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CAP. XXXI.

An Act to enable certain Commissioners fully to carry into Effect several Conventions for liquidating Claims of *British* Subjects, and others, against the Government of *France*.

[19th *May* 1819.]

By Treaty, dated 30th May 1814, Claims of British Subjects on France to be examined.

WHEREAS, by the Fourth additional Article of the definitive Treaty of Peace between His Majesty and his most Christian Majesty, concluded at *Paris* on the Thirtieth Day of *May* One thousand eight hundred and fourteen, it was stipulated that, immediately after the Ratification of the said Treaty, the Sequesters which, since the Year One thousand seven hundred and ninety-two, had been laid on the Funds, Revenues, Credits, or any other Effects whatsoever of the high Contracting Parties, or of their Subjects, should be taken off; and that Commissioners, mentioned in the Second additional Article of the said Treaty, should undertake the Examination of the Claims of His *Britannic* Majesty's Subjects upon the *French* Government, for the Value of Property, moveable or immoveable, illegally confiscated by the *French* Authorities; as also of the total or partial Loss of the Debts due to them, or other Property illegally detained under Sequester, since the Year One thousand seven hundred and ninety-two: And whereas by the Ninth Article of the definitive Treaty of Peace between *France* and

By Art. 9. of Treaty, dated 20th Nov.

1815, Claims are recognized, and Two Conventions entered into.

the Allied Powers, concluded at *Paris* on the Twentieth Day of *November* One thousand eight hundred and fifteen, it is stipulated, that the high Contracting Parties having caused Representation to be made of the different Claims arising out of the Non-execution of the Nineteenth and following Articles of the Treaty of the Thirtieth Day of *May* One thousand eight hundred and fourteen, as well as of the additional Articles of that Treaty, signed between *Great Britain* and *France*, desiring to render more efficacious the Stipulations made thereby; and having determined, by Two separate Conventions, the Line to be pursued on each Side for that Purpose, the said Two Conventions annexed to the said Treaty should, in order to secure the complete Execution of the afore-mentioned Articles, have the same Force and Effect as if the same were inserted Word for Word therein: And whereas by a Convention concluded in conformity to the said Ninth Article of the principal Treaty between His Majesty and his most Christian Majesty, relative to the Examination and Liquidation of the Claims of the Subjects of His Majesty against the Government of *France*, and signed at *Paris* on the same Day, it was stipulated, "That a Capital producing an Interest of Three millions five hundred thousand Francs, commencing from the Twenty-second Day of *March* One thousand eight hundred and sixteen, should be inscribed as a Fund of Guarantee in the Great Book of the Public Debt of *France*, in the Names of Two or Four Commissioners, the One Half *English* and the other Half *French*, chosen by their respective Governments;" and by the Twelfth Article of the said Convention, certain Periods were appointed for bringing forward their respective Claims by His Majesty's Subjects, after the Expiration of which Period they were no longer to have the Benefit of the Liquidation provided by the said Convention: And whereas by an additional Article annexed to the said Convention, it was stipulated, that the Commission instituted by the said Convention should proceed to the Liquidation of the Claims of the Subjects of His *Britannic* Majesty, founded on a Decision of his most Christian Majesty, relative to the *British* Merchandize introduced into *Bourdeaux*, in conformity to the Tariff of Customs published in the above mentioned City by his Royal Highness the Duke *D'Angoulême*, on the Twenty-fourth Day of *March* One thousand eight hundred and fourteen: And whereas by another Convention concluded at *Paris* on the said Twentieth Day of *November* One thousand eight hundred and fifteen (in conformity to the Ninth Article of the said principal Treaty), relative to the Examination and Liquidation of the Claims upon the *French* Government by Subjects of the Allied Sovereign Powers of *Great Britain*, *Austria*, *Russia*, and *Prussia*, it was agreed, that his most Christian Majesty should cause to be liquidated, in the Manner therein-after specified, all Sums which *France* should be found to owe in Countries out of her Territory; and by the Fifth Article of the last-mentioned Convention it was agreed, that a Commission of Liquidation should be appointed for the Examination of such Claims; and by the Twentieth Article of the said last-mentioned Convention it was stipulated, that on the First Day of *January* then next following, there should be inscribed as a Guarantee Fund in the Great Book of the Public Debt of *France*, a Capital producing Three millions five hundred thousand Francs yearly Revenue, with Pos-

Guarantee Fund, producing 3,500,000 fr. Interest vested in Commissioners.

