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CAP. VIII.

An Act to enable Her Majesty to grant an annual Sum to Her Royal Highness *Victoria Maria Louisa* Duchess of *Kent*. [26th *January* 1838.]

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WHEREAS Your Majesty by Your most Gracious Message hath been pleased to signify that Your Majesty, taking into consideration the Provision made by Law for the Support of Her Royal Highness the Duchess of *Kent*, Your Majesty's beloved Mother, recommends this Subject to the Care of Your faithful Commons, with full Confidence in their Readiness to adopt such Measures as Her Royal Highness's Rank and Station and increased Proximity to the Throne may seem to require: And whereas certain Annuities have been granted to Her Royal Highness in pursuance of divers Acts of Parliament, and it is expedient to consolidate the same with the additional yearly Sum which Your faithful Commons have now resolved to grant: Therefore, we, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Commons of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland* in Parliament assembled, duly considering Your Majesty's gracious Intention, and desiring to mark the cordial Sense of Gratitude entertained by Your faithful Subjects towards Her Royal Highness the Duchess of *Kent*, Your Majesty's beloved Mother, do most humbly beseech Your Majesty that it may be enacted; and be it enacted by the Queen'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 be lawful for Her Majesty to give and grant, by Letters Patent under the Great Seal of *Great Britain*, to Her Royal Highness *Victoria Maria Louisa* Duchess of *Kent*, for the Term of Her natural Life, for a Provision for Her said Royal Highness, a certain annual Payment or Annuity of Thirty thousand Pounds of lawful Money of *Great Britain;* and the said annual Payment or Annuity shall be deemed and considered to have commenced and taken effect upon the Eleventh Day of *October* One thousand eight hundred and thirty-seven; and the first Payment of a proportionate Part thereof shall be made for the Quarter ended on the Fifth Day of *January* One thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight, and shall thereafter be paid quarterly; that is to say, on the Fifth Day of *April*, the Fifth Day of *July*, the Tenth Day of *October*, and the Fifth Day of *January*, in every Year; and the said annual Payment or Annuity shall and may be issuing and payable out of and charged and chargeable upon the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland* (after paying or reserving sufficient to pay all such Sum and Sums of Money as hath or have been directed to be paid out of the same by any former Act or Acts of Parliament, but with Preference to all other Payments which shall or may hereafter be charged upon and payable out of the said Fund); and the Acquittance or Acquittances, Receipt or Receipts of Her said Royal Highness the Duchess of *Kent*, or of such other Person or Persons as shall by Her said Royal Highness be duly authorized and appointed to receive such annual Payment or Annuity, or any Part thereof, shall be a good and sufficient Discharge for the Payment thereof; and the said annual Payment or Annuity so to be given and granted shall be free and clear from all Taxes, Rates, and Assessments, and all other Charges whatsoever.

An Annuity of 30,000*l.* granted to Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Kent.

II. And be it enacted, That when Her Majesty shall have made the said Grant, the several Annuities granted to Her said Royal Highness the Duchess of *Kent* under the Authority of several Acts passed in the Fifty-eighth Year of the Reign of His Majesty King *George* the Third, in the Sixth Year of the Reign of His Majesty King *George* the Fourth, and in the First and Second Years of the Reign of His late Majesty King *William* the Fourth, shall cease and determine from the Period when the Grant made under the Authority of this Act shall commence and take effect.

Former Annuities granted to Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Kent to cease.

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