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An Act for enabling His Majesty to settle an Annuity on His Royal Highness the Prince of *Wales*, during the joint Lives of His Majesty and of His said Royal Highness; for making Provision out of His Revenues for the Payment of any Debts that may be due from His Royal Highness; for preventing the Accumulation of Debts in future; and for regulating the Mode of Expenditure of the said Revenues.

Most Gracious Sovereign,



E, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Commons of *Great Britain* in Parliament assembled, being desirous of enabling Your Majesty, as well to make a suitable Provision for the Establishment of His Royal Highness the Prince of *Wales*, in consequence of His late Marriage, as to carry into Effect His said Royal Highness's gracious Intentions and Desire, signified to us, for making a due Arrangement for the Liquidation and Discharge of any Debts that may

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be now due from His said Royal Highness, and for preventing the Accumulation of Debt in future, and for regulating the Payment of His Royal Highness's Revenues,

Do humbly beseech Your MAJESTY,

That it may be enacted; and be it enacted by the King'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 and may be lawful to and for the King's most Excellent Majesty, by any Letters Patent under the Great Seal of Great Britain, to give and grant to His said Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, or to such other Person or Persons as His said Majesty shall think fit, to be named in such Letters Patent, and his and their Heirs, to the Use of, or in Trust for, His said Royal Highness, One Annuity of Sixty-five thousand Pounds of lawful Money of Great Britain; which Annuity of Sixty-five thousand Pounds shall commence and take Effect from the Tenth Day of October One thousand seven hundred and ninety-four, and continue from thenceforth for and during the joint Lives of His said present Majesty (whom GOD long preserve!) and of His said Royal Highness; 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, the First Two Quarterly Payments thereof to be made on the Day after the passing of this Act: And that the said Annuity of Sixty-five thousand Pounds shall and may, by such Letters Patent, be directed to be issuing and payable out of the Consolidated Fund, during the joint Lives of His said present Majesty and of His said Royal 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, and with a Preference to all other Payments which shall or may, at any Time or Times after the passing of this Act, be charged upon, and payable out of the said Fund).

An Act
of 65000 0 0
granted to the Prince
10 Oct 1794
during the joint Lives of
the King & the Prince
payable Statute -

out of the consolidated fund

payable at the Exchequer
Auditor to make Debentures

which shall be a sufficient
Authority

And be it further enacted, That the said Annuity of Sixty-five thousand Pounds shall be paid and payable at the Receipt of His Majesty's Exchequer; and the Auditor of the said Receipt shall, and he is hereby required, by virtue of such Letters Patent, to make forth and pass Debentures, from Time to Time, for paying, according to the Directions of this Act, the said Annuity, as the same shall become due and payable, without any Fees or Charges to be demanded or taken for paying the same, or any Part thereof; and the said Debentures, to be made forth and passed as aforesaid, shall be a sufficient Authority to the several
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and respective Officers of the Receipt of the Exchequer, now and for the Time being, for the Payment of the said Annuity, according to the Directions of this Act, without any further or other Warrant to be sued for, had, or obtained, in that Behalf.

To the Officers at the Exchequer to pay the same

And be it further enacted, That the said Annuity of Sixty-five thousand Pounds, and every Part thereof, shall be free and clear from all Taxes, Rates, and Assessments, and all other Charges whatsoever, imposed or to be imposed by Authority of Parliament, or otherwise.

clear of all Taxes.

And be it further enacted, That the Speaker of the House of Commons for the Time being, the Chancellor of His Majesty's Exchequer for the Time being, the Master of His Majesty's Household for the Time being, the Accountant General of the High Court of Chancery for the Time being, and the Surveyor General of the Crown Lands for the Time being, shall be Commissioners for putting this Act in Execution, with Relation to the Powers hereby vested in Commissioners; and all Powers and Authorities which the said Commissioners are enabled to exercise by this Act, shall and may be exercised by any Number not less than Three of the said Commissioners; and any One of the said Persons, before he shall enter upon the Execution of the same, shall take an Oath before One of the Barons of the Coif of His Majesty's Court of Exchequer (which they are respectively authorized and required to administer) in the Form following; (that is to say),

*The Speaker of the H. of C.
The Chan. of the Exchequer
The Master of His Majesty's Household, The Acct. Gen. of the Survey. Gen. of the Crown Land Commissioners,*

' I A. B. do swear, That I will act faithfully and impartially, to the best of my Judgement, in the Execution of an Act, intituled, [here set forth the Title of the Act], according to the true Intent and Meaning of the said Act.'

Oath of Commr.

And every other of the said Commissioners shall likewise take the same Oath, before the said Commissioner, (who is hereby authorized and required to administer the same), after he shall have taken the said Oath as aforesaid, or before any other Commissioner who shall have taken the said Oath, and who is hereby also empowered to administer the same.

And whereas His Royal Highness has been graciously pleased to desire, that such Part of the Income intended to be allotted to Him as to the Wisdom and Prudence of Parliament shall seem expedient and adviseable, may be appropriated to the Discharge of His Debts, and be paid to the said Commissioners, to be by them applied to that Purpose; be it therefore further enacted, That on the Fifth Day of July One thousand seven hundred and ninety-five, and at the End of every Quarter of a Year after the said Fifth Day of July One thousand seven hundred and ninety-five, until all the Debts now due and owing by His Royal Highness, as principal Debtor, not exceeding the Sum of Six hundred and fifty thousand Pounds, shall be satisfied and discharged, there

part of the Income to be appropriated to the Discharge of the Service Debts - not exceeding 650000

£
15000 a Quarter
making £60000 p^a
Ann. to be paid
at the Excheq^r to the
Commissioners, in their
Order, and

£
30,000 the 2^d Quarter
due 30 Oct 1796 to be paid
to the Comm^r in the
manner

£
1250 a Quarter ^{to be paid}
for ~~the Prince~~
in his Order for his own
use, and

£
2500 annuities since
10th Oct 1796 -

When Debt paid the
Commission to cease, &

£
16,250 to be set apart
quarterly for the Prince -

there shall be set apart, at the Receipt of the Exchequer, the Sum of Fifteen thousand Pounds, making the Annual Sum of Sixty thousand Pounds, which shall be issued and paid to the said Commissioners, or to such other Person or Persons as the said Commissioners shall, by Writing under their Hands, or the Hands of any Three or more of them, appoint to receive the same; and the Acquittance or Receipt of the said Commissioners, signed by any Three or more of them, or such Person or Persons as aforesaid, shall be a sufficient Discharge for the Payment of the same; and that on the Day next after the passing of this Act, for and in respect of the Two Quarters of a Year which have elapsed since the Tenth Day of *October* One thousand seven hundred and ninety-four, there shall be set apart at the said Receipt the Sum of Thirty thousand Pounds, which shall and may be at any Time issued to the said Commissioners, or to such other Person or Persons as aforesaid, in like Manner, and for the like Purposes as is before directed.

And be it further enacted, That on the said Fifth Day of *July* One thousand seven hundred and ninety-five, and at the End of every Quarter of a Year after the said Fifth Day of *July* One thousand seven hundred and ninety-five, there shall be set apart at the Receipt of the Exchequer, during the joint Lives of His Majesty and His Royal Highness, and until the Determination of the said Commission, as is herein-after directed, provided the same shall determine during such joint Lives, the Sum of One thousand two hundred and fifty Pounds, which shall be paid to His Royal Highness the Prince of *Wales*, or to such Person as shall be authorized by Him to receive the same, whose Receipt shall be a sufficient Discharge for the Payment thereof; and that on the Day next after the passing of this Act, for and in respect of the Two Quarters of a Year which have elapsed since the Tenth Day of *October* One thousand seven hundred and ninety-four, there shall be set apart at the said Receipt, the Sum of Two thousand five hundred Pounds, which shall be in like Manner paid to His Royal Highness, or to such Person as shall be authorized by Him to receive the same.

And be it further enacted, That whenever the said Debts, now due and owing by His said Royal Highness, shall be paid or discharged, the said Commission, and all the Powers and Authorities given by the same, shall absolutely cease and determine, to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever; and from and after the Determination of the said Commission as aforesaid, the Sum of Sixteen thousand two hundred and fifty Pounds shall be set apart at the Receipt of the Exchequer, at the End of every Quarter, and the same shall be paid to His Royal Highness the Prince of *Wales*, or to such Person as shall be authorized by Him to receive the same, whose Receipt shall be a sufficient Discharge for the Payment thereof.

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And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the said Commissioners to demand, from all or any of the Officers of His said Royal Highness, or any other Person or Persons who are, or shall be, or may have been, concerned in the Management of the Revenues of His said Royal Highness, a true and just Statement of all and every the Debts now due and owing from His said Royal Highness to any Person or Persons whatever; and the said Officers, or other Persons as aforesaid, and each of them, are and is hereby required, within such Time as shall be limited for that Purpose by the said Commissioners, to give in such Statement in Writing, as far as shall have come to their or his Knowledge respectively; and which shall contain the Sums due, and to whom owing, and on what Account, and whether any and what Securities have been given for the same; and if the said Commissioners, upon such Statement being made, shall see Cause for further Explanation or Investigation of any Claim or Claims in particular, it shall and may be lawful for the said Commissioners to summon before them all or any of the said Officers of His said Royal Highness, or other Person or Persons as aforesaid, with the Books, Papers, and Accounts, belonging to their respective Offices, touching such Claim or Claims, and also all Persons who have or claim to have Debts outstanding against His said Royal Highness, and shall desire to have any Benefit from any of the Funds established by this Act, and to examine such Person or Persons, or any of them, upon Oath or Affirmation, (which Oath or Affirmation the said Commissioners, or any Three or more of them, are hereby authorized to administer), touching all such Matters and Things relating to the said Debts, so to be investigated as aforesaid, and the Consideration thereof, as shall be necessary for the Execution of the Powers vested in the said Commissioners by this Act; and all such Officers and Persons are hereby required punctually to attend the said Commissioners, at such Time and Place as they shall appoint, and answer all such lawful Questions as shall be put to them concerning the Premises.

And be it further enacted, That if any Creditor or Creditors of His said Royal Highness, who shall come in and claim before the said Commissioners, within the Time herein-after limited, shall, after the Commissioners have heard and notified to him or them their Determination upon such Claim, be dissatisfied with the Judgement of the said Commissioners, it shall be lawful for such Creditor or Creditors to sue any One or more of the said Commissioners in his or their own Name or Names, as a Commissioner or Commissioners appointed by virtue of this Act, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, in an Action of Debt, or on the Case, for the Recovery of such Debt or Debts, and to serve such Commissioner or Commissioners with a Copy of the Process of such Court, and to declare against him or them, as

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Commissioners to demand from the Officers a true statement of all the Debts due from the Prince - their nature & the Securities given for them.

now to summon the Officers with Books before the Commrs & also

and all Persons claiming Debts. & to examine them on Oath,

If Credr dissatisfied with the Judgmt of the Commissioners, to have Liberty to sue them in any Court at Westminster for the recovery of their Debt

*process to be served
within 10 days from the
notification of creditors
determination -*

*Comm^{rs} may institute
suits in the Chancery or
Excheq^r of any of the
Princ^{al} (re^{ed})*

*such suits not to abate
by death or resignation
of Comm^{rs} who are not
to be personally liable to
any debt or costs - but shall
be reimbursed out of the
funds created by the Act.*

*Comm^{rs} to have power to
deal with any of the Princ^{al}
red^{em} to settle the course
of payment as they shall think
fit - and when debt settled
Comm^{rs} to make out Securities
for the debts by way of
debentures, to be void on
payment of the debt according
to the course to be settled
with Int^{erest} not exceed^{ing} 5%
the payment.*

such Commissioner or Commissioners, upon the original Cause of Action, in which Action or Suit Costs shall be awarded to either Party, as in other Cases of Trials at Law, provided that the Copy of such Process shall be served within Ten Days from the Notification of their Determination; and no Writ of Error shall be brought, had, or maintained upon the Judgement in such Action; any Law, Usage, or Custom, to the contrary notwithstanding.

