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CAP. XCVIII.

An Act to enable the Commissioners or Governors of *Greenwich* Hospital to continue to provide for the Payment of Out Pensioners of the said Hospital. [10th *July* 1821.]

WHEREAS an Act passed in the Third Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled *An* 3 G. 3. c 16. *Act to empower the Commissioners or Governors of the Royal Hospital for Seamen at* Greenwich, *after defraying the necessary Expences thereof, to provide for such Seamen worn out and become decrepit in the Service of their Country who shall not be provided for within the said Hospital; and to enable them to receive such Pensions as shall be granted them by the said Commissioners or Governors in the most easy and convenient Manner; and for preventing Frauds and Abuses attending the same*: And whereas another Act passed in the Forty-third Year of the Reign of His said late Majesty, intituled *An* 43G.3.c.119. *Act for improving the Funds of the Chest at* Chatham, *and for transferring the Administration of the same to* Greenwich *Hospital; and for ameliorating the Condition of the Pensioners on the said Funds:* And whereas another Act passed in the Forty-sixth Year of the Reign of His said late Majesty, intituled *An Act for improving the Funds of* 46G.3.c.101. *the Chest at* Greenwich, *and amending an Act passed in the Forty-third Year of His present Majesty, relating to the said Chest:* And whereas another Act passed in the Fifty-fifth Year of the Reign of

55 G. 3. c. 1. His said late Majesty, intituled *An Act for the Encouragement and Reward of Petty Officers, Seamen, and Royal Marines, for long and faithful Service; and for the Consolidation of the Chest at* Greenwich *with the Royal Hospital there:* And whereas another Act passed in 55G.3. c.133. the said Year of the Reign of His said late Majesty, intituled *An Act to grant further Powers to the Commissioners of* Chelsea *and* Greenwich *Hospitals with respect to Pensions on those Establishments:* And whereas the Commissioners and Governors of the said Hospital have, during the Continuance and since the Termination of the late Wars, paid, under the Authority of the said recited Acts, and other Acts of Parliament relating to the said Hospital, Pensions to a considerable Number of Out Pensioners, and continued to pay such Pensioners out of such surplus Funds under their Controul as have not been necessary for the Expences of the said Hospital: And whereas such Payments were by the said recited Acts directed and authorized to be paid out of the Surplus only of the Income of the said Hospital, after defraying the necessary Expences of the said Hospital: And whereas from the Number of such Out Pensioners the continuing such Payments as heretofore may reduce the Annual Income of the said Hospital arising from the Estates, Rents, Revenues, Annuities in Public Funds, or other Securities, or Monies and Receipts receivable and received by and under the Authority of the Commissioners and Governors, below the Sum required for the necessary Expence of the said Hospital: And whereas it is expedient that the said Commissioners and Governors should continue to pay such Out Pensioners, and should at the same Time be secured and indemnified in applying any Funds under their Controul for that Purpose, and that Provision should be made to secure the Preservation and Maintenance of the Funds necessary for the Expences of the said Hospital: 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,

Commissioners and Governors of Greenwich Hospital to continue to pay all Out Pensioners out of the Interest or by Sale of any Funds vested in them, except such as are vested in them by Legacy: But if Income be reduced below the necessary Expences of the Hospital, Treasury to issue Exchequer Bills to secure the

That it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners and Governors to continue to pay all such Out Pensioners of the said Hospital in like Manner as heretofore, out of the Interest or by Sale of the Principal of any Capital Stock, Public Funds or Annuities vested in or belonging to them as such Commissioners and Governors for the Purposes of the said Hospital, other than such as shall become vested in the said Commissioners or Governors by reason of any Legacy or Bequest to or for the Benefit of the said Hospital: Provided always, that if in the Judgment of the said Commissioners and Governors the making any such Payments may reduce the Annual Income arising from the Estates, Rents, Revenues, and Public and other Securities, and Sums applicable to the Purposes of the said Hospital, below what may be sufficient for the necessary Expences thereof, the said Commissioners and Governors shall, before they shall make such Payments out of any Interest or Sale of such Principal, require and receive from the Lord High Treasurer, or Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury for the Time being, Security, either by the Deposit or Issue, to the said Commissioners and Governors of the said Hospital, of Exchequer Bills, for all such Sums so paid or to be paid, in order that the Adequacy of the Funds of the said Hospital for the necessary Expences and Purposes thereof may be fully secured and satisfied; and the Commissioners

and Governors of the said Hospital are hereby indemnified in making any such Payments, and applying the Funds under their Controul in paying such Out Pensioners; and the Lord High Treasurer or Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury for the Time being are hereby authorized and empowered, by Warrant or Warrants under his or their Hand or Hands, or the Hands of any Three or more of them, to direct the proper Officer of the Exchequer, either to deposit with or issue to the Commissioners or Governors of the said Hospital, from Time to Time, any such Amount of Exchequer Bills, out of any Exchequer Bills granted by Parliament towards the Aids or Supplies of any Year, as may be necessary to secure the Amount of such Payments, or as may be necessary to enable the Commissioners and Governors to make such Payments; any thing in any Act or Acts of Parliament to the contrary notwithstanding.

Funds of the Hospital so applied, &c.

II. And be it further enacted, That nothing herein contained shall extend, or be construed to extend, to require the said Commissioners and Governors to continue to pay any such Out Pensions after the Principal of the Capital Stock or other Public Funds or Securities now in their Possession shall be exhausted.

When Funds are exhausted Governors not required to pay Out Pensions.

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