

ANNO QUINQUAGESIMO OCTAVO

GEORGII III. REGIS.

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entitled to Annuities at the Rate of 3½ per Cent.

Centum Annuities to the Account of the Commiſſioners for the Reduction of the National Debt, and upon Payment to the Chief Caſhier or Caſhiers of the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, at the Times hereafter mentioned, of the Sum of Eleven Pounds in Money for every One hundred Pounds of the ſaid Annuities, be entitled to One hundred Pounds in Annuities after the Rate of Three Pounds Ten Shillings *per Centum per Annum*; which Annuities ſhall be charged upon the Conſolidated Fund of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, and ſhall be payable Half-yearly at the Bank of *England* on the Fifth Day of *April* and the Tenth Day of *October* in every Year, and ſhall be transferrable in the Books of the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*.

The Payments of 11l. on each 100l. 3 per Cents. not to exceed 3,000,000l.

II. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the whole of the Money to ariſe from the Payment of Eleven Pounds on each One hundred Pounds Three Pounds *per Centum* Conſolidated or Reduced Annuities, ſubſcribed to be transferred as aforeſaid, ſhall not exceed the Sum of Three Millions.

Subſcribers having transferred 15l. per Cent. to the Commiſſioners for the Reduction of the National Debt by May 4, ſhall transfer the remaining 85l. per Cent. by Nov. 27, 1818.

III. And be it further enacted, That every Perſon and Body Politic and Corporate having ſubſcribed ſuch Annuities, and having transferred Fifteen Pounds *per Centum* thereof to the Account of the Commiſſioners for the Reduction of the National Debt, on or before the Fourth Day of *May* One thouſand eight hundred and eighteen, ſhall transfer or cauſe to be transferred, on his or their Behalf, the remaining Eighty-five Pounds *per Centum* on or before the Twenty-ſeventh Day of *November* One thouſand eight hundred and eighteen; and the Accountant General of the Bank of *England*, or his Deputy or Deputies, ſhall grant a Certificate or Certificates in Writing to every Subſcriber who ſhall under the Proviſions of this Act transfer any Three Pounds *per Centum* Annuities to the Commiſſioners for the Reduction of the National Debt, and which Certificate or Certificates ſhall be aſſignable by Indorſement thereon in the Manner and within the Time herein-after mentioned.

Times of Payment of the ſaid 11l. per Cent.

IV. And be it further enacted, That every Perſon and Body Politic and Corporate having ſubſcribed as aforeſaid, and having made a Depoſit with the Caſhier or Caſhiers of the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England* (which Caſhier or Caſhiers is and are hereby appointed the Receiver and Receivers of ſuch Contributions, without any other Warrant to be had in that Behalf), of One Pound upon every One Hundred Pounds Three Pounds *per Centum* Annuities ſubſcribed to be transferred, ſhall advance and pay, or cauſe to be advanced and paid, unto the ſaid Caſhier or Caſhiers, the ſeveral Remainders of the Sums by them reſpectively ſubſcribed towards the ſaid Sum of Three Millions, at or before the reſpective Days and Times and in the Proportions herein-after limited and appointed in that Behalf; (that is to ſay), the further Sum of One Pound on or before the Nineteenth Day of *June* One thouſand eight hundred and eighteen; the further Sum of One Pound on or before the Twenty-fourth Day of *July* then next following; the further Sum of One Pound on or before the Seventh Day of *Auguſt* then next following; the further Sum of One Pound on or before the Fourth Day of *September* then next following; the further Sum of One Pound on or before the Sixteenth Day of *October* then next following; the further Sum of One Pound on or before the Thirteenth Day of *November* then next following; the further

Sum of One Pound on or before the Fourth Day of *December* then next following; the further Sum of One Pound on or before the Fifteenth Day of *January* One thouſand eight hundred and nineteen; the further Sum of One Pound on or before the Fifth Day of *February* then next following; and the remaining Sum of One Pound on or before the Fifth Day of *March* then next following.

Allowance for Payment in advance.

V. And be it further enacted, That every Perſon and Body Politic and Corporate ſo ſubſcribing and paying the whole of the Sums of Money by them reſpectively ſubſcribed, in reſpect of the ſaid Annuities to be transferred to the Commiſſioners for the Reduction of the National Debt as aforeſaid, at any Time on or before the Fourth Day of *February* One thouſand eight hundred and nineteen, ſhall be entitled to an Allowance of ſo much Money as the Intereſt of each Sum ſo paid in advance for completing his or their Subſcription reſpectively ſhall amount unto, after the Rate of Two Pounds *per Centum per Annum*, to be computed from the Day of completing the ſame to the Fifth Day of *March* One thouſand eight hundred and nineteen; which Allowance is to be paid by the ſaid Caſhier or Caſhiers out of the Money to be raiſed in purſuance of this Act, as ſoon as ſuch reſpective Subſcribers, their Executors, Adminiſtrators, Succeſſors, and Aſſigns, ſhall have completed ſuch Payments.

Perſons making Transfers of the Stock ſubſcribed before certain Periods, ſhall be entitled to 88l. in the Annuities of 3½ per Cent. to commence at the Times herein mentioned.