And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners, in the Name or Names of any One or more of them, to institute any Suit in His Majesty's Court of Chancery or Exchequer against any Creditor or Creditors of His said Royal Highness, whose Debt shall have accrued before the passing of this Act, touching any Matters or Things relating to such Debts.

Provided always, and be it further enacted, That no Action or Suit brought by virtue of this Act shall abate or be discontinued by the Death or Resignation of the Commissioner or Commissioners in whose Name or Names, or by or against whom, the same shall be commenced, or by the Act of such Commissioner or Commissioners, without the Consent of the said Commissioners, or Three or more of them; nor shall any Commissioner or Commissioners be liable to pay any Debt, Damages, Costs, Sum or Sums of Money, by Reason of such Action or Suit, out of his or their own Estate, nor to any Process of Execution, but shall be re-imbursed all Charges and Expences out of the Funds created by virtue of this Act.

And be it further enacted, That the said Commissioners shall be authorized and empowered to treat, transact, or agree, with all or any of the Persons on whose Behalf any Debt shall be demanded as due from His Royal Highness, and to settle and establish such Course and Order of Payment as to them shall seem fit; and whenever any Debt due from His said Royal Highness as principal Debtor to any Person or Persons, or when the Amount of the same shall have been proved to the Satisfaction of the Commissioners, or established in a legal Course of Proceeding, it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners, and they are hereby required, to cause to be made out, under the Hands and Seals of any Three or more of them, One or more Security or Securities for the Payment of the said Debt, by way of Debenture or Debentures, with a Defeazance thereon for making void the same on Payment, according to such Course and Order, and at such Time or Times, and under such Conditions as shall be settled and established by the said Commissioners for Payment of the said Debts, together with Interest for the same, not exceeding the Rate of Five Pounds *per Centum per Annum*, until Payment; and all such Securities, and Sums of Money due or to grow due for Interest thereon, shall be severally charged upon and

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and payable out of the respective Funds established by this Act for Payment of the same, in due Course and Order, at the appointed Times, and in the Manner settled and established by the said Commissioners; and all such Securities shall be assignable and transferrable, from Time to Time, to any Person or Persons, by Indorsement in Writing under the Hands of the respective Creditors, or their Executors, Administrators, or Assigns.

And whereas His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales is anxious still further to encrease the Fund to be appropriated to the Discharge of His Debts; and is desirous that the Sum of Thirteen thousand Pounds *per Annum*, out of the Rents, Issues, and Profits, of the Duchy of Cornwall, should be applied for that Purpose, during such Term as His Majesty or His Royal Highness may continue to be interested in the Revenues of the said Duchy, or until the Debts now due and owing by His said Royal Highness shall be paid and discharged, (provided the same shall be discharged within the Term aforesaid), and that the same be paid to the Commissioners herein-before mentioned, in Addition to the Sum of Sixty thousand Pounds to be by them applied to the like Purposes as is herein enacted, of and concerning the said Sum of Sixty thousand Pounds; be it therefore enacted, That the Receiver General, or other proper Officer of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, as Duke of Cornwall, to whom the Receipt of the Revenues of the said Duchy is or shall be intrusted, after paying and discharging the Salaries of the Officers of the said Duchy, and the Charges and Expences attending the Management and Collection of the same, which shall not exceed the Sum to which the said Salaries, Charges, and Expences, have amounted to on an Average of the last Five Years, shall, during such Term as His Majesty or His Royal Highness may continue to be interested in the Revenues of the said Duchy, or until the Debts of His said Royal Highness shall be discharged, provided the same shall be discharged within such Term, from Time to Time pay, by Half-yearly Payments, the First Half-yearly Payment thereof to be made on the Fifth Day of *January* One thousand seven hundred and ninety-six, to the said Commissioners, or to such Person or Persons to be appointed by them as aforesaid to receive the same, (whose Acquittances and Receipts respectively shall be a Discharge as aforesaid), the Yearly Sum of Thirteen thousand Pounds out of the said Rents, Issues, and Profits, of the said Duchy, provided they amount to such Sum; and in the Event of the Revenues of the said Duchy of Cornwall not amounting to the said Sum, in any One Year, then the said Receiver General, or other Officer having the Receipt of the said Revenues, shall pay over to the said Commissioners such Sum as the said Revenues shall amount to, after the aforesaid Deductions, and the Deficiencies shall be made up with Interest thereon at the Rate of Five Pounds *per Centam per Annum*, from

*Such Debentures & Int-
to be payable out of the
fund established by this
Act, and to be assignable
by indorsement.*

*Plan
£13000 out of the
Rents of the Duchy
of Cornwall to be
applied to increase the
fund as long as the King &
the Prince are interested
in said Rents, or till the
Debts are paid -*

*The Recrd Gen^l of the
Duchy, after paying
Salaries & expences,
to pay, by 1/2 yearly
paym^{ts} to begin on 5th
May 1796, to the Com^{rs}
the yearly Sum of
£13000 out of the Duchy
Rents*

*if the Duchy Revenues
not sufficient to pay that
Sum, the deficiency to
be made up, with Int^r*

*any Surplus that may arise
in any subsequent Year to be
applied in discharge of
the Prince's Debt or the
Terms ment. in the Act*

from any Surplus which may arise in any subsequent Year, to be by them applied, in the Order and Course to be appointed as herein mentioned, towards the Discharge and Satisfaction of the Debts now due and owing by His said Royal Highness to His several Creditors, who shall respectively claim and demand, and who shall agree to accept, the Securities to be granted by virtue of this Act, in Discharge and Satisfaction of the said Debts, on the Terms and in the Manner in this Act specified.

*The Debt cont. in the
Securities to be given by the
Commrs. shall be charged upon
the Monies in their hands by
virtue of this Act & the Debt
shall be paid out of their
Annuity of £60,000 &
£13,000 - they are
Declar'd Funds for these
purposes -*

And be it further enacted, That the Whole of the principal Sums contained in the Securities to be given by the said Commissioners shall be charged upon and paid out of the Monies from Time to Time placed in the Hands of the said Commissioners by virtue of this Act; and that the Interest to grow due thereon, as the same shall arise, shall be borne and discharged by and out of the said Annuity of Sixty thousand Pounds, to be granted by virtue of this Act, and out of the said Sum of Thirteen thousand Pounds, so to be paid as afore said; and the said Monies severally arising as afore said shall be and are hereby declared and established to be Funds for those respective Purposes.

*Commrs. at the end of
every half year shall
pay all Int. due on the
Securities, & the Rem. of
£2 Sums of 60,000 &
£13,000 shall be applied
towards discharging the
Principal Debt in such
manner as they shall direct*

And be it further enacted, That at the End of every Half Year the said Commissioners shall pay and satisfy all the Interest then due on the said Securities to be granted by the said Commissioners as afore said; and the Remainder of the said Annual Sum of Sixty thousand Pounds, and of the said Sum of Thirteen thousand Pounds, or such Sum as shall be paid to the said Commissioners by the Receiver General to whom the Receipt of the Revenues of the Dutchy of Cornwall shall belong, out of the Revenues of the said Dutchy, shall go and be by them applied towards satisfying and discharging the principal Debt due on the said Securities, and remaining unsatisfied, in such Manner, and at such Times as they shall direct.

*In case of the King's death
in the Prince's Lifetime
£60,000 shall during the
Prince's life, or until the
Debt is paid, be charged
upon the hereditary Revenues
of the Crown during the Prince's
Life, & not on the consolidated fund*

Provided also, and be it enacted, That in the Event of the Demise of the Crown during the Life-time of His Royal Highness, the said Sum of Sixty thousand Pounds shall from thenceforth, during the Life of His Royal Highness, or until the said Debts, or such Part of them as shall remain due, shall be discharged, be charged upon, and the same are hereby accordingly charged upon, the Hereditary Revenues of the Crown during the Life of His said Royal Highness, and shall not from thenceforth be paid out of the Consolidated Fund, but shall be issued and paid out of the said Hereditary Revenues, in like Manner, and for the like Purposes, and at such Times, and in such Proportions, as the same are herein-before directed to be issuing and paid out of the Consolidated Fund.

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Provided also, and be it further enacted, That in the Event of the Decease of His said Royal Highness before the Payment and Discharge of all the Debts of His said Royal Highness, which the said Commissioners are authorized to adjust and settle by virtue of this Act, and of all Interest that may grow due on any Securities to be granted by the said Commissioners, the said Annual Sum of Sixty thousand Pounds shall continue to be set apart out of the said Consolidated Fund, and shall be issued to the said Commissioners Quarterly, in even Portions, and by them applied to the Diminution of the said Principal Debts, and Interest thereupon, until all such Debts and Interest be finally satisfied and discharged.

And be it further enacted, That no Claim or Demand of any Creditor or Creditors of His said Royal Highness shall be received by the said Commissioners after the First Day of September One thousand seven hundred and ninety-five; nor shall any Security, by way of Debenture as aforesaid, be granted by the said Commissioners, by virtue of this Act, to any Creditor or Creditors of His said Royal Highness, on Account of any Debt; nor shall any Creditor be entitled to any Part or Share of the Funds hereby established for Payment of the said Debts of His said Royal Highness, or either of them, unless a Claim shall be made by such Creditor or Creditors, and an Account in Writing of such Debt be delivered to the said Commissioners, on or before the said First Day of September One thousand seven hundred and ninety-five; and unless such Creditor or Creditors shall submit to be examined touching the said Debt or Debts as is herein-before directed, if the Commissioners shall see Cause to require him or them so to be; Provided always, that the said Commissioners shall have Power to enlarge the Time for delivering in such Claims and Accounts, if they see reasonable Cause for so doing.

And be it further enacted, That if any Security shall be granted by the said Commissioners, on Account of any Debt or Debts due from His said Royal Highness, as principal Debtor to any Creditor or Creditors, and shall be accepted by such Creditor or Creditors, the said Debt or Debts shall be and is hereby declared to be utterly from thenceforth merged therein, and shall not, on any Pretence whatever, be set up against His said Royal Highness, or against any Person or Persons who shall or may be joined with Him as Security for the same; but that His said Royal Highness, His Heirs, Executors, and Administrators, and every Person or Persons who shall or may be Security for the same, and his and their Lands, Tenements, Goods, and Chattels, shall from thenceforth be wholly exonerated and discharged therefrom, and from all Securities whatever which shall have been given or entered into on Account of His said Royal Highness.

