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An Act to enable His Majesty to recompense the Services of Persons holding, or who have held, certain high and efficient Civil Offices.

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WHEREAS the Abolition and Regulation of various Offices will deprive the Crown of Part of the Means by which His Majesty has been heretofore enabled to recompense the Services of Persons holding, or who have held, high and efficient Civil Offices: And whereas it is expedient and necessary, and consistent with sound Policy and proper Economy, that upon the Abolition and Regulation of various Offices of Emolument, other Means should be afforded to His Majesty His Heirs and Successors, of recompensing the meritorious Services of Persons filling or who have filled high effective Civil Offices, and making competent Provision for Persons holding such Offices upon their quitting or being removed from the same: May it therefore please 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 after the Expiration of Two Years from the passing of this Act, it shall be lawful for His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, by any Warrant under His Royal Sign Manual, countersigned by any Three or more of the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland* for the Time being, to grant unto any Person who shall have served His Majesty, His Heirs or Successors, for any Period

After the Expiration of certain Periods, His Majesty empowered to grant Pensions of 3,000l. to Persons holding certain

Offices, under Limitations and Reſtrictions.

Period not leſs than Two Years in the whole, either uninterruptedly or at different Times, in any one or more of the Offices of Firſt Lord of the Treaſury or of one of His Majeſty's Principal Secretaries of State, or Chancellor of the Exchequer, or Firſt Lord of the Admiralty, a Penſion during Life not exceeding Three thouſand Pounds *per Annum;* and at the Expiration of every further progreſſive Period of Two Years more from the paſſing of this Act, to grant in like Manner other like Penſions to any other ſuch Perſons as aforeſaid, until, at the Expiration of Twelve Years from the paſſing of this Act, Six of ſuch Penſions ſhall have been granted in the whole; and from and after ſuch Six Penſions of Three thouſand Pounds each ſhall have been granted to Six ſuch Perſons as aforeſaid, it ſhall not be lawful for His Majeſty, His Heirs or Succeſſors, to grant any further or other Penſion in reſpect of any ſuch Offices as aforeſaid: Provided always, that from Time to Time whenever and as often as any ſuch Penſion ſhall ceaſe, by Death, Forfeiture, or Reſignation thereof reſpectively of the Perſon holding the ſame, it ſhall be lawful for His Majeſty, His Heirs and Succeſſors, to grant in like Manner other like Penſions to any other ſuch Perſons as aforeſaid, under ſuch and the like Circumſtances, Limitations, and Reſtrictions as aforeſaid; ſo as that no more or greater Number of ſuch Penſions than are allowed under the Proviſions of this Act ſhall be in force at the ſame Time, and ſo as that after the Expiration of Twelve Years no greater Number than Six ſuch Penſions ſhall thereafter be granted or exiſting at any one and the ſame Time, except as is in this Act excepted.

His Majeſty empowered to grant one other like Penſion, although Six filled up, to be deemed a ſupernumerary Penſion; and become One of the regular Number on the firſt falling in.

II. And whereas it may be eſſential to the Good of His Majeſty's Service, and is therefore expedient and neceſſary, that His Majeſty ſhould be empowered to grant One other like Penſion, not ſubject to ſuch Limitations and Reſtrictions as aforeſaid; be it therefore further enacted, That it ſhall be lawful for His Majeſty, His Heirs and Succeſſors, by any Warrant under His Royal Sign Manual, counterſigned by any Three or more of the ſaid Commiſſioners of the Treaſury for the Time being, to grant, at any Time after the Expiration of Two Years from the paſſing of this Act, One other like Penſion of Three thouſand Pounds, to any Perſon who ſhall hold or who ſhall have held any One or more of ſuch Offices as aforeſaid, although the Perſon to whom ſuch Penſion ſhall be ſo granted ſhall not have held any ſuch Office as aforeſaid for ſuch Period of Two Years as aforeſaid, and although the full Number of Penſions allowed to be granted under the Proviſions of this Act ſhall have been then granted and remain in force: Provided always, that every ſuch Penſion ſo granted as aforeſaid ſhall be deemed a ſupernumerary Penſion, and ſhall, upon the ceaſing of the firſt of any ſuch Penſions as ſhall then be in force under the Proviſions of this Act, become and be and be deemed, conſidered, and counted as One of the Number of Penſions allowed by this Act, as if the ſame had been granted at the Expiration of any Period allowed by this Act, or upon the ceaſing of any One of the Number of Penſions allowed by this Act.