VI. And be it further enacted, That every Perſon and Body Politic and Corporate who ſhall, on or before the Second Day of *June* One thouſand eight hundred and eighteen, have transferred, or have cauſed to be transferred as aforeſaid, to the Account of the Commiſſioners for the Reduction of the National Debt, the Whole of the Three Pounds *per Centum* Conſolidated or Reduced Annuities ſubſcribed by him or them, ſhall be entitled to the principal Sum of Eighty-eight Pounds in Annuities, at the Rate of Three Pounds Ten Shillings *per Centum* for every One hundred Pounds Three Pounds *per Centum* Annuities ſo transferred; and ſuch Annuity at the Rate of Three Pounds Ten Shillings *per Centum* ſhall commence from the Fifth Day of *April* One thouſand eight hundred and eighteen, and the Firſt Payment of ſuch Annuity to be made on the Tenth Day of *October* One thouſand eight hundred and eighteen; and every Perſon and Body Politic and Corporate who ſhall, after the Second Day of *June*, and on or before the Twenty-ſeventh Day of *November* One thouſand eight hundred and eighteen, have transferred, or have cauſed to be transferred as aforeſaid, to the Account of the ſaid Commiſſioners, the Whole of the Three Pounds *per Centum* Conſolidated or Reduced Annuities ſubſcribed by him, ſhall be entitled to the principal Sum of Eighty-eight Pounds in Annuities, at the Rate of Three Pounds Ten Shillings *per Centum* for every One Hundred Pounds of Three Pounds *per Centum* Annuities ſo transferred; ſuch Annuities at the Rate of Three Pounds Ten Shillings *per Centum* to commence from the Tenth Day of *October* One thouſand eight hundred and eighteen, and the Firſt Payment of ſuch Annuity to be made on the Fifth Day of *April* One thouſand eight hundred and nineteen; and every Perſon and Body Politic and Corporate who ſhall, on or before the Fifth Day of *March* One thouſand eight hundred and nineteen, have paid to the Chief Caſhier or Caſhiers of the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England* the Sum of Eleven Pounds in Money for every One hundred Pounds of Three Pounds *per Centum*

Centum Annuities ſubſcribed by him or them, ſhall be entitled to the further principal Sum of Twelve Pounds in Annuities, at the Rate of Three Pounds Ten Shillings *per Centum* for every Sum of Eleven Pounds ſo paid; ſuch Annuities to commence from the Fifth Day of *April* One thouſand eight hundred and eighteen, and the Firſt Payment of ſuch Annuity to be made on the Tenth Day of *October* One thouſand eight hundred and eighteen, if the Payment ſhall be completed on or before the Seventh Day of that Month, and on the Fifth Day of *April* One thouſand eight hundred and nineteen, if the Payment of the Amount ſubſcribed ſhall not be completed until after the ſaid Seventh Day of *October*; and ſuch Annuities at the Rate of Three Pounds Ten Shillings *per Centum per Annum* ſhall not be reduced, nor ſhall the principal Sum of ſuch Annuities be paid off, at any Time before the Fifth Day of *April* One thouſand eight hundred and twenty-nine.

Perſons completing their Transfer of the 3 per Cent. Conſols by a certain Time, entitled to a Dividend of 15s. per Cent.

VII. And be it further enacted, That every Perſon and Body Politic and Corporate, having completed the Transfer to the Account of the Commiſſioners for the Reduction of the National Debt of the whole of the Three Pounds *per Centum* Conſolidated Annuities ſubſcribed by him or them, ſhall be entitled to a Dividend or Intereſt at the Rate of Fifteen Shillings for every principal Sum of One hundred Pounds in ſuch Three Pounds *per Centum* Conſolidated Annuities which may have been ſo transferred; and ſuch Dividend or Intereſt ſhall be paid at the Bank of *England* on the Fifth Day of *July* One thouſand eight hundred and eighteen, provided the whole of the Three Pounds *per Centum* Conſolidated Annuities ſubſcribed by ſuch Perſon or Body Politic or Corporate ſhall be transferred to the ſaid Commiſſioners on or before the Second Day of *June* One thouſand eight hundred and eighteen, or on the Fifth Day of *January* One thouſand eight hundred and nineteen, provided the whole of the Three Pounds *per Centum* Conſolidated Annuities ſubſcribed by ſuch Perſon or Body Politic or Corporate ſhall be transferred to the ſaid Commiſſioners after the Second Day of *June*, and on or before the Twenty-ſeventh Day of *November* One thouſand eight hundred and eighteen; and after Payment of the ſaid Dividend or Intereſt, the whole of the ſaid Conſolidated and Reduced Annuities which may be transferred to the ſaid Commiſſioners, ſhall be reſpectively cancelled, and the Intereſt or Dividends which would have been payable thereon ſhall from thenceforth reſpectively ceaſe to be iſſued from the Receipt of the Exchequer, or to be charged upon the Conſolidated Fund; and the Money which would have been applicable to the Payment thereof ſhall remain and be a Part of the growing Produce of the Conſolidated Fund of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*.

Commiſſioners of the National Debt may, on certain Conditions, purchaſe the 3½ per Cent. Annuities.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall be lawful for the Commiſſioners for the Reduction of the National Debt, and they are hereby authorized and required, to purchaſe the ſaid Annuities after the Rate of Three Pounds Ten Shillings *per Centum* created by this Act, in the Proportion of at leaſt One Pound *per Centum per Annum* on the Capital to be created, whenever the principal Sum of One hundred Pounds of ſuch Annuities can be purchaſed for leſs than One hundred Pounds in Money.

 IX. And

3½ per Cents. may be taken for the Purchase of Life Annuities;

IX. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt, and they are hereby empowered and required, to accept and receive Three Pounds and Ten Shillings *per Centum* Bank Annuities as the Consideration for the Purchase of Life Annuities; and for the Purpose of ascertaining the Price of such Stock or Annuities, the Cashier or Cashiers of the Bank of *England* shall and they are hereby required, on every Day on which any of the said Annuities shall have been bought at the Bank of *England*, to cause an Account to be made out of the Average Price thereof, according to the Regulations prescribed by any Act or Acts now in force for ascertaining the Average Price of Three Pounds *per Centum* Bank Annuities, for enabling the Purchase of Life Annuities; which said Account shall be transmitted to the Officer appointed by the said Commissioners, to enable him to ascertain the respective Amounts of the like Annuities which may be purchased by the Transfer of such Three Pounds and Ten Shillings *per Centum* Bank Annuities as aforesaid.

to be computed by converting the 3½ per Cents. into 3 per Cents.

X. And be it further enacted, That when any Three Pounds and Ten Shillings *per Centum* Bank Annuities shall be transferred to the said Commissioners for the Purchase of Life Annuities, that such Three Pounds and Ten Shillings *per Centum* Bank Annuities shall be first converted, by the Computation of the said Officer, into Three Pounds *per Centum* Consolidated or Reduced Bank Annuities (at the Option of the Purchaser), according to the Average Price of those Stocks, to be ascertained as hereinbefore directed; and the Life Annuities to be granted thereon shall be calculated and ascertained upon the Amount of Three Pounds *per Centum* Bank Annuities, including Fractions (if any), produced by such Conversion, according to the Provisions, Rules, and Regulations prescribed by any Act or Acts now in force enabling the said Commissioners to grant Life Annuities.

