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CAP. LXXVII.

An Act for extending the Provisions of an Act of the Fifty-fourth Year of His present Majesty, for regulating the Payment of Army Prize Money; and for authorizing the Commissioners of *Chelsea* Hospital to suspend the Pensions of such Persons as shall be guilty of Frauds in respect of Prize Money or Pensions. [7th *July* 1817.]

WHEREAS an Act passed in the Fifty-fourth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act for regulating the Payment of Army Prize Money, and to provide for the Payment of unclaimed and forfeited Shares to* Chelsea *Hospital:* And whereas Doubts may arise whether the said Act, and the Provisions, Powers, Regulations, Pains, and Penalties therein contained, are applicable and relate to Grants, Captures, or Prizes made in any War or Hostilities subsequent to that which existed at the Time when the said recited Act was passed: And whereas it is expedient that the said Doubts should be prevented or removed, and that the said Act should be explained, and the Provisions, Powers, Regulations, Pains, and Penalties therein contained should be declared to extend to all Grants, Captures, and Prizes made in any War or Hostilities in which His Majesty has been engaged since the passing of the said recited Act; be it therefore enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority 54 G. 3. c. 86.

Provisions of recited Act applicable to Prizes subsequently made.

rity of the same, That all the Clauses, Enactments, Provisions, Rules, Regulations, Powers, Pains, and Punishments, as well of Death as otherwise, and all Penalties, Forfeitures, Matters, and Things in the said recited Act contained, or thereby continued, and all Forms, Matters, and Things in the Schedules to the said recited Act set forth and contained, shall be and the same are hereby declared to be applicable, as well to all Grants, Captures, and Prizes made during the War which was in Existence at the Time when the said Act was passed, as to all Grants, Captures, and Prizes made in or in consequence of any War or Hostilities in which His Majesty has been engaged since the passing of the said recited Act, and that as fully and effectually to all Intents and Purposes, as if the said Clauses, Enactments, Provisions, Rules, Regulations, Powers, Pains, Punishments, Penalties, Forfeitures, Matters, Forms, and Things were severally repeated and re-enacted in the Body of, and made Part of this Act.

Commissioners of Chelsea Hospital may suspend or take away Pensions, &c. in Cases of Fraud.

II. And whereas no sufficient Provision is made for punishing Frauds relating to Pensions or Prize Money, and it is expedient that Power should be given to the Commissioners of the Royal Hospital for Soldiers at *Chelsea*, to take away or suspend the Pensions of such Persons as shall be guilty of Frauds or other gross Misconduct; be it therefore enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act, it shall and may be lawful for the Commissioners of the said Royal Hospital at *Chelsea*, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, upon Complaint and Proof being made to them of any Fraud, either with respect to the Receipt of Prize Money or Pension, or any other Money in the Nature of Allowance or Bounty Money, or of other gross Misconduct attempted or practised by any Person being a Pensioner of the said Royal Hospital, to suspend or entirely to take away the Pension of the Person so offending, and to issue to the Paymaster of Out-Pensions of the said Royal Hospital a Certificate under the Hand of the said Commissioners or Three or more of them, of any Pension being so suspended or taken away; and upon the said Certificate being issued to the said Paymaster of Pensions, he shall suspend the Payment of the Pension therein mentioned, according to the Tenor of the said Certificate; any Thing in any other Act contained to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding.

Regimental Debts of Non-commissioned Officers or Soldiers to be paid out of their Prize Money.

III. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the Secretary at War for the Time being, upon Proof having been satisfactorily made to him that there were any Regimental Debts due from any Non-commissioned Officer or Soldier at the Time of his Death, and such Non-commissioned Officer and Soldier had Prize Money due to him at his Decease, to issue to the Agent for the said Prize Money, or if the same shall have been paid over to *Chelsea* Hospital, then to the Treasurer of the said Hospital or his Deputy, a Certificate of the Amount of such Regimental Debts, together with a Requisition that the same may be paid out of the Prize Money of such Non-commissioned Officer or Soldier; and the said Agent or Treasurer of *Chelsea* Hospital respectively shall thereupon reserve out of the said Prize Money and pay over to the Person named in such Requisition the Amount so due from the said Non-commissioned Officer or Soldier, before any other Claims upon the said Prize Money shall be paid; and the Order of the said Secretary at War and the Receipt of the Payee in such Requisition named shall be the full and sufficient Vouchers and Discharge

to the ſaid Agent or Treaſurer of *Chelſea* Hoſpital reſpectively, for the Amount ſo paid by virtue of and in compliance with the ſaid Requiſition.

IV. And be it enacted, That all Sums of Money due in reſpect of any Military Clothing, Appointments, or Equipments, or in reſpect of any Quarters, or of any Meſs or Regimental Accounts, and all Sums of Money due to any Agent or Paymaſter or Quartermaſter or any other Officer upon ſuch Account as aforeſaid, or on account of any Advances made for any ſuch Purpoſe as aforeſaid, ſhall be deemed and taken to be Regimental Debts for the Purpoſes of this Act. Military Clothing, Appointments, &c. to be deemed Regimental Debts.

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

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