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An Act to permit the Transfer of Capital from certain Public Stocks or Funds in *Great Britain*, to certain Public Stocks or Funds in *Ireland*. [7th *July* 1817.]

WHEREAS it is expedient that Facility ſhould be given to the Transfer from *Great Britain* to *Ireland* of certain Public Funds, Stocks, or Annuities, and that for that Purpoſe the Dividends and Intereſt upon certain *Iriſh* Funds, Stocks, Annuities, and Debentures ſhould be made payable at the ſame Periods as the Dividends and Intereſt of certain *Britiſh* Stocks, Funds, or Annuities are payable: In order to carry the ſame fully into Effect, 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 the Dividends or Intereſt which, under and by virtue of any Acts in force immediately before the paſſing of this Act, are due and payable at the Bank of *Ireland* on the Twenty-fifth Day of *March* and Twenty-ninth Day of *September* in every Year, and at the Bank of *England* on the Twenty-fifth Day of *March* and the Twenty-fifth Day of *September* in every Year, on the ſeveral *Iriſh* Annuities after the Rate of Five Pounds *per Centum per Annum* transferrable at the ſaid Bank of *Ireland* and Bank of *England* reſpectively, ſhall be paid up to the Twenty-ninth and Twenty-fifth Days reſpectively of *September* next after the paſſing of this Act; and that on the Tenth Day of *October* next enſuing the ſaid Twenty-ninth and Twenty-fifth Days reſpectively of *September*, Eleven Days Intereſt or Dividends on ſuch of the ſaid Annuities as are transferrable at the Bank of *Ireland*, and Fifteen Days Intereſt or Dividends on ſuch of the ſaid Annuities as are transferrable at the

Dividends payable on March 25, and Sept. 29, on Iriſh 5 per Cent. Annuities, ſhall be paid to the Public Creditor up to Oct. 10, and all ſucceeding Half-yearly Payments ſhall be made on April 5, and Oct. 10.

the Bank of *England*, from the ſaid Twenty-ninth and Twenty-fifth Days reſpectively of *September* to the ſaid Tenth Day of *October*, ſhall be paid to the Holders of any ſuch Annuities, in addition to ſuch former Half-yearly Intereſt or Dividends up to the ſaid Twenty-ninth and Twenty-fifth Days reſpectively of *September*, ſo as fully to meet the Demand of the Public Creditor up to the ſaid Tenth Day of *October*; and that all ſucceeding Half-yearly Payments of Dividends and Intereſt on the ſaid Annuities ſhall become due and payable, and ſhall be paid and made at the ſaid Banks reſpectively, on the Fifth Day of *April* and the Tenth Day of *October* in each and every Year; and the Dividends and Intereſt which under and by virtue of any ſuch Acts are due and payable at the Bank of *Ireland* upon the Twenty-fourth Day of *June* and Twenty-fifth Day of *December* in every Year, on the ſeveral Annuities after the Rate of Three Pounds and Ten Shillings and Four Pounds *per Centum per Annum*, transferrable at the ſaid Bank, and on the Debentures payable there with Intereſt after the Rate of Three Pounds and Ten Shillings and Four Pounds *per Centum per Annum*, ſhall be paid up to the Twenty-fifth Day of *December* next after the paſſing of this Act; and that on the Fifth Day of *January* One thouſand eight hundred and eighteen, Eleven Days Intereſt or Dividends from the ſaid Twenty-fifth Day of *December* to the ſaid Fifth Day of *January* ſhall be paid to the Holders of any ſuch laſt-mentioned Annuities or Debentures, in addition to ſuch former Half-yearly Intereſt or Dividend up to the ſaid Twenty-fifth Day of *December*, ſo as fully to meet the Demand of the Public Creditor up to the ſaid Fifth Day of *January*; and that all ſucceeding Payments of Dividends and Intereſt on ſuch laſt-mentioned Annuities and Debentures ſhall become due and be payable, and ſhall be paid and made at the ſaid Bank, Half-yearly on the Fifth Day of *July* and the Fifth Day of *January* in each and every ſucceeding Year, in ſuch Manner to all Intents and Purpoſes as if the ſaid ſeveral Periods of Payment had been ſeverally mentioned and ſpecified in the ſeveral Acts whereby the ſaid ſeveral Stocks, Funds, Annuities, or Debentures, or any of them, or any Part of them, were ſeverally created, and the Dividends and Intereſt thereon reſpectively made payable; any Thing in the ſaid Acts, or any of them, or any other Act or Acts to the contrary in anywiſe notwithſtanding.