Subscribers making a Deposit of 1 per Cent. may transfer to the Commissioners 15 per Cent. Annuities on the Amount of the Subscription.

XI. And be it further enacted, That every Subscriber or Subscribers who has or have paid a Deposit of One Pound *per Centum* at the Bank of *England* upon the Subscription to a new Stock of Three Pounds and Ten Shillings *per Centum*, shall and may, either in his, her, or their own Name or Names, or in the Name or Names of any other Person or Persons on his or their Behalf, be at liberty to transfer into the Names of the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt the Deposit of Fifteen Pounds *per Centum* Three Pounds *per Centum* Annuities upon the Amount of every Subscription.

New Stock shall, under the Provisions of 57 G. 3. c. 79. be transferable at the Bank of Ireland; and the Persons transferring the same shall be entitled for every 100l. to 108l. 6s. 8d.

XII. And be it further enacted, That the said Annuities at the Rate of Three Pounds Ten Shillings *per Centum* created by this Act shall, under the Provisions of an Act made in the Fifty-seventh Year of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act to permit the Transfer of Capital from certain Publick Stocks or Funds in* Great Britain *to certain Publick Stocks or Funds in* Ireland, be transferrable into Annuities at the Rate of Three Pounds Ten Shillings *per Centum*, payable and transferrable at the Bank of *Ireland*; and every Person and Body Politic and Corporate transferring such Annuities payable at the Bank of *England* shall be entitled, for every One hundred Pounds so transferred, to the Principal Sum of One hundred and eight Pounds Six Shillings and Eight-pence in Annuities at the

in Annuities at the Rate of 3½ per Cent.

Rate of Three Pounds Ten Shillings *per Centum*, payable at the Bank of *Ireland*; and the Firſt Dividend to be paid at the Bank of *Ireland* ſhall be computed from the Fifth Day of *April* or Tenth Day of *October* next preceding the Day on which the Transfer ſhall be made to the Commiſſioners for the Reduction of the National Debt at the Bank of *England*, and ſhall be paid on the Fifth Day of *January* or Fifth Day of *July* next ſucceeding the Day on which ſuch Annuities ſhall be written into the Books of the Bank of *Ireland* in the Name or Names of the Party or Parties ſpecified in ſuch Certificate.

Caſhiers of the Bank, of whom Security ſhall be taken, ſhall give Receipts to the Subſcribers.

XIII. And be it further enacted, That the Caſhier or Caſhiers of the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England* who ſhall have received or ſhall receive any Part of the Sums ſubſcribed under this Act, ſhall give a Receipt or Receipts in Writing to every ſuch Subſcriber for all ſuch Sums: Provided always, that ſuch Caſhier or Caſhiers ſhall give Security to the good Liking of any Three or more of the Commiſſioners of the Treaſury of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, or the High Treaſurer of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland* for the Time being, for duly anſwering and paying into the Receipt of His Majeſty's Exchequer in *Great Britain*, as after mentioned, for the public Uſe, all the Monies which they have already received and ſhall hereafter receive from Time to Time under the Proviſions of this Act, and for accounting duly for the ſame, and for Performance of the Truſt hereby in him or them repoſed; and ſhall from Time to Time pay all ſuch Monies, as ſoon as he or they ſhall receive the ſame or any Part thereof, or within Five Days afterwards at the furtheſt, into and ſhall account for the ſame in the Exchequer of *Great Britain*, according to the due Courſe thereof, deducting thereout ſuch Sums as ſhall have been paid by him or them in purſuance of this Act, for which Sums ſo paid Allowance ſhall be made in his or their Accounts.

Money to be accounted for in the Exchequer.

Subſcriptions may be made in Exchequer Bills in Manner herein mentioned.

XIV. And be it further enacted, That every Perſon and Body Politic and Corporate who ſhall, on or before the Twenty-fourth Day of *April* One thouſand eight hundred and eighteen, have ſubſcribed his Name in the Books of the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, for transferring to the Account of the Commiſſioners for the Reduction of the National Debt Three Pounds *per Centum* Annuities for other Annuities at the Rate of Three Pounds Ten Shillings *per Centum*, ſhall be at Liberty to ſubſcribe his Name, or the Name or Style of the Body Politic or Corporate, in the Books of the ſaid Governor and Company, on the Twenty-eighth or Twenty-ninth Days of *April*, or on the Second Day of *May* One thouſand eight hundred and eighteen, for converting into Three Pounds *per Centum* Conſolidated and Reduced Annuities, upon the Terms and Conditions herein-after mentioned, any Exchequer Bills already iſſued or which may be iſſued before the Firſt Day of *Auguſt* One thouſand eight hundred and eighteen, and which may not have been advertiſed to be paid off, and the Intereſt thereon have ceaſed before the reſpective Days of Payment herein-after ſpecified, to an Amount not exceeding One hundred Pounds in Exchequer Bills for every One hundred Pounds of Stock ſubſcribed, to be ſo transferred to the Account of the Commiſſioners for the Reduction of the National Debt as aforeſaid: Provided always, that every ſuch Perſon and Body Politic and Corporate ſhall, at the Time of ſo ſubſcribing as aforeſaid, make a Depoſit in Money or in Exchequer

Bills with the Chief Cashier or Cashiers of the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, equal to Five Pounds *per Centum* at least on the Amount of Exchequer Bills so subscribed, as a Security for delivering into the Office of the Paymasters of Exchequer Bills the Amount of Exchequer Bills so subscribed, in Manner and at the Times following; that is to say, the Sum of Fifteen Pounds *per Centum* upon the whole Amount of Exchequer Bills subscribed on or before the First Day of *August* One thousand eight hundred and eighteen; the further Sum of Ten Pounds on or before the Third Day of *September* then next following; the further Sum of Twenty Pounds on or before the Sixteenth Day of *October* then next following; the further Sum of Ten Pounds on or before the Twenty-seventh Day of *November* then next following; the further Sum of Ten Pounds on or before the Eleventh Day of *December* then next following; the further Sum of Ten Pounds on or before the Fifteenth Day of *January* One thousand eight hundred and nineteen; and the Remainder of such Amount on or before the Nineteenth Day of *February* One thousand eight hundred and nineteen; and that whenever such Deposit as aforesaid shall have been made at the Bank in Money as aforesaid, the Paymasters of Exchequer Bills shall, so soon as any such Person or Body Politic or Corporate so subscribing as aforesaid shall have brought in Exchequer Bills to the whole Amount of such Subscription, return to such Person or Body Politic or Corporate so subscribing the Amount of such Deposit, or such Deposit may be taken into Account as a Part Payment of the Subscription of such Person or Body Politic or Corporate.