Bourdeaux Claims.

Convention of 20th Nov. 1815, as to Claims on France by Subjects of the Allied Sovereigns.

session, from the Twenty-second Day of *March* One thousand eight hundred and sixteen, in the Name of Two, Four, or Six Commissioners, One Half the Subjects of his most Christian Majesty, and the other Half of the Allied Sovereign Powers; which said Commissioners were to be chosen and appointed, namely, One, Two, or Three by the *French* Government, and One, Two, or Three by the Allied Powers; and by the Sixteenth Article of the said Convention a certain Period was appointed for the Presentation of the Claims of the Subjects of the Allied Powers, after the Expiration of which Period they were to forfeit all Right to Claim and Recovery: And whereas His Royal Highness The Prince Regent, acting in the Name and on the Behalf of His Majesty, was pleased, by a Commission under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, bearing Date the Twenty-seventh Day of *December* One thousand eight hundred and fifteen, to appoint *Colin Alexander Mackenzie* Esquire, *George Lewis Newnham* Esquire, *George Hammond* Esquire, *David Richard Morier* Esquire, and *James Drummond* Esquire, to be His Commissioners of Liquidation, Arbitration, and Deposit, for the Purpose of carrying into Effect, on the Part of His Majesty, the Provisions contained in the said first-mentioned Convention of the Twentieth Day of *November* One thousand eight hundred and fifteen, and the additional Article thereunto annexed: And whereas the said Commissioners have caused to be inscribed in a Register, the Names of all the Claimants who presented themselves within the Period prescribed by the said Convention, and have liquidated and caused to be paid out of the said Fund of Guarantee, producing Three millions five hundred thousand Francs yearly Revenue, certain Sums, producing in the whole Two millions nine hundred and forty-five thousand eight hundred and ninety-five Francs of yearly Revenue, to various Persons so inscribed in the said Register, deducting therefrom the Sum of Two *per Cent.* on the Amount of all the Claims so liquidated, for the Purpose of reimbursing to His Majesty's Government the Expences of the said Commission; so that a Sum producing Five hundred and fifty-four thousand one hundred and five Francs yearly Revenue, still remains of the said original Fund of Guarantee: And whereas the said Commissioners did also liquidate divers Claims of the *British* Merchants trading to *Bourdeaux*: And whereas by another Commission under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, bearing Date the Thirteenth Day of *December* One thousand eight hundred and sixteen, His Royal Highness The Prince Regent, acting in the Name and on the Behalf of His Majesty, was pleased to nominate and appoint *George Hammond* Esquire, *George Lewis Newnham* Esquire, *Colin Alexander Mackenzie* Esquire, *David Richard Morier* Esquire, and *James Drummond* Esquire, to be His Commissioners of Liquidation, Arbitration, and Deposit, for the Purpose of carrying into Effect, on the Part of His Majesty, the Provisions of the said Convention secondly mentioned, relative to the Claims upon the *French* Government by the Subjects of the several Allied Sovereign Powers: And whereas the said Commissioners, under the said last-mentioned Commission, have caused to be inscribed in a Register, the Names of all the Claimants who presented themselves within the Period prescribed by the Convention:

Commission of 27th Dec. 1815, for carrying into Execution the First Convention.

Proceedings of Commissioners.

Commission of 13th Dec. 1816, for executing Second Convention.

And

Convention of 25th April 1818, between His Majesty and the King of France, for final Adjustment of Claims of British Subjects.

