

ANNO SEXTO

GEORGII IV. REGIS.

CAP. LXXXVIII.

An Act to make Provision for the Salaries of certain Bishops, and other Ecclesiastical Dignitaries and Ministers, in the Diocese of *Jamaica*, and in the Diocese of *Barbadoes* and the *Leeward Islands*; and to enable His Majesty to grant Annuities to such Bishops upon the Resignation of their Offices. [5th *July* 1825.]

Appointment of Bishops, Archdeacons, and Ministers for the Dioceses of Jamaica and of Barbadoes and the Leeward Islands.

WHEREAS His Majesty by His several Royal Letters Patent has been graciously pleased to direct and appoint that the Island of *Jamaica*, the *Bahama* Islands, and the Settlements in the Bay of *Honduras*, and their respective Dependencies, should be and become a Bishoprick, and the Diocese and See of a Bishop of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland* as established by Law, to be called "The Bishoprick of *Jamaica*;" and that there should be One Bishop of the said Diocese, and that there should also be One Archdeacon and Seven Ministers of the Gospel in and for the said Diocese; and in like Manner that the Islands of *Barbadoes*, *Grenada*, *Saint Vincent's*, *Dominica*, *Antigua* and *Mountserrat*, *Saint Christopher's*, *Nevis* and the *Virgin Islands*, *Trinidad*, *Tobago* and *Saint Lucie*, and their respective Dependencies, should be and become a Bishoprick, and the Diocese and See of a Bishop, to be called "The Bishoprick of *Barbadoes* and the *Leeward Islands*," and that there shall be One Bishop of the said last mentioned Diocese, and that there should also be One Archdeacon in and for the Island of *Barbadoes*, and One Archdeacon in and for the Island of *Antigua*, and that there should be Thirteen Ministers of the Gospel and Three

Catechists within the said last mentioned Diocese; and it is expedient that Provision should be made for the Payment of yearly Salaries to such Bishops, Archdeacons, Ministers, and Catechists respectively, and also to enable His Majesty to grant to such Bishops respectively yearly Pensions or Annuities on their retiring from their Dioceses: We, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Commons of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland* in Parliament assembled, do most humbly beseech 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 the Persons who shall from Time to Time exercise and enjoy the several Dignities and Offices herein-after mentioned, under or by virtue of His Majesty's Letters Patent or Authority, shall receive the several Salaries or annual Sums herein-after respectively specified and set forth; that is to say, the Bishop of the Diocese of *Jamaica*, and the Bishop of the Diocese of *Barbadoes* and the *Leeward Islands*, in the *West Indies*, the Salary or annual Sum of Four thousand Pounds each, of lawful Money of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*; the Archdeacon of the Island of *Jamaica*, and the Archdeacon of the Island of *Barbadoes*, and the Archdeacon of the Island of *Antigua*, the Salary or annual Sum of Two thousand Pounds each, of the like lawful Money; the Seven Ministers of the Gospel in the Diocese of *Jamaica*, and the Thirteen Ministers of the Gospel in the Diocese of *Barbadoes* and the *Leeward Islands*, the Salary or annual Sum of Three hundred Pounds each, of the like lawful Money; the Three Catechists in the said Diocese of *Barbadoes* and the *Leeward Islands*, the Salary or annual Sum of One hundred Pounds each, of the like lawful Money; and that all the said several Salaries and annual Sums shall be paid and payable free and clear from all Taxes and Deductions whatsoever.

Salaries to be payable to Bishops, &c.

Bishops, 4,000*l.*

Archdeacons, 2,000*l.*

Ministers, 300*l.*

Catechists, 100*l.*

Treasury may issue Money out of the Consolidated Fund, to provide for Payment of the said Salaries.

II. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury of the United Kingdom for the Time being, or any Three or more of them, and they are hereby authorized and required from Time to Time, by Warrant or Warrants under their Hands, to direct the proper Officer of the Exchequer to issue and pay, out of the growing Produce of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, to such Person or Persons as may be appointed to receive the same, all and every such Sums and Sum of Money as may from Time to Time be necessary for the Payment of all or any of the several Salaries or annual Sums made payable by this Act, which may have accrued respectively at any Time before the passing of this Act, or which may from Time to Time accrue and become due and payable at any Time after the passing of this Act.

His Majesty empowered to grant Annuities of 1,000*l.* to the Bishops retiring after Ten Years.

III. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, by any Letters Patent under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, to give and grant unto any Person who may or shall execute the Office of Bishop of the Diocese of *Jamaica*, or the Office of Bishop of the Diocese of *Barbadoes* and the *Leeward Islands* respectively, and who

shall resign the same respectively, an Annuity or yearly Sum of Money not exceeding the Sum of One thousand Pounds to any such Bishop respectively, to commence and take effect immediately from and after the Period whenever the Person to whom such Annuity or yearly Sum of Money shall be granted shall resign or shall have resigned the said Offices respectively, and to continue from thenceforth for and during the natural Life of the Person to whom such Annuity shall be granted as aforesaid; and such Annuity or yearly Sum shall be issued and payable out of and charged and chargeable upon the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, next in order of Payment to and after paying and reserving sufficient to pay all such Sum and Sums of Money as have been directed by any former Act or Acts of Parliament to be paid out of the same, but with Preference to all other Payments which shall and may be charged upon or payable out of the said Fund; and such Annuity or yearly Sum shall from Time to Time be paid and payable Quarterly, free and clear of all Taxes and Deductions whatsoever, at the Four usual Days of Payment in the Year; that is to say, the Fifth Day of *January*, Fifth Day of *April*, Fifth Day of *July*, and the Tenth Day of *October*, in each and every Year, by even and equal Portions, the First Payment to be made on such of the said Days as shall happen next after such Resignation as aforesaid of the said Office: Provided always, that no such Annuity or yearly Sum of Money granted to any Person having executed either of the said Offices respectively, shall be valid, unless such Persons shall have continued in the said Office for the Period of Ten Years, or shall be afflicted with some permanent Infirmity, disabling him from the due Execution of his Office of Bishop, which shall be distinctly recited in the said Grant.

Salaries and Pensions to be a Charge on the Four and a Half per Cent. Duties.

IV. And whereas it is expedient that the Charge to be created by the Salaries or Pensions which may from Time to Time be payable under the Authority of this Act to the Bishops, Archdeacons, Ministers, or Catechists appointed or to be appointed by His Majesty as aforesaid, should be charged upon the Duties of Four and a Half *per Centum* payable to His Majesty in the *West Indies*, whenever the said Duties, after Payment of the prior Charges thereon, shall afford the Means of defraying the Whole or any Part of such Salaries or Pensions; be it therefore enacted, That the said Salaries and Pensions shall become and be a Charge upon the said Duties of Four and a Half *per Centum* next in Priority after the Salaries of the Governors, Lieutenant Governors, and other public Officers, payable out of those Duties after the Termination of any other Charges now existing thereupon, and that any and every Surplus which shall at any Time arise out of the Produce of those Duties after defraying all such other Charges now existing thereupon, or by reason of the Cessation of any of those Charges, shall go and be applied in the first Instance to defray the Charges of the Salaries and Pensions to be granted under the Authority of this Act accordingly.

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