Guardians or Trustees may subscribe for Infants.

XV. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for any Guardian or Trustee having the Disposition of any Three Pounds *per Centum* Annuities, and of any Money, or of any Exchequer Bills of any Infant, to transfer such Annuities, and to pay such Money, and deliver in such Exchequer Bills in Manner aforesaid; and such Infant, upon the Transfer of the Annuities, and Payment of the Sum or Sums of Money, or Delivery of Exchequer Bills subscribed by such Guardian or Trustee, shall be entitled to have and receive the Annuities, Advantages, and Payments in respect thereof, in such and the like Manner as any other Subscriber; and the said Guardian and Trustee, as to the said Annuities transferred, and Sum or Sums so advanced, or Exchequer Bills delivered in, is hereby discharged, so as the Name of such Infant be expressed in such Transfer, and in the Receipt or Receipts for such Money or Exchequer Bills.

Bodies Politic having made Deposits, may authorise Persons to subscribe their Names for the Purpose of funding Exchequer Bills.

XVI. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for any Body Politic or Corporate, who shall have subscribed any Three Pounds *per Centum* Consolidated or Reduced Annuities, to be transferred to the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt under the Provisions of this Act, and who shall have paid the Deposit of One Pound in respect of each One hundred Pounds subscribed to be transferred, and shall also have transferred Fifteen Pounds *per Centum* thereon to the said Commissioners, by any Instrument under their Common Seal, to be lodged with the Chief Cashier or Cashiers of the Bank of *England*, to direct any Person or Persons to subscribe his or their Name or Names for the Purpose of funding any Exchequer Bills; and the Certificate or Certificates to be granted by the Paymasters of Exchequer Bills shall be made out in the Name of such Person or Persons, and shall be assignable by him or them in the same Manner as if the Three Pounds *per Centum* Consolidated or Reduced

Reduced Annuities, in reſpect of which ſuch Exchequer Bills were ſubſcribed to be funded, had been ſubſcribed by ſuch Perſon or Perſons in his or their own Name or Names.

Certificates given by Paymaſters, expreſſing that the Whole of the Exchequer Bills have been received, being lodged at the Bank, Perſons holding the ſame ſhall be entitled, for every 100l. contained therein, to 64l. Three per Cent. Conſols, and 64l. Three per Cent. Reduced Annuities.

XVII. And be it further enacted, That every Perſon and Body Politic and Corporate who ſhall have made a Depoſit at the Bank of *England* to the Amount of Five Pounds *per Centum* on the Exchequer Bills ſubſcribed by ſuch Perſon or Body, ſhall receive from the Paymaſters of Exchequer Bills a Certificate or Certificates, upon which a Receipt for the Depoſit made at the Bank of *England* ſhall be written; and ſuch Certificate or ſuch Certificates ſhall be carried to the Office of the Paymaſters of Exchequer Bills at the Time of making every future Payment, the Receipt for which ſhall be written thereon; and when the whole Amount of Exchequer Bills expreſſed in ſuch Certificate or Certificates ſhall have been acknowledged to have been received by the Paymaſters of Exchequer Bills, ſuch Certificate or Certificates being carried into the Bank of *England*, and lodged with the Governor and Company of the ſaid Bank, ſhall entitle the Perſons or Bodies Politic or Corporate reſpectively holding the ſame, for every One hundred Pounds principal Money contained therein, to Sixty-four Pounds Capital Stock in the Three Pounds *per Centum* Conſolidated Annuities, the Intereſt whereon ſhall commence from the Fifth Day of *January* One thouſand eight hundred and eighteen, and the Firſt Payment thereon to be made on the Fifth Day of *January* One thouſand eight hundred and nineteen, if the Certificate or Certificates before mentioned ſhall have been lodged with the Governor and Company of the ſaid Bank on or before the Second Day of *January* One thouſand eight hundred and nineteen; and if ſuch Certificate or Certificates ſhall not be ſo lodged until after the ſaid Second Day of *January* One thouſand eight hundred and nineteen, the Firſt Payment ſhall not be made until the Fifth Day of *July* One thouſand eight hundred and nineteen; and alſo to Sixty-four Pounds Capital Stock in Three Pounds *per Centum* Reduced Annuities, the Intereſt whereon ſhall commence from the Fifth Day of *April* One thouſand eight hundred and eighteen, and the Firſt Payment thereon to be made on the Tenth Day of *October* One thouſand eight hundred and eighteen, if the Certificate or Certificates before mentioned ſhall have been lodged with the Governor and Company of the Bank on or before the Seventh Day of *October* One thouſand eight hundred and eighteen; but if ſuch Certificate or Certificates ſhall not be ſo lodged until after the ſaid Seventh Day of *October* One thouſand eight hundred and eighteen, the Firſt Payment upon ſuch Amount of Reduced Annuities ſhall not be made until the Fifth Day of *April* One thouſand eight hundred and nineteen; and the ſaid Paymaſters of Exchequer Bills are hereby authorized and required to deliver to the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England* the Cheques or Counterfoils of ſuch Certificates.

Intereſt on ſuch Exchequer Bills ſhall be computed to Aug. 1, 1818.