And whereas a Convention between His Majesty and his most Christian Majesty, was signed at *Paris*, on the Twenty-fifth Day of *April* One thousand eight hundred and eighteen, for the final Arrangement of the Claims of His Majesty's Subjects upon the Government of *France*; by the First Article of which said last-mentioned Convention it was agreed, that in order to effect the Payment and entire Extinction, as well of the Capital as of the Interest thereon due to the Subjects of His *Britannic* Majesty, and of which the Payment had been claimed in virtue of the additional Article to the Treaty of the Thirtieth Day of *May* One thousand eight hundred and fourteen, and also in virtue of the herein-before first-mentioned Convention of the Twentieth Day of *November* One thousand eight hundred and fifteen, there should be inscribed in the Great Book of the Public Debt of *France*, a perpetual Annuity of Three Millions of Francs, representing a Capital of Sixty Millions of Francs, and which Three Millions should bear Interest from the Twenty-second of *March* One thousand eight hundred and eighteen; and by the Second Article of the said last-mentioned Convention it was stipulated, that such Part of the Annuity as was then disposable out of the Fund created in virtue of the Ninth Article of the herein-before first-mentioned Convention of the Twentieth Day of *November* One thousand eight hundred and fifteen, together with all the Interest accumulated thereon since the Twenty-second Day of *March* One thousand eight hundred and sixteen, should be equally applicable to the Payment of the said Claims, and in consequence that the Inscriptions of the above mentioned Annuity should be delivered over to the Commissioners of His *Britannic* Majesty, immediately after the Exchange of the Ratification of the said Convention of the Twenty-fifth Day of *April* One thousand eight hundred and eighteen; and by the Third Article of the said Convention of the Twenty-fifth Day of *April* One thousand eight hundred and eighteen, it was stipulated, that the Annuity of Three Millions of Francs which should be created in conformity to the above-recited First Article of the said Convention, should be divided into Twelve Inscriptions of equal Value, all of which should bear Interest from the Twenty-second Day of *March* One thousand eight hundred and eighteen, and should be inscribed in the Name of the Commissioners of His *Britannic* Majesty, or of those whom they shall appoint, and should be made over to them at the Rate of one of each of such Inscriptions in each successive Month, to begin from the Day of the Exchange of Ratification of the said Convention:

Convention of 25th April 1818, as to Debts of France in Foreign Countries.

And whereas a certain other Convention was concluded on the said Twenty-fifth Day of *April* One thousand eight hundred and eighteen, between His *Britannic* Majesty and his most Christian Majesty, to which Convention the Emperors of *Austria* and of *Russia*, and King of *Prussia*, are all assenting Parties; and by the First Article of the said last-mentioned Convention, for the Purpose of effecting the total Discharge of Debts contracted by *France* in Countries which do not form a Part of her present Territory, with any Individuals, Corporations, or Establishments whatever, Payment of which Debts is claimed in virtue of the Treaties of the Thirtieth Day of *May* One thousand eight hundred and fourteen, and of the Twentieth Day of *November* One thousand eight hundred and fifteen, the