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Provided

In case of the Prince's death before the payment of the debts, the £200000 shall be used to be paid out of the consolidated fund till the debts are paid -

No claim for any debt to be made after 1 Sep: 95 nor securities granted, nor any act to be entered to the benefit of this Act unless an Act of his Debt in writing be delivered before that day.

and shall submit to be examined touching the debts claimed -

Comm^{rs} may enlarge the time if they see cause -

When security accepted the debt to be void, & not to be set up ag^t any person who may have joined with the Prince in his Security for the same

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Provided always, and be it further enacted, That before any Creditor or Creditors shall be entitled to any Security by way of Debenture, to be granted by the said Commissioners by virtue of this Act, in Satisfaction of any Debt or Debts, the said Creditor or Creditors shall be required to declare, on his or her Oath or Affirmation as afore said, before the said Commissioners, the Nature and Kind of the former Securities (if any) which, he, she, or they, or any others in Trust for him, her, or them, hold for the said Debt or Debts; and every Security, of what Nature or Kind soever the same shall be, shall and is hereby required to be first delivered up to the said Commissioners, to be cancelled, unless it shall appear, to the Satisfaction of the said Commissioners, that the same cannot be delivered up by such Creditor or Creditors; and if any such Creditor or Creditors shall obtain from the said Commissioners any Security by virtue of this Act, on Account of any Debt or Debts, without delivering up all former Securities for the same, or any Part thereof, every such former Security shall, for the Purpose of securing such Debt or Debts to such Creditor or Creditors, be of no Avail, but shall, to the Extent of the Interest of such Creditor or Creditors, be held in Trust for His Royal Highness, in such Manner as the said Commissioners shall direct; and it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners to direct the Payment of the Debt or Debts of any Creditor or Creditors who shall not deliver up such former Security or Securities, to be postponed until all other Debts of His said Royal Highness which shall be fully disclosed (and the Securities for which shall have been delivered to the said Commissioners) shall be paid off and satisfied, or in such other Manner as the said Commissioners shall deem reasonable and necessary.

The Comm^{rs} of the Treasury
 to give such Sums to such
 Persons as Comm^{rs} shall
 authorize to receive the
 same not exceeding 500 in
 any one Year which shall
 be deemed part of the Annuity
 of 60000, for defraying
 the Costs of the execution of
 this Act - not to be subject
 to any Tax -

And be it further enacted, That the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, or the Lord High Treasurer for the Time being, are hereby directed and authorized to issue and cause to be issued all such Sum or Sums of Money, to such Person or Persons as the said Commissioners shall authorize to receive the same, by any Writing under the Hands of any Three or more of them, not exceeding Five hundred Pounds in any One Year, out of any Part of the Publick Money remaining in the Receipt of the Exchequer, which said Sum shall be deemed and taken to be a Part of the said Annuity of Sixty thousand Pounds, and shall be deducted from the Amount of the same; which Sums so to be issued and advanced shall be employed in defraying all the necessary Charges and Expences in or about the Execution of this Act; and which Money so to be issued shall not be subject to any Tax, Duty, Rate, or Assessment whatsoever, imposed or to be imposed by Authority of Parliament, or otherwise.

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And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons, upon Examination upon Oath or Affirmation before the said Commissioners respectively, shall wilfully and corruptly give false Evidence, every such Person or Persons so offending, and being thereof duly convicted, shall be and is hereby declared to be subject and liable to such Pains and Penalties as by any Law now in being such Persons convicted of wilful and corrupt Perjury are subject and liable to.

Any person giving false Evidence to be guilty of Perjury -

And be it further enacted, That the said Commissioners hereby appointed shall from Time to Time, at their Discretion, or as often as they shall be thereunto required during their carrying on any Proceedings by virtue of this Act, and as soon as possible after the Determination of such Proceedings, without any further Requisition, give an Account of their Proceedings, in Writing, to the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, or the Lord High Treasurer for the Time being.

Comm^{rs}. to give an Acct. of their Proceedings at their Discretion to the L^{ds} Comm^{rs} of the Treasury or the Lrd High Treasurer

And be it further enacted, That no Action or Suit shall be commenced against any Person or Persons, for any Thing done by virtue or in pursuance of this Act, until Ten Days Notice thereof, in Writing, shall have been given to the said Commissioners; nor after a sufficient Satisfaction, or a Tender thereof, hath been made to the Party or Parties aggrieved; nor after Six Calendar Months next after the Fact committed; and every such Action shall be brought in the Court of Exchequer, and shall be laid in the County of *Middlesex*, and not elsewhere; and the Defendant or Defendants in such Action or Suit shall and may plead the General Issue, and give this Act, and the Special Matter, in Evidence at any Trial to be had thereupon, and that the same was done in pursuance and by the Authority of this Act; and if the same shall appear so to be done, or if such Action or Suit shall be brought after the Time herein-before limited for bringing the same, or shall be brought without Ten Days Notice thereof, or shall be brought in any other County or Place, or after a sufficient Satisfaction made or tendered as aforesaid, that then the Jury shall find for the Defendant or Defendants; or if the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs shall become nonsuited, or suffer a Discontinuance of his, her, or their Action or Actions, or if a Verdict shall pass against the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, the Defendant or Defendants shall have Treble Costs, and shall have such Remedy for recovering the same as any Defendant or Defendants hath or have for Costs of Suit in any other Cases of Law.

No Action to be commenced against any Person for anything done by virtue of this Act till 10 days Notice in writing given to the Comm^{rs} nor after Satisfaction tendered - nor after 6 months after the fact committed - such Action to be brought in the Excheq^r. otherwise Costs to have 3rd Costs -

And whereas it is His Royal Highness's Desire that there should be established a regular Course of Payment of all just Demands which may be hereafter made upon His said Royal Highness, for any Debt hereafter to become due, and that the Accumulation of Debt for the

future

The Princes, Princes Officers shall within the days after pass this Act make out for his R. H's Approbation a Plan of the Establishment of the same, in distinct Clases with a plan of the Salaries & payments of each Class & of each individual Office, & also an Estimate of the annual expences of each distinct Department. — one Copy for the Com^{rs} of the Treasurers Office, & a 3^d with the Clerk of 2 Houses of Parliament — after the 5 July 95 all payments out of the R's Revenues shall be made by his Treasurer in the Order specified in such plan & no other for which payment to be made in such Order the Treasurer shall be responsible — If necessary to alter the plan, the Princes principal Officer by his R's direction, to state such Alteration & if approved to be lodged as before directed

future may be prevented; be it further enacted, That the principal Officer or Officers of His Royal Highness shall, within Fourteen Days after the passing of this Act, prepare and make out, for the Approbation of His Royal Highness, a Plan of the Establishment of His said Royal Highness, in distinct Departments and Classes, and in such Order as he or they shall think fit and expedient, together with a Plan of the Salaries and Payments of each Class, and of each individual Office therein; and shall also prepare and make out an Estimate of the Annual Expences of each distinct Department in His Royal Highness's said Establishment; One Copy of which Plan and Estimate, after being approved of by His Royal Highness, shall be lodged with the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, and another in the Office of the Treasurer, or such principal Officer or Officers for the Time being, as shall be appointed by His Royal Highness, and another with the Clerks of the Two Houses of Parliament respectively: And that, from and after the Fifth Day of July One thousand seven hundred and ninety-five, all Disbursements which shall be made out of the Revenues of His said Royal Highness, for any of the Purposes aforesaid, shall be made by the Treasurer or principal Officer or Officers of His said Royal Highness, in the Order specified in such Plan and Estimate, and no other; for which Disbursements, to be made in the Order so specified, the Treasurer or principal Officer or Officers for the Time being of His Royal Highness shall be responsible, and liable to answer the Damages to the Party grieved: Provided nevertheless, that if it shall at any Time be necessary or expedient to alter the said Plan of Establishment, or Estimate of Expences, as aforesaid, it shall and may be lawful for the principal Officer or Officers, or other Persons concerned in the Management of His Royal Highness's Household, being directed so to do by His Royal Highness, to state such Alteration as may be thought necessary to be made therein; and if the same shall be approved of by His Royal Highness, such Alteration so made in the Plan of Establishment, or Estimate of Expences, of His said Royal Highness, shall be lodged as is herein-before mentioned.

When the debts are paid (if in the King & Princes life time) the whole £65,000 become payable to the Princes, then the Officers shall within 2 months form a new Plan of Establishment in distinct Clases with the Salaries & payments

And be it further enacted, That whenever the Debts now due and owing by His Royal Highness shall be paid and discharged, (provided the same shall be discharged during the joint Lives of His Majesty and His Royal Highness), and the said Commission shall cease and determine, and the whole Sum of Sixty-five thousand Pounds become payable to His Royal Highness, or such Person as he shall appoint, as is herein-before enacted, then and in such Case the principal Officer or Officers concerned in the Management of His Royal Highness's Household, shall, within Two Months after the Determination of the said Commission, form a new Plan of the Establishment of His Royal Highness, in distinct Departments and Classes, with the Salaries and Payments

ments in each Class, and each individual Office therein, and an Estimate of the Annual Expences of each Department therein, and the same, after being approved by His Royal Highness, shall be laid before the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, and before both Houses of Parliament, within Ten Days after the First Day of the next Session of Parliament, after the Determination of the said Commission.

in each Class each individual Office therein & an Estimate of the annual Expences of each Department to be laid (after being approved by the P.) before the Lords of the Treasury both houses of Parliam. within 10 days after the first day of the next session of Parliam. after the determinⁿ of the Commⁿ

And be it further enacted, That the Treasurer or principal Officer or Officers of His Royal Highness for the Time being, shall cause a Book or Books to be kept, in which all Payments for any of the Purposes aforesaid shall be duly entered, in the Order and Course of Payment, with the Day, Month, and Year, of paying the same; and it shall be lawful for the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury for the Time being, from Time to Time, to demand an Inspection of such Book or Books, or any Copy or Copies of the same, or any Part thereof; and the said Treasurer, or principal Officer or Officers, is hereby required to pay Obedience to the Orders of the said Commissioners for that Purpose.

The P's Treasurer shall keep a Book in which all Payment for the purposes aforesaid shall be duly entered in regular order - subject to the Inspection of the Lords of the Treasury -

And be it further enacted, That the Treasurer, or principal Officer or Officers, for the Time being, of His Royal Highness, shall, within Fourteen Days after the Expiration of every Quarter of a Year, cause to be prepared and made out a just and exact Account of all the Expences incurred by His Royal Highness within the preceding Quarter of a Year; and every such Account shall contain and set forth the several Sums paid, and the several Demands made, and then outstanding, on Account of the Expences of each Department, within the said Quarter; and the said Treasurer, or principal Officer or Officers, shall, and he is hereby required to examine and audit the said Accounts, with the Vouchers relative to the same, and to sign his or their Approbation of the same, or of such Part or Parts thereof as he or they shall approve; provided that the Amount thereof shall not be disproportionate to or exceed the Plan and Estimate as herein-before is directed.

The P's Treasurer shall within 14 Days after the end of every quarter make out an exact Acct. of all Expences incurred by the P. in the preceding Quarter - sett^l the Sums paid & the Demands made & outstanding on acct. of the expences of each Department. within the due. The Treasurer to examine & audit the Acct. with the Vouchers & sign the same, or such parts as he approves - if the amount be not disproportionate or exceed the Estimate.

And be it further enacted, That upon the Settlement of such Quarterly Account as aforesaid, it shall be lawful for the said Treasurer, or principal Officer or Officers, being thereunto authorized by Warrant or Warrants under the Privy Seal of His Royal Highness, to pay, in the Order and Course settled as aforesaid, the Sums of Money specified in such Accounts, as the Quarterly Expence incurred as aforesaid, to the respective Persons to whom His Royal Highness shall be debited in such Account; and the said Treasurer, or principal Officer or Officers, shall pay the same accordingly.