The Dividends payable on the Iriſh 3½ per Cent. and 4 per Cent. Annuities ſhall be paid up to Jan. 5, and all ſucceeding Half-yearly Payments ſhall be made on July 5, and Jan. 5.

On Certificate from the Bank, the Sum neceſſary to diſcharge the Dividends for the 11 Days beyond the former Days of Payment ſhall be iſſued out of the Conſolidated Fund ariſing in Ireland.

II. And be it further enacted, That upon Certificate from the Governor and Company of the Bank of *Ireland*, chequed and certified by the Loan Clerk in the Exchequer of *Ireland*, of the Sum neceſſary to meet the Payment of ſuch ſeveral Intereſts or Dividends as ſhall be payable in *Ireland* for ſuch Periods of Eleven Days reſpectively, it ſhall be lawful for the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland* for the Time being, and he and they is and are hereby authorized and required, to grant his or their Warrant for iſſuing out of the Produce of the Conſolidated Fund ariſing in *Ireland*, to the ſaid Governor and Company, ſuch Sum or Sums as may be neceſſary to diſcharge ſuch ſeveral Intereſts or Dividends for ſuch Periods of Eleven Days reſpectively.

Perſons holding Stock transferrable at the Bank of England

III. And be it further enacted, That from and after the Fifth Day of *July* One thouſand eight hundred and ſeventeen it ſhall and may be lawful for any Perſon or Perſons holding Stock in the Three Pounds *per Centum per Annum* Conſolidated Annuities transferrable at the Bank of *England*, to transfer ſuch Stock or Annuities for the Purpoſe of having

corresponding Sums written in and consolidated with and made Part of the Capital of Three Pounds and Ten Shillings *per Centum per Annum* Annuities and Debentures transferrable at the Bank of *Ireland*; and that from and after the Tenth Day of *October* One thousand eight hundred and seventeen it shall and may be lawful for any Person or Persons holding Stock in the *British* Funds of Four Pounds *per Centum per Annum* Consolidated Annuities transferrable at the Bank of *England*, or in the Five Pounds *per Centum per Annum* Annuities of the Year One thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven, transferrable at the Bank of *England*, or in *Irish* Five Pounds *per Centum per Annum* Annuities transferrable at the said Bank of *England*, to transfer such Stock or Annuities respectively for the Purpose of having corresponding Sums written in and consolidated with and made Part of the Capital of Five Pounds *per Centum per Annum* Annuities transferrable at the Bank of *Ireland*; and that all such Transfers shall be made according to the Scale and on the Terms and Conditions herein-after mentioned and set forth.

may transfer the same for corresponding Stock transferrable at the Bank of Ireland.

IV. And be it further enacted, That the Scale upon which every such Transfer or Transfers shall be made under the Authority of this Act, of any Sum or Sums from the several before-mentioned Stocks, Funds, or Annuities transferrable at the Bank of *England*, for the Purpose of having corresponding Sums written into or consolidated with the said several before-mentioned Stocks, Funds, Annuities, or Debentures transferrable at the Bank of *Ireland*, shall be as follows; that is to say, that every Person who shall so transfer any such Sum or Sums shall, for every Sum of One hundred Pounds in the Three Pounds *per Centum per Annum* Consolidated Annuities transferrable at the Bank of *England*, so transferred, be entitled to the Sum of Ninety-two Pounds Seventeen Shillings and Two-pence in the Three Pounds and Ten Shillings *per Centum per Annum* Annuities and Debentures transferrable at the Bank of *Ireland*; for every Sum of One hundred Pounds in the Four Pounds *per Centum per Annum* Consolidated Annuities transferrable at the Bank of *England*, so transferred, every such Person shall be entitled to the Sum of Eighty-six Pounds Thirteen Shillings and Four-pence in the Five Pounds *per Centum per Annum* Annuities transferrable at the Bank of *Ireland*; and for every Sum of One hundred Pounds in the Five Pounds *per Centum per Annum* Annuities of the Year One thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven, transferrable at the Bank of *England*, or in the *Irish* Five Pounds *per Centum per Annum* Annuities transferrable at the Bank of *England*, so transferred, every such Person shall be entitled to the Sum of One hundred and eight Pounds Six Shillings and Eight-pence in the Five Pounds *per Centum per Annum* Annuities and Debentures transferrable at the Bank of *Ireland*; and so in proportion for any greater or less Quantity or Sum of any such Stocks, Funds, or Annuities so transferred respectively.

