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## CAP. XIV.

**An Act for repealing several Acts relating to the Charity for the Relief of the Poor Widows of Commissioned and Warrant Officers in the Royal Navy, and for substituting other Provisions in lieu thereof.** [14th *May* 1829.]

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the Sixth Year of the Reign of His Majesty King *George* the Second, being an Act for enabling His Majesty to apply Five hundred thousand Pounds out of the Sinking Fund for the Service of the Year One thousand seven hundred and thirty-three, and for other Purposes therein mentioned, it is (amongst other Things) enacted, that from and after the Twenty-fourth Day of *June* One thousand seven hundred and thirty-three, there should be allowed upon the Books of every Ship of War in Sea Pay a Man in every Hundred Men that the Complement of such Ship should consist of, and that the Produce of the Wages of each such Seaman, and the Value of his Victuals, should be given and applied to the Relief of the Poor Widows of Commissioned and Warrant Officers of the Royal Navy, according to such Rules, Orders, and Regulations as His Majesty had established or should establish and appoint for that Purpose; which Allowance, by another Act passed in the Twenty-fourth Year of the Reign of His said late Majesty, for granting to His Majesty the Sum of Six hundred thousand Pounds out of the Sinking Fund for the Service of the

Year One thousand seven hundred and fifty-one, and for Allowances to the Poor Widows of Commission and Warrant Officers of the Royal Navy, and for other Purposes therein mentioned, was increased and extended to One other Seaman in every One hundred Men of the Complement, for such Time only as the Number of Men employed in the Service of the Royal Navy should not exceed Twenty thousand; and by another Act passed in the Sixteenth Year of
16 G. 3. c. 49. the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third, for (amongst other Things) giving further Relief to the Commission and Warrant Officers of the Royal Navy, the said Allowances were continued till the Number employed in the Royal Navy should exceed Thirty thousand: And whereas by another Act passed in the Forty-ninth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third,
49 G. 3. c. 35. intituled *An Act for the more convenient Payment of Pensions to Widows of Officers of the Navy*, various Regulations and Provisions are enacted and established for the more convenient Payment of the said Pensions, under the Order and Direction of the Court of Assistants of the before-mentioned Charity: And whereas His Majesty has deemed it necessary that an Alteration should be made in the Constitution of the said Charity; and it is therefore expedient that the said Enactments, Regulations, and Provisions should be repealed, and other Provisions established in lieu thereof; 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 from and after the Thirty-first Day of *December* next after the passing of this Act, so much of the said Act of the Sixth and Twenty-fourth Years of the Reign of King *George* the Second, and of the Sixteenth Year of the Reign of King *George* the Third, as are herein-before recited, and also the said Act of the Forty-ninth Year of His late Majesty King *George* the Third, relating to the Pensions of Widows of Officers of the Royal Navy, be and the same are hereby declared to be repealed.

From and after 31 Dec. next, so much of recited Acts as relates to Widows Pensions shall be repealed.

Pensions, &c. to Widows to be paid, subject to the same Regulations as heretofore.

II. And be it further enacted, That from and after the said Thirty-first Day of *December* next, all Pensions to which the Widows of Officers of the Royal Navy shall or may be entitled, under any Commission, Warrant, or Order of His Majesty already existing or hereafter to be made, shall be paid by the same Persons and in the same Manner as any Wages, Pay, or other Allowances for Services in the Royal Navy are now payable, and may be remitted to the Party entitled thereto in the same Manner, and be payable by the same Persons and under the same Regulations, as by an Act passed in the Fifty-fifth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King
55 G. 3. c. 60. *George* the Third, intituled *An Act to repeal several Acts relating to the Execution of Letters of Attorney and Wills of Petty Officers, Seamen, and Marines of His Majesty's Navy, and to make new Provisions respecting the same*, are provided in respect to the Payment of the Wages, Pay, and other Allowances for Services in the Royal Navy, to the Executors or Administrators of any deceased Petty Officer or Seaman; and that all the Enactments, Regulations, Clauses, Provisoes, and Penalties, specified and contained in the said last-mentioned Act with respect to Remittance Bills under the same Act, shall from

thenceforth extend and be applicable to Remittance Bills to be made out for Payment of such Widows Pensions pursuant to this Act, and to the Persons respectively by whom the same shall be made payable.

Assignments of Pensions to be void.

III. And be it further enacted, That all Assignments, Bargains, Sales, Orders, Contracts, and Agreements whatsoever to be made of or in relation to any Pension or Part of a Pension, or for the Assignment thereof by any Widow entitled thereto, shall be null and void to all Intents and Purposes.

Orders, &c. to be free from Duty.

IV. And be it further enacted, That all Orders, Certificates, Vouchers, Bills, and Receipts for or relating to any such Pensions shall be free and exempt from all Duties of Stamps whatever.

Penalty for personating any Widow entitled to Pension.

V. And be it further enacted, That from and after the said Thirty-first Day of *December* next, if any Person shall personate or falsely assume the Name or Character, or procure any other Person falsely to assume the Name or Character, of any Widow entitled or supposed to be entitled to any such Pension as aforesaid, in order to receive any such Pension or any Part thereof, or if any Person shall falsely make, forge, or counterfeit, or cause or procure to be falsely made, forged, or counterfeited, or willingly act or assist in the false making, forging, or counterfeiting, any Remittance Bill, Certificate, Voucher, or Receipt for Money, in relation to any such Pension or the Payment thereof, or any Part thereof, or any Affidavit, Certificate, Voucher, or other Document, in order to obtain any such Pension, or shall utter or publish as true any such forged or counterfeited Remittance Bill, Certificate, Affidavit, Voucher, or other Document, with Intent to defraud any Person whatsoever, knowing the same to be false, forged, or counterfeited, every such Person in any of the said Cases offending shall be deemed guilty of Felony, and the Court before which any such Person shall be convicted shall be empowered to adjudge the Offender to be transported for any Period not exceeding Fourteen Years.

Producing false Affidavits or Certificates.

VI. And be it further enacted, That if any Person shall utter or produce any false Affidavit, Certificate, Voucher, or other Document, in order fraudulently to procure any Person to be admitted to be a Pensioner as the Widow of any Officer of the Royal Navy, every such Person so offending shall be deemed guilty of a Misdemeanor, and shall be subject to be fined and imprisoned and kept to hard Labour, in the Discretion of the Court before which such Offender shall be convicted.

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