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An Act for the Relief of the Sufferers by the Insolvency of *Gilbert Ricketts* Esquire, formerly Registrar of the Supreme Court of Judicature at *Madras*. [23d *July* 1830.]

WHEREAS *Gilbert Ricketts* Esquire, deceased, late Registrar of the Supreme Court of Judicature at *Madras* in the *East Indies*, was, as such Registrar, empowered by an Act of the Thirty-ninth and Fortieth Years of the Reign of King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act for establishing further Regulations for the* 39 & 40 G. 3. *Government of the* British *Territories in* India, *and the better Adminis-* c. 79. *tration of Justice within the same,* to administer to all *British* Subjects dying intestate within the Presidency of *Madras;* and the said Court was thereby directed to grant such Letters of Administration to the Registrar of the Court; and accordingly the said *Gilbert Ricketts* did obtain from Time to Time Administrations out of the said Court to several Persons who had died intestate within the said Presidency of *Madras,* and as such Administrator collected their Estates and Effects: And whereas the said *Gilbert Ricketts* got into his Hands and Possession, as such Registrar, certain Sums of Money ordered by the said Court to be paid into Court by the Suitors thereof, and afterwards died insolvent on or about the Fourth Day of *December* One thousand eight hundred and seventeen, without having lodged in the Treasury at *Madras* the Monies and Effects he had so as aforesaid received on account of the Estates of Intestates and from the Suitors of the said Court; by reason

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whereof those Persons representing the said Intestates, and lawfully entitled to their Estates, as well as the Suitors of the said Court, have suffered great Loss and Damage in this respect: And whereas, in order to know the State and Particulars of the Deficiency of the said *Gilbert Ricketts* in respect of the Estates of Intestates, and the Monies paid in by the Suitors of the Court, that came to his Hands, the Honourable the Judges of the said Court, Sir *John Newbolt* and Sir *Edmond Stanley*, made an Order, bearing Date the Fifteenth Day of *December* One thousand eight hundred and seventeen, whereby it was referred to Mister *John Shaw* the then Registrar of the said Court, Mister *George Garrow* the Accountant General, Sir *Samuel Toller* Knight, Advocate General, Mister *Henry Byne* Barrister at Law, and Mister *Robert Orme*, Company's Solicitor, as a Committee or Commissioners to inquire into and report upon the Accounts of the then late Registrar Mister *Gilbert Ricketts*, relative to the Suitors Money and the Estates of deceased Persons which came to his Hands: And whereas the Survivors of the said Commissioners made their Report to the Court, bearing Date the Twenty-ninth Day of *July* One thousand eight hundred and twenty, whereby they reported, that in respect to the Estates of Intestates that came to the Hands of the said *Gilbert Ricketts* there was a Deficiency of Pagodas One hundred and twenty-three thousand one hundred and five and thirty-seven Fanams, making in *British* Sterling Money, at the Rate of Eight Shillings to the Pagoda, Forty-nine thousand two hundred and forty-two Pounds, and in that of the Suitors a Deficiency of Pagodas One thousand six hundred and sixty-two, making in *British* Sterling, at the Rate aforesaid, Six hundred and sixty-four Pounds and sixteen Shillings; the Particulars whereof, and the Estates and Suitors to whom due, are set out in the Schedules to the said Report annexed, and forming Part thereof, marked (A.) (B.) (C.) and (D.): And whereas, upon the aforesaid Commissioners having made the aforesaid Report of the Twenty-ninth Day of *July* One thousand eight hundred and twenty, to the said Court at *Madras*, in pursuance of the Order of the said Court of the Fifteenth Day of *December* One thousand eight hundred and seventeen, the Honourable the Judges of the said Court transmitted the same, on the Thirtieth Day of *August* One thousand eight hundred and twenty, to the Governor in Council at *Madras*, stating that Mister *Ricketts* died insolvent, and that there was no Fund applicable to the Discharge of the Balances reported due, and recommended it as highly important to public Justice that some Fund should be provided for the Discharge of such Claims: And whereas it is expedient that Provision shall be made for Payment to such Persons as shall appear entitled thereto of the several Sums so lost by the Malversation of the said *Gilbert Ricketts*; 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 the Court of Directors of the United Company of Merchants of *England* trading to the *East Indies*, and the said Court of Directors is hereby authorized, empowered, and required, to appropriate so much of the Territorial Revenues of the said United Company as will be sufficient to pay off and discharge to such Persons as shall appear to be entitled

Court of Directors of the East India Company to appropriate a Part of their Territorial Revenues to

entitled thereto, as the lawful Representatives of the Intestates named in the Schedule annexed to the said Report of the Twenty-ninth Day of *July* One thousand eight hundred and twenty, marked (D.), and also to the Suitors of the said Court named in the Schedules annexed to the said Report of the Twenty-ninth Day of *July* One thousand eight hundred and twenty, marked respectively (A.) (B.) and (C.), or to the lawful Representatives of such of the said Suitors who have since deceased, and shall appear to be entitled thereto, the several and respective Principal Sums of Money set forth and specified in the said Schedules respectively as due to the Estates of the Intestates and the Suitors therein respectively named.

discharge the Sums due to the Estates of certain Intestates and Suitors in the Supreme Court of Judicature at Madras.

II. And be it further enacted, That the said Court of Directors shall, as soon as reasonably may be after the passing of this Act, send out Instructions to the Governor and Council at *Madras*, directing that the said Governor and Council shall, upon Demand being made by or on behalf of any such Persons lawfully qualified and entitled thereto, pay out of the said Territorial Revenues of the said Company to such Person or Persons, or to their lawfully constituted Attornies, as soon as reasonably may be, the Principal Sums mentioned in the said several Schedules to the said Report of the Twenty-ninth Day of *July* One thousand eight hundred and twenty annexed.

The Court of Directors to send out Instructions for the Payment of the Sums hereby required;

III. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Court of Directors, if they shall see fit, to make any such Payments in this Country to any Persons who shall appear entitled thereto, and at such Rate of Exchange as shall be mutually agreed upon between the said Court and such Persons respectively.

or the same may be made in this Country.

IV. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall be deemed and taken to be a Public Act, and shall be judicially taken notice of as such by all Judges, Justices, and others, without being specially pleaded.

Public Act.

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