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French Government engages to cause to be inscribed upon the Great Book of its Public Debt, with Interest from the Twenty-second Day of *March* One thousand eight hundred and eighteen, a Rente of Twelve millions and forty thousand Francs, representing a Capital of Two hundred and forty millions eight hundred thousand Francs; and by the Seventh Article of the said last-mentioned Convention of the Twenty-fifth Day of *April* One thousand eight hundred and eighteen, it is agreed, that the Rente which shall be created in virtue of the First Article thereof, shall be distributed amongst certain Powers therein-after named as is therein provided; and the Amount of such Rente assigned by the said Article to the *Ionian Islands*, the *Isle of France*, and other Countries under the Dominion of His *Britannic* Majesty, is One hundred and fifty thousand Francs: And whereas certain additional Articles to the herein-before mentioned Convention, between His Majesty and his most Christian Majesty, of the Twenty-fifth Day of *April* One thousand eight hundred and eighteen, were signed at *Paris* on the Fourth Day of *July* One thousand eight hundred and eighteen; and by the first of the said additional Articles, the total Amount of the Payments to be made by *France* for the Discharge and entire Extinction of the Sums due to His *Britannic* Majesty, resulting from the Decision of his most Christian Majesty relative to the *British* Merchandize introduced into *Bourdeaux*, in consequence of the Tariff of Customs published the Fourteenth Day of *March* One thousand eight hundred and fourteen, was fixed at the Sum of Four hundred and fifty thousand Francs; and by the Second of the said additional Articles it was agreed, that the said Sum of Four hundred and fifty thousand Francs should be paid into the Hands of the Commissioners appointed for the Purpose by His *Britannic* Majesty, by certain Portions, so that the Whole should be paid by the First Day of *January* One thousand eight hundred and nineteen: And whereas the Whole of the said Sum of Four hundred and fifty thousand Francs has accordingly been paid into the Hands of the Commissioners appointed by the herein-before recited Commission, dated the Twenty-seventh Day of *December* One thousand eight hundred and fifteen: And whereas His Royal Highness The Prince Regent, acting in the Name and on the Behalf of His Majesty, was pleased by His Commission under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, dated the Fifteenth Day of *June* One thousand eight hundred and eighteen, to nominate and appoint *Colin Alexander Mackenzie* Esquire, *George Lewis Newnham* Esquire, and *George Hammond* Esquire, to be his Commissioners of Liquidation, Arbitration, and Award, for the Purpose of acting on Behalf of His Majesty in *England*, according to the Provisions of all the said herein-before recited several Conventions, and to take into Consideration all the Claims of His Majesty's Subjects, and of the Inhabitants of the *Ionian Islands*, which may have been at due Times and in proper Form presented to them; and to award the Payment of such Sums as may appear to be justly due to His Majesty's said Subjects, and to the Inhabitants of the *Ionian Islands*: And whereas His Royal Highness The Prince Regent, acting in the Name and on the Behalf of His Majesty, was pleased, by His Commission under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, dated the said Fifteenth Day of *June* One thousand eight hundred and

Additional Articles of 4th July 1818 by which the Bourdeaux Claims were fixed at 450,000 fr. since paid to British Commissioners.

Commission of 15th June 1818, appointing Commissioners of Liquidation, &c. under all the said Conventions.

Commission, of same Date, appointing Commissioners of Deposit.

and eighteen, to nominate and appoint *David Richard Morier* Esquire, and *James Drummond* Esquire, to be His Commissioners of Deposit, to receive from the Government of his most Christian Majesty at *Paris* the Inscriptions to be delivered over to *British* Commissioners in and by the said several Conventions herein-before mentioned: And whereas it is expedient to provide for the Execution of the Powers vested in the said several Commissioners; 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 of the same, That, in order to enable the said Commissioners of Liquidation, Arbitration, and Award, to complete the Examination and Liquidation of the Claims of such Persons who shall have caused their Names and Claims to be duly inserted in the herein-before mentioned Registers, it shall and may be lawful for the said Commissioners, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, according to the Mode and Form which has hitherto been observed, and subject to such and the like Deductions of Two *per Cent.* as have heretofore been made in the Liquidations already effected, in manner aforesaid, to apportion, divide, and distribute the said several Sums of Money stipulated by the said several Conventions to be provided by *France*, and to order the same to be paid to and among the several Claimants whose Names are duly entered in the said Registers; and where such Claimants shall have been or shall be adjudged to be entitled to Payment in the Whole or in Part of their Demands, to pay the Sum adjudged to be due to them in full, if the Sums received and still to be received for that Purpose from the *French* Government shall be found sufficient for the Payment in full of all the Claims which shall be adjudged to be within the true Intent and Meaning of the said several Conventions or any of them, or in Part Payment thereof, in rateable Proportions, if the said Sums shall be insufficient for the Payment of such Claims in full; and that such Payment in full or in part, and any Rejection of any such Claims as shall by the said Commissioners, or on Appeal to His Majesty in Council in manner herein-after mentioned, be adjudged not to be within the true Meaning and Intent of the said Conventions or any of them, shall be respectively final and conclusive, and shall be held to be a full and entire Discharge of the *French* Government, and of His Majesty's Government, from any Demands in respect of any Claims falling within the Object and true Intent, Effect, and Meaning of the said Conventions or any of them, and which have been inserted in the said Registers during any Period allotted for that Purpose by the several Conventions.