XVIII. And be it further enacted, That the Intereſt on all Exchequer Bills which ſhall be depoſited at the Bank of *England*, or which may be carried into the Office of the Paymaſters of Exchequer Bills as aforeſaid, ſhall be computed up to the Firſt Day of *Auguſt* One thouſand eight hundred and eighteen inclusive, from which Time the ſame ſhall ceaſe; and the Intereſt which may be due on ſuch Bills, from the Day of their Date up to the ſaid Firſt Day of *Auguſt*, ſhall be paid by the ſaid Paymaſters as ſoon as conveniently may be after the ſaid Bills ſhall have been depoſited,

fited, or delivered in to the Perſon or Perſons by whom the Depoſit was made, or by whom the Bills were carried in.

Subſcribers may make up their Subſcription in Money inſtead of Exchequer Bills.

XIX. And be it further enacted, That every ſuch Subſcriber as aforeſaid who ſhall be deſirous of making up any Part of his Subſcription in Money inſtead of Exchequer Bills, ſhall be at liberty to do ſo, upon paying the ſame into the Bank of *England* to the Account of the Paymaſters of Exchequer Bills, together with a Sum equal to One Pound *per Centum* upon ſuch Money Payment; and alſo, if ſuch Payment ſhould be made after the Firſt Day of *Auguſt* One thouſand eight hundred and eighteen, a further Sum equal to Two-pence *per Centum per Diem* on the Amount of ſuch Payment in Money, to be computed from the ſaid Firſt Day of *Auguſt* up to the Day of the actual Payment thereof; and the Paymaſters of Exchequer Bills ſhall, upon the Payment to their Account being duly certified to them, grant a Receipt on ſuch Certificate as aforeſaid for ſuch Payment, in the ſame Manner as if Exchequer Bills to ſuch Amount had been brought into their Office; and the ſaid Paymaſters of Exchequer Bills ſhall and they are hereby required, within Five Days after they ſhall be apprized of the Payment of the ſaid Money to their Account at the Bank of *England*, pay the ſame into the Exchequer of *Great Britain*, and ſhall account for the ſame in the Exchequer according to the due Courſe thereof.

Exchequer Bills ſhall be received at the proper Office, to be cancelled, and the Intereſt paid.

XX. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall be lawful for the proper Officer or Officers at the Office of the Paymaſters of Exchequer Bills for the Time being, to take in and receive from all and every Perſon and Perſons, Bodies Politic or Corporate, who is, are, or ſhall be poſſeſſed of, intereſted in, or entitled unto any ſuch Exchequer Bills ſo ſubſcribed as aforeſaid, all the ſaid Exchequer Bills, to ſuch Amount as aforeſaid, which any ſuch Perſon or Perſons, Bodies Politic or Corporate, ſhall have ſo ſubſcribed, according to the Proviſions of this Act; and the ſaid Paymaſters of Exchequer Bills are hereby authorized and required, upon Receipt of any ſuch Bills, to mark and cancel the ſame, and to pay the Intereſt thereupon, according to the Proviſions of this Act.

Time of Payment of the Annuities granted in lieu of Exchequer Bills.

XXI. And be it further enacted, That all and every Perſon and Perſons, Bodies Politic and Corporate, who ſhall have delivered any ſuch Exchequer Bill or Bills as aforeſaid, upon producing ſuch Certificates as are hereby directed to be made forth by the ſaid Paymaſters of Exchequer Bills, in lieu of the principal Sums contained in ſuch Bill or Bills, ſhall for every Sum of One hundred Pounds contained therein, and ſo in proportion for any greater Sum, have and be entitled to the Capital Stock in Annuities herein-before mentioned, which ſhall be in lieu of ſuch Exchequer Bills; and the Annuities thereon ſhall be reſpectively payable Half-yearly at the Bank of *England* in Manner following; the ſaid Conſolidated Annuities on the Fifth Day of *July* and the Fifth Day of *January*, and the ſaid Reduced Annuities on the Fifth Day of *April* and Tenth Day of *October* reſpectively in every Year; and that all Perſons and Bodies Politic or Corporate entitled to any ſuch Annuity or Annuities aforeſaid, and his and their Executors, Adminiſtrators, Succeſſors, and Aſſigns reſpectively, and all Perſons and Bodies Politic or Corporate lawfully claiming under him or them, ſhall have good, ſure, abſolute, and indefeaſible Eſtates and Intereſts in the ſaid Annuities, according to the true Tenor

and Meaning of this Act, until the Redemption thereof in the Manner herein directed.

Receipts or Certificates ſhall be aſſignable by Indorſement.

XXII. And be it further enacted, That all Receipts by the Chief Caſhier or Caſhiers of the Bank of *England*, or Certificates by the Accountant General of the Bank of *England*, or his Deputy or Deputies, or by the Paymaſters of Exchequer Bills, which ſhall be delivered under and by virtue of this Act, in reſpect of any ſuch Transfers or Payments as aforeſaid, ſhall be aſſignable by Indorſement thereupon, provided ſuch Indorſement is made upon any Receipt or Receipts granted by the Caſhier or Caſhiers of the Bank of *England* on or before the Fifth Day of *February* One thouſand eight hundred and nineteen, and upon any Certificate or Certificates, Receipt or Receipts, granted by the Accountant General of the Bank of *England*, or his Deputy or Deputies, or the Paymaſters of Exchequer Bills, at any Time before the Nineteenth Day of *November* One thouſand eight hundred and eighteen, and no longer; and no ſuch Receipt, Certificate, or Aſſignment thereupon, ſhall be charged with any Stamp Duties whatever.

Annuities ſhall be entered in Books, and be transferrable.

