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An Act for ſettling and ſecuring Annuities on Lord *Colcheſter*, and on the next Perſon to whom the Title of Lord *Colcheſter* ſhall deſcend, in Conſideration of his eminent Services. [27th *June* 1817.]

Moſt Gracious Sovereign,

WHEREAS the Commons of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland* did, by an humble Addreſs to His Royal Highneſs The Prince Regent, beſeech His Royal Highneſs that He would be graciouſly pleaſed, acting in the Name and on the Behalf of Your Majeſty, to confer ſome ſignal Mark of the Royal Favour upon *Charles* Lord *Colcheſter*, late Speaker of the Houſe of Commons, for his great and eminent Services performed to his Country during the long and important Period in which he had, with ſuch diſtinguiſhed Ability and Integrity, preſided in the Chair of the Houſe of Commons, and aſſured His Royal Highneſs, that whatever Expenſe His Royal Highneſs ſhould think proper to be incurred upon that Account, the ſaid Houſe would make good the ſame to His Majeſty: And whereas His Royal Highneſs The Prince Regent, in Anſwer to the ſaid Addreſs, was graciouſly pleaſed to declare, that His Royal Highneſs had the juſteſt Senſe of the long Services and great Merit of *Charles* Lord *Colcheſter*, late Speaker of the Houſe of Commons, and in the Name and on the Behalf of Your Majeſty had already taken the ſame into his Conſideration, and was deſirous, in Compliance with the Wiſhes of Your Majeſty's faithful Commons, to confer upon the ſaid Lord *Colcheſter* ſome further ſignal Mark of His Favour; but as the ſame could not be effectually granted and ſecured

without the Concurrence of Parliament, His Royal Highneſs recommended to the Houſe of Commons the Adoption of ſuch Meaſures as might be neceſſary for the Accompliſhment of that Purpoſe: Now we, Your Majeſty's moſt dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Commons of the United Kingdom in Parliament aſſembled, have reſolved that the Annual Sum of Four thouſand Pounds Net be granted out of the Conſolidated Fund of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*; the ſaid Annuity to commence from the Fifth Day of *April* One thouſand eight hundred and ſeventeen, and to be ſettled in the moſt beneficial Manner upon, and to continue during the Life of *Charles* Baron *Colcheſter* of *Colcheſter* in the County of *Eſſex*, and that the Annual Sum of Three thouſand Pounds Net be granted to His Majeſty out of the ſaid Conſolidated Fund, to commence on the Expiration of the above-mentioned Annuity of Four thouſand Pounds, and to be ſettled in like manner upon and to continue during the Life of ſuch Heir Male of the Body of the ſaid *Charles* Lord *Colcheſter*, as ſhall firſt ſucceed to the Title of Baron *Colcheſter* of *Colcheſter* in the County of *Eſſex*; and do moſt humbly 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 Conſent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this preſent Parliament aſſembled, and by the Authority of the ſame, That One Annuity or Yearly Rent or Sum of Four thouſand Pounds of lawful Money of *Great Britain* ſhall be iſſuing and payable out of and charged and chargeable upon the Conſolidated Fund of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *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 out of the ſame, but with Preference to all other Payments which ſhall or may hereafter be charged upon or payable out of the ſaid Fund); and the ſame ſhall from Time to Time be paid Quarterly, free and clear of all Taxes and Deductions whatſoever, to the ſaid Lord *Colcheſter*, for and during the natural Life of the ſaid Lord *Colcheſter*; which ſaid Annuity or Yearly Rent or Sum ſhall commence and take Effect from the Fifth Day of *April* One thouſand eight hundred and ſeventeen; the Firſt Payment to be computed from the ſaid Fifth Day of *April* One thouſand eight hundred and ſeventeen, until the Fifth Day of *July* One thouſand eight hundred and ſeventeen, and from thenceforth ſhall be paid and payable at the Four uſual Days of Payment in the Year, that is to ſay, the Fifth Day of *July*, the Tenth Day of *October*, the Fifth Day of *January*, and the Fifth Day of *April* in each and every Year, by even and equal Portions.

An Annuity of 4,000l. granted to Lord Colcheſter, to be paid Quarterly.

Periods of Payment.

An Annuity of 3,000l. to the next Succeſſor to the Title of Baron Colcheſter.

II. And be it further enacted, That from and after the Deceaſe of the ſaid *Charles* Lord *Colcheſter* One Annuity or Yearly Rent or Sum of Three thouſand Pounds of lawful Money of *Great Britain* ſhall be iſſuing and payable out of and charged and chargeable upon the ſaid Fund in Manner aforeſaid, and the ſame ſhall from Time to Time be paid Quarterly in Manner aforeſaid, free and clear of all Taxes and Deductions whatſoever, to ſuch Heir Male of the Body of the ſaid *Charles* Lord *Colcheſter* as ſhall firſt ſucceed to the Title of Baron *Colcheſter* of *Colcheſter* in the County of *Eſſex*, for and during the natural Life of ſuch Heir Male.

Treaſury, by Warrant, to direct the Auditor of

III. And it is hereby further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the Lord High Treaſurer of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, or the Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Treaſury of the United

Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, or any Three or more of them for the Time being, and they are hereby authorized and required by Warrant under their Hands, to direct the Auditor of the Receipt of the Exchequer now and for the Time being to make forth and paſs Debentures from Time to Time for paying the ſaid reſpective Annuities or Yearly Rents or Sums of Four thouſand Pounds or Three thouſand Pounds in Manner as aforeſaid, and as the ſame ſhall from Time to Time become due and payable, without any Fees or Charges to be demanded or taken for paying the ſame or any Part thereof; which ſaid Warrant, and the Debentures to be made forth and paſſed thereupon, 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 or Yearly Rents or Sums to the ſaid Lord *Colcheſter* and ſuch Heir Male as aforeſaid, at the reſpective Quarterly Days in this Act before appointed for Payment thereof, without any further or other Warrant to be ſued for, had, or obtained in that Behalf.

the Exchequer to paſs Debentures for the Payment of ſuch Annuities.