Commissioners of Liquidation empowered to distribute the Sums stipulated by the several Conventions.

II. And be it further enacted, That the said Commissioners of Liquidation, Arbitration, and Award, before they shall enter upon the Execution of this Act, shall take an Oath before the Master of the Rolls for the Time being, or One of His Majesty's Justices of the Court of King's Bench, Common Pleas, or Barons of the Exchequer for the Time being, and also the said Commissioners of Deposit, during their Residence in *France*, before His Majesty's Ambassador at the Court of *France*, which they or either of them are

Commissioners to be sworn.

hereby respectively authorized and required to administer, in the Form following; that is to say,

Oath.

'I *A. B.* One of the Commissioners of Liquidation, Arbitration, and Award [*or* Deposit, *as the Case may be*], appointed to carry into Effect the Provisions of several Conventions concluded between His Majesty and his most Christian Majesty the King of *France*, do swear, that according to the best of my Judgment and Knowledge, I will faithfully, impartially, and truly execute the several Powers and Trusts vested in me by an Act of the Fifty-ninth Year of the Reign of King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act* [*here insert the Title of this Act,*] according to the Tenor and Purport of the said Act, and according to the true Intent and Meaning of the said several Conventions. So help me GOD.'

Commissioners of Liquidation to examine all Parties on Oath.

III. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners of Liquidation, Arbitration, and Award, or any Two of them, and they are hereby empowered and required, to examine upon Oath (which Oath the said Commissioners, or any Two of them, are hereby authorized to administer), all Persons, whether Parties or Witnesses, whom the said Commissioners, or any Two of them, shall think fit to examine touching all such Matters and Things as shall appear to them to be necessary for the Execution of the Powers vested in the said Commissioners by their Commission and this Act; and all such Persons are hereby directed and required punctually to attend the said Commissioners, at such Time and Place as they or any Two of them shall appoint.

Subjecting Persons examined to Penalties for false Evidence.

IV. And be it further enacted, That in case any Person or Persons upon Examination upon Oath before the said Commissioners of Liquidation, Arbitration, and Award, or any Two of them respectively, shall wilfully and corruptly give false Evidence, every such Person so offending, and being thereof duly convicted, shall be and is and are hereby declared to be subject and liable to such Pains and Penalties as by any Law now in force in *Great Britain* Persons convicted of wilful and corrupt Perjury are subject and liable to.

Power of the said Commissioners of Liquidation to meet and adjourn, and to summon Parties, &c.

V. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the said Commissioners of Liquidation, Arbitration, and Award, and they, or any Two of them, are hereby authorized, to meet and sit from Time to Time at such Place as they, or any Two of them, shall think proper, with or without Adjournment, and to send their Precept or Precepts under their Hands and Seals, or the Hands and Seals of any Two of them, for any Person or Persons whatsoever, and for such Books, Papers, Writings, or Records, as they shall judge necessary for their Information, in the Execution of the Powers vested in the said Commissioners by their said Commissions, or by this Act.

His Majesty to fill up Vacancies in the Commissions, &c.

VI. And be it further enacted, That in case of any Vacancy or Vacancies, by Death or Resignation, or otherwise, of any One or more of the said Commissioners of Liquidation, Arbitration, and Award, or of the said Commissioners of Deposit, it shall be lawful for

for His Majesty to nominate and appoint such Person or Persons as His Majesty may think proper, to supply such Vacancy or Vacancies; and that every Person so nominated and appointed to be a Commissioner of Liquidation, Arbitration, and Award, shall take the Oath herein-before directed; and every Person so appointed under this Act to be any Commissioner upon any such Vacancy, shall be held and considered to be, and shall be invested with all such Powers as Commissioners of the like Nature have and possess under the Authority of the said herein-before recited Commissions and this Act.

