage with Priority over all Securities, except thoſe of bona

fide Creditors entitled to Repayment of their Principal as well as Intereſt.

in ſuch Manner as ſhall be required by the ſaid Commiſſioners reſpectively, and alſo to any Perſon or Perſons who ſhall have become Security for any Advances made under the Proviſions of this Act, as a collateral Security to the Perſon or Perſons who ſhall have entered into any ſuch Security for the due and full Payment of the full Amount of all Bills or Money ſo advanced, together with Intereſt thereon, according to the Proviſions of this Act; and all ſuch Mortgages, Heritable Bonds, Aſſignments, and other Securities, ſhall have Priority over and ſhall precede all other Securities, and all Dividends and Diviſion of Profit or Intereſt upon any Sums advanced or contributed, or which may thereafter be advanced or contributed for the carrying on or completing of any ſuch public Work, ſave and except ſuch Sums as ſhall have been advanced by way of Loan, before the Advance of ſuch Bills or Money, by any Perſons as *bonâ fide* Creditors, and entitled as ſuch to the Repayment of the principal Money advanced by them, as well as Intereſt thereon; any Thing contained in any Act or Acts of Parliament relating to any ſuch public Work, in aid or in reſpect of which any ſuch Bills or Money ſhall have been advanced under the Proviſions of this Act, to the contrary in anywiſe notwithſtanding.

If Four-Fifths of Creditors conſent, Mortgage of Tolls to Commiſſioners, or to Perſons giving perſonal Security, to have Priority over Claims of all Creditors of like Deſcription.

XXIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That in every Caſe in which Four-fifth Parts in Amount in Value of the Creditors who have Securities of a like Nature upon the Rates, Tolls, or Receipts ariſing out of any public Work in aid or in reſpect of which any Application ſhall be made for the Advance of Bills or Money under the Proviſions of this Act, ſhall agree and ſignify their Conſent in Writing that a Priority over their Claims as ſuch Creditors ſhall be given to the Commiſſioners for the Purpoſes of this Act, or to any Perſons who have applied for ſuch Aſſiſtance in reſpect of ſuch Advance, then and in ſuch Caſe the Mortgage, Aſſignment, or other Security given by the Body Politic or Corporate, or Company of Proprietors, or Perſons intereſted in any ſuch public Work, to the Secretary of ſuch Commiſſioners reſpectively, and to the Perſon or Perſons upon whoſe Perſonal Security ſuch Advance of Bills under this Act ſhall have been made, ſhall have Priority over the Claims of all the Creditors of a like Deſcription, as well ſuch Creditors as have not agreed or aſſented to ſuch Priority, as to thoſe who have ſo agreed as aforeſaid; any Thing contained in any Act or Acts of Parliament relating to any ſuch public Work as aforeſaid, or any Thing contained in any Mortgage, Aſſignment, or other Security upon ſuch Rates, Tolls, or Receipts given to any ſuch Creditors, to the contrary notwithſtanding.

Money may be advanced for public Works in Ireland on Mortgage of Rates under the Management of Commiſſioners appointed by the Lord Lieutenant, or under the Management of Corpora-

XXIV. Provided always, and be it enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful for the Commiſſioners for the Execution of this Act in *Ireland*, by and with the Conſent and Approbation of the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland*, to make any Advance of Money under this Act in aid of any public Work in *Ireland* carried on under the Management and Direction of Commiſſioners appointed by the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland* for the Time being, or under the Management and Direction of the Corporation of any City or Town, or of any other Body Politic or Corporate in *Ireland*, upon the Credit of any Rates, Rents, Tolls, or Profits which are or ſhall be levied, paid, and applied under the Authority or Control of any ſuch Commiſſioners or Perſons ſo appointed; and that in ſuch Caſe it ſhall and may be lawful for the ſaid Commiſſioners for the Execution of this Act in

Ireland, by and with the Conſent and Approbation of the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland* for the Time being, to direct ſuch Advance to be made upon Mortgage or Aſſignment of ſuch Rates, Rents, Tolls or Profits only, without requiring any Perſon or Perſons to enter into any Perſonal Security by Writing obligatory to His Majeſty, His Heirs and Succeſſors, in Manner herein-before mentioned; any Thing in this Act contained to the contrary notwithſtanding: Provided always, that on all Money ſo advanced there be paid an Intereſt after the Rate of Six Pounds *per Centum per Annum*, and that the Principal Money ſo advanced ſhall be repaid by Means of a Sinking Fund of not leſs than Six Pounds *per Centum*, within ſuch Time as the Commiſſioners for the Execution of this Act, with the Approbation of the Lord Lieutenant, or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland*, ſhall direct and appoint, and as ſhall be ſpecified in the Mortgage or Aſſignment to be made for ſuch Rates, Rents, Tolls, or Profits, purſuant to the Directions of this Act.

tions, &c. without perſonal Security.

XXV. Provided alſo, and be it enacted, That it ſhall be lawful for the Commiſſioners for the Execution of this Act in *Great Britain*, to make any Advance of Money under this Act in aid of any public Work, upon the Credit of any Rates, Rents, Tolls, or Profits ariſing from any public Work which ſhall be in part completed, and the Rates, Rents, Tolls, or Profits of which ſhall produce a clear actual Surplus, after Payment of all Expences of Management, of not leſs than double the Amount of the Sum neceſſary to pay the Intereſt of the Sum required to be advanced; and alſo upon the Credit of the Rates, Rents, Tolls, or Profits of any public Work which ſhall be in part completed, but which ſhall not have produced any Rates, Rents, Tolls, or Profits, or the Rates, Rents, Tolls, or Profits of which ſhall be leſs than ſuch double Amount as aforeſaid, or which ſhall not be commenced; provided that in each of ſuch laſt-mentioned Caſes the ſaid Commiſſioners ſhall be ſatisfied of the Practicability and Utility of the Work, and of the Rates, Rents, Tolls, and Profits being, when the Work ſhall be completed, an adequate Security; and provided that the Corporation, Company, or Perſon or Perſons carrying the ſame into Execution, ſhall expend or depoſit, in ſuch Manner as the ſaid Commiſſioners ſhall direct, before any Advance ſhall be made under the Proviſions of this Act, a Sum equal to not leſs than One-half Part of the eſtimated Coſts for the Completion of the whole Work: Provided always, that in the Eſtimate of the Sum to be ſo expended or depoſited, the ſaid Commiſſioners may, if they ſhall ſee fit, take into Conſideration Monies already expended upon ſuch Work, but ſo as that in no Caſe the further Expenditure or Depoſit required as aforeſaid ſhall be leſs than One-third of the eſtimated Coſts for the Completion of the whole Work; and in every ſuch Caſe ſuch Advance may be made upon Mortgage or Aſſignment of ſuch Rates, Rents, Tolls, or Profits only, without requiring any Perſon or Perſons to enter into any perſonal Security by Writing obligatory to His Majeſty, His Heirs and Succeſſors, in Manner herein-before mentioned; any Thing in this Act contained to the contrary notwithſtanding: Provided always, that on all Money ſo advanced there be paid an Intereſt after the Rate of Five Pounds *per Centum per Annum*; and that the Principal Money ſo advanced ſhall be repaid by means of a Sinking Fund of not leſs than Five Pounds *per Centum*, within ſuch Time as the Commiſſioners for the Execution of this Act ſhall direct and appoint,