After the Expiration of certain Periods, His Majeſty allowed to

III. And be it further enacted, That after the Expiration of Four Years from the paſſing of this Act, it ſhall be lawful for His Majeſty, His Heirs and Succeſſors, by any Warrant under the Royal Sign Manual, counterſigned by any Three or more of the Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Treaſury, to grant to any Perſon who ſhall have ſerved His Majeſty, His

Heirs or Succeſſors, for any Period not leſs than Five Years in the whole, either uninterruptedly or at different Times, in either or both of the Offices of Chief Secretary for *Ireland*, or Secretary at War, a Penſion during Life not exceeding Two thouſand Pounds *per Annum*; and at and upon the Expiration of every further progreſſive Period of Four Years more from the paſſing of this Act, to grant in like Manner other like Penſions to any other ſuch Perſons as aforeſaid, until, at the Expiration of Twelve Years from the paſſing of this Act, Three of ſuch Penſions ſhall have been granted in the whole; and from and after ſuch Three Penſions of Two thouſand Pounds each ſhall have been granted to Three ſuch Perſons as aforeſaid, it ſhall not be lawful for His Majeſty, His Heirs or Succeſſors, to grant any further or other ſuch Penſion in reſpect of any of ſuch Offices as aforeſaid: Provided always, that from Time to Time, when and as often as any ſuch Penſion ſhall ceaſe, by Death, Forfeiture, or Reſignation thereof reſpectively of the Perſon holding the ſame, it ſhall be lawful for His Majeſty, His Heirs and Succeſſors, to grant in like Manner other like Penſions to any other ſuch Perſons as aforeſaid, under ſuch and the like Circumſtances, Limitations, and Reſtrictions as aforeſaid; ſo as that no more or greater Number of ſuch Penſions than are allowed under the Proviſions of this Act ſhall be in force at the ſame Time, and ſo as that after the Expiration of Twelve Years no greater Number than Three ſuch Penſions ſhall thereafter be granted or exiſting at one and the ſame Time.

grant Penſions of 2,000l. to certain other Perſons holding Civil Offices, under certain Limitations.

IV. And be it further enacted, That after the Expiration of Two Years from the paſſing of this Act, it ſhall be lawful for His Majeſty, His Heirs and Succeſſors, by any Warrant under the Royal Sign Manual, counterſigned by any Three or more of the Commiſſioners of the Treaſury for the Time being, to grant to any Perſon who ſhall have ſerved His Majeſty, His Heirs or Succeſſors, for any Period not leſs than Five Years, in any one or more of the Offices of One of the Joint Secretaries of the Treaſury, or Firſt Secretary of the Admiralty, a Penſion during Life not exceeding One thouſand five hundred Pounds *per Annum*; and at the Expiration of every further progreſſive Period of Two Years more from the paſſing of this Act, to grant in like Manner another like Penſion to any other ſuch Perſon as aforeſaid, until, at the Expiration of Twelve Years from the paſſing of this Act, Six of ſuch laſt-mentioned Penſions ſhall have been granted in the whole; and from and after ſuch Six Penſions of One thouſand five hundred Pounds each ſhall have been granted to Six ſuch Perſons as aforeſaid, it ſhall not be lawful for His Majeſty, His Heirs or Succeſſors, to grant any further or other Penſion in reſpect of any ſuch laſt-mentioned Offices as aforeſaid: Provided always, that from Time to Time, when and as often as any ſuch Penſion ſhall ceaſe, by Death, Forfeiture, or Reſignation thereof reſpectively of the Perſon holding the ſame, it ſhall be lawful for His Majeſty, His Heirs and Succeſſors, to grant in like Manner other like Penſions to any other ſuch Perſons as aforeſaid, under ſuch and the like Circumſtances, Limitations, and Reſtrictions as aforeſaid; ſo as that no more or greater Numbers of ſuch Penſions than are allowed under the Proviſions of this Act ſhall be in force at the ſame Time, and ſo as that after the Expiration of Twelve Years no greater Number than Six ſuch Penſions ſhall thereafter be granted or exiſting at any one and the ſame Period of Time.

After the Expiration of certain Periods, His Majeſty empowered to grant Penſions of 1,500l. to certain other Perſons holding Civil Offices, under Limitations.

V. And

Duties of Chancellor of the Exchequer of Ireland altered by 56 G. 3. c. 98.