XXIII. And be it further enacted, That as ſoon as any Subſcribers, their Executors, Adminiſtrators, and Aſſigns, ſhall have completed their Payments and Transfers as aforeſaid under and according to the Proviſions of this Act, and the Certificates granted by the Paymaſters of Exchequer Bills ſhall be lodged with the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, and which they are hereby authorized and required to take in and receive, the reſpective principal Sums or Annuities in reſpect of which ſuch Payments and Transfers ſhall have been made as aforeſaid, ſhall forthwith be, in the Books of the Bank of *England*, placed to the Credit of ſuch reſpective Subſcribers, their Executors, Adminiſtrators, Succeſſors, and Aſſigns, completing ſuch Transfers or Payments; and the Perſons to whoſe Credit ſuch principal Sums ſhall be ſo placed, their reſpective Executors, Adminiſtrators, Succeſſors, and Aſſigns, ſhall and may have Power to aſſign and transfer the ſame, or any Part, Share, or Proportion thereof, to any other Perſon, Body Politic or Corporate whatſoever, in the Books of the Bank of *England*; and the ſaid Governor and Company of the Bank of *England* are hereby required, as ſoon as conveniently may be after the paſſing of this Act, to prepare proper Books for the Purpoſe of entering the Names of all ſuch Subſcribers, and of placing to their Credit the principal Sums to which they may be reſpectively entitled under the Proviſions of this Act; and all ſuch principal Sums reſpectively ſhall be taken and deemed to be Stock transferrable according to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, until Redemption thereof, in ſuch Manner as is herein-after mentioned.

Subſcribers completing their Subſcription before July 2, 1818, the Dividend on the 3 per Cent. Conſols. Stock ſhall be paid Jan. 5, 1819.

XXIV. And be it further enacted, That if any Subſcriber or Subſcribers ſhall have completed his or their Subſcription, and ſhall have lodged the Certificate or Certificates thereof with the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England* on or before the Second Day of *July* One thouſand eight hundred and eighteen, by which the Three Pounds *per Centum* Conſolidated Annuities created by this Act would become transferrable in the Books of the ſaid Governor and Company, or the Dividend or Intereſt which may become due thereon on the Fifth Day of *July* One thouſand eight hundred and eighteen, ſhall belong to and ſhall be paid on

on the Fifth Day of *January* One thouſand eight hundred and nineteen to the Perſon or Perſons, Body Politic or Corporate, in whoſe Name or Names ſuch Three Pounds *per Centum* Conſolidated Annuities ſhall have been ſtanding in the Books of the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England* on the ſaid Fifth Day of *July* One thouſand eight hundred and eighteen: Provided always, that in caſe any ſuch Subſcribers who ſhall have transferred any Three Pounds *per Centum* Annuities to the Commiſſioners for the Reduction of the National Debt, or who ſhall have already depoſited with or ſhall hereafter pay to the ſaid Caſhier or Caſhiers any Sum or Sums of Money or Exchequer Bills, or carry into the Office of the Paymaſters of Exchequer Bills any Exchequer Bills, at the Times and in the Manner herein-before mentioned, in part of the Sum or Sums ſo by them reſpectively ſubſcribed, or their reſpective Executors, Adminiſtrators, Succeſſors, or Aſſigns, ſhall not transfer to the ſaid Commiſſioners, or advance and pay to the ſaid Caſhier or Caſhiers, or carry into the Office of the Paymaſters of Exchequer Bills, the Reſidue of the Three Pounds *per Centum* Annuities, Money, or Exchequer Bills ſubſcribed, at the Times and in the Manner before mentioned, then and in every ſuch Caſe ſo much of the reſpective Annuities, Money, or Exchequer Bills ſo ſubſcribed, as ſhall have been actually transferred, paid, or delivered in part thereof as aforeſaid, ſhall be forfeited for the Benefit of the Public, and all Right and Title to the ſaid Annuities in reſpect thereof ſhall be extinguiſhed; any Thing in this Act contained to the contrary thereof in anywiſe notwithſtanding.

If Reſidue of Subſcription be not made good, the Payments that have been made ſhall be forfeited.

XXV. 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 the Names of the Subſcribers ſhall be fairly entered; which Book or Books the ſaid reſpective Subſcribers, their reſpective Executors, Adminiſtrators, Succeſſors, and Aſſigns, ſhall and may from Time to Time, and at all ſeaſonable Times, reſort to and inſpect, without any Fee or Charge; and that the ſaid Accountant General ſhall, on or before the Fifth Day of *July* One thouſand eight hundred and nineteen, tranſmit an atteſted Duplicate, fairly written on Paper, of the ſaid Book or Books, into the Office of the Auditor of the Receipt of His Majeſty's Exchequer of *Great Britain*, there to remain for ever.

Books to be provided for entering the Names of Subſcribers.

XXVI. And be it further enacted, That Books ſhall be conſtantly kept by the ſaid Accountant General for the Time being, wherein all Aſſignments or Transfers of all Annuities created under the Proviſions of this Act ſhall be entered and regiſtered; which Entry ſhall be conceived in proper Words for that Purpoſe, and ſhall be ſigned by the Parties making ſuch Aſſignments or Transfers, or, if ſuch Parties be abſent, by their reſpective Attorney or Attornies thereunto lawfully authorized, in Writing under his or their Hand and Seal or Hands and Seals, to be atteſted by Two or more credible Witneſſes; and that the ſeveral Perſons to whom ſuch Transfers ſhall be made may reſpectively underwrite their Acceptance thereof; and that no other Method of aſſigning and transferring the ſaid Annuities, or any Part thereof, or any Intereſt therein, ſhall be good or available in Law: Provided always, that all Perſons poſſeſſed of any Share or Intereſt in the ſaid Annuities, or any Eſtate or Intereſt therein, may deviſe the ſame by Will in Writing, atteſted by Two or more credible Witneſſes; but that no

Transfers of Annuities ſhall be made in ſuch Books.

no Payment ſhall be made upon any ſuch Deviſe, until ſo much of the ſaid Will as relates to ſuch Share, Eſtate, or Intereſt in the ſaid Annuities, be entered in the ſaid Office; and, that in default of ſuch Transfer or Deviſe, ſuch Share, Eſtate, or Intereſt in the ſaid Annuities ſhall go to the Executors, Adminiſtrators, Succeſſors, and Aſſigns; and that no Stamp Duties whatſoever ſhall be charged on any of the ſaid Transfers; any Law or Statute to the contrary notwithſtanding.

Annuities to be Perſonal Eſtate;

XXVII. And be it further enacted, That all Perſons who ſhall be entitled to any of the Annuities hereby granted, and all Perſons lawfully claiming under them, ſhall be poſſeſſed thereof as of a Perſonal Eſtate, which ſhall not be deſcendible to Heirs, nor liable to any foreign Attachment, by the Cuſtom of *London* or otherwiſe; any Law, Statute, or Cuſtom to the contrary notwithſtanding

and to be Tax-free.