Commissioners of Liquidation to make Order on Commissioners of Deposit for Payment of Claims.

VII. And be it further enacted, That when and so soon as the said Commissioners of Liquidation, Arbitration, and Award, or any Two of them, shall at any Time after the passing of this Act adjudge or approve of the Claim of any Person or Persons under the said Conventions, or either of them, to be good and valid, in the Whole or in Part, and shall have ascertained the Sum of Money to which any such Person or Persons is or are then respectively entitled, the said Commissioners, or any Two of them, shall make out or cause to be made out, in such Form as they shall think fit, an Order or Orders for the Payment or Liquidation of such Claim, either in Whole or in Part, either by authorizing the said Commissioners of Deposit to transfer to such Claimant or Claimants such Part of the Sum or Sums remaining inscribed in the Great Book of the Public Debt of *France*, in the Names of the said Commissioners of Deposit, as shall be specified in such Order or Orders, or by authorizing the Claimant or Claimants to receive any Sum or Sums of Money, as the Case may require; and the said Commissioners of Liquidation, Arbitration, and Award, shall annex their Hands and Seals, or the Hands and Seals of any Two of them, to such Order or Orders, and shall cause the same to be delivered to the Person or Persons respectively entitled thereto, or to the Agent or Agents of such Person or Persons; and such Person or Persons, or their respective Agent or Agents, shall give to the said Commissioners such Receipts or Acquittances for the same, as the said Commissioners, or any Two of them, shall from Time to Time direct or require.

Orders of Commissioners to be a sufficient Authority.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That any Order or Orders of the said Commissioners of Liquidation, Arbitration, and Award, or any Two of them, shall at any Time be sufficient Authority for the Transfer or Payment of any Sum or Sums mentioned in such Order or Orders, to the Parties declared to be entitled to the same by such Order or Orders; subject nevertheless to such Appeal to His Majesty in Council as is herein-after mentioned and provided for.

Orders of Commissioners of Liquidation made transferrable.

IX. And be it further enacted, That every Order made by the said Commissioners of Liquidation, Arbitration, and Award, or any Two of them, under this Act, shall be transferrable by the Indorsement thereon and Signature of the Person or Persons to whom the same shall be made and given by the said Commissioners, or of any Person or Persons holding the same under any such Indorsement thereof as aforesaid, attested by Two credible Witnesses to such Indorsement

respectively; and no such Order or Indorsement thereon shall be subject to any Stamp Duty.

Appeal from Award of Commissioners to His Majesty in Council.

X. And whereas Questions may arise on the Construction of the said several Conventions, or otherwise, for which it may be expedient to provide that there shall, in special Cases, be a Liberty of Appeal allowed from any Award, Judgment, Determination, or Order of the said Commissioners of Liquidation, Arbitration, and Award, to His Majesty in Council, subject to the Conditions and Restrictions hereinafter mentioned; be it therefore enacted, That if any Claimant or Claimants shall be dissatisfied with any Award, Judgment, Determination, or Order of the said Commissioners on his, her, or their Claims, on any Point or Points which, according to the Regulations in this Act contained, shall be deemed a fit Subject of such Appeal, it shall be lawful for such Claimant or Claimants, or for his, her, or their Agent or Agents duly appointed respectively, within Three Calendar Months from the Day on which such Award, Judgment, Determination, or Order shall be made and notified to him, her, or them, to appeal therefrom to His Majesty in Council, upon giving Security by Bond to His Majesty in One hundred Pounds, to prosecute the said Appeal, and to answer such Costs as shall be awarded against such Appellant or Appellants therein; and that it shall be lawful for His Majesty in Council to hear and finally determine such Appeal, and to rescind, alter, or confirm such Award, Judgment, Determination, or Order of the said Commissioners, in the Whole or in Part, and to certify the Judgment or final Decision on such Appeal to the said Commissioners, and further to award such Costs as His Majesty in Council shall deem fit and proper to be paid by such Appellant or Appellants respectively, which Costs shall be applied towards defraying the Expences incurred in defending such Appeal or Appeals, as herein-after directed.