Upon the Sett^lment of the Quarterly Acct. the Treasurer (authorized by warrant under the Privy Seal of the P.) to pay in order the sums specified in such Acct. to the Persons indebted

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 If any deficiency in the P's
 Revenues at the end of any Quar.
 so as to create an Arrear in
 the paymt. of any claims allowed,
 such Arrears shall be carried to
 the next quarters Acct. & (except
 where any Arrears of a preceding
 Quarter shall be carried to the same
 Acct.) shall be placed first in
 order of paymt. & shall be paid
 first in order out of the first
 monies payable on acct. of the
 next succeed. Quar. - No Arrears
 of any Salaries to any Officer
 who ought to assist in this Act
 shall be carried beyond one Quar. after
 the Quarter in which the same
 became due; and no Arrears of
 any sort shall be carried on
 for more than 2 Quars. after
 the Quar. when the same shall
 become due - If any Arrears
 shall be carried on for 2 Quars.
 for the same shall be paid out of
 the sum payable in the Quar.
 to which such Arrear shall be
 carried, in preference to the
 Arrear of the preceding Quar.
 in preference to all Demands
 that shall accrue in the Quar.
 to which such Arrear shall be
 carried. The P's Officers not
 to settle any Acct. for the Quar.
 to which such 2 quarters Arrears
 shall be carried, or to pay the claims
 of the Quar. to which such Arrears
 shall be carried, till the Arrears
 shall be fully paid -
 In case at the
 end of any Quar. there shall be
 Arrears due of the 2 quarters preced.
 the Arrears of the Quar. immediately
 preced. shall be placed 2^d in
 order of paymt. & shall be paid
 2^d in order after the paymt. of
 the Arrears of the Quar. next but
 one preced. -
 If any Surplus shall remain at the end of any Quar. after paying all Arrears, the same to be paid
 to the P's privy purse -

And be it further enacted, That if any Deficiency shall arise in
 the Revenues of His Royal Highness, at the End of any Quarter of
 a Year, so as to create an Arrear in the Payment of any Claims made
 against His Royal Highness, and allowed as aforesaid, such Arrears shall
 be carried to the Account of the next Quarter, and (except in the Case
 where any Arrears of a preceding Quarter shall likewise be carried to
 the same Account) shall be placed therein first in Order of Pay-
 ment, and shall be paid First in Order out of the first Monies
 payable on Account of the next succeeding Quarter: Provided always,
 that no Arrears of any of the Salaries or Allowances made, or to be
 made, by His Royal Highness to any Officer or Officers, whose Duty
 it may be to carry this Act into Execution, or who may be concerned
 in the Execution of the same, shall be carried on beyond the Term of
 One Quarter after the Quarter in which the same shall have become
 due; and that no Arrears of any Sort shall, on any Account, or under
 any Pretence, be carried on for more than Two Quarters of a Year
 after the Quarter when the same shall accrue due: And that if it shall
 happen that any Arrears shall have been carried on for Two Quarters
 of a Year, the same shall be discharged and paid out of the Sum due
 and payable in the Quarter to which such Arrear shall be carried, in
 preference to the Arrear of the preceding Quarter, and in preference to
 all Demands that shall accrue in the Quarter to which such Arrear shall
 be carried; and it shall not be lawful for any Officer or Officers of
 His Royal Highness to audit, allow, or settle, any Account for the
 Quarter to which such Arrears of Two Quarters shall be carried,
 or to issue any Sum or Sums of Money for the Payment or Sa-
 tisfaction of the Claims of the Quarter to which such Arrears shall
 be carried, until the said Arrears shall be fully paid and satisfied:
 Provided also, that in case, at the End of any Quarter, there shall be
 carried to the Account of the same the Arrears of Two Quarters pre-
 ceding, the Arrears of the Quarter immediately preceding shall be placed
 second in the Order of Payment, and shall be paid second in Order,
 next and immediately after the Payment of the Arrears of the Quarter
 next but One preceding.

And be it further enacted, That if at the End of any Quarter
 of a Year any Surplus shall remain of the said Revenue of His said Royal
 Highness, after paying and satisfying all Debts and Demands accrued
 during such Quarter, and all Arrears of former Quarters in each Depart-
 ment, such Surplus shall and may be paid over to His Royal Highness's
 Privy Purse.

And be it further enacted, That every Creditor of His Royal
 Highness, whose Demand shall accrue after the Fifth Day of July One
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thousand seven hundred and ninety-five, shall deliver into the Office of the Treasurer, or principal Officer or Officers of His Royal Highness for the Time being, a Particular, in Writing, containing the Nature and Amount of such Demand, and signed by him or her, within Ten Days after the Expiration of the Quarter of a Year in which such Demand shall accrue, in order that the same may be included in the preceding Quarterly Account, to be audited as aforesaid; and it shall not be lawful for the Treasurer, or principal Officer or Officers of His Royal Highness, to include in any such Account to be audited as aforesaid, or to allow, any Debt or Demand, of what Nature or Kind soever, which shall not have wholly accrued within the Quarter of a Year preceding such Audit, other than the Arrears of such preceding Quarters as aforesaid, or which shall not be presented to the proper Officer of His Royal Highness, within the Time herein-before limited, and according to the Directions of this Act; nor shall the Treasurer, or principal Officer or Officers of His Royal Highness, under any Pretence or Colour of Authority whatever, issue or cause to be issued any Sum of Money for the Purpose of paying, satisfying, or discharging, any Debt or Demand, or any Part thereof, which shall not have accrued, and be claimed, as aforesaid; and if any Person or Persons who shall have, or claim to have, any Debt or Demand against His Royal Highness, on any Account whatever, shall not, after the Fifth Day of July One thousand seven hundred and ninety-five, deliver a Particular, in Writing, of the said Debt or Demand to the proper Officer of His Royal Highness, within Ten Days after the Expiration of the Quarter of a Year in which such Debt or Demand accrued, every such Debt or Demand shall be barred both at Law and in Equity; and all Bonds, Bills, Notes, or other Securities for Money, given or made in Consideration of any Debt or Demand, whereof the Particulars, in Writing, shall not be delivered according to the Directions of this Act, shall be null and void, to all Intents and Purposes; and that if any Officer or Person employed by His Royal Highness, to whom the Particulars of such Debts or Demands shall be delivered, according to the Directions of this Act, shall neglect or refuse to insert the same in his Account of the Quarterly Expenses incurred, in the Manner before directed, every such Officer shall be liable to pay the Amount thereof in Damages to the Party grieved.

And be it further enacted, That no Action or Suit, either at Law or in Equity, shall be brought, commenced, or prosecuted, by any Creditor against His Royal Highness, in His own Name as a Party, for the Recovery of any Debt or Demand due from His said Royal Highness, which shall accrue after the Fifth Day of July One thousand seven hundred and ninety-five, nor upon any Bond, Bill, or Note, nor upon any Security to be given after the passing of this Act, for the securing any Debt

Every Cred. whose debts arise after 5 July 1795 shall deliver an acct. of it signed to the P's Treasur. within 10 days after the end of the Quas in which the debt shall accrue, in order to be included in the preceding Quas. acct. to be audited - no debt which shall not wholly have accrued within the Quas preced. such Audit, except arrears as afo. to be included and no Money to be issued for payment of any Debt that shall have accrued & been claimed as afo.

Cred. who after the 5. July 95, who shall not deliver a particular in writing of their said Debts within 10 days after the end of the Quas in which such debts shall accrue shall be barred - all Securities, not deliv. accord. to the direction of the Act, shall be void.

Every Officer to whom the particulars of such debts shall be delivered, who shall not insert the same in his quarterly acct. of expenses, shall be liable to pay the same

Creditor, after 5 July 95 shall not commence any suit of the Prince, to recover any Debt - accruing subsequent to that day - nor upon any Bond &c. &c.

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Debt or Demand due from His said Royal Highness; but that all Proceedings in any such Action or Suit shall be null and void, to all Intents and Purposes.

Not to extend to prevent any Action of the P. by any person having any Title by way of Mortgage not made by the P. or in Rent reserved or any Action of the P. as Duke of Cornwall.

Provided always, and be it enacted, That nothing herein contained shall extend to prevent any Action or Suit against His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, by any Person having any Title by Way of Mortgage not made by His Royal Highness, or for Rent reserved upon any Lease or Grant of Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, not made to or in Trust for His Royal Highness, or any Action or Suit against His Royal Highness as Duke of Cornwall, in respect of His Duchy of Cornwall.

Where a Demand shall be made or a Debt shall be claimed which shall have accrued after the 5 July 95, within the quarter preceding such claim, & the Particulars thereof shall be delivered as afo. & the same shall not be paid, the Creditor may within 3 months after delivery of the Particulars, but not afterwards, sue for the same, and the Treasurer or other principal Officer shall be the Defendant - but not personally answerable - but the Judgment shall be a charge upon the P. funds which shall come into the Treasurer's hands within 2 quarters after the Quarter in which the Debt shall have accrued, & such funds shall be liable to the payment of the Debt & costs.

And, in order that due Provision may be made for the Recovery of the just Debts of His said Royal Highness, be it further enacted, That in all Cases where a Demand shall be made, or a Debt shall be claimed, which Demand or Debt shall have wholly accrued after the Fifth Day of July One thousand seven hundred and ninety-five, within the Quarter preceding such Claim or Demand, and the Particulars thereof shall be delivered to the proper Officer of His said Royal Highness, to be appointed for that Purpose, within the Time herein-before limited, and the same shall not be paid, it shall be lawful for the Creditor or Creditors, at any Time within Three Calendar Months after Delivery of such Particulars, but not afterwards, to sue and prosecute for the Recovery of such Debt or Demand; in which Action or Suit the Treasurer, or other principal Officer or Officers of His said Royal Highness for the Time being, to whom the Particulars of the Demand shall have been delivered, shall be made Defendant, and the like Proceedings shall be had in such Action or Suit as if the Treasurer, or other principal Officer or Officers for the Time being, were the real Party therein; save and except, that notwithstanding the Plaintiff may obtain Judgement, no Execution shall issue against the Person of the Treasurer, or other principal Officer or Officers for the Time being, nor against his or their proper Effects, but the Judgement shall be a Charge upon the Funds of His Royal Highness, which shall be in or come into the Hands of the Treasurer, or other principal Officer or Officers of His said Royal Highness for the Time being, within Two Quarters after the Quarter in which the Debt or Debts for which such Action shall have been brought and Judgement obtained shall have accrued; and such Funds, whenever the same shall be in the Hands of such Treasurer, or other principal Officer or Officers, shall be liable to the Payment of the Debt or Damages, and Costs, recovered in such Action or Suit, in preference to all Debts and Demands, except such as shall have arisen in consequence of any prior Judgement

