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**An Act for transferring such of the Duties of the Commissioners or Governors of *Kilmainham* Hospital, as relate to the Management and Payment of Out-Pensions, to the Commissioners of *Chelsea* Hospital. [5th *July* 1822.]**

WHEREAS an Act passed in the Forty-seventh Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act for empowering the Commissioners of* Kilmainham *Hospital to make Rules and Regulations for the Payment of Pensions to Soldiers on the Establishment of that Hospital:* And whereas it is expedient that in future the Out-Pensioners of *Kilmainham* Hospital should be placed under the Control and paid under the Directions of the Commissioners of *Chelsea* 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, That so much of the said herein-before recited Act as relates to the Out-Pensioners of *Kilmainham* Hospital shall be and the same is hereby repealed.

47 G.3. sess. 2. c. 5.

So much of recited Act as relates to the Out-Pensioners repealed.

II. And be it further enacted, That from and after the Twenty-fourth Day of *December* One thousand eight hundred and twenty-two, all Out-Pensions granted or to be granted to disabled, invalid, or discharged Soldiers, or other Persons, which have heretofore been made by

Out-Pensions heretofore made by the Commissioners of Kilmainham

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by the Commissioners or Governors of *Kilmainham* Hospital, and which have been under the Power, Management, Control, or Direction of the said Commissioners, shall be made by and shall be under the Power, Management, Control, and Direction of the Commissioners of *Chelsea* Hospital.

Commissioners of Chelsea Hospital authorized to make Rules and Orders relative to Out-Pensions.

III. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the said Commissioners of *Chelsea* Hospital, or any Three or more of them for the Time being, to make Orders, Rules, and Regulations, and from Time to Time to alter the same, in relation to the Payment of any Out-Pensions which were heretofore received from *Kilmainham* Hospital, or under the Management of the Commissioners of *Kilmainham* Hospital, and also to require such Certificates, Proofs, Affidavits, Vouchers, or Receipts for the better regulating, managing, and making such Payments, as to the said Commissioners shall seem expedient.

Commissioners of Kilmainham Hospital required to meet once a Month to examine Persons claiming Out-Pensions;

IV. And whereas it is expedient that Facility should be given to Soldiers discharged in *Ireland*, and entitled to Pensions for their Services in His Majesty's Army, to enable them to establish their Claim for such Pensions; be it enacted, That the Commissioners or Governors of *Kilmainham* Hospital, or any Three or more of them, shall once at the least in every Month, upon some Day to be publicly notified, meet at the said Hospital, for the Purpose of examining the Claims of Persons who may suppose themselves entitled to Out-Pensions on account of Service in any Branch of His Majesty's Army, or on account of any Disability acquired in such Service, and shall take down the Name and Description, Place of Abode, Length and Particulars of Service, and Cause of Discharge, and Nature of Hurt and Disability, if any, of every Person so applying; and shall, as soon as possible after such Examination, transmit a Certificate of the Particulars so taken, and of the Rate of Pension which the said Governors may think it proper to recommend for each Pensioner, to the Commissioners of *Chelsea* Hospital, which said Certificate shall be in such Form as the Commissioners for *Chelsea* Hospital shall from Time to Time direct; and the Commissioners of *Chelsea* Hospital shall, upon the Receipt of such Certificate, or as soon after as conveniently may be, determine what Amount of Pension each Person named therein is entitled to by virtue of his Services in any Branch of His Majesty's Army, or in respect of any Disability, and in conformity with any existing Order in Council, or Rules and Regulations made by His Majesty for fixing the Pensions and Allowances to which Non-commissioned Officers and Soldiers are to become entitled on their Discharge, by reason of the Expiration of certain Periods of Service, or as invalid, disabled, or wounded; and the said Commissioners of *Chelsea* Hospital shall direct the Agent for the Out-Pensioners of the said Royal Hospital to pay the said Pensions accordingly; which said Pensions are to be paid and remitted to the Persons entitled thereto, in like Manner as the *Chelsea* Hospital Out-Pensioners are now paid.

and transmit a Certificate of such Examination to Chelsea Hospital.

Commissioners of Chelsea Hospital thereupon to determine the Amount of Pensions.

Such Pensions to be paid in like Manner as the Chelsea Out-Pensions.

Out-Pensioners changing

V. And be it further enacted, That every Pensioner resident in *Great Britain*, who shall be entitled to receive Payment of his Pension

by Remittance or Order, shall, as often as he shall change his Place of Abode, give Notice thereof to the said Commissioners of the said Royal Hospital at *Chelsea*; and every Pensioner resident in *Ireland*, who shall be so entitled, shall, as often as he shall change his Place of Abode, give Notice thereof either to the Agent of the Royal Hospital at *Chelsea* resident in *Dublin*, or to the Commissioners of the said Royal Hospital at *Chelsea*; and in case, for Want of any such Notice, any Loss shall happen by reason of any Remittance or Order being sent for any Pension to the Place from which such Pensioner shall have removed without giving such Notice, such Loss shall fall upon and be borne and sustained by such Pensioner so making Default in this Behalf.

their Abode are to notify the same to Chelsea Hospital.