XXVIII. And be it further enacted, That ſuch Subſcribers duly transferring or paying or delivering in the whole Amount ſo ſubſcribed at or before the reſpective Times in this Act limited in that Behalf, and their reſpective Executors, Adminiſtrators, Succeſſors, and Aſſigns, ſhall have, receive, and enjoy, and be entitled by virtue of this Act to have, receive, and enjoy, the ſaid Annuities by this Act granted in reſpect of the Amount ſo ſubſcribed, and ſhall have good and ſure Intereſts and Eſtates therein, according to the ſeveral Proviſions in this Act contained; and that the ſaid Annuities ſhall be free from all Taxes, Charges, and Impoſitions whatſoever.

After April 5, 1829, the Annuities may be paid off.

XXIX. And be it further enacted, That at any Time after the Fifth Day of *April* One thouſand eight hundred and twenty-nine, and not ſooner, upon Six Months Notice to be printed in the *London Gazette*, and affixed upon the *Royal Exchange* in *London*, by Authority of Parliament, and upon Repayment by Parliament of the whole of the ſaid Annuities after the Rate of Three Pounds and Ten Shillings *per Centum per Annum*, or any Part thereof, by Payments not leſs than Five hundred thouſand Pounds at one Time, in ſuch Manner as ſhall be directed by any future Act or Acts of Parliament in that Behalf, and alſo upon full Payment of all Arrearages of the ſaid Annuities, then, and not till then, ſuch and ſo much of the ſaid Annuities, after the Rate of Three Pounds and Ten Shillings *per Centum per Annum*, as ſhall be attending on the principal Sum or Sums ſo paid off, ſhall ceaſe and determine, and be underſtood to be redeemed; and that any Vote or Reſolution of the Houſe of Commons, ſignified by the Speaker in Writing, to be inſerted in the *London Gazette*, and affixed on the *Royal Exchange* in *London* as aforeſaid, ſhall be deemed and adjudged to be ſufficient Notice within the Words and Meaning of this Act.

The 3 per Cent. Conſols ſhall be added to the joint Stock of 3 per Cent. Conſols.

XXX. And be it further enacted, That all the Conſolidated Annuities after the Rate of Three Pounds *per Centum per Annum* which ſhall be created under the Proviſions of this Act, ſhall, after the Fifth Day of *July* One thouſand eight hundred and eighteen, be added to the joint Stock of Annuities transferrable at the Bank of *England*, into which the ſeveral Sums, carrying an Intereſt after the Rate of Three Pounds *per Centum per Annum*, were, by ſeveral Acts made in the Twenty-fifth, Twenty-eighth, Twenty-

Twenty-ninth, Thirty-ſecond, and Thirty-third Years of the Reign of His late Majeſty King *George* the Second, and by ſeveral ſubſequent Acts, conſolidated, and ſhall be deemed Part of the ſaid joint Stock of Annuities, ſubject nevertheleſs to Redemption by Parliament in ſuch Manner and upon ſuch Notice as, in the ſaid Act made in the Twenty-fifth Year of His ſaid late Majeſty's Reign is directed in reſpect of the ſeveral and reſpective Annuities redeemable by virtue of the ſaid Act; and that all and every Perſon and Perſons and Corporation whatſoever, in proportion to the Money to which he or they ſhall become entitled as aforeſaid by virtue of this Act, ſhall have and be deemed to have a proportional Intereſt and Share in the ſaid joint Stock of Annuities at the Rates aforeſaid.

The 3 per Cent. Reduced Annuities ſhall be added to the joint Stock of 3 per Cent. Reduced Annuities.

XXXI. And be it further enacted, That all the Reduced Annuities after the Rate of Three Pounds *per Centum*, created under the Proviſions of this Act, ſhall be added to the joint Stock of Annuities transferrable at the Bank of *England*, which, by an Act made in the Twenty-third Year of the Reign of His late Majeſty, were reduced from Four Pounds *per Centum per Annum* to Three Pounds *per Centum per Annum*, and ſhall be deemed Part of the ſaid joint Stock of Annuities, ſubject nevertheleſs to Redemption by Parliament in ſuch Manner and upon ſuch Notice as in the ſeveral Acts by which the ſaid Annuities after the Rate of Four Pounds *per Centum per Annum* were reſpectively granted, are directed in reſpect of the Annuities redeemable by virtue thereof; and that all and every Perſon and Perſons and Corporations whatſoever, in proportion to the Money to which he or they ſhall become entitled as aforeſaid by virtue of this Act, ſhall have and be deemed to have a proportional Intereſt and Share in the ſaid joint Stock of Annuities at the Rate aforeſaid.

Dividends ſhall be payable out of the Conſolidated Fund,

XXXII. And be it further enacted, That all the Annuities created under the Proviſions of this Act, and Intereſt and Dividends which ſhall become payable in reſpect thereof, ſhall be charged and chargeable upon, and are hereby charged upon, and made payable out of the Conſolidated Fund of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, after paying or reſerving ſufficient to pay all ſuch Sums of Money as have been directed by any former Act or Acts of Parliament; and the ſaid Annuities at the Rate of Three Pounds *per Centum* ſhall be ſubject to Redemption by Parliament in Manner herein-before mentioned.

and the Money iſſued at the Exchequer to the Bank.

XXXIII. And be it further enacted, That ſo much Money ſhall from Time to Time be ſet apart and iſſued at the Receipt of the Exchequer in *England*, out of the Conſolidated Fund of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, to the ſaid Caſhier or Caſhiers of the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, as ſhall be ſufficient to ſatisfy and pay the reſpective Annuities to be created under the Proviſions of this Act, together with the Charges attending the ſame.

Bank ſhall appoint Caſhiers to whom the Money ſhall be iſſued, and alſo an Accountant General.