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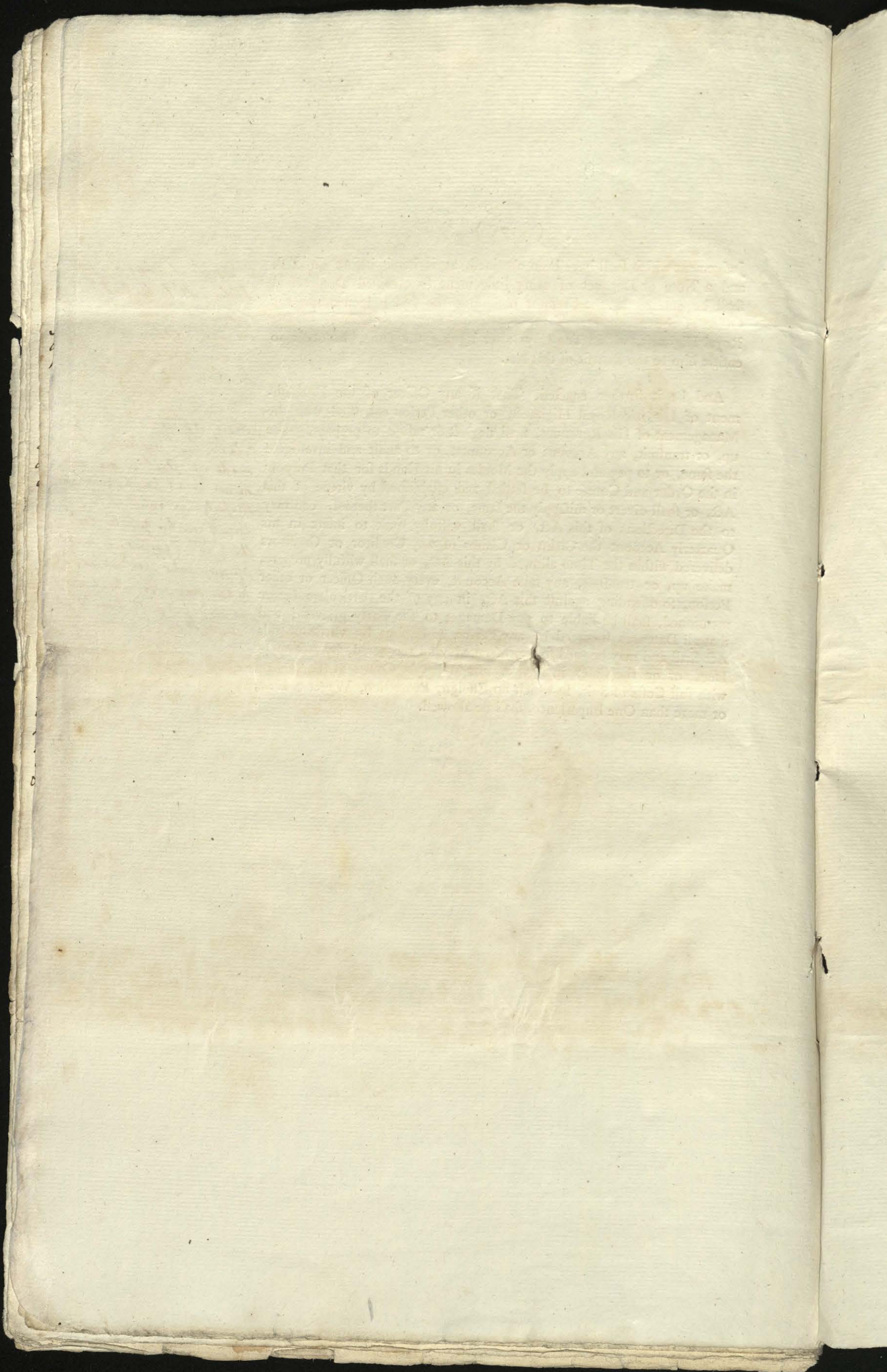
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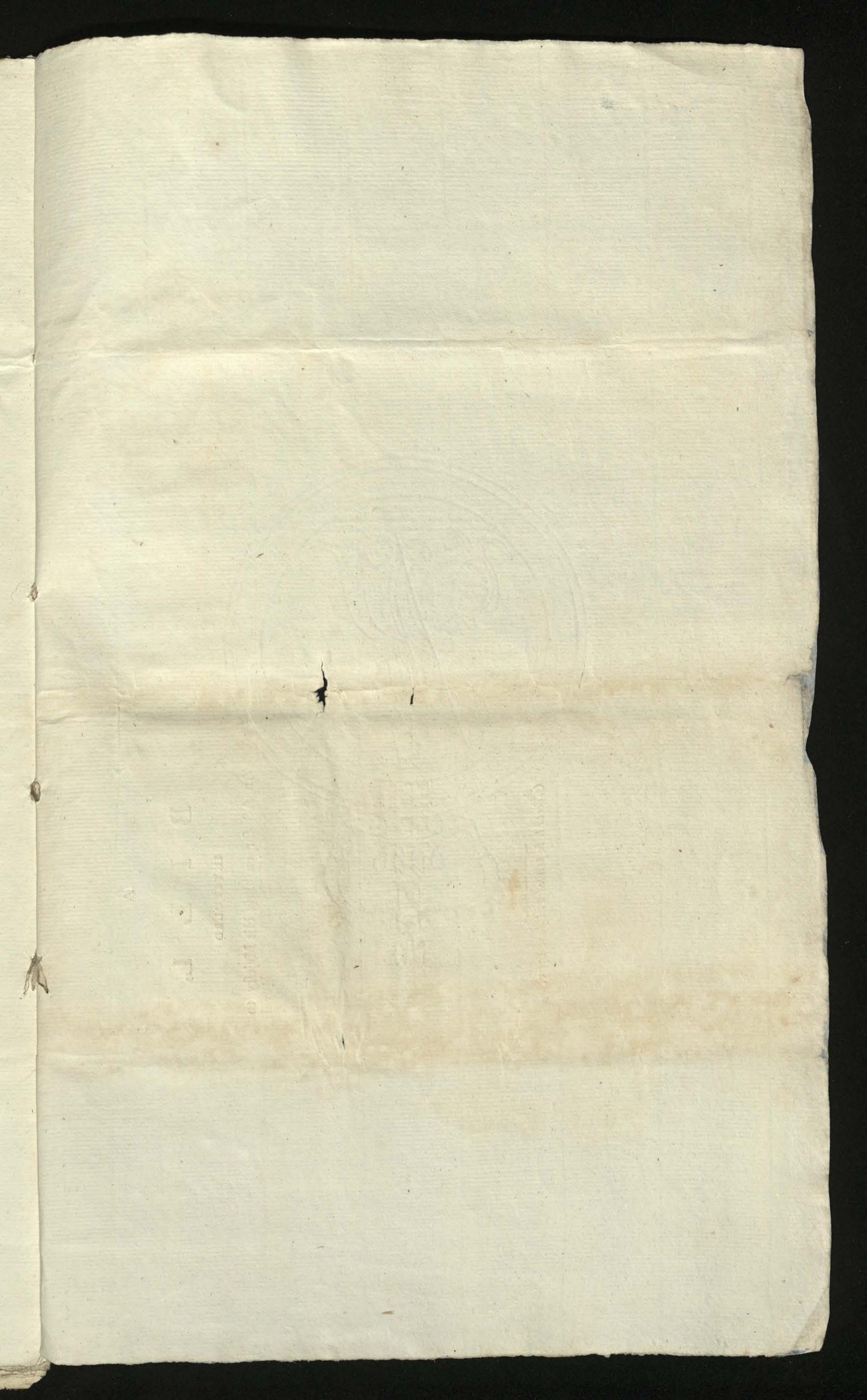
Judgement which shall have been obtained, as is herein-before directed; and a Note or Docquet of every Judgement so obtained as aforesaid shall be entered by the Creditor obtaining the said Judgement in the Office of the Treasurer, or other principal Officer or Officers of His Royal Highness, within Ten Days after signing the same, in order to entitle him to the Benefit of this Act.

And be it further enacted, That if any Officer of the Establishment of His said Royal Highness, or other Person entrusted with the Management of His Revenues, shall neglect or refuse to prepare, make up, or transmit, any Account or Accounts, or to audit and investigate the same, or to pay and apply the Monies in his Hands for that Purpose in the Order and Course to be settled and established by virtue of this Act, or shall divert or misapply the same, or any Part thereof, contrary to the Directions of this Act, or shall wilfully omit to insert in his Quarterly Account the Claim or Claims of any Creditor or Creditors delivered within the Time allowed by this Act, or shall wilfully prepare, make up, or transmit, any false Account, every such Officer or other Person, so offending against this Act, in any of the Particulars before mentioned, shall be liable to pay Damages to the Party grieved; and that all Damages incurred by any Person or Persons by virtue of this Act shall and may be sued for, prosecuted, and recovered, by Action of Debt, or on the Case, in any of His Majesty's Courts at *Westminster*, with full Costs of Suit, in which no Effoign, Protection, Wager of Law, or more than One Impar lance, shall be allowed.

*a Docq. of every Judgm^t
to be ent^d by the Cred^r
obtaining it in the P^r's
Treasury 10 days after
signing same, to be entitled
to the benefit of the Act*

*Any officer of the P^r's
Establishment neglecting to
make up Acc^t or audit auditing
same, or not paying monies
properly - or omitting to
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to pay damages, which may
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ing the joint Lives of His Majesty
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for making Provision out of His
Revenues for the Payment of any
Debts that may be due from His
Royal Highness; for preventing the
Accumulation of Debts in future;
and for regulating the Mode of
Expenditure of the said Revenues.

Ordered to be printed 22d June 1795.

ANNO REGNI
GEORGGII III.

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Magnæ Britannicæ, Franciæ, & Hiberniæ,

TRICESIMO QUINTO.

At the Parliament begun and holden at *Westminster*, the Twenty-fifth Day of *November Anno Domini 1790*, in the Thirty-first Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord **GEORGE** the Third, by the Grace of God, of *Great Britain, France, and Ireland*, King, Defender of the Faith, &c.

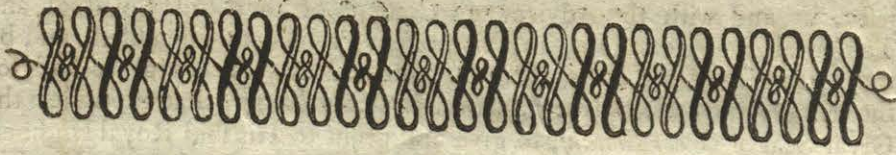
And from thence continued, by several Prorogations, to the Thirtieth Day of *December 1794*; being the Fifth Session of the Seventeenth Parliament of *Great Britain*.



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ANNO TRICESIMO QUINTO

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An Act for enabling His Majesty to settle an Annuity on His Royal Highness the Prince of *Wales*, during the joint Lives of His Majesty and of His said Royal Highness; for making Provision out of His Revenues for the Payment of any Debts that may be due from His Royal Highness; for preventing the Accumulation of Debts in future; and for regulating the Mode of Expenditure of the said Revenues.

[27th June 1795.]

Most Gracious Sovereign,



E, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Preamb'l. Commons of *Great Britain* in Parliament assembled, being desirous of enabling Your Majesty, as well to make a suitable Provision for the Establishment of His Royal Highness the Prince of *Wales*, in consequence of His late Marriage, as to carry into Effect His said Royal Highness's gracious Intentions and Desire, signified to us, for making a due Arrangement for the Liquidation and Discharge of any Debts that may be

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His Majesty may grant an Annuity of 65,000*l.* to the Prince of Wales, to commence *Oct.* 10, 1794, out of the Consolidated Fund.

be now due from His said Royal Highness, and for preventing the Accumulation of Debt in future, and for regulating the Payment of His Royal Highness's Revenues, do humbly beseech Your Majesty that it may be enacted; and be it enacted by the King'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 and may be lawful to and for the King's most Excellent Majesty, by any Letters Patent under the Great Seal of Great Britain, to give and grant to His said Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, or to such other Person or Persons as His said Majesty shall think fit, to be named in such Letters Patent, and his and their Heirs, to the Use of, or in Trust for, His said Royal Highness, One Annuity of Sixty-five thousand Pounds of lawful Money of Great Britain; which Annuity of Sixty-five thousand Pounds shall commence and take Effect from the Tenth Day of October One thousand seven hundred and ninety-four, and continue from thenceforth for and during the joint Lives of His said present Majesty (whom GOD long preserve!) and of His said Royal Highness; 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, the First Two Quarterly Payments thereof to be made on the Day after the passing of this Act: And that the said Annuity of Sixty-five thousand Pounds shall and may, by such Letters Patent, be directed to be issuing and payable out of the Consolidated Fund, during the joint Lives of His said present Majesty and of His said Royal 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, and with a Preference to all other Payments which shall or may, at any Time or Times after the passing of this Act, be charged upon, and payable out of the said Fund).