V. And whereas, in conſequence of the Proviſions contained in an Act 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*, the Duties of the Chancellor of the Exchequer of *Ireland*, from and after the Fifth Day of *January* laſt, have become ſuch as not to require that the Services of any Perſon who may hereafter fill the ſaid Office ſhould be recompenſed in reſpect thereof in the ſame Manner as heretofore; but it may happen that ſome Perſon or Perſons, having filled the ſaid Office for ſome Period leſs than Five Years before the ſaid Fifth Day of *January*, may be appointed to ſome other high and efficient Office, in reſpect whereof a Penſion is granted by this Act; be it enacted, That it ſhall be lawful for His Majeſty, His Heirs and Succeſſors, under the Regulations of this Act, to grant to any Perſon who ſhall have filled the Office of Chancellor of the Exchequer of *Ireland* for any Period previous to the ſaid Fifth Day of *January*, and who ſhall ſerve His Majeſty, His Heirs or Succeſſors, in any other Office, in reſpect whereof His Majeſty is by this Act enabled to grant any Penſion leſs than Three thouſand Pounds, and who ſhall have ſerved and ſhall ſerve in the ſaid Office of Chancellor of the Exchequer of *Ireland*, and alſo in any one or more of the ſaid other Offices, not leſs than Five Years in the whole, reckoning the Period during which ſuch Perſon ſhall have filled the Office of Chancellor of the Exchequer of *Ireland* as Part of the ſaid Five Years, a Penſion to the like Amount, and in like Manner and under the like Regulations in all Reſpects, as His Majeſty, His Heirs and Succeſſors, are by this Act enabled to grant to any Perſon having ſerved not leſs than Five Years in one or more of ſuch other Offices reſpectively.

His Majeſty may grant a Penſion to any Perſon having been Chancellor of the Exchequer of Ireland, and afterwards holding any efficient Office.

After the Expiration of certain Periods, His Majeſty empowered to grant Penſions of 1,000l. to certain other Perſons holding Civil Offices, under Limitations.

VI. And be it further enacted, That after the Expiration of Two Years from the paſſing of this Act, it ſhall be lawful for His Majeſty, His Heirs and Succeſſors, by any Warrant under the Royal Sign Manual, counterſigned by any Three or more of the Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Treaſury for the Time being, to grant to any Perſon who ſhall have ſerved His Majeſty, His Heirs or Succeſſors, for any Period not leſs than Ten Years in any One or more of the Offices of the Under Secretaries of State, or Clerk of the Ordnance, or Second Secretary to the Admiralty, a Penſion during Life not exceeding One thouſand Pounds *per Annum*; and at the Expiration of every further progreſſive Period of Two Years more from the paſſing of this Act, to grant in like Manner another like Penſion to any other ſuch Perſon as aforeſaid, until the Expiration of Twelve Years from the paſſing of this Act, Six of ſuch laſt-mentioned Penſions ſhall have been granted in the whole; and from and after ſuch Six Penſions of One thouſand Pounds each ſhall have been granted to Six ſuch Perſons as aforeſaid, it ſhall not be lawful for His Majeſty, His Heirs or Succeſſors, to grant any further or other Penſion in reſpect of any ſuch laſt-mentioned Offices as aforeſaid: Provided always, that from Time to Time and as often as any ſuch Penſion ſhall ceaſe, by Death, Forfeiture, or Reſignation thereof reſpectively of the Perſon holding the ſame, it ſhall be lawful for His Majeſty, His Heirs and Succeſſors, to grant in like Manner other like Penſions to any other ſuch Perſon as aforeſaid, under ſuch and the like Circumſtances, Limitations, and Reſtrictions as aforeſaid; ſo as that no more or greater Number of Penſions

than are allowed under the Provisions of this Act shall be in force at the same Time, and so as that after the Expiration of Twelve Years no greater Number than Six such Pensions shall thereafter be granted or existing at any one and the same Period of Time.

When Persons have served Eight Years in several Classes of Offices, the Pension attached to the highest Class of Office may be granted on Three Years Service in the highest Office.

VII. Provided always, and be it enacted, That in case it shall happen that any Person shall have served His Majesty, His Heirs or Successors, in more than One of the Classes of Offices specified in this Act, in respect whereof His Majesty is by this Act enabled to grant any Pension less than Three thousand Pounds, it shall be lawful for His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, to grant under the Regulations of this Act to such Person any Pension not exceeding such Pension as is annexed to the highest Class of Office in which such Person may have been employed, whenever the whole Period of the Service of such Person in the several Offices in which he shall have been employed shall amount to Eight Years, although the Period of the Service of such Person in such highest Class shall not have extended to the Period of Five Years; provided always, that such Person shall have served in such highest Class for a Period of not less than Three Years.