Money may be advanced for public Works in Great Britain in certain Caſes, on Mortgage of Rates without perſonal Security.

point, and as ſhall be ſpecified in the Mortgage or Aſſignment to be made for ſuch Rates, Rents, Tolls, or Profits, purſuant to the Directions of this Act, unleſs Proviſion ſhall be otherwiſe made to the Satisfaction of the Commiſſioners for the Repayment of ſuch Principal within Ten Years at the furtheſt: Provided alſo, that in every Caſe the Parties making Application for any ſuch Advance ſhall undertake to complete any Work ſo approved by the ſaid Commiſſioners, and on which any ſuch Advance may have been made, at their own proper Coſts and Charges, in caſe the Expence of completing the ſame ſhall exceed the eſtimated Amount as aforeſaid.

Money may be advanced for building or repairing Churches.

XXVI. Provided alſo, and be it further enacted, That it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Commiſſioners reſpectively to advance any Money under this Act for the building, enlarging, or repairing of any Church or Parochial Chapel in the United Kingdom, upon having a Sum equal to One-half Part of the eſtimated Expence of ſuch Building, Enlargement, or Repair ſubſcribed for or depoſited or veſted in any public Fund, without requiring any ſuch Perſonal Security as aforeſaid; and in every ſuch Caſe it ſhall be lawful for the Churchwardens of the Pariſh to which ſuch Church ſhall belong, or the Truſtees of the ſaid Church or Chapel, and they are hereby authorized and required, to make Rates, and ſhall give the Pews in Security, for the Repayment of the Intereſt of the Monies advanced under the Proviſions of this Act, and for providing annually a Fund of not leſs than the Amount of the Intereſt upon the Sum advanced for the Repayment of the Principal thereof.

Truſtees of Roads to whom Advances are made under this Act may increaſe Tolls for Repayment.

XXVII. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall be lawful for the Truſtees of any Road for which any Advance ſhall be made under the Proviſions of this Act, or the major Part of the Truſtees, not being leſs than Two-thirds of the Number of Truſtees preſent at any Meeting called together by Notice given in the uſual Manner in which Notices are given for aſſembling ſuch Truſtees Six Days at the leaſt before the Day appointed for the Meeting, and in which Notice the Purpoſe for which the Meeting is aſſembled ſhall be ſtated, to make an Order for laying on of ſuch additional Tolls, not exceeding in any Caſe One Half of the Amount of the Tolls which may be legally taken by virtue of any Act or Acts of Parliament then in force in relation to ſuch Road, as may be neceſſary, in the Judgment of the ſaid Truſtees, for raiſing a ſufficient Fund for the Repayment of any ſuch Advance, and with all Intereſt thereon, within the Period ſtipulated under the Proviſions of this Act for ſuch Repayment; and from and after the Period ſpecified in any ſuch Order, all ſuch additional Tolls may be demanded, taken, collected, and recovered by the ſame Perſon, and by and under all ſuch and the like Powers, Authorities, Penalties, Forfeitures, Proviſions, and Remedies, as Tolls are taken in relation to ſuch Road under the Authority of any Act or Acts of Parliament, in like Manner in any reſpect as if ſuch additional Tolls were inſerted in and made Part of the Tolls allowed to be taken and collected under the ſaid Act or Acts; any Thing contained in any Act or Acts of Parliament relating to any ſuch Road to the contrary thereof notwithſtanding: Provided always, that in every ſuch Caſe a ſeparate and diſtinct Account ſhall be kept of the Produce of ſuch increaſed and additional Tolls, and the Amount collected and ariſing from ſuch increaſed and additional Tolls ſhall in every ſuch Caſe be applied ſolely in the Repayment of ſuch Advance, with

with Intereſt thereon, under the Proviſions of this Act; and when and ſo ſoon as ſuch Repayment ſhall be completed, all ſuch additional Tolls ſhall ceaſe and determine.

Commiſſioners for Drainage for which Advances ſhall be made, may increaſe Rates for Repayment.

XXVIII. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall be lawful for the Commiſſioners or Truſtees of any Drainage for which any Advance ſhall be made under the Proviſions of this Act, or the major Part of ſuch Commiſſioners or Truſtees, not being leſs than Two-thirds of the Number preſent at any Meeting called together by Notice given in the uſual Manner in which Notices are given for aſſembling ſuch Commiſſioners or Truſtees, Six Days at the leaſt before the Day appointed for the Meeting, and in which Notice the Purpoſe for which the Meeting is aſſembled ſhall be ſtated, to make an Order for laying on of ſuch additional Rates or Aſſeſſments, not exceeding in any Caſe One-half of the Amount of the Rates or Aſſeſſments which may be legally taken by virtue of any Act or Acts of Parliament then in force in relation to ſuch Drainage, as may be neceſſary in the Judgement of the ſaid Commiſſioners or Truſtees for raiſing a ſufficient Fund for the Repayment of any ſuch Advance, and with all Intereſt thereon, within the Period ſtipulated under the Proviſions of this Act for ſuch Repayment; and from and after the Period ſpecified in any ſuch Order, all ſuch additional Rates or Aſſeſſments may be rated and aſſeſſed, and demanded, taken, collected, levied and recovered, by the ſame Perſons, and by and under all ſuch and the like Powers, Authorities, Penalties, Forfeitures, Proviſions, and Remedies, as Rates and Aſſeſſments are rated, aſſeſſed, demanded, taken, collected, levied and recovered in relation to ſuch Drainage under the Authority of any Act or Acts of Parliament in like Manner in any reſpect as if ſuch additional Rates and Aſſeſſments were inſerted in and allowed to be aſſeſſed, taken, and collected under the ſaid Act or Acts; any Thing contained in any Act or Acts of Parliament relating to any ſuch Drainage to the contrary thereof notwithſtanding: Provided always, that in every ſuch Caſe a ſeparate and diſtinct Account ſhall be kept of the Produce of ſuch increaſed and additional Rates and Aſſeſſments, and the Amount collected and ariſing from ſuch increaſed and additional Rates and Aſſeſſments ſhall in every ſuch Caſe be applied ſolely in the Repayment of ſuch Advance with Intereſt thereon, under the Proviſions of this Act, and when and ſo ſoon as ſuch Repayment ſhall be completed, all ſuch additional Rates and Aſſeſſments ſhall ceaſe and determine.