Annuity payable at the Exchequer, and Debentures for paying it to be made out, without Fee.

II. And be it further enacted, That the said Annuity of Sixty-five thousand Pounds shall be paid and payable at the Receipt of His Majesty's Exchequer; and the Auditor of the said Receipt shall, and he is hereby required, by virtue of such Letters Patent, to make forth and pass Debentures, from Time to Time, for paying, according to the Directions of this Act, the said Annuity, as the same shall become due and payable, without any Fees or Charges to be demanded or taken for paying the same, or any Part thereof; and the said Debentures, to be made forth and passed as aforesaid, shall be a sufficient Authority to the several and respective Officers of the Receipt of the Exchequer, now and for the Time being, for the Payment of the said Annuity, according to the Directions of this Act, without any further or other Warrant to be sued for, had, or obtained, in that Behalf.

Annuity free from Taxes.

III. And be it further enacted, That the said Annuity of Sixty-five thousand Pounds, and every Part thereof, shall be free and clear from all Taxes, Rates, and Assessments, and all other Charges whatsoever, imposed or to be imposed by Authority of Parliament, or otherwise.

Commissioners appointed.

IV. And be it further enacted, That the Speaker of the House of Commons for the Time being, the Chancellor of His Majesty's Exchequer for

for the Time being, the Master of His Majesty's Household for the Time being, the Accountant General of the High Court of Chancery for the Time being, and the Surveyor General of the Crown Lands for the Time being, shall be Commissioners for putting this Act in Execution, with Relation to the Powers hereby vested in Commissioners; and all Powers and Authorities which the said Commissioners are enabled to exercise by this Act, shall and may be exercised by any Number not less than Three of the said Commissioners; and any One of the said Persons, before he shall enter upon the Execution of the same, shall take an Oath before One of the Barons of the Coif of His Majesty's Court of Exchequer (which they are respectively authorized and required to administer) in the Form following; (that is to say),

Three Commissioners may act, and One to take an Oath before a Baron of the Exchequer.

I *A. B.* do swear, That I will act faithfully and impartially, to the best of my Judgement, in the Execution of an Act, intituled, [*here set forth the Title of the Act*], according to the true Intent and Meaning of the said Act.

Form of Oath.

And every other of the said Commissioners shall likewise take the same Oath, before the said Commissioner; (who is hereby authorized and required to administer the same), after he shall have taken the said Oath as aforesaid, or before any other Commissioner who shall have taken the said Oath, and who is hereby also empowered to administer the same.

The other Commissioners to take the Oath.

V. And whereas His Royal Highness has been graciously pleased to desire, that such Part of the Income intended to be allotted to Him as to the Wisdom and Prudence of Parliament shall seem expedient and adviseable, may be appropriated to the Discharge of His Debts, and be paid to the said Commissioners, to be by them applied to that Purpose; be it therefore further enacted, That on the Fifth Day of July One thousand seven hundred and ninety-five, and at the End of every Quarter of a Year after the said Fifth Day of July One thousand seven hundred and ninety-five, until all the Debts now due and owing by His Royal Highness, as principal Debtor, not exceeding the Sum of Six hundred and fifty thousand Pounds, shall be satisfied and discharged, there shall be set apart, at the Receipt of the Exchequer, the Sum of Fifteen thousand Pounds, making the Annual Sum of Sixty thousand Pounds, which shall be issued and paid to the said Commissioners, or to such other Person or Persons as the said Commissioners shall, by Writing under their Hands, or the Hands of any Three or more of them, appoint to receive the same; and the Acquittance or Receipt of the said Commissioners, signed by any Three or more of them, or such Person or Persons as aforesaid, shall be a sufficient Discharge for the Payment of the same; and that on the Day next after the passing of this Act, for and in respect of the Two Quarters of a Year which have elapsed since the Tenth Day of October One thousand seven hundred and ninety-four, there shall be set apart at the said Receipt the Sum of Thirty thousand Pounds, which shall and may be at any Time issued to the said Commissioners, or to such other Person or Persons as aforesaid, in like Manner, and for the like Purposes as is before directed.

15,000 l. to be set apart at the Exchequer, and paid quarterly to the Commissioners, to discharge the Prince's Debts.

30,000 l. for Two Quarters, from Oct. 10, 1794, to be set apart immediately.

VI. And be it further enacted, That on the said Fifth Day of July One thousand seven hundred and ninety-five, and at the End of every Quarter of a Year after the said Fifth Day of July One thousand seven hundred

On July 5, 1795, and so quarterly, 1250 l. to be set apart at the Exchequer and

to be paid His
Royal High-
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2500 l. for
Two Quarters
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1794, to be set
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When the
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and ninety-five, there shall be set apart at the Receipt of the Exchequer, during the joint Lives of His Majesty and His Royal Highness, and until the Determination of the said Commission, as is herein-after directed, provided the same shall determine during such joint Lives, the Sum of One thousand two hundred and fifty Pounds, which shall be paid to His Royal Highness the Prince of *Wales*, or to such Person as shall be authorized by Him to receive the same, whose Receipt shall be a sufficient Discharge for the Payment thereof; and that on the Day next after the passing of this Act, for and in respect of the Two Quarters of a Year which have elapsed since the Tenth Day of *October* One thousand seven hundred and ninety-four, there shall be set apart at the said Receipt, the Sum of Two thousand five hundred Pounds, which shall be in like Manner paid to His Royal Highness, or to such Person as shall be authorized by Him to receive the same.

VII. And be it further enacted, That whenever the said Debts, now due and owing by His said Royal Highness, shall be paid or discharged, the said Commission, and all the Powers and Authorities given by the same, shall absolutely cease and determine, to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever; and from and after the Determination of the said Commission as aforesaid, the Sum of Sixteen thousand two hundred and fifty Pounds shall be set apart at the Receipt of the Exchequer, at the End of every Quarter, and the same shall be paid to His Royal Highness the Prince of *Wales*, or to such Person as shall be authorized by Him to receive the same, whose Receipt shall be a sufficient Discharge for the Payment thereof.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the said Commissioners to demand, from all or any of the Officers of His said Royal Highness, or any other Person or Persons who are, or shall be, or may have been, concerned in the Management of the Revenues of His said Royal Highness, a true and just Statement of all and every the Debts now due and owing from His said Royal Highness to any Person or Persons whatever; and the said Officers, or other Persons as aforesaid, and each of them, are and is hereby required, within such Time as shall be limited for that Purpose by the said Commissioners, to give in such Statement in Writing, as far as shall have come to their or his Knowledge respectively; and which shall contain the Sums due, and to whom owing, and on what Account, and whether any and what Securities have been given for the same; and if the said Commissioners, upon such Statement being made, shall see Cause for further Explanation or Investigation of any Claim or Claims in particular, it shall and may be lawful for the said Commissioners to summon before them all or any of the said Officers of His said Royal Highness, or other Person or Persons as aforesaid, with the Books, Papers, and Accounts, belonging to their respective Offices, touching such Claim or Claims, and also all Persons who have or claim to have Debts outstanding against His said Royal Highness, and shall desire to have any Benefit from any of the Funds established by this Act, and to examine such Person or Persons, or any of them, upon Oath or Affirmation, (which Oath or Affirmation the said Commissioners, or any Three or more of them, are hereby authorized to administer), touching all such Matters and Things relating to the said Debts, so to be investigated as aforesaid, and the Consideration thereof, as shall be necessary for the Execution of the

Powers

Powers vested in the said Commissioners by this Act; and all such Officers and Persons are hereby required punctually to attend the said Commissioners, at such Time and Place as they shall appoint, and answer all such lawful Questions as shall be put to them concerning the Premises.

IX. And be it further enacted, That if any Creditor or Creditors of His said Royal Highness, who shall come in and claim before the said Commissioners, within the Time herein-after limited, shall, after the Commissioners have heard and notified to him or them their Determination upon such Claim, be dissatisfied with the Judgement of the said Commissioners, it shall be lawful for such Creditor or Creditors to sue any One or more of the said Commissioners in his or their own Name or Names, as a Commissioner or Commissioners appointed by virtue of this Act, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, in an Action of Debt, or on the Case, for the Recovery of such Debt or Debts, and to serve such Commissioner or Commissioners with a Copy of the Process of such Court, and to declare against him or them, as such Commissioner or Commissioners, upon the original Cause of Action, in which Action or Suit Costs shall be awarded to either Party, as in other Cases of Trials at Law, provided that the Copy of such Process shall be served within Ten Days from the Notification of their Determination; and no Writ of Error shall be brought, had, or maintained upon the Judgement in such Action; any Law, Usage, or Custom, to the contrary notwithstanding.

Creditors dissatisfied with the Judgement of the Commissioners may sue them.

X. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners, in the Name or Names of any One or more of them, to institute any Suit in His Majesty's Court of Chancery or Exchequer against any Creditor or Creditors of His said Royal Highness, whose Debt shall have accrued before the passing of this Act, touching any Matters or Things relating to such Debts.

Commissioners may institute Suits against Creditors.

XI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That no Action or Suit brought by virtue of this Act shall abate or be discontinued by the Death or Resignation of the Commissioner or Commissioners in whose Name or Names, or by or against whom, the same shall be commenced, or by the Act of such Commissioner or Commissioners, without the Consent of the said Commissioners, or Three or more of them; nor shall any Commissioner or Commissioners be liable to pay any Debt, Damages, Costs, Sum or Sums of Money, by Reason of such Action or Suit, out of his or their own Estate, nor to any Process of Execution, but shall be re-imbursed all Charges and Expences out of the Funds created by virtue of this Act.

No Action to be discontinued by Death of a Commissioner, etc.

XII. And be it further enacted, That the said Commissioners shall be authorized and empowered to treat, transact, or agree, with all or any of the Persons on whose Behalf any Debt shall be demanded as due from His Royal Highness, and to settle and establish such Course and Order of Payment as to them shall seem fit; and whenever any Debt due from His said Royal Highness as principal Debtor to any Person or Persons, or when the Amount of the same shall have been proved to the Satisfaction of the Commissioners, or established in a legal Course of Proceeding,

Commissioners may settle the Course of Payment of Debts, and make out Debentures for the same.

Proceeding,

Securities payable out of the Funds hereby established, and may be assigned.

Proceeding, it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners, and they are hereby required, to cause to be made out, under the Hands and Seals of any Three or more of them, One or more Security or Securities for the Payment of the said Debt, by way of Debenture or Debentures, with a Defeazance thereon for making void the same on Payment, according to such Course and Order, and at such Time or Times, and under such Conditions as shall be settled and established by the said Commissioners for Payment of the said Debts, together with Interest for the same, not exceeding the Rate of Five Pounds *per Centum per Annum*, until Payment; and all such Securities, and Sums of Money due or to grow due for Interest thereon, shall be severally charged upon and payable out of the respective Funds established by this Act for Payment of the same, in due Course and Order, at the appointed Times, and in the Manner settled and established by the said Commissioners; and all such Securities shall be assignable and transferrable, from Time to Time, to any Person or Persons, by Indorsement in Writing under the Hands of the respective Creditors, or their Executors, Administrators, or Assigns.

