# CHAPTER 56.

An Act to settle an annuity on the Honourable Blanche Julia Countess of Mayo, in consideration of the eminent services of the late Earl of Mayo as Viceroy and Governor General of India. [6th August 1872.]

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WHEREAS at a special meeting of the Council of India held on the fifteenth day of March one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two, it was resolved unanimously by the Secretary of State for India in Council, that having regard to the eminent services rendered by the Earl of Mayo as Viceroy and Governor General of India, to the munificence with which in that office he maintained the dignity of the Crown, and to his death by a deed of violence to which he was exposed in the discharge of his public duty, a life annuity of one thousand pounds should be conferred on his widow the Honourable Blanche Julia Countess of Mayo, to be paid out of the revenues of India; and further that there should be paid out of the same revenues the sum of twenty thousand pounds for the benefit of the younger children of her ladyship and of the late Earl of Mayo:

And whereas the said annuity commenced on the said fifteenth day of March:

And whereas Your Majesty by your most gracious message hath been pleased to signify that Your Majesty, taking into consideration the services so rendered as aforesaid by the late Earl of Mayo, the munificence with which in his aforesaid office he maintained the dignity of the Crown, and his death in manner aforesaid, recommended to your faithful Commons to make a further provision out of the revenues of the United Kingdom for the said Countess of Mayo:

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 recommendation, 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, as follows:

An annuity of 1,000*l.* in addition to that payable out of revenue of India to the Countess of Mayo.

**1.** In addition to the annuity payable out of the revenues of India in manner aforesaid, there shall be paid to the said Countess of Mayo during her life an annuity of one thousand pounds, free from all taxes, assessments, and charges excepting income tax, on the quarterly days following; that is to say, on the fifth day of January, the fifth day of April, the fifth day of July, and the tenth day of October, the first payment to be made on such of the said quarterly days as happens next after the passing of this Act of such proportion of the said annuity as may have accrued between the fifteenth day of March one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two and such quarterly day, and a proportionate part to be payable for the period from the last quarterly day of payment to the date of the termination thereof.

Annuity to be charged on Consolidated Fund.

**2.** The above-mentioned annuity shall be charged on and payable out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom, subject to such payments as may have been directed to be paid thereout by former Acts of Parliament, but with preference over all other payments which may hereafter be charged on the said fund.