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An Act to empower certain Public Departments to pay otherwise than to Executors or Administrators small Sums due on account of Pay or Allowances to Persons deceased. [31st *July* 1868.]

WHEREAS by several Acts of Parliament Power is given to the Commissioners of the Admiralty and the Secretary of State for War and the Commissioners of *Chelsea Hospital* to cause to be paid to Persons who may not have been authorized by Law to act as Executors or Administrators of deceased Persons limited Sums of Money due in respect of Naval and Military Services to such deceased Persons:

And whereas it is expedient to extend the Power so given, so far as the Military Service is concerned, and to provide for the similar Payment of Sums due in respect of Civil Services:

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, as follows:

1. On the Death of any Person or Persons to whom respectively any Sum or Sums of Money not exceeding One hundred Pounds may be payable by a Public Department in respect of Civil Pay or Allowances

Treasury, &c. may, on Death of Persons in

Civil Service entitled to Sums under 100*l.*, direct Payment thereof without Production of Letters of Administration.

Allowances or Annuities granted under Authority of Parliament, it shall be lawful for the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, or for such Departments as may be deputed by such Commissioners to exercise like Powers in reference to Claims payable upon their Orders respectively, on being satisfied of the Expediency of dispensing with Probate or Letters of Administration, to authorize the Payment of such Sum or Sums to such Person or Persons as the said Commissioners or Departments may consider entitled thereto, without requiring the Production of Probate or of Letters of Administration, payment to be made under such Regulations as to the said Commissioners may seem fit.

Extension of Powers of War Department as to such Payments to Sums under 100*l.*

2. In the Case of any Civil or Military Allowances chargeable to the Army Votes and of Army Prize Money, the Sum, not exceeding One hundred Pounds, due at the Death of a Claimant may be dealt with by the Secretary of State for War, or the Commissioners of *Chelsea Hospital*, in accordance with the Enactments already in Force with respect to Sums of lesser Amount similarly due.

Indemnity.

3. Any Payment made in pursuance of this Act shall be valid against all Persons whatever, and all Persons acting under its Provisions shall be absolutely discharged from all Liability in respect of any Monies duly paid or applied by them under this Act.

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