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CAP. III.

An Act for enabling Her Majesty to grant an Annuity to His Serene Highness Prince *Albert* of *Saxe Coburg* and *Gotha*.

[7th *February* 1840.]

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Commons of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, having taken into consideration that Part of Your Majesty's most gracious Speech from the Throne, in which Your Majesty was pleased to announce Your Intention of allying Yourself in Marriage with His Serene Highness the Prince *Albert* of *Saxe Coburg* and *Gotha*, do most humbly and cheerfully 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 the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, in order to provide for the Establishment of His Serene Highness the Prince *Albert* of *Saxe Coburg* and *Gotha*, upon such Marriage, by any Letters Patent under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom, to give and grant to His said Serene Highness, or to such other Person or Persons as Her said Majesty shall think fit to be named in such Letters Patent, and his and their Heirs, to or to the Use of or in Trust for His said

Her Majesty empowered to grant an Annuity of 30,000*l.* to Prince Albert of Saxe Coburg and Gotha.

Serene Highness, One Annuity of Thirty thousand Pounds of lawful Money of *Great Britain;* which Annuity of Thirty thousand Pounds shall commence and take effect from the Day of the Marriage of Her Majesty and His said Serene Highness, and continue from thenceforth for and during the Life of His said Serene Highness; and the said Annuity shall be free and clear from all Taxes, Rates, and Assessments, and all other Charges whatsoever, and shall be paid and payable at the Four most usual Days of Payment in the Year; that is to say, the Fifth Day of *January*, the Fifth Day of *April*, the Fifth Day of *July*, and the Tenth Day of *October*, in every Year, by even and equal Portions; with a proportionable Part of such Annuity from the last Quarter Day to the Day of the Decease of His said Serene Highness; the first Payment thereof to be made, on the first quarterly Day of Payment next after the said Marriage, of such Proportion of such quarterly Payment as shall have accrued between the Day of Marriage and such Quarter Day; and that the said Annuity of Thirty thousand Pounds shall and may by such Letters Patent be directed to be issuing and payable out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland* during the Life of His said Serene Highness, after paying or reserving sufficient to pay all such Sums as shall have been directed to be paid out of the same by any Act or Acts of Parliament made previous to the Time of passing this Act, but with a Preference to all other Payments which shall or may at any Time after the passing of this Act be charged upon and payable out of the said Fund.

Prince Albert not to acquire any Estate or Interest in any Property to which Her Majesty may be entitled.

II. And be it enacted, That His said Serene Highness shall not, by virtue of such Marriage, acquire or become entitled to any Estate or Interest in any Property, Real or Personal, to which Her Majesty may be or may become entitled to in any Right or Manner whatsoever; but that all such Property shall be held and enjoyed by Her said Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, as if such Marriage had never taken place.

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