IV. And it is hereby further enacted, That after ſigning of ſuch Warrant, the ſame ſhall be good, valid, and effectual in Law, according to the Purport and true Meaning thereof and of this Act, and ſhall not be determinable or revocable by or upon the Demiſe of His Majeſty, (whom God long preſerve!) or of any of His Heirs or Succeſſors, or by or upon the Death or Removal of any of the ſaid Commiſſioners of the Treaſury, or the Lord High Treaſurer, or by or upon the Determination of the Power, Office or Offices of them or any of them.

Warrant not to be revocable.

V. And be it further enacted, That the Lord High Treaſurer of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, and the Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Treaſury of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland* for the Time being, Chancellor and Under Treaſurer, Chamberlains and Barons of the Exchequer, and all other the Officers and Miniſters of the Court of Exchequer and of the Receipt thereof, now and for the Time being, ſhall and they are hereby authorized and ſtrictly enjoined and required to do, without Fee or Reward, all ſuch Acts, Matters, and Things as are herein-before directed and required, or ſhall be neceſſary to be done and performed by them, or any or either of them, in order to render this Act and the ſeveral Payments hereby directed effectual.

Officers of the Treaſury and Exchequer to do every Thing neceſſary to render this Act effectual.

VI. And be it enacted, That the Acquittance or Acquittances, Receipt or Receipts of the ſaid Lord *Colcheſter*, and of the firſt Heir Male of the Body of the ſaid Lord *Colcheſter* on whom the ſaid Title ſhall deſcend, ſhall be a good and ſufficient Diſcharge for the Payment of the ſaid reſpective Annuities or Yearly Sums, without any further or other Warrant to be ſued for or obtained in that Behalf; and that the ſaid reſpective Annuities or Yearly Rents or Sums, and every Part thereof, ſhall be free and clear from all Taxes, Impoſitions, and other Charges whatſoever; and in caſe any of the Officers of the Receipt of His Majeſty's Exchequer ſhall refuſe or neglect to pay the ſaid reſpective Annuities or Yearly Rents or Sums, or any Part thereof, according to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, or to do any Act neceſſary to enable the ſaid Lord *Colcheſter* and the firſt Heir Male of the Body of the ſaid Lord *Colcheſter* on whom the ſaid Title, Honour, and Dignity of Lord *Colcheſter* ſhall deſcend, to receive the ſame, then the ſaid Lord *Colcheſter* and the next ſucceeding Heir

Acquittances of Lord Colcheſter ſufficient Diſcharges for the Payment of his Annuity.

Remedy for Recovery of Payment in caſe of Neglect.

Heir Male of the Body of the ſaid Lord *Colcheſter* on whom the ſaid Title ſhall deſcend, may from Time to Time ſue, proſecute, and implead ſuch Officers or any of them, their Heirs, Executors, or Adminiſtrators, by Bill, Plaint, or Action of Debt, and ſhall and may recover Judgment and ſue out Executions thereupon againſt ſuch Officers reſpectively, their Heirs, Executors, or Adminiſtrators, for ſo much of ſuch Sum or Sums of Money then due and owing upon the ſaid reſpective Annuities or Yearly Rents or Sums, or any Part thereof, as ſhall have been in the Hands of the Officer or Officers of the Receipt of the Exchequer at the Time or Times when Demands ſhall have been legally made of the Payment of the ſaid reſpective Annuities or Yearly Rents or Sums, or any Part thereof as aforeſaid, or for the Refuſal or Neglect to do any Act neceſſary to be done by ſuch Officer or Officers reſpectively.

Annuities veſted in Lord Colcheſter and his next Succeſſor.

VII. And be it further enacted, That the ſaid Annuity or Yearly Rent or Sum of Four thouſand Pounds ſhall be and the ſame is by this Act veſted in the ſaid Lord *Colcheſter*, and the ſaid Annuity or Yearly Rent or Sum of Three thouſand Pounds ſhall be and the ſame is by this Act veſted in the next ſucceeding Heir Male of the Body of the ſaid Lord *Colcheſter* to whom the ſaid Title, Honour, and Dignity of Lord *Colcheſter* ſhall deſcend; and the ſame or any Part thereof ſhall not at any Time or Times hereafter be aliened, conveyed, diſpoſed, charged, or encumbered by the ſaid Lord *Colcheſter*, or by the next ſucceeding Heir Male of the Body of the ſaid Lord *Colcheſter* on whom the ſaid Title ſhall deſcend, for any greater or larger Eſtate or Time than during the natural Life of the Perſon ſo aliening, conveying, diſpoſing, charging, or encumbering the ſame, ſo as to prevent the ſame from deſcending to the next or ſucceeding Heir Male of the Body of the ſaid Lord *Colcheſter* to whom the ſaid Title of Lord *Colcheſter* ſhall deſcend.

Abatement of One Half of the Annuity in a certain Event.

VIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That One Half of the ſaid Annuity or Yearly Rent or Sum ſhall abate and be ſuſpended during any Period in which the ſaid *Charles* Lord *Colcheſter* may hereafter hold any Place, Office, or Employment under His Majeſty of equal or greater Amount, in Salary, Profit, or Emolument, than the Amount of ſuch Annuity.

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