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An Act for enabling His Majesty to make further Provision for His Royal Highness the Duke of *Cambridge*, and to settle an Annuity on the Princess of *Hesse*, in case she shall survive His said Royal Highness. [8th *May* 1818.]

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Commons of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland* in Parliament assembled, having taken into Consideration the Message of His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, acting in the Name and on the Behalf of His Majesty, communicating that a Treaty of Marriage was in Negociation between His Royal Highness the Duke of *Cambridge* and Her Serene Highness the Princess *Augusta Wilhelmina Louisa*, youngest Daughter of His Serene Highness the Langrave *Frederick* of *Hesse Cassel*, and Niece of His Royal Highness The Elector of *Hesse*, do most humbly beseech Your Majesty that it may be enacted; and be it enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the King's most Excellent Majesty, by any Letters Patent under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*,

An Annuity of 6,000l. granted to the Duke of

Cambridge, and a like Annuity to the Ducheſs, in caſe ſhe ſhall ſurvive the Duke.

Ireland, to give and grant unto His ſaid Royal Highneſs the Duke of *Cambridge*, for and during His Majeſty's Royal Will and Pleaſure, an Annuity or Yearly Sum of Six thouſand Pounds of lawful Money of *Great Britain*, in ſuch Proportions and in ſuch Manner and Form as His Majeſty in His Wiſdom ſhall think fit to direct and appoint the ſame; which Annuity ſhall commence and take effect from the Fifth Day of *April* One thouſand eight hundred and eighteen, and ſhall be paid and payable Quarterly, in equal Portions, at the Four moſt uſual Days of Payment in the Year, (that is to ſay), the Fifth Day of *July*, the Tenth Day of *October*, the Fifth Day of *January*, and the Fifth Day of *April* in each and every Year; and alſo that it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the King's moſt Excellent Majeſty, by Letters Patent under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, to give and grant unto Her ſaid Serene Highneſs the Princeſs *Auguſta Wilhelmina Louiſa* of *Heſſe Caſſel*, when ſhe ſhall become Ducheſs of *Cambridge*, or to ſuch other Perſon or Perſons as His Majeſty ſhall think fit to be named in ſuch Letters Patent, and his or their Heirs, to the Uſe of or in Truſt for Her ſaid Serene Highneſs, an Annuity of Six thouſand Pounds of like lawful Money, which ſhall have Commencement and take effect immediately from and after the Deceaſe of His ſaid Royal Highneſs the Duke of *Cambridge*, in caſe Her ſaid Serene Highneſs ſhall ſurvive him, and ſhall continue from thenceforth for and during the natural Life of Her ſaid Serene Highneſs, and ſhall be paid and payable in equal Portions at the Four Days of Payment herein-before mentioned; the Firſt Payment thereof to be made at ſuch of the ſaid Days of Payment as ſhall firſt and next happen after the Deceaſe of His ſaid Royal Highneſs the Duke of *Cambridge*, in caſe Her ſaid Serene Highneſs ſhall ſurvive him as aforeſaid; and that the ſaid ſeveral Annuities ſhall and may in and by ſuch Letters Patent be directed to be reſpectively iſſuing and payable out of and chargeable upon the Conſolidated Fund of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, (after paying or reſerving ſufficient to pay all ſuch Sums as have been directed to be paid out of the ſame by any Act or Acts of Parliament made previous to the Time of paſſing this Act), but with preference to all other Payments which ſhall or may at any Time or Times after the paſſing of this Act be charged upon and payable out of the ſaid Fund.

To be paid Quarterly on the Days herein-mentioned, out of the Conſolidated Fund,

at the Receipt of the Exchequer, without Fee.

II. And be it further enacted, That the ſaid ſeveral Annuities, as the ſame ſhall take effect, ſhall be paid and payable during the Continuance of the ſame reſpectively at the Receipt of His Majeſty's Exchequer at *Weſtminſter*; and the Auditor of the ſaid Receipt ſhall and he is hereby required by virtue of ſuch Letters Patent reſpectively to make forth and paſs Debentures from Time to Time for paying the ſaid ſeveral Annuities during the Continuance of the ſame reſpectively, and as the ſame ſhall become due and payable, without any Fees or Charges to be demanded or taken for paying the ſame, or any Part thereof; and the ſaid Debentures to be made forth and paſſed as aforeſaid ſhall be a ſufficient Authority to the ſeveral and reſpective Officers of the Receipt of the Exchequer now and for the Time being for the Payment of the ſaid ſeveral Annuities, as the ſame ſhall take effect, according to the Directions of this Act, without any further or other Warrant to be ſued for, had, or obtained in that Behalf.

III. And be it enacted, That the ſaid ſeveral Annuities, and every Part thereof reſpectively, ſhall be free and clear from all Taxes, Rates, and Aſſeſſments, and all other Charges whatever, impoſed or to be impoſed by Authority of Parliament or otherwiſe. Annuity to be clear of all Taxes.

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