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CAP. XXXI.

An Act to settle an Annuity on Viscount *Hardinge*, and the Two next surviving Heirs Male of the Body of the said Viscount *Hardinge* to whom the Title of Viscount *Hardinge* shall descend, in consideration of his great and brilliant Services.

[27th *July* 1846.]

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WHEREAS Your Majesty, by Your most gracious Message, hath been pleased to signify that Your Majesty, having taken into consideration the great and brilliant Services performed by *Henry* Viscount *Hardinge*, a Lieutenant General in Your Majesty's Army, and the Governor General of *India*, in the course of the recent Hostilities which have taken place on the Banks of the *Sutlej* and in the *Punjaub*, and being desirous to confer some signal Mark of Your Favour, for these and other distinguished Merits, upon the said *Henry* Viscount *Hardinge* and the Two next surviving Heirs Male of the Body of the said *Henry* Viscount *Hardinge*, recommended to Your faithful Commons the Adoption of such Measures as might be necessary for the Accomplishment of this Puprose: 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, do most humbly beseech Your Majesty that it

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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 an annual Payment or Annuity of Three thousand Pounds shall be paid to *Henry* Viscount *Hardinge*, a Lieutenant General in Her Majesty's Army, and Governor General of *India*, for his natural Life, and to the Two next surviving Heirs Male of the Body of the said *Henry* Viscount *Hardinge* who may succeed to the Title of Viscount *Hardinge*, for their natural Lives respectively; and the said annual Payment or Annuity shall be deemed and considered to have commenced and taken effect upon the Twenty-eighth Day of *April* One thousand eight hundred and forty-six, and the First Payment of a proportionate Part thereof, together with the Quarter ending on the Fifth Day of *July*, shall be made on the Fifth Day of *July* One thousand eight hundred and forty-six, and shall thereafter be paid quarterly, (that is to say,) on the Tenth Day of *October*, the Fifth Day of *January*, the Fifth Day of *April*, and the Fifth Day of *July* 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 the said *Henry* Viscount *Hardinge*, and the Two succeeding Heirs Male of the Body of the said *Henry* Viscount *Hardinge* on whom the Title shall descend, or of such other Person or Persons as shall be duly authorized and appointed by the Person for the Time being entitled to such Annuity 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 shall be free and clear from all Taxes, Rates, and Assessments, and all other Charges whatsoever, save and except the Property Tax.

An Annuity of 3,000*l.* to be paid to Viscount Hardinge and his Two next Heirs.

II. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland* for the Time being, and they are hereby authorized and required, by any Warrant under their Hands, to direct the Payment of the said Annuity according to the Provision herein-before contained.

Treasury to direct Payment of the Annuity.

III. And whereas the *East India* Company, being anxious to mark their Sense of the eminent Services rendered by the said *Henry* Viscount *Hardinge*, have granted to the said *Henry* Viscount *Hardinge* an annual Payment or Annuity out of the Territorial Possessions of the *East India* Company of Five thousand Pounds for the Life of the said *Henry* Viscount *Hardinge*; be it enacted, That so long as and during the Time that the said Annuity of Five thousand Pounds shall be paid to the said *Henry* Viscount *Hardinge*, the annual Payment or Allowance of Three thousand Pounds granted by

If the India Company grant an Annuity the Annuity granted by this Act shall not be paid.

by this Act to the said *Henry* Viscount *Hardinge* shall cease to be paid.

Annuity not to be aliened or incumbered.

IV. And be it enacted, That the said annual Payment or Annuity of Three thousand Pounds shall be and the same is by this Act vested in the said *Henry* Viscount *Hardinge*, and the Two next succeeding Heirs Male of the Body of the said *Henry* Viscount *Hardinge* to whom the said Title of Viscount *Hardinge* shall descend, and the same or any Part thereof shall not at any Time or Times hereafter be aliened, conveyed, disposed, charged, or incumbered by the said *Henry* Viscount *Hardinge*, or by either of the Two next succeeding Heirs Male of the Body of the said *Henry* Viscount *Hardinge* on whom the said Title shall descend, for any greater or larger Estate or Time than during the natural Life of the Person so aliening, conveying, disposing, charging, or incumbering the same, so as to prevent the same from descending to the next or succeeding Heir Male of the Body of the said *Henry* Viscount *Hardinge* to whom the said Title of Viscount *Hardinge* shall descend according to the Limitation aforesaid.

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