Regulations as to Pensions made to Persons holding Offices.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That every Grant of any Pension under this Act, if made to any Person actually holding at the Period of such Grant any Office entitling him to the same, shall not take Effect during the Time of the Person to whom such Pension shall be granted continuing to hold such Office; and that every Grant of any Pension made under this Act shall also contain a Provision and Limitation for the Suspension of such Pension during the Period of the Person to whom the same is granted holding any Office, Place, or Employment under His Majesty, the Salary or Profits whereof shall be not less than double the Amount of such Pension, and shall also contain a Provision and Limitation for the Abatement of One Half of the Pension granted, during the Time any Person having any such Pension shall continue to hold any Place, Office, or Employment under His Majesty of equal or greater Amount in Salary, Profit, or Emolument than the Amount of such Pension; and no Grant of any such Pension shall be valid unless such Grant shall contain such Provisions and Limitations as aforesaid.

Interest of Persons in Office to cease with respect to such Office on obtaining Pensions.

IX. And be it further enacted, That if any Pension shall be granted under the Provisions of this Act to any Person holding any Office, Place, or Employment, or any Offices, Places, or Employments, for the Abolition or Regulation of which any Provision shall have been made by any Act or Acts of Parliament which shall have been passed in the present Session of Parliament, or which shall have been included and returned in the List made out and certified under the Provisions of this Act; then and in every such Case all the Interest of such Person in such Office or Offices, Place or Places, Employment or Employments, shall, upon and from the Time of the Receipt of any Payment to such Person in respect of such Pension, wholly cease and determine; and every such Office, Place, or Employment, which shall by the ceasing of such Interest become vacant, shall thereupon be abolished or regulated according to the Provisions contained in relation thereto in any such Act or Acts of Parliament as aforesaid of this present Session of Parliament.

Perſons holding Penſions on obtaining Penſions under this Act, to relinquiſh ſuch previous Penſions.

X. And be it further enacted, That all the Right, Title, Claim, and Intereſt of any Perſon to whom any Penſion ſhall be granted under the Proviſions of this Act, in every other Penſion which may be held by ſuch Perſon (other than and except ſuch Penſion or Penſions as are or may be charged by any Act or Acts of Parliament upon the Conſolidated Fund), ſhall, upon and from the Commencement of any Penſion granted under the Proviſions of this Act, wholly ceaſe and determine; and the Amount of every ſuch Penſion ſhall, from and after ſuch Determination thereof, and during the Period of the Intereſt of ſuch Perſon in ſuch Penſion, go to and make Part of the Conſolidated Fund of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*; and the Lord High Treaſurer or 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, ſhall and they are hereby required in every ſuch Caſe to order and direct the retaining in or paying into the Receipt of the Exchequer, to the Credit of and as Part of the ſaid Conſolidated Fund of the United Kingdom, the Amount of every ſuch Penſion during the Period of the Intereſt of ſuch Perſon therein, and ſo long as ſuch Perſon would have been entitled to hold, take, and receive the ſame under any Letters Patent, Warrant, Inſtrument, or Grant by which ſuch Perſon held or received ſuch Penſion; and all ſuch Orders and Directions ſo made by the Lord High Treaſurer or Commiſſioners of the Treaſury ſhall be valid and effectual, and be carried into Execution by all Perſons concerned in the iſſuing or paying any ſuch Penſions; any Thing contained in any Act or Acts of Parliament, or Letters Patent, Warrant, Inſtrument, or Grant, or Law or Cuſtom, to the contrary notwithſtanding.

Penſions payable Quarterly out of the Conſolidated Fund, free from Taxes.

XI. And be it further enacted, That every Penſion granted under this Act ſhall be iſſued and payable out of and charged and chargeable upon the Conſolidated Fund of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, next in Order of Payment to and after paying or reſerving ſufficient to pay all ſuch Sums of Money as have been directed to be paid by any former Act or Acts, but with Preference to all other Payments hereafter to be charged thereon as aforeſaid; and the ſame ſhall from Time to Time be paid and payable quarterly, free and clear of all Taxes and Deductions whatſoever, at the Four uſual Days of Payment in the Year; (that is to ſay), the Fifth Day of *January*, the Fifth Day of *April*, the Fifth Day of *July*, and the Tenth Day of *October*, in each and every Year, by even and equal Portions.

The Treaſury may by Warrant direct the Auditor of the Exchequer to paſs Debentures for Payment of the Penſions, without Fees.