Loss for want of such Notice to be sustained by the Pensioner.

VI. And be it further enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act, it shall and may be lawful to and for the Comptroller of the Royal Hospital at *Chelsea*, and the Chief and First and Second Clerk respectively in the Office of the Secretary of the said Royal Hospital for the Time being, and they are hereby authorized and required, as often as Occasion shall be, to administer to all and every Person entitled or claiming to be entitled to any Out-Pension or Allowance of Money either from *Chelsea* or *Kilmainham* Hospital, or to any Allowance on account of Service in His Majesty's Army, all and every Oath and Oaths required or directed to be taken by any Law or Laws which now is or are or shall be in force at the Time such Oath is required or directed as aforesaid; and also to administer any other Oath or Oaths to any such Person or Persons as aforesaid, as shall be deemed necessary for the Purpose of proving the Identity of such Person or Persons, or for the Purpose of ascertaining or proving his or their Service, or Particulars of Service, in His Majesty's Army, or of any other Service for which any Out-Pension or Allowance shall be claimed or granted.

Comptroller of Chelsea Hospital and the Chief and First and Second Clerk in the Secretary's Office empowered to administer Oaths.

VII. And be it further enacted, That any Person or Persons who shall take any false Oath as to the Particulars aforesaid, or any of them, before the said Comptroller of *Chelsea* Hospital, or before the First or Second Clerk of the Secretary of the said Royal Hospital, shall be deemed guilty of wilful and corrupt Perjury; and shall suffer such Punishment as by Law may be adjudged to Persons guilty of Perjury.

Punishing Persons taking a false Oath.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That all and every the Out-Pensioners heretofore belonging to *Kilmainham* Hospital, shall be subject to the same Laws and Regulations with respect to Assignments of their Pensions, or the Orders of Justices for the Payment of the same, to the Overseers of the Poor of any Parish, by whom Relief may be legally granted to indigent Persons entitled to such Pensions or their Families, as the Out-Pensioners of *Chelsea* Hospital are now subject to by virtue of an Act passed in the Fifty-ninth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act to amend the Laws for the Relief of the Poor.*

Out-Pensioners under this Act subject to the Laws relating to Assignments from indigent Persons to Overseers of the Poor.
59 G. 3. c. 12.

IX. And be it further enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act, the Governors of *Kilmainham* Hospital shall have the Power to

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powered to receive In-Pensioners.

to receive as In-Pensioners any of the Out-Pensioners residing in *Ireland*.

When Out-Pensioners shall be admitted In-Pensioners, Notice to be sent to Chelsea Hospital that their Names may be struck off the Out-Pension List.

X. And be it further enacted, That when and as often as any Out-Pensioner shall be admitted as an In-Pensioner of the said Hospital at *Kilmainham*, immediate Notice thereof, with all the Particulars relating to the same, shall within Fourteen Days of such Admission be transmitted by the said Commissioners of *Kilmainham* Hospital to the said Commissioners of *Chelsea* Hospital, in order that the Pensioner or Pensioners so admitted may be struck off the Out-Pension List of the said Royal Hospital.

Governors of Kilmainham Hospital to transmit to the Commissioners of Chelsea Hospital all Books and Writings relating to Out-Pensioners of Kilmainham Hospital, with Registry of Service and Discharges, &c.

XI. And be it further enacted, That immediately after the passing of this Act, it shall and may be lawful for the said Commissioners of the Royal Hospital for Soldiers at *Chelsea*, by Writing under the Hand of any Three or more of them, to call for, and the Commissioners or Governors of *Kilmainham* Hospital are hereby directed, within Ten Days after Notice to that Effect shall be to them given, to furnish and transmit or deliver to the said Commissioners of *Chelsea* Hospital, or to such Person or Persons as they shall authorize to receive the same, all such Books, Papers, Lists, Documents, or other Writings in the Possession or under the Control of the said Commissioners of *Kilmainham* Hospital, as shall relate to the Persons at any Time heretofore admitted or appointed Out-Pensioners of the said Hospital at *Kilmainham*; together with the Registry of Service of the said Pensioners, and the Discharges of all such Soldiers as have been admitted Pensioners of the said Hospital at *Kilmainham*; and all Papers whatsoever relating to Persons who shall have been registered, with a View to Pensions being granted to them prospectively; and all such other Papers relating to Out-Pensions in the Custody of the said Commissioners of *Kilmainham* Hospital, as to the Commissioners of *Chelsea* Hospital shall seem necessary.

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