CAP. LXXV.

An Act for the Remission of the Consolidated Annuities charged upon Districts in *Ireland*. [15th *August* 1853.]

13 & 14 Vict. c. 14.

'WHEREAS by an Act of the Thirteenth Year of Her Majesty, "to authorize a further "Advance of Money to certain distressed Poor Law Unions, and to make Provision "for the Repayment of Advances made and authorized to be made to Poor Law Unions and "other Districts in *Ireland*," the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury were empowered, where they thought it expedient that the Debts and Liabilities of any of the several Unions and Electoral Divisions and other Districts in *Ireland* in respect of the Loans and Advances of Public Money made under several Acts therein recited, and also in respect of any Loans for building Workhouses, and of any Advances under the Authority of the Act now in recital, should be consolidated and repaid as therein mentioned, to inquire into and cause to be ascertained the whole Amount of such Debts and Liabilities upon an Account taken up to such Time as they might think fit; and the said Commissioners were thereby empowered after such Inquiry to adjust and fix the proportionate Amount which would have been borne by each Townland or other Denomination or Place comprised in any such Union, Electoral Division, or other District, and to cause to be charged on such Townland or other Denomination or Place an Annuity which they should deem equivalent to such proportionate Amount, or (in such Cases as therein mentioned) instead of causing to be charged separate Annuities on the several Townlands, Denominations, or Places in any Electoral Division, to cause to be charged One Annuity on such Electoral Division; and every Annuity to be charged under the Act now in recital was to commence in such Year, and be payable for such Number of Years and on such Day in every Year, as the said Commissioners should think fit; and it was thereby provided, that in case the Board of Guardians should not sooner pay the same, the Treasurer of every Union in *Ireland* should, from all Lodgments made with him from Time to Time of the First or any subsequent Rate or Rates on account of each such Electoral Division in the Union, after every yearly Day of Payment of such Annuities, reserve One equal Third Part thereof, and place the same to the Credit of the Electoral Division in an Account to be entitled the "Loans Repayment Account," until the aggregate Amount which should become payable from Time to Time on account of the Annuity charged on such Electoral Division, or, as the Case might require, the Annuities charged on all the Townlands and other Denominations and Places, if any, in such Electoral Division, and all Arrears, if any, in respect of any previous Year or Years, should have been received and placed to such Account as aforesaid, and that the Treasurer of the Union shall pay over from Time to Time all Sums so received as aforesaid into the Bank of *Ireland*, to be there placed to a separate Account in the Name of the Paymaster of Civil Services in *Ireland*, to be entitled the "Loans Repayment Account:" And whereas the said Commissioners, in pursuance of the Provisions of the said recited Act, caused to be ascertained the Amounts of the said Debts and Liabilities of the several Unions and Electoral Divisions and other Districts in *Ireland* up to the Thirtieth Day of *September* One thousand eight hundred and fifty, and caused to be charged in respect thereof on Electoral Divisions, or the Townlands and other Districts therein, Annuities herein-after referred to as Consolidated Annuities: And whereas under the Act of the last Session of Parliament, Chapter Sixteen, the Sums or Parts of the Sums payable in the Year One thousand eight hundred and fifty-one in respect of the Consolidated Annuities charged on certain Electoral Divisions, or the Townlands or other Districts therein, have been remitted on account of the Pressure upon the local Resources of such Electoral Divisions of the necessary Expenditure for the Relief of the Poor: And whereas it is expedient that the said Consolidated Annuities payable in respect of the Year commencing from the Thirtieth Day of *September* One thousand eight hundred and fifty-two and in respect of all subsequent Years be remitted, and that, on account of the continuing Pressure of the Expenditure for the Relief of the Poor in certain Electoral Divisions, the Sums or Parts thereof herein-after mentioned, payable in respect of the Year ending on the said Thirtieth Day of *September* One thousand eight hundred and fifty-two, should also in the Cases herein-after mentioned be remitted:' Be it therefore

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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, as follows:

All Sums payable in respect of the Year commencing from the 30th Sept. 1852, and in respect of all subsequent Years, remitted.

I. All the said Consolidated Annuities charged under the said Act of the Thirteenth and Fourteenth Years of Her Majesty shall be deemed to have ceased as from the Thirtieth Day of *September* One thousand eight hundred and fifty-two, and all Sums which have accrued due in respect of Payments of the said Annuities subsequent to the Thirtieth Day of *September* One thousand eight hundred and fifty-two, or which if this Act had not been passed would hereafter become due in respect of such Annuities, shall be remitted and deemed to be discharged without further Payment; and where any Sums payable in respect of the Year commencing from the said Thirtieth Day of *September* One thousand eight hundred and fifty-two have been already paid by the Treasurer of any Union to the said Account standing in the Name of the Paymaster of Civil Services in *Ireland*, it shall be lawful for the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury to cause the said Paymaster of Civil Services in *Ireland* to repay the said Sums so paid to the said Account to the Treasurers of the several Unions in *Ireland* from whom the same shall have been received; and all Sums which may have been or ought to have been reserved by the Treasurer of any Union on account of any Payment hereby remitted of the Annuity charged on such Electoral Division, or of the Annuities charged on Townlands and other Denominations and Places therein, and which shall not have been paid over to the said Account in the Name of the Paymaster of Civil Services, and all such Sums which shall have been so paid over, and shall be repaid by the Paymaster of Civil Services to such Treasurers as aforesaid, shall be carried by such Treasurer to the Credit of the Electoral Division from the Rates of which such Sums may have been reserved or lodged.

Annuities payable previously to 30th Sept. 1852 may be remitted, in whole or in part, in distressed Districts.

II. In any Case where the Commissioners for administering the Laws for the Relief of the Poor in *Ireland* shall ascertain, and report to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, that the Expenditure for the Relief of the Poor and for the Medical Relief of poor Persons under an Act passed in the Session of Parliament holden in the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Years of Her present Majesty, Chapter Sixty-eight, in any Electoral Division in *Ireland* for the Year ending on the Twenty-ninth Day of *September* One thousand eight hundred and fifty-two amounted to Four Shillings in the Pound or upwards on the Valuation then in force, it shall be lawful for the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury to remit the whole of the Sum payable in respect of such Year on account of any such Annuity or Annuities as aforesaid charged on such Electoral Division, or on any District or Districts therein; and in case the said Commissioners for administering the Laws for the Relief of the Poor shall ascertain and report as aforesaid that the Expenditure aforesaid in any such Electoral Division in the said Year ending on the said Twenty-ninth Day of *September* One thousand eight hundred and fifty-two did not amount to the Sum of Four Shillings in the Pound on such Valuation, but amounted to such a Sum as, with the Payment to be made in respect of such Year on account of the Annuity or Annuities charged as aforesaid on such Electoral Division, or on the District or Districts therein, would exceed the Sum of Four Shillings in the Pound on such Valuation, it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury to remit such Portion of the Sum payable in respect of such Annuity or Annuities as will reduce the aggregate Amount of such Expenditure, and of the Payment on account of such Annuity or Annuities, to such Sum of Four Shillings in the Pound on such Valuation, and to authorize the said Commissioners for administering the Laws for the Relief of the Poor to issue an Order under their Seal to the Treasurers of the several Unions, specifying the Sums and Portions of Sums so remitted in respect of the said Annuities; and all Sums which have been or ought to have been reserved by the Treasurer of any Union out of the Rates of any Electoral Division on account of any Sum or Portion of a Sum so remitted shall be carried by such Treasurer to the Credit of the Electoral Division from the Rates of which the same may have been reserved.