13,000 L. annually out of the Revenues of the Duchy of Cornwall to be paid to the Commissioners, etc. Half yearly,

XIII. And whereas His Royal Highness the Prince of *Wales* is anxious still further to encrease the Fund to be appropriated to the Discharge of His Debts; and is desirous that the Sum of Thirteen thousand Pounds *per Annum*, out of the Rents, Issues, and Profits, of the Duchy of *Cornwall*, should be applied for that Purpose, during such Term as His Majesty or His Royal Highness may continue to be interested in the Revenues of the said Duchy, or until the Debts now due and owing by His said Royal Highness shall be paid and discharged, (provided the same shall be discharged within the Term aforesaid), and that the same be paid to the Commissioners herein-before mentioned, in Addition to the Sum of Sixty thousand Pounds to be by them applied to the like Purposes as is herein enacted, of and concerning the said Sum of Sixty thousand Pounds; be it therefore enacted, That the Receiver General, or other proper Officer of His Royal Highness the Prince of *Wales*, as Duke of *Cornwall*, to whom the Receipt of the Revenues of the said Duchy is or shall be intrusted, after paying and discharging the Salaries of the Officers of the said Duchy, and the Charges and Expences attending the Management and Collection of the same, which shall not exceed the Sum to which the said Salaries, Charges, and Expences, have amounted to on an Average of the last Five Years, shall, during such Term as His Majesty or His Royal Highness may continue to be interested in the Revenues of the said Duchy, or until the Debts of His said Royal Highness shall be discharged, provided the same shall be discharged within such Term, from Time to Time pay, by Half-yearly Payments, the First Half-yearly Payment thereof to be made on the Fifth Day of *January* One thousand seven hundred and ninety-six, to the said Commissioners, or to such Person or Persons to be appointed by them as aforesaid to receive the same, (whose Acquittances and Receipts respectively shall be a Discharge as aforesaid), the Yearly Sum of Thirteen thousand Pounds out of the said Rents, Issues, and Profits, of the said Duchy, provided they amount to such Sum; and in the Event of the Revenues of the said Duchy of *Cornwall* not amounting to the said Sum, in any One Year, then the said Receiver General, or other Officer having the Receipt of the said Revenues, shall pay over to the said

or the Balance of Revenues, if leis.

faid Commissioners fuch Sum as the faid Revenues fhall amount to, after the aforefaid Deductions, and the Deficiencies fhall be made up with Intereft thereon at the Rate of Five Pounds *per Centum per Annum*, from any Surplus which may arife in any fubfequent Year, to be by them applied, in the Order and Courfe to be appointed as herein mentioned, towards the Difcharge and Satisfaction of the Debts now due and owing by His faid Royal Highnefs to His feveral Creditors, who fhall refpectively claim and demand, and who fhall agree to accept, the Securities to be granted by virtue of this Act, in Difcharge and Satisfaction of the faid Debts, on the Terms and in the Manner in this Act fpecified.

XIV. And be it further enacted, That the Whole of the principal Sums contained in the Securities to be given by the faid Commissioners fhall be charged upon and paid out of the Monies from Time to Time placed in the Hands of the faid Commissioners by virtue of this Act; and that the Intereft to grow due thereon, as the fame fhall arife, fhall be borne and difcharged by and out of the faid Annuity of Sixty thoufand Pounds, to be granted by virtue of this Act, and out of the faid Sum of Thirteen thoufand Pounds, fo to be paid as aforefaid; and the faid Monies feverally arifing as aforefaid fhall be and are hereby declared and eftablifhed to be Funds for thofe refpective Purpofes.

Principal to be paid out of the Monies placed in the Hands of the Commissioners, and Intereft out of the 60,000 l. and 13,000 l.

XV. And be it further enacted, That at the End of every Half Year the faid Commissioners fhall pay and fatisfy all the Intereft then due on the faid Securities to be granted by the faid Commissioners as aforefaid; and the Remainder of the faid Annual Sum of Sixty thoufand Pounds, and of the faid Sum of Thirteen thoufand Pounds, or fuch Sum as fhall be paid to the faid Commissioners by the Receiver General to whom the Receipt of the Revenues of the Duchy of Cornwall fhall belong, out of the Revenues of the faid Duchy, fhall go and be by them applied towards fatisfying and difcharging the principal Debt due on the faid Securities, and remaining unfatisfied, in fuch Manner, and at fuch Times as they fhall direct.

Intereft to be paid Half-yearly, and Surplus of the Fund to be applied in Difcharge of the Principal.

XVI. Provided alfo, and be it enacted, That in the Event of the Demife of the Crown during the Life-time of His Royal Highnefs, the faid Sum of Sixty thoufand Pounds fhall from thenceforth, during the Life of His Royal Highnefs, or until the faid Debts, or fuch Part of them as fhall remain due, fhall be difcharged, be charged upon, and the fame are hereby accordingly charged upon, the Hereditary Revenues of the Crown during the Life of His faid Royal Highnefs, and fhall not from thenceforth be paid out of the Confolidated Fund, but fhall be iffued and paid out of the faid Hereditary Revenues, in like Manner, and for the like Purpofes, and at fuch Times, and in fuch Proportions, as the fame are herein-before directed to be iffuing and paid out of the Confolidated Fund.

On the Demife of the Crown in the Prince's Life, the 60,000 l. to be charged on the Hereditary Revenue of the Crown.

XVII. Provided alfo, and be it further enacted, That in the Event of the Deceafe of His faid Royal Highnefs before the Payment and Difcharge of all the Debts of His faid Royal Highnefs, which the faid Commissioners are authorized to adjust and fettle by virtue of this Act, and of all Intereft that may grow due on any Securities to be granted

If the Prince fhould die before the Debts are paid, the 60,000 l. to be fet apart from

the Consolidated Fund till they are discharged.

by the said Commissioners, the said Annual Sum of Sixty thousand Pounds shall continue to be set apart out of the said Consolidated Fund, and shall be issued to the said Commissioners Quarterly, in even Portions, and by them applied to the Diminution of the said Principal Debts, and Interest thereupon, until all such Debts and Interest be finally satisfied and discharged.

No Claims to be received after Sept. 1, 1795, nor Security granted, unless Claims be made before that Day, and the Creditor submits to be examined.

XVIII. And be it further enacted, That no Claim or Demand of any Creditor or Creditors of His said Royal Highness shall be received by the said Commissioners after the First Day of *September* One thousand seven hundred and ninety-five; nor shall any Security, by way of Debenture as aforesaid, be granted by the said Commissioners, by virtue of this Act, to any Creditor or Creditors of His said Royal Highness, on Account of any Debt; nor shall any Creditor be entitled to any Part or Share of the Funds hereby established for Payment of the said Debts of His said Royal Highness, or either of them, unless a Claim shall be made by such Creditor or Creditors, and an Account in Writing of such Debt be delivered to the said Commissioners, on or before the said First Day of *September* One thousand seven hundred and ninety-five; and unless such Creditor or Creditors shall submit to be examined touching the said Debt or Debts as is herein-before directed, if the Commissioners shall see Cause to require him or them so to be: Provided always, that the said Commissioners shall have Power to enlarge the Time for delivering in such Claims and Accounts, if they see reasonable Cause for so doing.

Commissioners may enlarge Time for delivering in Claims.

If Security be accepted, the Debt to merge therein.

XIX. And be it further enacted, That if any Security shall be granted by the said Commissioners, on Account of any Debt or Debts due from His said Royal Highness, as principal Debtor to any Creditor or Creditors, and shall be accepted by such Creditor or Creditors, the said Debt or Debts shall be and is hereby declared to be utterly from thenceforth merged therein, and shall not, on any Pretence whatever, be set up against His said Royal Highness, or against any Person or Persons who shall or may be joined with Him as Security for the same; but that His said Royal Highness, His Heirs, Executors, and Administrators, and every Person or Persons who shall or may be Security for the same, and his and their Lands, Tenements, Goods, and Chattels, shall from thenceforth be wholly exonerated and discharged therefrom, and from all Securities whatever which shall have been given or entered into on Account of His said Royal Highness.

Creditors to declare on Oath the Nature of former Securities, and deliver them up, unless it appears they cannot be; in which Case they shall be held in Trust for the Prince.

XX. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That before any Creditor or Creditors shall be entitled to any Security by way of Debenture, to be granted by the said Commissioners by virtue of this Act, in Satisfaction of any Debt or Debts, the said Creditor or Creditors shall be required to declare, on his or her Oath or Affirmation as aforesaid, before the said Commissioners, the Nature and Kind of the former Securities (if any) which, he, she, or they, or any others in Trust for him, her, or them, hold for the said Debt or Debts; and every Security, of what Nature or Kind soever the same shall be, shall and is hereby required to be first delivered up to the said Commissioners, to be cancelled, unless it shall appear, to the Satisfaction of the said Commissioners, that the same cannot be delivered up by such Creditor or Creditors; and if any such Creditor or Creditors shall obtain from the said Commissioners,

Commissioners any Security by virtue of this Act, on Account of any Debt or Debts, without delivering up all former Securities for the same, or any Part thereof, every such former Security shall, for the Purpose of securing such Debt or Debts to such Creditor or Creditors, be of no Avail, but shall, to the Extent of the Interest of such Creditor or Creditors, be held in Trust for His Royal Highness, in such Manner as the said Commissioners shall direct; and it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners to direct the Payment of the Debt or Debts of any Creditor or Creditors who shall not deliver up such former Security or Securities, to be postponed until all other Debts of His said Royal Highness which shall be fully disclosed (and the Securities for which shall have been delivered to the said Commissioners) shall be paid off and satisfied, or in such other Manner as the said Commissioners shall deem reasonable and necessary.

The Payment of Debts, where Securities are not given up, may be postponed.

XXI. And be it further enacted, That the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, or the Lord High Treasurer for the Time being, are hereby directed and authorized to issue and cause to be issued all such Sum or Sums of Money, to such Person or Persons as the said Commissioners shall authorize to receive the same, by any Writing under the Hands of any Three or more of them, not exceeding Five hundred Pounds in any One Year, out of any Part of the Publick Money remaining in the Receipt of the Exchequer, which said Sum shall be deemed and taken to be a Part of the said Annuity of Sixty thousand Pounds, and shall be deducted from the Amount of the same; which Sums so to be issued and advanced shall be employed in defraying all the necessary Charges and Expences in or about the Execution of this Act; and which Money so to be issued shall not be subject to any Tax, Duty, Rate, or Assessment whatsoever, imposed or to be imposed by Authority of Parliament, or otherwise.

Treasury may order 500*l.* to be issued annually, for defraying the Expences of executing this Act, out of the 60,000*l.*

XXII. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons, upon Examination upon Oath or Affirmation before the said Commissioners respectively, shall wilfully and corruptly give false Evidence, every such Person or Persons so offending, and being thereof duly convicted, shall be and is hereby declared to be subject and liable to such Pains and Penalties as by any Law now in being such Persons convicted of wilful and corrupt Perjury are subject and liable to.

Persons giving false Evidence before the Commissioners, liable to the Penalties for Perjury.

XXIII. And be it further enacted, That the said Commissioners hereby appointed shall from Time to Time, at their Discretion, or as often as they shall be thereunto required during their carrying on any Proceedings by virtue of this Act, and as soon as possible after the Determination of such Proceedings, without any further Requisition, give an Account of their Proceedings, in Writing, to the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, or the Lord High Treasurer for the Time being.

Commissioners to give an Account of their Proceedings to the Treasury.

XXIV. And be it further enacted, That no Action or Suit shall be commenced against any Person or Persons, for any Thing done by virtue or in pursuance of this Act, until Ten Days Notice thereof, in Writing, shall have been given to the said Commissioners; nor after a sufficient Satisfaction, or a Tender thereof, hath been made to the Party or Parties aggrieved; nor after Six Calendar Months next after the Fact committed; and every such Action shall be brought in the Court of Exchequer,

Limitation of Actions.