XII. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall be lawful for the Lord High Treaſurer, or the Commiſſioners of the Treaſury of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland* for the Time being, or any Three or more of them, and they are hereby authorized and required, by Warrant under their Hands, to direct Debentures to be made forth and paſſed by the proper Officers at the Receipt of His Majeſty's Exchequer from Time to Time, for paying the ſaid ſeveral Penſions or Sums of Money in Manner as aforeſaid, and as the ſame ſhall from Time to Time become due and payable, according to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, without any Fees or Charges to be demanded or taken for paying the ſame or any Part thereof; which ſaid Warrants and Debentures to be made forth and paſſed thereupon reſpectively, ſhall be ſufficient Authority to the ſeveral and reſpective

ſpective Officers of the Receipt of the Exchequer, now and for the Time being, for the Payment of all ſuch Penſions or Sums of Money at the reſpective Days in this Act before appointed for ſuch Payments, without any further or other Warrants to be ſued for, had, or obtained in that Behalf.

Warrants not determinable on the Death of His Majeſty, &c.

XIII. And be it further enacted, That after the ſigning of any ſuch Warrants or Debentures reſpectively, 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 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.

The Treaſury and Exchequer to do without Fee all Things herein directed.

XIV. And be it further enacted, That the ſaid Commiſſioners of the Treaſury, and Lord High Treaſurer, 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.

The Receipts of the Penſioners to be ſufficient Diſcharges.

XV. And be it further enacted, That the Acquittance or Acquittances, Receipt or Receipts of the Perſon or Perſons to whom any ſuch Penſions ſhall have been granted as aforeſaid, ſhall be good and ſufficient Diſcharges for the Payment of the ſaid Penſions reſpectively before mentioned, without any further or other Warrant to be ſued for or obtained in that Behalf; and that the ſaid ſeveral Penſions, and every Part thereof, ſhall be clear and free 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 any ſuch Penſion, or any Part thereof, according to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, or to do any Act neceſſary to enable any Perſon to whom any ſuch Penſion ſhall have been granted as aforeſaid to receive the ſame, then any ſuch Perſon as aforeſaid 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 Execution thereupon againſt ſuch Officers reſpectively, their reſpective Heirs, Executors, or Adminiſtrators, for ſo much of any ſuch Penſion reſpectively then due and owing, or any Part thereof, as ſhall be in the Hands of the Officer or Officers of the Receipt of the Exchequer, at the Time or Times when ſuch Demand ſhall have been legally made for Payment of any ſuch Penſions, or any Part thereof as aforeſaid, or for the Refuſal or Neglect to do any Act neceſſary to be done by any ſuch Officer or Officers reſpectively.

Certified Liſts of all Offices aboliſhed or regulated by Acts of the preſent

XVI. And whereas it is expedient that Accounts ſhould be from Time to Time laid before Parliament of the various Offices which may be aboliſhed or regulated by or under or in purſuance of any of the Proviſions of any Act or Acts of Parliament which may be paſſed in the

preſent Seſſion, to be returned to the Exchequer; and Accounts to be laid before Parliament at the Commencement of every Seſſion, of the Offices aboliſhed or regulated ſince the paſſing of the Acts.

preſent Seſſion of Parliament; be it therefore enacted, That within One Month after the Expiration of the preſent Seſſion of Parliament, a Liſt ſhall be made out and certified by 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 returned to and entered in the Exchequer, of all Offices and Places which have been aboliſhed, or for the Abolition or Regulation of which any Proviſion ſhall have been made by any Act or Acts of Parliament which ſhall have been paſſed in the preſent Seſſion of Parliament; and the Lord High Treaſurer of the United Kingdom, or Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Treaſury of the United Kingdom, or ſome Three or more of them for the Time being, ſhall within Six Weeks after the next Seſſion of Parliament cauſe Accounts to be laid before both Houſes of Parliament of every Office contained in ſuch Liſt, together with every Office dependent upon any Office contained in ſuch Liſt, which ſhall have been aboliſhed or become vacant, and been regulated under or in purſuance of the Proviſions of any Act or Acts of this preſent Seſſion of Parliament ſince the paſſing thereof reſpectively; and ſhall alſo from Time to Time cauſe like Returns to be made to both Houſes of Parliament within Six Weeks after the Meeting of every ſubſequent Seſſion of Parliament, until all the Offices contained in ſuch Liſt, and all Offices dependent upon any ſuch Offices, ſhall have been aboliſhed or regulated in Manner directed by the ſaid Acts of Parliament.

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