XXXIV. And, for the more eaſy and ſure Payment of all the Annuities eſtabliſhed by this Act, be it further enacted, That the ſaid Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, and their Succeſſors, ſhall from Time to Time, until all the ſaid Annuities ſhall be redeemed, appoint and employ one or more ſufficient Perſon or Perſons within their Office in the City

City of *London* to be their Chief or Firſt Caſhier or Caſhiers, and one other ſufficient Perſon within the ſame Office to be their Accountant General; and that ſo much of the Monies from Time to Time being in the Receipt of the Exchequer, and forming the Conſolidated Fund by this Act made applicable for that Purpoſe, as ſhall be ſufficient to anſwer the ſaid Annuities, ſhall, by Order of the Commiſſioners of the Treaſury of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, 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, without any further or other Warrant to be ſued for, had, or obtained in that Behalf, from Time to Time at the reſpective Days of Payment in this Act appointed, be iſſued and paid at the Receipt of the Exchequer to the ſaid Firſt or Chief Caſhier or Caſhiers of the ſaid Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, and their Succeſſors for the Time being, by way of Impreſt and upon Account for the Payment of the ſaid Annuities; and that ſuch Caſhier or Caſhiers to whom the ſaid Money ſhall from Time to Time be iſſued ſhall, from Time to Time, without Delay, apply and pay the ſame accordingly, and render his or their Accounts thereof according to the due Courſe of the Exchequer in *Great Britain*; and that the ſaid Accountant General for the Time being ſhall from Time to Time inſpect and examine all Receipts and Payments of the ſaid Caſhier or Caſhiers, and the Vouchers relating thereto, in order to prevent any Fraud, Negligence, or Delay.

Allowance of 800l. for every Million ſubſcribed ſhall be made to the Bank.

XXXV. Provided alſo, and be it further enacted, That it ſhall be lawful to and for the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England* to retain out of the ſaid Sums ſubſcribed a Sum at the Rate of Eight hundred Pounds for every Million ſubſcribed in Money, in reſpect of the Transfer of Three Pounds *per Centum* Annuities to the Account of the Commiſſioners for the Reduction of the National Debt, as an Allowance for the Service, Pains, and Labour of the ſaid Caſhier or Caſhiers employed in receiving, paying, and accounting for the ſame, and alſo for the Service, Pains, and Labour of the ſaid Accountant General, for performing the Truſt repoſed in him by this Act; which Allowance in reſpect of the Service, Pains, and Labour of the ſaid Caſhier or Caſhiers and Accountant General of the ſaid Governor and Company, ſhall be for the Uſe of the ſaid Governor and Company, and at their Diſpoſal only.

Incidental Charges to be paid by the Treaſury.

XXXVI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That out of the Monies ariſing from the ſaid Subſcription, any Three or more of the ſaid Commiſſioners of the Treaſury, or the High Treaſurer for the Time being, ſhall have Power to diſcharge all ſuch incident Charges as ſhall neceſſarily attend the Execution of this Act, in ſuch Manner as to them ſhall ſeem juſt and reaſonable.

Money raiſed to be applied to the Public Service.

XXXVII. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall be lawful for any Three or more of the Commiſſioners of the Treaſury, or the ſaid High Treaſurer for the Time being, to iſſue and apply from Time to Time all ſuch Sums of Money as ſhall be ſo paid into the Receipt of His Majeſty's Exchequer of *Great Britain* by the ſaid Caſhier or Caſhiers, or by the Paymaſters of Exchequer Bills, in reſpect of all the Monies ſubſcribed or

paid under the Provisions of this Act, to such Services as shall then have been voted by the Commons of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland* in this present Session of Parliament.

Punishment for forging or counterfeiting Receipts or Certificates, &c.

XXXVIII. 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 Receipt or Receipts, or Certificate or Certificates, for the Whole or any Part or Parts of the said Money, Annuities, or Exchequer Bills subscribed under the Provisions of this Act, either with or without the Name or Names of any Person or Persons being inserted therein, as the Subscriber or Subscribers thereto, or Transferrer or Transferrers, or Payer or Payers thereof, or of any Part or Parts thereof, or any Certificate or Certificates directed to be made out by this Act, or any Assignment thereof or Indorsement thereon, or shall alter any Number, Figure, or Word therein respectively, or utter or publish as true any such false, forged, counterfeited, or altered Receipt or Receipts, or Certificate or Certificates, or Assignment or Assignments thereof, or Indorsement or Indorsements thereon, with Intent to defraud His Majesty or the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, 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.

Bank to continue a Corporation until Annuities redeemed.

XXXIX. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the said Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, and their Successors, notwithstanding the Redemption of all or any of their own Funds, in pursuance of the Acts for establishing the same or any of them, shall continue a Corporation for the Purposes of this Act, until the Annuities by this Act granted shall be redeemed by Parliament as aforesaid; and that the said Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, or any Member thereof, shall not incur any Disability for or by reason of their doing any Matter or Thing in pursuance of this Act.

Penalty on taking Fees, 20l.

XL. And be it further enacted, That no Fee, Reward, or Gratuity whatsoever shall be demanded or taken of any Person or Persons whatsoever, for receiving or paying the said Subscription or Contribution Monies, or any of them, or for any Receipt concerning the same, or for paying the said Annuities or any of them, or for any Transfer, or for any Sum, great or small, on the usual Days of Transfer, 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*, wherein no Essoign, Protection, Privilege, or Wager of Law, Injunction, or Order of Restraint, or any more than One Imparlance, shall be granted or allowed.

XLI. And

General Iſſue may be pleaded.

XLI. And be it further enacted, That if any Perſon or Perſons ſhall be ſued, moleſted, or proſecuted for any Thing done by virtue or in purſuance of this Act, ſuch Perſon or Perſons ſhall and may plead the General Iſſue, and give this Act and the ſpecial Matter in Evidence in his, her, or their Defence or Defences; and if afterwards a Verdict ſhall paſs for the Defendant or Defendants, or the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs ſhall diſcontinue his, her, or their Action or Proſecution, or be nonſuited, or Judgment ſhall be given againſt him, her, or them upon Demurrer or otherwiſe, then ſuch Defendant or Defendants ſhall have Treble Coſts awarded to him, her, or them againſt any ſuch Plaintiff or Plaintiffs.

Treble Coſts.

Act may be altered this Seſſion.

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

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