Scale upon which such Transfers shall be made.

V. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for any Person or Persons having or possessing any Stock in the several before-mentioned Stocks, Funds, or Annuities transferrable at the Bank of *England*, to apply in Writing to the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, and which Application shall be according to such Form as shall be established by the said Governor and Company, and shall be the same in all Cases, for Permission to transfer such Stocks, Funds, or Annuities respectively, for the Purpose of having corresponding Sums written in and consolidated

Application for transferring Stock to be made to the Bank of England in Writing.

consolidated with the several before-mentioned Stocks, Funds, Annuities, or Debentures transferrable at the Bank of *Ireland*, as the Case may require, according to the Provisions of this Act; and thereupon, and upon such Person or Persons transferring such Stocks, Funds, or Annuities so transferrable at the Bank of *England*, or any Part thereof, in the Books of the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, into the Names of the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt, for the Purpose of their cancelling and discharging the same from the National Debt in *Great Britain*, it shall and may be lawful for the Governor or Deputy Governor of the Bank of *England* for the Time being, and they are hereby respectively authorized and required, to grant a Certificate to the Person or Persons making such Transfer, directed to the Governor and Company of the Bank of *Ireland*, and which Certificate shall be also according to a Form which shall be established by the said Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, and shall be the same in all Cases; and such Certificate shall state that the Person or Persons therein mentioned has or have transferred the Stocks, Funds, or Annuities therein described to the said Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt, for the Purpose of having corresponding Sums written in the Name of such Person or Persons and consolidated with such Stocks, Funds, Annuities, or Debentures in *Ireland* as the same are applicable to, describing the same, and stating the Amount in such *Irish* Stocks, Funds, Annuities, or Debentures respectively to which such Person or Persons shall be so entitled in respect of such Transfer, according to the Scale herein-before set forth.

In Cases of Transfers made to the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt, Certificates to be granted directed to the Bank of Ireland.

VI. And be it further enacted, That immediately upon any such Transfer as aforesaid being made at the Bank of *England* to the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt in *Great Britain*, the Stocks, Funds, or Annuities so transferred to them shall be cancelled and for ever discharged from the Account of the National Debt in *Great Britain*.

Stock transferred to the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt, to be cancelled.

VII. And be it further enacted, That in the Office of the Accountant General of the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England* for the Time being, a Book or Books shall be provided and kept, in which shall be fairly entered the Names of all Persons making any such Transfer of any such Stocks, Funds, or Annuities to the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt, under the Provisions of this Act, to which Book or Books it shall and may be lawful for all Persons making any such Transfer, their respective Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, from Time to Time and at all seasonable Times to resort and to inspect the same without any Fee or Charge; and the said Accountant General shall on or before the Fifteenth Day of *March*, the Fifteenth Day of *June*, the Fifteenth Day of *September*, and the Fifteenth Day of *December* in each and every Year, transmit a Certificate, fairly written on Paper, of the total Amount of the several Stocks, Funds, or Annuities so transferred, specifying the annual Interest thereon, into the Office of the Auditor of His Majesty's Exchequer in *Great Britain*, and also into the Office of the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt; and the Monies heretofore set apart at His Majesty's Exchequer in *Great Britain*, for the Payment of the Interest of the Capitals of the said Stocks, Funds, or Annuities so transferred, shall thenceforward cease and determine, and be no longer issued out of the Consolidated Fund in *Great Britain*.

Books to be provided for entering Transfers made to the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt.

VIII. Provided always, and be it enacted, That it ſhall not be lawful for any Perſon to make any Transfer, for the Purpoſes of this Act, of any ſuch *Britiſh* Three Pounds *per Centum per Annum* Conſolidated Annuities, at any Time within One Calendar Month next preceding the Fifth Day of *January* or the Fifth Day of *July* in any Year, nor to make any ſuch Transfer of any ſuch *Britiſh* Four Pounds *per Centum per Annum* Conſolidated Annuities, or Five Pounds *per Centum per Annum* Annuities of the Year One thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-ſeven, or *Iriſh* Five Pounds *per Centum* Annuities transferrable at the Bank of *England*, at any Time within One Calendar Month next preceding the Fifth Day of *April* or the Tenth Day of *October*, in any Year; any Thing herein-before contained to the contrary in anywiſe notwithſtanding.