Advance not to be made to Pariſhes, unleſs Application made with Conſent of Majority in Number and Three-fourths in Value of Perſons paying Poor Rates; or where there is a Select Veſtry, &c. then with Conſent of Four-fifths of that Body.

XXIX. Provided alſo, and be it further enacted, That no ſuch Exchequer Bills ſhall be advanced in aid of any Pariſh in *Great Britain*, unleſs the Application for ſuch Advance ſhall be made with the Conſent of not leſs than the Majority in Number, and of Three-fourth Parts in Value, ſuch Value to be calculated and aſcertained from the laſt Rate made for the Relief of the Poor in ſuch Pariſh, of the Perſons aſſeſſed to and paying ſuch Rates; or where the Poor Rates of any Pariſh ſhall be under the Care and Management of any Select Veſtry or Commiſſioners, Governors of the Poor, Truſtees, or other ſelect Body, then with the Conſent of not leſs than Four-fifths of ſuch ſelect Body, by whatever Name the ſame may be called; ſuch Conſent to be certified by ſome Juſtice of the Peace or Magiſtrate acting as ſuch in each Pariſh, and one or more of the Overſeers of the Poor of the Pariſh or Place in reſpect of which the Application ſhall be made.

Such Applications from Parishes to have the Sanction of Two Justices.

XXX. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That no such Application shall be made for any Advance to any Parish, unless with the Sanction of Two or more Justices of the Peace, or Magistrate acting as such within or for the Parish, or within or for the Division or City, Town or Place within which the Parish shall be situate; and the Application of all Sums so advanced shall be subject to the Inspection, Control, and Direction, and the Accounts of such Expenditure shall be subject to the Audit and Allowance, of Two or more Justices of the Peace or Magistrates as aforesaid.

Advance to any Parish not to exceed the Amount of last Half Year's Poor Rate; Overseers to pay Instalment out of Poor Rates, and make Rates if necessary for the Purpose.

XXXI. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That no larger Advance shall be made to any Parish in *Great Britain*, of such Bills, than shall be equal in Amount to One Half of the Sum assessed in the Parish for the Poor Rates of the Parish for the last Year ending *Easter* One thousand eight hundred and seventeen, and ending at the usual Quarter Day immediately preceding *Easter* One thousand eight hundred and seventeen, according to the Period up to which the Poor Rates shall be made in the Parish; and the Amount advanced, with Interest thereon, shall be deemed and taken to be and be a Charge upon the Poor Rates of the Parish, until such Amount of Bills, together with all Interest thereon, shall have been duly discharged and satisfied; and the Overseers of the Poor of the Parish shall in every such Case, upon Notice in Writing given to them for that Purpose by any Person or Persons upon whose personal Security any such Bills shall have been advanced, Three Months before any Instalment shall become payable, pay every such Instalment from Time to Time as the same shall become due, out of any Money in their Hands arising from the Rates levied and collected in the Parish for the Relief of the Poor, or if no such Money shall remain in their Hands of such Rates, such Overseers shall and they are hereby authorized and required to make and collect new and additional Rates for the Purpose of making from Time to Time such Payments, or of repaying to any Person or Persons who shall have made any such Payments, as the Case may be, until the whole of the Amount of the Bills advanced, with all Interest due thereon, shall be fully paid off and satisfied.

Where Four-fifths of Proprietors of Lands, &c. in any Parish apply for an Advance, the Rate for Repayment may be made on Proprietors.

XXXII. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That in any Case in which Four-fifths in Value of the Proprietors of any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments in any Parish of *Great Britain*, shall apply for any Advance to any Parish under the Provisions of this Act, it shall be lawful to make, assess, levy, and collect Rates for the Repayment thereof, upon the Proprietors as well as upon the Occupiers of such Parish or Place.

No Advance to be made to any Parish unless the Poor Rates shall be of a certain Excess.

XXXIII. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That no Advance shall be made under the Provisions of this Act for the Use of any Parish, Township, or Place in which the Amount of the Money actually expended for the Relief of the Poor in the Year ending at *Easter* One thousand eight hundred and seventeen, or ending at the usual Quarter Day immediately preceding *Easter* One thousand eight hundred and seventeen, shall exceed by Three-fourths the Average Annual Amount of the Money expended for the Relief of the Poor for the Three Years preceding *Easter* One thousand eight hundred and sixteen, or shall have not exceeded by

One Half the Amount ſo expended for the Year ending *Eaſter* One thouſand eight hundred and ſixteen.

Advance to Pariſhes to be repaid within Two Years from Eaſter 1818.

XXXIV. And be it further enacted, That the whole Amount of all the Bills advanced to Pariſhes in *Great Britain*, with Intereſt thereon, ſhall be paid off and diſcharged within Two Years from *Eaſter* One thouſand eight hundred and eighteen, by ſuch Inſtalments, and in ſuch Proportions, and at ſuch Periods as ſhall be fixed and ſettled by the Commiſſioners in that Behalf.

Principal Sums of Exquer Bills with Intereſt to be repaid by Inſtalments.

XXXV. And be it further enacted, That the principal Sums contained in the Exchequer Bills which ſhall be advanced or lent by the ſaid Commiſſioners for the Execution of this Act in *Great Britain* under the Authority of this Act, ſhall be repaid, without Deduction or Abatement, together with Intereſt for the ſame, by Inſtalments, (that is to ſay) the principal Sum in each and every Exchequer Bill ſhall be repaid to the Caſhier or Caſhiers of the Bank of *England* at their Office, together with Intereſt for the ſame at and after the Rate of Five Pounds *per Centum per Annum*, by the Space of Fifteen Days at leaſt before the Time when each ſuch Exchequer Bill ſhall become payable according to the Proviſions of this Act, ſuch Intereſt to be computed on the ſaid principal Sum from the Date of ſuch Exchequer Bill to the Time of the Payment thereof.

Sums advanced in Ireland ſhall be repaid by ſuch Inſtalments as ſhall be directed by Commiſſioners, with Conſent of Lord Lieutenant.

