CHAPTER 14

An Act to make provision for the payment of certain annuities to Their Royal Highnesses the Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh, and to amend section eight of the Civil List Act, 1937.

[11th February 1948.]

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WHEREAS Your Majesty has been graciously pleased to signify to your faithful Commons in Parliament assembled Your Majesty's desire that provision should be made for Their Royal Highnesses the Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh on the occasion of their marriage:

And whereas Your Majesty has further been graciously pleased to signify that, being anxious that such provision should be made in such a way as not to impose a burden on your people at this present time when they are faced with grave economic difficulties, Your Majesty was willing to place at the disposal of Your faithful Commons a sum derived from the savings on the Civil List made during the war years, with the intent that such provision should, for a period, impose no additional charge on public funds, and that Your Majesty has, to that end, commanded that a sum of one hundred thousand pounds so derived be transferred to the Consolidated Fund on the passing of this Act:

Now, therefore, we, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Commons of the United Kingdom 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, as follows :—

Provision for Her Royal Highness the Princess Elizabeth.

1.—(1) There shall be paid to Her Royal Highness the Princess Elizabeth during her life the yearly sum of twenty-five thousand pounds, to commence from the day of her marriage with His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh.

(2) The yearly sum payable to Her Royal Highness under this section shall be in addition to any sum payable to her under the Civil List Act, 1937.

1 Edw. 8. & 1 Geo. 6. c. 32.

Provision for His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh.

2.—(1) There shall be paid to His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh during his life the yearly sum of ten thousand pounds, to commence from the said day.

(2) In the event of Her Royal Highness the Princess Elizabeth dying in the lifetime of His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh leaving a child or children, there shall be paid to His Royal Highness during any period after Her Royal Highness's death during which he is living and their child or one of their children is Heir Presumptive to the Throne the yearly sum of fifteen thousand pounds.

(3) Any yearly sum payable to His Royal Highness under subsection (2) of this section shall be in addition to the yearly sum payable to him under subsection (1) thereof.

Charge of payments under this Act.

3. The yearly sums payable under this Act shall be charged on and paid out of the Consolidated Fund or the growing produce thereof, and shall be paid at such times and in such manner as the Treasury may direct.

Amendment of s. 8 of the Civil List Act, 1937.

4. Section eight of the Civil List Act, 1937 (which enacts that, in the event of Her Royal Highness the Princess Elizabeth predeceasing His Majesty, that Act is to have effect, as respects any period subsequent to that event, as if the references to Her Royal Highness were references to that one of His Majesty's daughters who thereby becomes his eldest surviving daughter) shall apply only as respects any such period during which that one of His Majesty's daughters is Heir Presumptive to the Throne.

Title

5. This Act may be cited as the Princess Elizabeth's and Duke of Edinburgh's Annuities Act, 1948.

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