Costs of defending such Appeal to be provided for by the Treasury.

XI. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, or any Three or more of them, to authorize and empower any Person or Persons to defend such Appeal on the Part of the said Commissioners of Liquidation, Arbitration, and Award; and that the Expences of defending the same shall be borne and paid in the same Manner, and out of the same Fund, as the Law Expences of the Crown are paid; and that the said Commissioners of Liquidation, Arbitration, and Award, shall not be put to or be held liable to any Costs or Expences relative to any such Appeal.

No new Evidence admitted on such Appeals.

XII. And be it further enacted, That no new or additional Evidence shall be produced or received on any such Appeal, but the said Appeal shall be heard and finally determined upon the Evidence produced, taken, or proceeded upon in the Case before the Commissioners of Liquidation, Arbitration, or Award, and none other.

Orders may be made for regulating Appeals.

XIII. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for His Majesty in Council to make such Orders as His Majesty shall think fit, respecting the Nature and Description of such special Cases in which

it shall be deemed proper that such Liberty of Appeal as aforesaid shall be allowed, and further from Time to Time to make such Rules and Regulations respecting the Form and Manner of proceeding on such Appeals, as shall be deemed necessary or expedient.

Power of Commissioners suspended on such Claims during Appeal.

XIV. And be it further enacted, That the Powers by this Act given to the said Commissioners of Liquidation, Arbitration, and Award, or to the said Commissioners of Deposit, or any other Person or Persons, for carrying into Effect any Award, Judgment, Determination, or Order of the said Commissioners of Liquidation, Arbitration, and Award, shall from the Time when Notice of Appeal on any such Award, Judgment, Determination, or Order shall be duly given to them, be suspended on such Claim or Claims in which any such Appeal or Appeals shall be interposed, until the Judgment or Decision of His Majesty in Council shall be had thereon and certified to the said Commissioners, and that such Judgment or Decision of His Majesty in Council shall be finally binding and conclusive on the said Commissioners respectively, and on all Persons; and that the said Commissioners respectively, and all other Persons, shall, so soon as the said Judgment or Decision of His Majesty in Council shall be certified to them, on any such Award, Judgment, Determination, or Order so appealed from, proceed therein, and do and execute all such Acts, Matters, and Things as shall be necessary to be done and executed for carrying the said Judgment or Decision of His Majesty in Council into Effect, and in the same Manner as the said Commissioners respectively or other Persons are empowered to act for carrying into Effect any Award, Judgment, Determination, or Order made by the said Commissioners of Liquidation, Arbitration, and Award, under the Provisions of this Act.

In case of Dispute between Parties, the Money to be invested in the Bank of England.

XV. And be it further enacted, That in case any Dispute shall arise between any Parties interested in any such Claims, and the Commissioners of Liquidation, Arbitration, and Award shall not be able to decide as to the Person or Persons legally entitled to receive the Amount, or any Part of the Amount, of any Claims adjudged or approved by them, or the Competency of any such Person or Persons to give a valid and effectual Receipt and Discharge for the same, then and in every such Case as aforesaid, it shall be lawful to and for the said Commissioners of Deposit, under the Authority of His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, and of the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, or any Three of them, to sell and dispose of any such Part of any Capital inscribed in the said Great Book of the Public Debt of *France*, in pursuance and for the Purposes of the several Conventions herein-before recited, not appropriated to any other Claimants, as will be equal to the Amount of any such disputed Claims, and to transfer the Proceeds of such Sale to *England*, to the said Commissioners of Liquidation, Arbitration, and Award, for the Purpose of being applied to the Satisfaction of any such disputed Claims; and it shall and may be lawful for the said Commissioners of Liquidation, Arbitration, and Award, under the Authority aforesaid, to order any Part of any of the Proceeds of