XXXVI. And be it further enacted, That the principal Sums which ſhall be advanced or lent in *Ireland* out of the Conſolidated Fund, under and in purſuance of the Certificates of the Commiſſioners for the Execution of this Act in *Ireland*, the Payment whereof ſhall not be otherwiſe provided for purſuant to this Act, ſhall be paid without Deduction or Abatement, together with Intereſt for the ſame after the Rate of Five Pounds for every One hundred Pounds by the Year, into the Receipt of the Exchequer in *Ireland*, by ſuch Inſtalments and in ſuch Proportions and at ſuch Periods and Times as the ſaid Commiſſioners ſhall, by and with the Conſent of the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland* for the Time being, direct and appoint, and as ſhall be ſpecified accordingly in the Securities to be taken by the ſaid Commiſſioners for the Repayment of ſuch Money in Manner herein-before directed by this Act.

Commiſſioners may extend Periods of Repayment.

XXXVII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That it ſhall be lawful for the Commiſſioners for the Execution of this Act reſpectively to extend any Periods of Repayment of any Money advanced under the Proviſions of this Act, in any Caſe in which an adequate Fund, not leſs in annual Amount than the Amount of Intereſt payable upon the Money originally advanced, ſhall be eſtabliſhed and ſecured to the ſaid Commiſſioners for ſuch Repayment.

Bills iſſued and not uſed to be returned to the Exchequer and cancelled.

XXXVIII. And whereas the Parties to whom Exchequer Bills may be iſſued in *Great Britain* by virtue of this Act may not have Occaſion to make Uſe of all their Bills; be it further enacted, That ſuch Exchequer Bills as may be tendered in Payment, or Part of Payment, of any of the Sums advanced by virtue of this Act, ſhall be returned to the Office at the Exchequer in *Great Britain* from which they were iſſued, and forthwith cancelled by the proper Officer or Officers by whom the ſaid Bills were iſſued, he or they giving a Certificate to the Perſon returning ſuch Exchequer Bills

Bills for the Information of the Commiſſioners for the Execution of this Act in *Great Britain.*

Commiſſioners may authorize the Bank to employ Monies paid in Purchaſe of Exchequer Bills.

XXXIX. Provided alſo, and be it further enacted, That it ſhall be lawful for the Commiſſioners for the Execution of this Act in *Great Britain*, by Writing under the Hands and Seals of any Three or more of them, to authorize the Caſhier or Caſhiers of the Bank of *England* to employ any Monies which ſhall be paid as aforeſaid, in the Purchaſe of any Exchequer Bills which ſhall be payable at the Period then next enſuing, and ſhall write thereon, in Words at Length, the Day of the Month and Year in which he or they ſo purchaſed ſuch Bills, to which reſpective Days the ſaid Caſhier or Caſhiers ſhall be allowed the Intereſt, upon his or their paying the ſame into the Receipt of Exchequer in *Great Britain* as aforeſaid; provided that no Intereſt ſhall run or be paid upon or for any ſuch Bills during the Time they ſhall remain in the Hands of ſuch Caſhier or Caſhiers, but for ſuch Time the Intereſt on every ſuch Bill ſhall ceaſe.

After due Payment of Sums advanced with Intereſt, Obligations to be cancelled.

XL. And be it further enacted, That after the due Payment of the Sums advanced, with Intereſt as aforeſaid, at the Times and in the Manner herein ſpecified, every Obligation entered into in purſuance of this Act, being fully ſatisfied according to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, ſhall be forthwith delivered up to be cancelled; and in caſe any ſuch Obligation ſhall have been proſecuted according to the Directions of this Act, the Commiſſioners for the Execution of this Act, or any Two or more of them reſpectively, ſhall by their Warrant or Warrants direct the proper Officer or Officers of the Courts of Exchequer in *England*, *Ireland*, or *Scotland* reſpectively, to enter up Satisfaction in ſuch Obligation or Obligations ſo being ſatisfied as aforeſaid upon the Record, or otherwiſe to deliver up the ſame to be cancelled, as the Caſe may require.

Upon Default of Payment Proceſs may iſſue.

XLI. And be it further enacted, That in caſe any Default ſhall be made by any Perſon or Perſons in the Payment of any Sum or Sums advanced under the Proviſions of this Act, it ſhall be lawful for the Commiſſioners for the Execution of this Act, or any Three or more of them, to iſſue their Warrant or Warrants from Time to Time to the proper Officer or Officers of the Crown having the Direction or Management of Proceedings upon Obligations to His Majeſty in *Great Britain* and *Ireland* reſpectively, requiring ſuch Officer or Officers preſently to proceed againſt all or any of the Perſons who ſhall have entered into any Security for the Sum advanced, his, her, and their Heirs, Executors, and Adminiſtrators, for the Recovery of ſuch Parts of the Sums advanced on ſuch Securities as ſhall be then due, together with Intereſt as aforeſaid, and ſuch Coſts and Charges attending ſuch Proceeding as ſhall be by Law payable for the ſame; the Amount of which principal Sums ſo to be levied the ſaid Commiſſioners reſpectively ſhall cauſe from Time to Time to be teſtified by their Note in Writing, under the Hands of any Two or more of them reſpectively, to ſuch Officer or Officers, and which Sum ſhall be inſerted in the Writ of Proceſs; and the like Proceſs ſhall and may from Time to Time iſſue as aforeſaid, as Occaſion ſhall require; and the Sums ſo recovered (the Coſts and Charges aforeſaid excepted) ſhall be paid to the Caſhier or Caſhiers of the Bank of *England*, or into the Receipt of the Exchequer in *Ireland*, as the Caſe ſhall require, without Abatement, Deduction, or Delay, in Satisfactiou of ſuch Demands;

and

and it ſhall be in the Diſcretion of the ſaid Commiſſioners reſpectively to direct againſt which of the Obligors in ſuch Security ſuch Proceedings ſhall be from Time to Time commenced or proſecuted; and the ſaid Commiſſioners reſpectively ſhall have the Control and Superintendence of ſuch Proſecutions; and the ſame ſhall not be diſcontinued, quaſhed, or abated upon any Pretence whatever, without the Authority of the ſaid Commiſſioners, teſtified under the Hands and Seals of any Two or more of them reſpectively, and exhibited to the Barons of His Majeſty's Court of Exchequer at *Weſtminſter* or *Dublin*, or to the Court of Exchequer in *Scotland*, as the Caſe may require.

In Proceedings againſt Obligors no Writ of Scire Facias requiſite.

XLII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That where any Proceedings ſhall be directed by the ſaid Commiſſioners under this Act as aforeſaid againſt any of the Obligors, or any Obligor named in any ſuch Obligation, no Writ or Writs of *Scire Facias* ſhall be required to be iſſued, but that upon the Production of the Warrant or Warrants of the ſaid Commiſſioners reſpectively as before mentioned, before any of the Barons of the ſaid reſpective Courts of Exchequer, an Extent may iſſue in the firſt Proceſs upon the Fiat of ſuch Baron, without any Affidavit or other Verification or Proof of the Cauſe of ſuch Proceeding than ſuch Warrant or Warrants as aforeſaid.

