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An Act to enable His Majesty to defray the Charge of a certain Barrack by the Grant of an Annuity on the Consolidated Fund. [24th *July* 1820.]

Agreement, dated June 30, 1820, for the Erection of Barracks in the Regent's Park.

WHEREAS by Articles of Agreement bearing Date the Thirtieth Day of *June* One thousand eight hundred and twenty, and made or expressed to be made between *Osborne Markham* Esquire, the Comptroller of the Barrack Department, of the one Part, and *Samuel Baker* the elder, of *Rochester*, in the County of *Kent*, Timber Merchant and Builder, and *William Nicholson* of *Rochester* aforesaid, Builder, of the other Part, after reciting that the said *Samuel Baker* and *William Nicholson*, in Consideration of the Annuity therein-after mentioned, did thereby agree with the said Comptroller, to erect within the Regent's Park, in the Parish of *Saint Mary-le-Bone* in the County of *Middlesex*, upon a Scite to be provided by the said Comptroller, certain Erections or Buildings of the Dimensions, and in all Respects in conformity to the Tender or Proposal of the said *Samuel Baker* and *William Nicholson*, and the Plan in the said Agreement respectively referred to, the same Erections and Buildings being intended as a Barrack for the Accommodation of His Majesty's Forces, and completely to finish the same for the Reception of Troops, on or before the Twenty-fourth Day of *June* One thousand eight hundred and twenty-one; and in Consideration of the Engagements in the said Agreement entered into by the said *Samuel Baker* and *William Nicholson*, the said Comptroller did

thereby agree with the said *Samuel Baker* and *William Nicholson*, to pay to them, their Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, the Annual Sum of Five thousand four hundred Pounds of lawful Money of *Great Britain*, for the Term of Thirty-one Years, to be computed from the Twenty-fourth Day of *June* One thousand eight hundred and twenty-one, without any Deduction whatsoever on account of Taxes, Charges, Fees of Office, or otherwise, by equal Half-yearly Payments, on the Twenty-fourth Day of *June* and the Twenty-fifth Day of *December* in each Year, the First Payment thereof to be made on the Twenty-fifth Day of *December* then next ensuing; and in the said Agreement is contained a Proviso, that unless the said Works should be completed within the Period aforesaid, the Payment of the said Annuity should be suspended until after the Completion of the said Works, to be certified in the Manner mentioned in the said Agreement: May it therefore please 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 His Majesty, under and by virtue of His Royal Sign Manual, to grant unto the said *Samuel Baker* and *William Nicholson*, their Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, one Annuity, yearly Rent, or Sum of Five thousand four hundred Pounds of lawful Money of *Great Britain*, to be issuing and payable out of, and charged and chargeable upon the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, (after paying or reserving sufficient to pay all such Sum and Sums of Money as have been directed by any former Act or Acts to be paid out of the same, but with Preference to all other Payments which shall or may thereafter be charged upon or payable out of the said Fund), and to direct that the same shall from Time to Time be paid Half-yearly, free and clear of all Taxes and Deductions whatsoever, to the said *Samuel Baker* and *William Nicholson*, their Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, for and during the Term of Thirty-one Years, to commence and take effect from the Twenty-fourth Day of *June* One thousand eight hundred and twenty-one, or from such other Time as to His Majesty shall seem just, in conformity to the Tenor and Effect of the said Agreement, and from thenceforth to continue payable for and during the Term of Thirty-one Years, by even and equal Half-yearly Payments.

An Annuity of 5,400*l.* granted to S. Baker and W. Nicholson for 31 Years, to be payable Half-yearly.

II. And it is hereby further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, now and for the Time being, or for the Lord High Treasurer for the Time being, and they or he are or is hereby authorized and required, by Warrant under their or his Hands or Hand, to direct the Auditor of the Receipt of the Exchequer for the Time being, to make forth and pass Debentures from Time to Time, for paying the said Annuity or yearly Rent or Sum of Five thousand four hundred Pounds in manner as aforesaid, and as the same shall from Time to Time become due and payable, without any Fees or Charges to be demanded or taken for paying the same, or any Part thereof; which said Warrant, and the Debentures to be made forth and passed thereupon, shall be a sufficient Authority to the several

Treasury by Warrant to direct the Auditor to pass Debentures.

Debentures a sufficient

several and respective Officers of the Receipt of the Exchequer in *Great Britain*, now and for the Time being, for the Payment of the said Annuity or yearly Rent or Sum to the said *Samuel Baker* and *William Nicholson*, their Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, at the respective Half-yearly Days to be appointed for Payment thereof, without any further or other Warranty to be sued for, had, or obtained in that Behalf. Authority to the Officers of the Exchequer for Payment of the Annuity.

III. And it is hereby further enacted, That after signing of such Warrant, the same shall be good, valid, and effectual in Law, according to the Purport and true Meaning thereof, and of this Act; and shall not be determinable or revocable by or upon the Demise of His Majesty (whom God long preserve), or of any of His Heirs or Successors, or by or upon the Death or Removal of any of the said Commissioners of the Treasury, or the Lord High Treasurer, or by or upon the Determination of the Power, Office or Offices of them, or any of them. Warrant not revocable.

IV. And it is further enacted, That the said Commissioners of the Treasury now being, and the Lord High Treasurer, Chancellor, and Under Treasurer, Chamberlains, and Barons of the Exchequer, and all other the Officers and Ministers of the Court of Exchequer, and of the Receipt thereof for the Time being, shall and they are hereby authorized and strictly enjoined and required to do, without Fee or Reward, all such Acts, Matters, and Things as are hereinbefore directed and required, or shall be necessary to be done and performed by them, or any or either of them, in order to render this Act and the several Payments hereby directed effectual. No Fee to be taken.

V. And be it enacted, That the Acquittance and Acquittances, Receipt or Receipts of the said *Samuel Baker* and *William Nicholson*, their Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, shall be a good and sufficient Discharge for the Payment of the said Annuity or yearly Sum, without any further or other Warrant to be sued for or obtained in that Behalf; and that the said Annuity or yearly Rent or Sum of Five thousand four hundred Pounds, and every Part thereof, shall be free and clear from all Taxes, Impositions, and other Charges whatsoever; and in case any of the Officers of the Receipt of His Majesty's Exchequer shall refuse or neglect to pay the said Annuity or yearly Rent or Sum, or any Part thereof, according to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, or to do any Act necessary to enable the said *Samuel Baker* and *William Nicholson*, their Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, to receive the same, then the said *Samuel Baker* and *William Nicholson*, their Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, may from Time to Time sue, prosecute, and implead such Officers, or any of them, their Heirs, Executors, or Administrators, by Bill, Plaint, or Action of Debt, and shall and may recover Judgment, and sue out Executions thereupon, against such Officers respectively, their Heirs, Executors, or Administrators, for so much of such Sum or Sums of Money then due and owing upon the said Annuity, yearly Rent, or Sum, or any Part thereof, as shall have been in the Hands of the Officers or Officer of the Receipt of the Exchequer at the Time or Times when Demand shall have been legally made of the Payment Acquittances of S. Baker and W. Nicholson to be sufficient Discharges for Payment of Annuity. Proceedings in Default of Payment.

of the said Annuity, yearly Rent, or Sum, or any Part thereof as aforesaid, or for the Refusal or Neglect to do any Act necessary to be done by such Officer or Officers respectively.

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