No ſuch Transfers ſhall be made within One Month preceding the Days when the Dividends become due.

IX. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful for the Governor and Company of the Bank of *Ireland*, and they are hereby authorized and required, upon the Production to them of any ſuch Certificate or Certificates from the Governor or Deputy Governor of the Bank of *England*, ſo given for the Purpoſes of this Act, to write or cauſe to be written into the Books of the Bank of *Ireland* relating to the ſeveral Stocks, Funds, Annuities, or Debentures reſpectively, the Sums ſpecified and contained in every ſuch Certificate, in the Name or Names of the Party or Parties ſpecified in every ſuch Certificate; and all and every ſuch Sums and Sum ſhall be reſpectively added to and made One joint Stock with the then exiſting Annuities of Three Pounds and Ten Shillings *per Centum per Annum* or Five Pounds *per Centum per Annum* reſpectively, transferrable at the Bank of *Ireland*, as the Caſe ſhall require, and ſhall be payable and transferrable at the Bank of *Ireland* at the ſame Time and in the ſame Manner as ſuch exiſting Annuities of Three Pounds Ten Shillings *per Centum per Annum*, and Five Pounds *per Centum per Annum* reſpectively, are payable and transferrable; and all ſuch Sums ſo written into the ſaid Books of the Bank of *Ireland* ſhall be entitled to Intereſt or Dividend from the laſt Dividend Day immediately previous to the Transfer made under this Act of the ſeveral Stocks, Funds, or Annuities in reſpect of which ſuch Sums were ſo written in, and up to which Day the Dividend or Intereſt on ſuch ſeveral Stocks, Funds, or Annuities ſhall have been payable at the Bank of *England*.

On Production of the Certificates of the Bank of England, the Bank of Ireland ſhall write the Sums into their Books, to be conſolidated with the ſeveral exiſting Stocks.

X. Provided always, and be it enacted, That it ſhall not be lawful to write in or conſolidate any ſuch Sum or Sums in the Books of the Governor and Company of the Bank of *Ireland* relating to the Three Pounds Ten Shillings *per Centum per Annum* Annuities transferrable at the Bank of *Ireland*, at any Time within Three Weeks next preceding the Fifth Day of *January* or the Fifth Day of *July* in any Year; nor to write in or conſolidate any ſuch Sum or Sums in the Books of the ſaid Governor and Company relating to the Five Pounds *per Centum per Annum* Annuities transferrable at the ſaid Bank, at any Time within Three Weeks next preceding the Fifth Day of *April* or the Tenth Day of *October* in any Year; any Thing herein-before contained to the contrary in anywiſe notwithſtanding.

No ſuch Sums ſhall be ſo written into the Books of the Bank of Ireland within Three Weeks previous to the reſpective Dividend Days.

XI. And be it further enacted, That the ſaid Governor and Company of the Bank of *Ireland* ſhall, upon making up their Books preparatory to the Payment of each and every Half-yearly Intereſt or Dividend, certify to

Bank of Ireland ſhall certify to the Auditor

of the Exchequer there, &c. the Amount of Stock written into their Books within each Half Year, and the Intereſt ſhall be iſſued out of the Conſolidated Fund ariſing in Ireland.

to the Auditor General of His Majeſty's Exchequer in *Ireland*, and to the Loan Clerk there, the Amount of all Stocks, Funds, Annuities, or Debentures which ſhall have been written into the Books of the ſaid Governor and Company purſuant to this Act in the Courſe of the preceding Half-year, and for which Intereſt or Dividend ſhall be and become payable purſuant to this Act; and ſuch Loan Clerk ſhall certify by his Signature ſuch Application from the ſaid Bank of *Ireland* for the total Amount of the Intereſt or Dividend falling due, and ſo to be applied for, with the leaſt poſſible Delay, provided ſuch Demand from the ſaid Governor and Company of the Bank of *Ireland* ſhall be correct; and thereupon it ſhall and may be lawful for the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland* for the Time being, and he or they is and are hereby authorized and required, to grant his or their Warrant to iſſue out of the Produce of the Conſolidated Fund ariſing in *Ireland* a ſufficient Sum of Money for paying to the ſaid Governor and Company of the Bank of *Ireland* the full Amount of all Intereſt or Dividend ſo becoming payable; any Act or Acts in force in *Ireland*, or any Law, Uſage, or Cuſtom to the contrary in anywiſe notwithſtanding.