Securities of Perſons becoming Bankrupts in England or Ireland to be forfeited, and the Claims of Commiſſioners to be firſt paid, &c.;

XLIII. And be it further enacted, That every Obligation, or other Security entered into or given from and after the paſſing of this Act, by any Perſon or Perſons who ſhall afterwards become Bankrupt within the true Intent and Meaning of the ſeveral Statutes made and now in force concerning Bankrupts, and againſt whom a Commiſſion of Bankrupt ſhall be awarded and iſſued out in *England* or *Ireland*, ſhall by reaſon and force of ſuch Bankruptcy, and from the Time of ſuch Bankruptcy, become and be forfeited, and due and payable as againſt ſuch Bankrupt or Bankrupts; and that all the Eſtate and Effects of ſuch Bankrupt or Bankrupts, which would be liable to ſatisfy the Demands of the Creditors ſeeking Relief under ſuch Commiſſion of Bankrupt, ſhall be liable and ſubject to and are hereby made chargeable with the Payment of the Principal and Intereſt due upon ſuch Obligation or other Security, and all Coſts attending the Recovery of the ſame; and that the reſpective Claims of the Commiſſioners for the Execution of this Act ſhall be firſt paid and ſatisfied out of the Eſtate and Effects of ſuch Bankrupt or Bankrupts, and in preference to the Claim of any other Creditor or Creditors; and it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Commiſſioners, in the Name of their Secretary for the Time being, to apply by Petition in a ſummary Way to the proper Courts in *England* and *Ireland*, having Juriſdiction of the Matters of ſuch Commiſſion of Bankruptcy, to make due Order accordingly, which ſuch Courts reſpectively are hereby authorized and required to make.

and alſo in Scotland, &c.

XLIV. And be it further enacted, That every Obligation, or other Security entered into or given from and after the paſſing of this Act, by any Perſon or Perſons who ſhall afterwards become Bankrupt, and againſt whoſe Eſtate Sequeſtration ſhall be awarded in *Scotland*, ſhall by reaſon and force of ſuch Bankruptcy, and from the Time of the Date of the Firſt Deliverance on the Petition to the Court of Seſſion for awarding the Sequeſtration, become and be due and payable as againſt ſuch Bankrupt or Bankrupts; and that all the Eſtate and Effects, Real and Perſonal, of

such Bankrupt or Bankrupts, which would be liable to satisfy the Demands of the Creditors seeking Relief under such Sequestration, shall be liable and subject and are hereby made chargeable with the Payment of the Principal and Interest due upon such Obligation or other Security, and all Costs attending the Recovery of the same; and that the Claims of the said Commissioners shall be paid and satisfied out of the Estate and Effects of such Bankrupt or Bankrupts, and in Reference to the Claim of any other Creditor or Creditors, nevertheless without Prejudice to References duly obtained according to the Law of *Scotland* upon the Real Estates of Persons who shall become Bankrupts; and it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners, in the Name of the Secretary for the Time being, to apply by Petition in a summary Way to the proper Courts in *Scotland*, having Jurisdiction of the Matters of such Bankruptcy, for making effectual the Payment of the Claims of the said Commissioners accordingly, and the said Courts are hereby authorized and required to make the same effectual accordingly.

Commissioners may accept Security for Sums due from Bankrupts.

XLV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the several Commissioners for the Execution of this Act to accept from the Assignees under any Commission of Bankrupt issued, or from the Factor or Factors, Trustee or Trustees, under any Sequestration awarded against any Debtor or Debtors in any such Loan under this Act, such Security for the Payment of the Sum due from such Bankrupt or Bankrupts out of his or their Estate or Effects, as the said Commissioners shall respectively approve; and that the Acceptance of such Security by the said Commissioners shall operate as a Release of the Estate of such Bankrupt or Bankrupts, for the Benefit of the Creditors under the said Commission of Bankruptcy in *England* or *Ireland*, or Sequestration in *Scotland*, from all Claims whatever by the said Commissioners, other than and except such Part of the said Estate as shall be specified in Writing between the said Commissioners for the Execution of this Act, and the said Assignees under the said Commission of Bankruptcy in *England* or *Ireland*, or between the said Commissioners for the Execution of this Act, and the Factor or Factors, Trustee or Trustees under the said Sequestration in *Scotland*, to be reserved by the said Commissioners for the Execution of this Act, for such Security as aforesaid, in case the said Commissioners shall require such Security.

Commissioners may apply for Commissions of Bankruptcy or Sequestration.

XLVI. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Commissioners for the Execution of this Act, in the Name of their Secretary for the Time being, to apply by Petition or otherwise to the proper Courts in *England* or *Ireland* and *Scotland* respectively, for any Commission of Bankruptcy or Sequestration against the Estate or Effects of any Bankrupt or Bankrupts, and to sue and otherwise pursue the same respectively, in like Manner as any other Creditor or Creditors is or are by Law entitled to do in *England*, *Ireland*, and *Scotland* respectively.

Commissioners of Bankruptcy to admit Proof of Debt upon the Oath of Persons ap-

XLVII. And be it further enacted, That the Commissioners named in any Commission of Bankruptcy, which shall at any Time hereafter be awarded and issued out in *England* or *Ireland*, and the Court of Session, or Lord Ordinary officiating on the Bills for the Time, and every Officer or other Person concerned in the Management of the sequestered Estate of any Bankrupt in *Scotland*, shall admit the Proof of any Debt, or Grounds of

Debt,

Debt, under this Act, on the Oath, Affirmation, or Affidavit of any Perſon appointed by the ſeveral Commiſſioners for the Execution of this Act; which Oath, Affirmation, and Affidavit reſpectively ſhall be taken and adminiſtered before any One of the proper Officers having Authority by Law to adminiſter Oaths or Affirmations, or to take Affidavits in Caſes of Bankruptcy, and ſhall permit ſuch Perſon ſo authorized by the ſeveral Commiſſioners for the Execution of this Act, to vote in the Choice of an Aſſignee or Aſſignees, Factor or Factors, Truſtee or Truſtees, as the Caſe may require, of the Eſtate and Effects of ſuch Bankrupts, and to do and execute every other Act, Matter, or Thing relating to ſuch Bankruptcy, as fully and effectually as if ſuch Perſon ſo authorized were the *bonâ fide* Creditor of ſuch Bankrupt or Bankrupts. pointed by the Commiſſioners under this Act;

XLVIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing herein contained ſhall extend or be conſtrued to extend to prevent, hinder, or delay the Execution of any Commiſſion of Bankruptcy by the Commiſſioners therein named, according to the Laws now in force in *England* and *Ireland* reſpectively, or on the proceeding to or under Sequeſtration in *Scotland*, provided that every Aſſignment of the Eſtate or Effects of ſuch Bankrupt or Bankrupts, under the ſaid Commiſſion in *England* and *Ireland*, and every Act of Sequeſtration of the Eſtate or Effects of ſuch Bankrupt or Bankrupts in *Scotland*, ſhall be ſubject to the Claims of the ſeveral Commiſſioners for the Execution of this Act, and until the ſame ſhall be fully paid. and not to delay the Execution of Commiſſions of Bankruptcy.

