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GEORGII IV. REGIS.

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CAP. LXXV.

An Act to explain an Act of the Fifty-third Year of the Reign of His late Majesty, respecting the Enrolment of Memorials of Grants of Annuities.

[31st *May* 1826.]

WHEREAS by an Act of Parliament made and passed in the Fifty-third Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act to repeal an Act of the Seventeenth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled* '*An Act for registering the Grants of Life Annuities, and for the better Protection of Infants against such Grants,*' *and to substitute other Provisions in lieu thereof;* it is enacted, that within Thirty Days after the Execution of every Deed, Bond, Instrument, or other Assurance, whereby any Annuity or Rent Charge shall, from and after the passing of the said Act, be granted for One or more Life or Lives, or for any Term of Years, or greater Estate, determinable on One or more Life or Lives, a Memorial of the Date of every such Deed, Bond, Instrument, or other Assurance, of the Names of all the Parties, and of all the Witnesses thereto, and of the Person or Persons for whose Life or Lives such Annuity or Rent Charge shall be granted, and of the Person or Persons by whom the same is to be beneficially received, shall be enrolled in the High Court of Chancery, in the Form or to the Effect in the said Act stated, with such Alterations therein as the Nature and Circumstances of any particular Case may reason- 53 G.3.c.141.

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ably require: And whereas it frequently happens that the Names of Witnesses to Grants of Annuities, or other Assurances, are unknown to the Grantees thereof, or their Solicitors or Agents, otherwise than as they appear by the Subscriptions of such Witnesses to the Attestations of the Execution of such Grants or Assurances, and it might greatly endanger the Validity of any such Assurance if any Name were inserted in the Memorial thereof, as the Name of any such Witness, in any other Manner than as the same appears signed by such Witness as attesting the Execution of such Assurance: And whereas a very great Number of Memorials of Grants of Annuities have since the passing of the said Act been enrolled, in which the Surnames of Witnesses to the Deeds, Instruments, or Assurances specified in such Memorials, have been inserted, together with such Initial Letter or Abbreviation of the Christian Names of such Witnesses as appeared subscribed to the Attestation by such Witnesses of the Execution of such Deeds, Instruments, or Assurances, without stating at full Length the Christian Names of such Witnesses: And whereas Doubts have been entertained whether, according to the true Construction of the said Act, it is necessary to the Validity of any such Grant or other Assurance, that the Christian as well as Surnames of all the Witnesses to such Deed, Grant, or other Assurance should be inserted in the Memorial thereof in any other Manner than as the same may appear subscribed to the Attestation of such Deed, Grant, or other Assurance by such Witnesses respectively; and in order to remove such Doubts, be it enacted and declared 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 by the said Act of the Fifty-third Year of the Reign of His said late Majesty, no further or other Name or Names of the subscribing Witness or Witnesses to any Deed, Bond, Instrument, or other Assurance, whereby any Annuity or Rent Charge is or may be granted, is or are required in the Memorial thereof, besides the Names of all such Witnesses as they shall appear signed to their Attestations respectively of the Execution of such Deed, Bond, Instrument, or other Assurance; and so the said Act shall be deemed, construed, and taken.

No further or other Names of Witnesses required in the Memorial than appear in the Deed.

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