Duplicates may be granted of Certificates loſt or deſtroyed.

XII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That in caſe of the Loſs or Deſtruction of any Certificate of the Governor or Deputy Governor of the Bank of *England*, given for the Purpoſes of this Act, it ſhall and may be lawful for the Governor or Deputy Governor of the Bank of *England*, and they are hereby reſpectively authorized and empowered, upon Proof of ſuch Loſs or Deſtruction to their Satisfaction, to grant a Duplicate of ſuch Certificate; and ſuch Duplicate ſhall be full and ſufficient Authority to the Governor and Company of the Bank of *Ireland*, for the Purpoſes of this Act, and ſhall ſtand in the Place and Stead of the original Certificate, if ſuch original Certificate ſhall not have been previouſly found and produced to and acted upon by the Governor and Company of the Bank of *Ireland*: Provided always, that upon any Loſs or Deſtruction, or alleged Loſs or Deſtruction, of any ſuch original Certificate, and on the Production of any ſuch Duplicate Certificate, the Governor and Company of the Bank of *Ireland* ſhall and they are hereby authorized and required to demand and take from the Party or Parties tendering any ſuch Duplicate full and ſufficient Security to His Majeſty, His Heirs and Succeſſors, to indemnify the ſaid Governor and Company againſt the Production of, or any Claim which ſhall be made under or by virtue of, any ſuch original Certificate ſo loſt or deſtroyed, or alleged to have been loſt or deſtroyed; and if, at any Time after a Duplicate Certificate ſhall have been produced and acted upon under this Act, the Original of ſuch Certificate ſhall be tendered to the ſaid Governor and Company of the Bank of *Ireland*, it ſhall and may be lawful for the ſaid Governor and Company, and they are hereby authorized and required, to detain ſuch original Certificate, and to cancel the ſame, and to tranſmit the ſame ſo cancelled to the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, and to deliver up ſuch Security as ſhall have been entered into touching the ſaid original Certificate, to the Party or Parties entering into ſuch Security, or ſuch of them as ſhall require the ſame.

Security to be given againſt the Production of the Original.

Perſons counterfeiting Certificates, &c. guilty of Felony.

XIII. And be it further enacted, That if any Perſon or Perſons ſhall forge or counterfeit, or cauſe or procure to be forged or counterfeited, or ſhall willingly act or aſſiſt in the forging or counterfeiting any ſuch Certificate or Duplicate Certificate, or ſhall alter any Number, Figure, or

Word therein, or ſhall utter or publiſh as true any ſuch falſe, forged, counterfeited, or altered Certificate, with Intent to defraud the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, or the Governor and Company of the Bank of *Ireland*, or any Body Politic or Corporate, or any Perſon or Perſons whatſoever, every ſuch Perſon or Perſons ſo forging or counterfeiting, or cauſing or procuring to be forged or counterfeited, or willingly acting or aſſiſting in the forging or counterfeiting, or altering, uttering, or publiſhing as aforeſaid, being thereof convicted in due Form of Law, ſhall be adjudged guilty of Felony, and ſhall ſuffer Death as a Felon without Benefit of Clergy.

No Fee to be taken for receiving any Certificate, &c. on Penalty of 20*l.*

XIV. And be it further enacted, That no Fee, Reward, or Gratuity whatſoever ſhall be demanded or taken of any of His Majeſty's Subjects for receiving any ſuch Certificate or Duplicate Certificate, or for paying the ſaid Annuities or any of them, or for any Transfer of any Sum, great or ſmall, to be made in purſuance of this Act, upon pain that any Officer or Perſon offending by taking or demanding any ſuch Fee, Reward, or Gratuity, ſhall for every ſuch Offence forfeit the Sum of Twenty Pounds to the Party aggrieved, with full Coſts of Suit, to be recovered by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information in any of His Majeſty's Courts of Record at *Weſtminſter* or *Dublin* reſpectively, wherein no Eſſoign, Protection, Privilege, Wager of Law, Injunction, or Order of Reſtraint, or any more than One Imparlance, ſhall be granted or allowed.

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