XLIX. And be it further enacted, That every Proviſion in this Act, made with Application to any Commiſſion or Commiſſions of Bankruptcy, ſhall be deemed and conſtrued to extend to any Sequeſtration awarded or to be awarded againſt the Eſtate or Effects of any Bankrupt or Bankrupts in *Scotland*, as fully and effectually as if ſuch Proviſion had been expreſsly applied thereto by this Act. Proviſions applying to Commiſſions of Bankruptcy to extend to Sequeſtrations in Scotland.

L. And be it further enacted, That all Acts, Matters, and Things which the Commiſſioners for the Execution of this Act are hereby required or authorized to do or execute, ſhall and may be done and executed by any Seven or more of ſuch Commiſſioners in *Great Britain*, and by the Majority of ſuch Commiſſioners in *Ireland*, unleſs in Caſes where it is otherwiſe ſpecially provided by this Act. Seven Commiſſioners may act.

LI. And be it further enacted, That the Governors and Directors of the Bank of *England* ſhall and they are hereby required to open an Account in their Books with the Commiſſioners for the Execution of this Act in *Great Britain*, under the Title of "Commiſſioners for the Iſſue "of certain Exchequer Bills," and ſhall carry to the Credit of ſuch Account the ſeveral Monies by this Act directed to be paid to the Caſhiers of the ſaid Bank; and whenſoever the ſaid Commiſſioners ſhall have advanced or lent any of the Exchequer Bills to be made out in purſuance of this Act to any Perſon or Perſons, the ſaid Commiſſioners ſhall, at ſome Time before the Sums contained therein ſhall be to be repaid, deliver to ſuch Perſon or Perſons, at his or their Requeſt, one or more Certificate or Certificates under their Hands, ſpecifying the Value of every ſuch Exchequer Bill, the reſpective Dates thereof, and the Times when they will reſpectively become payable by virtue of this Act; and the ſaid Caſhiers of the Bank, Bank to open an Account with the Commiſſioners.

Bank, or one of them, ſhall, upon the Production of ſuch laſt-mentioned Certificate or Certificates, by the Space of Fifteen Days or more after ſuch Exchequer Bills ſhall become payable, accept and receive from the Perſon or Perſons producing the ſame the Amount of the principal Sums contained therein, together with ſuch Intereſt, to be computed from the Date thereof to the Time of Payment as aforeſaid, and at the Foot of ſuch laſt-mentioned Certificate or Certificates acknowledge the Receipt of the ſaid Monies; and that whenſoever the ſaid Commiſſioners ſhall by their Warrant or Order have directed ſuch Monies to be raiſed or levied by Sale of any Wares or Merchandize depoſited by virtue of this Act, or by any Proceedings on any Securities taken by virtue thereof in Default of ſuch Payment as aforeſaid, the ſaid Commiſſioners ſhall deliver to the Officer or Officers executing the ſame reſpectively a like Certificate as aforeſaid, and further ſpecifying therein the Amount of the Monies to be raiſed or levied, and the Subſtance of ſuch Warrant or Order to raiſe or levy the ſame; and the ſaid Caſhiers of the Bank, or any One of them, ſhall, upon the Production of ſuch laſt-mentioned Certificate, accept and receive from ſuch Officer or Officers the Monies ſo raiſed and levied in Satisfaction of the Payments whereof Default ſhall be made as aforeſaid, and at the Foot of ſuch Certificate acknowledge the Receipt of the ſaid Monies, without Fee or Reward; and every ſuch Receipt ſhall be afterwards brought to the Office of the ſaid Commiſſioners hereby appointed, and by them entered in proper Books to be provided and kept for that Purpoſe; and the ſaid Commiſſioners or any Three or more of them ſhall atteſt the ſame under their Hands, and return the ſame to the Perſon or Perſons producing the ſame at the ſaid Office; and every ſuch Receipt ſo atteſted, and every ſuch Entry in any of the ſaid Books, ſhall reſpectively from thenceforth be an Acquittance and Diſcharge for the Sums expreſſed therein to have been received as againſt the ſaid Commiſſioners and every of them, their and every of their Executors and Adminiſtrators, as well to the Perſon or Perſons to whom ſuch Receipts ſhall be given, as to all and every the Perſons who ſhall have entered into any Security in reſpect of the Exchequer Bills mentioned in ſuch Certificate to which ſuch Receipt ſhall be ſubſcribed, their and every of their Heirs, Executors, and Adminiſtrators reſpectively.

Money paid into the Bank to be from Time to Time paid into the Exchequer, and kept apart from other Monies, and to be ſubject to the Uſes herein ſpecified.

LII. And be it further enacted, That all and every Sum and Sums of Money which ſhall be paid into the Bank of *England* under or by virtue of this Act, ſhall from Time to Time be paid into the Receipt of His Majeſty's Exchequer at *Weſtminſter* diſtinctly and apart from all other Monies; and that there ſhall be provided and kept in the Office of the Auditor of the Receipt of the ſaid Exchequer a Book or Books, in which all the Monies paid into the ſaid Receipt by virtue of this Act ſhall be entered ſeparate and apart from all other Monies paid into the ſaid Receipt upon any other Account whatever; and that all the Monies ſo paid into the ſaid Receipt by virtue of this Act ſhall be ſubject and liable to the Uſes and Purpoſes herein-after mentioned; (that is to ſay), in the firſt Place for paying off and diſcharging all the Exchequer Bills to be made out by virtue of this Act, with ſuch Intereſt as ſhall be payable thereon, at the reſpective Days and Times, and in the Order and Courſe in which the ſame are hereby directed to be diſcharged; and all ſuch Exchequer Bills, and Intereſt thereon as aforeſaid, ſhall be and are hereby charged and chargeable upon, and ſhall be repaid and borne by and out of the firſt

Monies that ſhall ariſe in the Receipt of His Majeſty's Exchequer accordingly; and after paying off and diſcharging the ſame, in the next place to pay off all the Charges and Expences which ſhall be incurred by the Commiſſioners for the Execution of this Act in *Great Britain*, and to make good all ſuch Sums as have been iſſued to the ſaid Commiſſioners out of the public Monies towards the ſaid Charges and Expences, in purſuance of the Orders of the ſaid Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Treaſury, or any Three of them, or the ſaid Lord High Treaſurer for the Time being, according to the Directions of this Act; and alſo to pay and ſatisfy all Charges and Expences incident to or attending the making out ſuch Exchequer Bills; and if any Surplus ſhall remain of the Monies paid into the ſaid Receipt by virtue of this Act, after ſatisfying the ſeveral Sums hereby charged thereon as aforeſaid, ſuch Surplus ſhall be reſerved for the Diſpoſition of Parliament.