any Part of the said Capital which may have been previously invested in Exchequer Bills, or other Public Securities, under the Provisions in this Act contained, as may be equal to the Amount of any such disputed Claims, to be sold; and in either Case it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners of Liquidation, Arbitration, and Award, to direct that the Sum or Sums of Money arising from any such Sale shall be paid into the Bank of *England*, in the Name and with the Privity of the Accountant General of the High Court of Chancery, to be placed to his Account to the Credit of the Parties claiming to be entitled thereto, subject to the Order, Controul, and Disposition of the said Court of Chancery, which said Court of Chancery, on the Application by Motion or Petition of any Person or Persons making Claim to such Sum or Sums of Money, or any Part thereof, shall be and is hereby empowered, in a summary Way of Proceeding or otherwise, as to the same Court shall seem meet, to order the same to be laid out and invested in the Public Funds, or other Public Securities bearing Interest, and to direct the Distribution thereof, and Payment of the Dividends or Interest thereof, according to the respective Interests of the Person or Persons making Claim thereunto, and to make such other Order in the Premises as to the said Court shall seem just and reasonable; and the Cashier or Cashiers of the Bank of *England*, who shall receive such Sum and Sums of Money, is and are hereby required to give a Receipt or Receipts for such Sum or Sums, mentioning and specifying for what and for whose Use the same is or are received, to such Person or Persons as shall pay any such Sum or Sums of Money into the said Bank as aforesaid.

Application of Remains in the Hands of Commissioners of Deposit.

XVI. And be it further enacted, That during the Time that any Capital inscribed in the Great Book of the Public Debt of *France*, in pursuance and for the Purposes of the several Conventions hereinbefore recited, or any Part of such Capital, shall remain in the Names of the said Commissioners of Deposit, and shall not have been appropriated to the Liquidation of any Claims of His Majesty's Subjects, under the said Conventions or any of them, it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners of Deposit, on receiving Directions to such Effect from His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, and from the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, or any Three of them, to sell and dispose of the Whole or any Part of such Capital so inscribed in the said Great Book of the Public Debt of *France*, and so unappropriated, and to transfer the Proceeds of such Sale to *England*, to the Commissioners of Liquidation, Arbitration, and Award, under this Act, to be by them invested in Exchequer Bills, or other Public Securities bearing Interest, for the Purposes of being applied to the Payment or Liquidation of any such Claims, or in case all such Claims shall be paid or liquidated, for such other Purposes as the said Commissioners of the Treasury for the Time being, or any Three of them, shall direct the said Commissioners of Liquidation, Arbitration, and Award, to apply the same; and all such Exchequer Bills, or other Public Securities bearing Interest, shall be deposited in the Hands of the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, to the Account of and in the Names of the Commissioners

sioners of Liquidation, Arbitration, and Award, under this Act, and shall be and remain in the Names of such Commissioners for the Time being, to be sold, and the Produce thereof paid and applied for the Purposes above specified.

Commissioners under this Act not to be deemed Public Accountants; but their Accounts to be subject to Examination.

XVII. And be it further enacted, That the said Commissioners of Liquidation, Arbitration, and Award, or the said Commissioners of Deposit, shall not, nor shall any of such Commissioners be deemed Public Accountants, in respect of any such Sums as aforesaid; but all the Accounts of the said Commissioners, either as to the Deposit or Receipt or Distribution of the said Sums, and all Matters and Things relating to the Execution of the said Commission, shall be subject to the Examination and Audit of 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.

Commissioners to publish Lists of Claims investigated.

XVIII. And be it further enacted, That the said Commissioners shall cause to be published in *The London Gazette*, within Fourteen Days after the Fifth Day of *July* and Fifth Day of *January* in each Year, until the Purposes of this Act are completed, a List of all the Claims which shall have been investigated and decided, either by the Admission thereof in the Whole or in Part, or by the Rejection thereof.

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