Treaſury to cauſe Accounts to be taken of Exchequer Bills when payable, and of the Money in the Exchequer to diſcharge them.

LIII. And be it further enacted, That on the ſeveral Days and Times on which ſuch Exchequer Bills are directed to be diſcharged, or within Ten Days after ſuch Days reſpectively, the ſaid Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Treaſury, or Three or more of them, or the ſaid Lord High Treaſurer for the Time being, ſhall cauſe a true and perfect Account in Writing to be taken and atteſted by the proper Officers, of all the Exchequer Bills, to be made out in purſuance of this Act, which ſhall become payable on the reſpective Days and Times before ſpecified, and of the Monies which ſhall then be in the Receipt of the ſaid Exchequer applicable to the paying off and diſcharging the ſame; and if the Money which ſhall have ariſen in the ſaid Exchequer, for or on account of the Payments to be made by the Bank of *England* by virtue of this Act on the reſpective Periods before mentioned, ſhall not be ſufficient to diſcharge the whole Principal and Intereſt due as aforeſaid on the ſeveral Exchequer Bills to be iſſued in purſuance of this Act, then ſuch Deficiency ſhall and may be ſupplied and made good by and out of the Aids or Supplies which ſhall be granted for the Service of the Year One thouſand eight hundred and twenty; and in caſe the Monies ariſing from ſuch Aids or Supplies ſhall not at the Time be ſufficient for that Purpoſe, then all the ſaid Exchequer Bills remaining undiſcharged, with the Intereſt and Charges incident to or attending the ſame, ſhall be and are hereby charged and chargeable upon ſuch Monies as, at any Time or Times after any ſuch Deficiencies ſhall happen, ſhall be or remain in the Receipt of the ſaid Exchequer of the Fund called the Conſolidated Fund of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, except ſuch Monies of the ſaid Conſolidated Fund as are appropriated to any particular Uſe or Uſes by any Act or Acts of Parliament in that Behalf; and ſuch Monies of the ſaid Conſolidated Fund ſhall and may be iſſued and applied from Time to Time, as ſoon as the ſame can be regularly ſtated and aſcertained, for and towards paying off, cancelling, and diſcharging ſuch remaining Exchequer Bills, Intereſt, and Charges, until the whole of them ſhall be paid off, cancelled, and diſcharged, or Money ſufficient for that Purpoſe be kept and reſerved in the Exchequer, to be payable on Demand to the reſpective Proprietors thereof.

Monies iſſued out of the Conſolidated Fund, to be replaced out

LIV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That whatever Monies ſhall be ſo iſſued out of the Conſolidated Fund ſhall from Time to Time be replaced by and out of the Firſt Supplies to be thereafter granted in Parliament, any Thing therein contained to the contrary notwithſtanding:

of the firſt Supplies.

Provided alſo, that whatever Monies ſhall be afterwards paid by the Bank of *England* into the ſaid Receipt in purſuance of this Act, ſhall be applied towards replacing the Monies before iſſued of the ſaid Aids or Supplies, or out of the ſaid Conſolidated Fund, as the Caſe may be; any Thing herein contained to the contrary notwithſtanding.

Bank may advance Money on the Credit of this Act.

LV. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall be lawful for the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England* to advance or lend to His Majeſty, at the Receipt of the Exchequer of *Great Britain*, upon the Credit of the Exchequer Bills iſſued under this Act, any Sum or Sums of Money not exceeding in the whole the Sum of One million five hundred thouſand Pounds; any Thing in an Act made in the Fifth and Sixth Years of the Reign of King *William* and Queen *Mary*, intituled *An Act for granting to their Majeſties ſeveral Rates and Duties upon Tonnage of Ships and Veſſels, and upon Beer, Ale, and other Liquors, for ſecuring certain Recompences and Advantages in the ſaid Act mentioned, to ſuch Perſons as ſhall voluntarily advance the Sum of One million five hundred thouſand Pounds towards carrying on the War againſt* France, to the contrary thereof in anywiſe notwithſtanding.

Commiſſioners to lay an Account of their Proceedings before Parliament.

LVI. And be it further enacted, That the ſeveral Commiſſioners for the Execution of this Act, from Time to Time, at their Diſcretion, and as ſoon as poſſible after the Determination of all Proceedings under this Act, and the Commiſſioners for the Execution of this Act in *Ireland*, whenever they ſhall be thereto required by the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland*, ſhall reſpectively lay an Account or Accounts of their Proceedings in Writing before both Houſes of Parliament.

Major Part of the Commiſſioners in Great Britain may fill up Vacancies by Death, &c.

LVII. And be it further enacted, That if any of the Commiſſioners for the Execution of this Act in *Great Britain* ſhall decline to act in the Execution of the Powers and Truſts thereof, or having begun to act ſhall decline to act further therein, or ſhall depart this Life during the Continuance of this Act, it ſhall be lawful for the remaining Commiſſioners, or the major Part of them acting as aforeſaid, by any Writing under their Hands and Seals, to conſtitute and appoint ſuch Perſon or Perſons to be a Commiſſioner or Commiſſioners for the Purpoſe aforeſaid in the Place of the Commiſſioner or Commiſſioners ſo refuſing to act or declining further to act, ſo dying as aforeſaid, as the ſaid acting Commiſſioners or the major Part of them ſhall think fit; and ſo often as ſuch Caſe ſhall happen, and the Perſon or Perſons ſo conſtituted and appointed by the ſaid Commiſſioners, having firſt qualified to act by taking and ſubſcribing the Oath herein-before provided and directed, ſhall be inveſted with the ſame Powers and Authorities as are given or delegated by this Act unto the ſaid Commiſſioners or Commiſſioner conſtituted by this Act reſpectively.

Lord Lieutenant may revoke Appointments, and fill Vacancies in Ireland.

LVIII. Provided always, and be it enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful for the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland* for the Time being to revoke the Appointment of any Perſon or Perſons to be a Commiſſioner or Commiſſioners for the Execution of this Act in *Ireland*, and from Time to Time to nominate and appoint ſuch other Perſon or Perſons to be a Commiſſioner or Commiſſioners, as ſuch Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors for the Time being

ſhall think fit; and alſo to appoint from Time to Time any Perſon or Perſons to be a Commiſſioner or Commiſſioners to ſupply any Vacancy which may be occaſioned by the Death or Reſignation of any Commiſſioner or Commiſſioners who may be appointed by virtue of this Act.

Perſons advancing Exchequer Bills by Law may take Five per Cent. Intereſt.

LIX. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall be lawful for all Perſons, Bodies Politic or Corporate, advancing any of the Exchequer Bills to be iſſued by virtue of this Act, by way of Loan, to any Perſons who may be willing to accept ſuch Exchequer Bills, valuing the ſame at the Sum which ſhall be expreſſed therein reſpectively, together with ſuch Intereſt as may have accrued thereon at the Time of advancing ſuch Loan, to charge and receive Intereſt for ſuch Loan at the Rate of Five Pounds *per Centum per Annum*; any Law or Uſage to the contrary notwithſtanding.

Commiſſioners may receive and ſend Letters free of Poſtage.

LX. And be it further enacted, That the ſeveral Commiſſioners for the Execution of this Act ſhall and may receive and ſend all their Letters and Packets free from the Duty of Poſtage; provided that ſuch Letters and Packets as ſhall be ſent to the ſaid Commiſſioners for the Execution of this Act in *Great Britain*, be directed to "The Commiſſioners for the Iſſue "of Exchequer Bills at their Office;" and that ſuch Letters and Packets as ſhall be ſent to the ſaid Commiſſioners for the Purpoſes of this Act in *Ireland*, ſhall be directed to "The Commiſſioners for the Iſſue of "Money out of the Conſolidated Fund at their Office;" and that all ſuch Letters and Packets as ſhall be ſent by the ſaid Commiſſioners ſhall be dated from their ſaid Office, and ſhall be ſigned on the Outſide of ſuch Letters and Packets by ſuch Perſon as the ſaid Commiſſioners for the Execution of this Act in *Great Britain* ſhall appoint, with the Conſent of the ſaid Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Treaſury, or any Three or more of them, and as the ſaid Commiſſioners for the Execution of this Act in *Ireland* ſhall appoint, with the Conſent of the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland*, and under ſuch Reſtrictions and Regulations as the ſaid Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Treaſury, or the ſaid Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors reſpectively, ſhall think proper and direct.

Obligations, &c. not liable to Stamp Duty.

LXI. And be it further enacted, That no Obligation to His Majeſty nor any Heritable Securities, nor any Aſſignment of any Heritable Securities, nor any Mortgage or Aſſignment of any Tolls, Rates, or Duties taken by the ſaid Commiſſioners, nor any Promiſſory Note under this Act, as a Security for the Loan of Money in ſuch Exchequer Bills as aforeſaid, nor any Affidavit, Depoſition, or Receipt to be reſpectively taken or made under and by virtue of this Act, ſhall be liable to any Stamp Duty whatever; any Thing in any Act or Acts in force in *Great Britain* or *Ireland* to the contrary in anywiſe notwithſtanding.

Limitation of Actions.

LXII. And be it further enacted, That no Action or Suit ſhall be commenced againſt any Perſon or Perſons for any Thing done by virtue of or in purſuance of this Act, until Fourteen Days Notice thereof in Writing ſhall have been given to the Secretary for the Time being of the ſaid Commiſſioners, nor after a ſufficient Satisfaction, or a Tender thereof, hath been made to the Party or Parties aggrieved, nor after Six Calendar Months next after the Fact committed; and ſuch Action ſhall be brought in the ſaid Courts of Exchequer in *England*, *Ireland*, or *Scotland*, and ſhall

ſhall be laid in the County of *Middleſex*, or City of *Dublin*, or *Edinburgh* reſpectively, and not elſewhere; and the Defendant or Defendants in ſuch Action or Suit ſhall and may plead the General Iſſue and give this Act and the ſpecial Matter in Evidence at any Trial to be had thereupon, and that the ſame was done in purſuance and by the Authority of this Act; and if the ſame ſhall appear to be ſo done, or if ſuch Action or Suit ſhall be brought after the Time hereinbefore limited for bringing the ſame, or ſhall be brought without Fourteen Days Notice thereof, or ſhall be brought in any other County or Place, or after a ſufficient Satisfaction made or tendered as aforeſaid, that then the Jury ſhall find for the Defendant or Defendants; or if the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs ſhall become nonſuited, or ſuffer a Diſcontinuance of his, her or their Action or Actions, or if a Verdict ſhall paſs againſt the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, the Defendant or Defendants ſhall have Treble Coſts, and ſhall have ſuch Remedy for recovering the ſame as any Defendant or Defendants hath or have for Coſts of Suit in any other Caſes by Law.

Perſons counterfeiting Certificates, &c. guilty of Felony.

LXIII. And be it further enacted, That if any Perſon or Perſons ſhall forge, counterfeit, or alter, or cauſe or procure to be forged, counterfeited, or altered, or knowingly or wilfully act or aſſiſt in the forging, counterfeiting, or altering any Certificate or Certificates of the Commiſſioners for the Execution of this Act, or any of them, or any Receipt or Receipts to be given by the Caſhier or Caſhiers of the Bank of *England* in purſuance of this Act, or ſhall wilfully deliver any ſuch forged, counterfeited, or altered Certificate or Receipt to the Auditor of the Receipt of His Majeſty's Exchequer in *Great Britain*, or to the Vice Treaſurer of *Ireland* for the Time being, or to any Officer appointed by them or either of them, or to the Commiſſioners for the Execution of this Act or any of them, or to any Officer or Officers appointed by them or any of them in the Execution of the Powers of this Act, or ſhall utter any ſuch forged, counterfeited, or altered Certificate or Certificates, Receipt or Receipts, knowing the ſame to be forged, counterfeited, or altered, with Intent to defraud His Majeſty, His Heirs or Succeſſors, or any Body or Bodies Politic or Corporate, or any Perſon whomſoever, then and in every ſuch Caſe all and every Perſon or Perſons ſo offending, and being thereof lawfully convicted, ſhall be adjudged guilty of Felony, and ſhall ſuffer Death as in Caſes of Felony without Benefit of Clergy.

Affirmations may be adminiſtered.

LXIV. And be it further enacted, That in all Caſes where an Oath may be adminiſtered by this Act, it ſhall be lawful to adminiſter an Affirmation in lieu thereof, as the Caſe may require.

Act may be altered or repealed in this Seſſion.

LXV. And be it further enacted, That this Act, or any of the Proviſions thereof, may be amended, altered, or repealed by any Act or Acts to be paſſed in this preſent Seſſion of Parliament.

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