General Issue.

quer, and shall be laid in the County of *Middlesex*, and not elsewhere; and the Defendant or Defendants in such Action or Suit shall and may plead the General Issue, and give this Act, and the Special Matter, in Evidence at any Trial to be had thereupon, and that the same was done in pursuance and by the Authority of this Act; and if the same shall appear so to be done, or if such Action or Suit shall be brought after the Time herein-before limited for bringing the same, or shall be brought without Ten Days Notice thereof, or shall be brought in any other County or Place, or after a sufficient Satisfaction made or tendered as aforesaid, that then the Jury shall find for the Defendant or Defendants; or if the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs shall become nonsuited, or suffer a Discontinuance of his, her, or their Action or Actions, or if a Verdict shall pass against the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, the Defendant or Defendants shall have Treble Cofts, and shall have such Remedy for recovering the same as any Defendant or Defendants hath or have for Cofts of Suit in any other Cafes of Law.

Treble Cofts.

Principal Officer of the Prince to make out a Plan of the Establishment of His Royal Highness, &c.

Plan made out in 1795 & copies then del. and here directed.

XXV. And whereas it is His Royal Highness's Desire that there should be established a regular Course of Payment of all just Demands which may be hereafter made upon His said Royal Highness, for any Debt hereafter to become due, and that the Accumulation of Debt for the future may be prevented; be it further enacted, That the principal Officer or Officers of His Royal Highness shall, within Fourteen Days after the passing of this Act, prepare and make out, for the Approbation of His Royal Highness, a Plan of the Establishment of His said Royal Highness, in distinct Departments and Classes, and in such Order as he or they shall think fit and expedient, together with a Plan of the Salaries and Payments of each Class, and of each individual Office therein; and shall also prepare and make out an Estimate of the Annual Expences of each distinct Department in His Royal Highness's said Establishment; One Copy of which Plan and Estimate, after being approved of by His Royal Highness, shall be lodged with the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, and another in the Office of the Treasurer, or such principal Officer or Officers for the Time being, as shall be appointed by His Royal Highness, and another with the Clerks of the Two Houses of Parliament respectively: And that, from and after the Fifth Day of *July* One thousand seven hundred and ninety-five, all Disbursements which shall be made out of the Revenues of His said Royal Highness, for any of the Purposes aforesaid, shall be made by the Treasurer or principal Officer or Officers of His said Royal Highness, in the Order specified in such Plan and Estimate, and no other; for which Disbursements, to be made in the Order so specified, the Treasurer or principal Officer or Officers for the Time being of His Royal Highness shall be responsible, and liable to answer the Damages to the Party grieved: Provided nevertheless, that if it shall at any Time be necessary or expedient to alter the said Plan of Establishment, or Estimate of Expences, as aforesaid, it shall and may be lawful for the principal Officer or Officers, or other Persons concerned in the Management of His Royal Highness's Household, being directed so to do by His Royal Highness, to state such Alteration as may be thought necessary to be made therein; and if the same shall be approved of by His Royal Highness, such Alteration so made in the Plan of Establishment, or Estimate of Expences, of His said Royal Highness, shall be lodged as is herein-before mentioned.

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From July 5, 1795, Disbursements from the Prince's Revenues to be made by the Treasurer, for which he shall be responsible.

Plan may be altered.

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XXVI. And be it further enacted, That whenever the Debts now due and owing by His Royal Highness shall be paid and discharged, (provided the same shall be discharged during the joint Lives of His Majesty and His Royal Highness), and the said Commission shall cease and determine, and the whole Sum of Sixty-five thousand Pounds become payable to His Royal Highness, or such Person as he shall appoint, as is herein-before enacted, then and in such Case the principal Officer or Officers concerned in the Management of His Royal Highness's Household, shall, within Two Months after the Determination of the said Commission, form a new Plan of the Establishment of His Royal Highness, in distinct Departments and Classes, with the Salaries and Payments in each Class, and each individual Office therein, and an Estimate of the Annual Expences of each Department therein, and the same, after being approved by His Royal Highness, shall be laid before the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, and before both Houses of Parliament, within Ten Days after the First Day of the next Session of Parliament, after the Determination of the said Commission.

When the Commission shall cease, a new Plan of the Establishment of the Prince to be made out, &c.

No new Plan has been del. since the Commission ceased.

XXVII. And be it further enacted, That the Treasurer or principal Officer or Officers of His Royal Highness for the Time being, shall cause a Book or Books to be kept, in which all Payments for any of the Purposes aforesaid shall be duly entered, in the Order and Course of Payment, with the Day, Month, and Year, of paying the same; and it shall be lawful for the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury for the Time being, from Time to Time, to demand an Inspection of such Book or Books, or any Copy or Copies of the same, or any Part thereof; and the said Treasurer, or principal Officer or Officers, is hereby required to pay Obedience to the Orders of the said Commissioners for that Purpose.

Treasurer of the Prince to cause Payments to be entered in a Book, which His Majesty's Treasury may inspect.

XXVIII. And be it further enacted, That the Treasurer, or principal Officer or Officers, for the Time being, of His Royal Highness, shall, within Fourteen Days after the Expiration of every Quarter of a Year, cause to be prepared and made out a just and exact Account of all the Expences incurred by His Royal Highness within the preceding Quarter of a Year; and every such Account shall contain and set forth the several Sums paid, and the several Demands made, and then outstanding, on Account of the Expences of each Department, within the said Quarter; and the said Treasurer, or principal Officer or Officers, shall, and he is hereby required to examine and audit the said Accounts, with the Vouchers relative to the same, and to sign his or their Approbation of the same, or of such Part or Parts thereof as he or they shall approve; provided that the Amount thereof shall not be disproportionate to or exceed the Plan and Estimate as herein-before is directed.

Treasurer to cause an Account to be made out Quarterly of Expences of the Prince, which he shall examine and sign,

Such Quarterly Accounts has not been made out of the whole Expensiture, within the time specified.

But Accounts have been regularly

XXIX. And be it further enacted, That upon the Settlement of such Quarterly Account as aforesaid, it shall be lawful for the said Treasurer, or principal Officer or Officers, being thereunto authorized by Warrant or Warrants under the Privy Seal of His Royal Highness, to pay, in the Order and Course settled as aforesaid, the Sums of Money specified in such Accounts, as the Quarterly Expence incurred as aforesaid, to the respective Persons to whom His Royal Highness shall be debited in such Account; and the said Treasurer, or principal Officer or Officers, shall pay the same accordingly.

and by Warrant from the Prince, may pay the Sums specified therein.

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How Arrears at the End of Quarters shall be discharged.

XXX. And be it further enacted, That if any Deficiency shall arise in the Revenues of His Royal Highness, at the End of any Quarter of a Year, so as to create an Arrear in the Payment of any Claims made against His Royal Highness, and allowed as aforesaid, such Arrears shall be carried to the Account of the next Quarter, and (except in the Case where any Arrears of a preceding Quarter shall likewise be carried to the same Account) shall be placed therein first in Order of Payment, and shall be paid first in Order out of the First Monies payable on Account of the next succeeding Quarter: Provided always, that no Arrear of any of the Salaries or Allowances made, or to be made, by His Royal Highness to any Officer or Officers, whose Duty it may be to carry this Act into Execution, or who may be concerned in the Execution of the same, shall be carried on beyond the Term of One Quarter after the Quarter in which the same shall have become due; and that no Arrears of any Sort shall, on any Account, or under any Pretence, be carried on for more than Two Quarters of a Year after the Quarter when the same shall accrue due: And that if it shall happen that any Arrears shall have been carried on for Two Quarters of a Year, the same shall be discharged and paid out of the Sum due and payable in the Quarter to which such Arrear shall be carried, in preference to the Arrear of the preceding Quarter, and in preference to all Demands that shall accrue in the Quarter to which such Arrear shall be so carried; and it shall not be lawful for any Officer or Officers of His Royal Highness to audit, allow, or settle, any Account for the Quarter to which such Arrears of Two Quarters shall be carried, or to issue any Sum or Sums of Money for the Payment or Satisfaction of the Claims of the Quarter to which such Arrears shall be carried, until the said Arrears shall be fully paid and satisfied: Provided also, that in case, at the End of any Quarter, there shall be carried to the Account of the same the Arrears of Two Quarters preceding, the Arrears of the Quarter immediately preceding shall be placed second in the Order of Payment, and shall be paid second in Order, next and immediately after the Payment of the Arrears of the Quarter next but One preceding.

Arrears at end of One Quarter to be paid first out of Monies for the next Quarter (except)

No Arrear of Salaries of Officers concerned to be carried on beyond one Quarter after due -

and no other Arrears for more than 2 Quarters beyond the Quarter due.

Not allowed this course has not for several years been strictly observed.

Surplus at the End of any Quarter to be paid the Prince.

XXXI. And be it further enacted, That if at the End of any Quarter of a Year any Surplus shall remain of the said Revenue of His said Royal Highness, after paying and satisfying all Debts and Demands accrued during such Quarter, and all Arrears of former Quarters in each Department, such Surplus shall and may be paid over to His Royal Highness's Privy Purse.

Demands accrued after July 5, 1795, to be delivered in Quarterly.

XXXII. And be it further enacted, That every Creditor of His Royal Highness, whose Demand shall accrue after the Fifth Day of July One thousand seven hundred and ninety-five, shall deliver into the Office of the Treasurer, or principal Officer or Officers of His Royal Highness for the Time being, a Particular, in Writing, containing the Nature and Amount of such Demand, and signed by him or her, within Ten Days after the Expiration of the Quarter of a Year in which such Demand shall accrue, in order that the same may be included in the preceding Quarterly Account, to be audited as aforesaid; and it shall not be lawful for the Treasurer, or principal Officer or Officers of His Royal Highness, to include in any such Account to be audited as aforesaid, or to allow, any Debt or Demand, of what Nature or Kind soever, which shall

No Demand to be included in Account, but what has accrued with-

shall not have wholly accrued within the Quarter of a Year preceding such Audit, other than the Arrears of such preceding Quarters as aforesaid, or which shall not be presented to the proper Officer of His Royal Highness, within the Time herein-before limited, and according to the Directions of this Act; nor shall the Treasurer, or principal Officer or Officers of His Royal Highness, under any Pretence or Colour of Authority whatever, issue or cause to be issued any Sum of Money for the Purpose of paying, satisfying, or discharging, any Debt or Demand, or any Part thereof, which shall not have accrued, and be claimed, as aforesaid; and if any Person or Persons who shall have, or claim to have, any Debt or Demand against His Royal Highness, on any Account whatever, shall not, after the Fifth Day of July One thousand seven hundred and ninety-five, deliver a Particular, in Writing, of the said Debt or Demand to the proper Officer of His Royal Highness, within Ten Days after the Expiration of the Quarter of a Year in which such Debt or Demand accrued, every such Debt or Demand shall be barred both at Law and in Equity; and all Bonds, Bills, Notes, or other Securities for Money, given or made in Consideration of any Debt or Demand, whereof the Particulars, in Writing, shall not be delivered according to the Directions of this Act, shall be null and void, to all Intents and Purposes; and that if any Officer of or Person employed by His Royal Highness, to whom the Particulars of such Debts or Demands shall be delivered, according to the Directions of this Act, shall neglect or refuse to insert the same in his Account of the Quarterly Expenses incurred, in the Manner before directed, every such Officer shall be liable to pay the Amount thereof in Damages to the Party grieved.

in the Quarter preceding the Audit, &c.

Demands not delivered in Time limited, to be barred, and Securities for such Debts void.

Officer neglecting to insert Demands in Quarterly Accounts, liable to Payment of them.

XXXIII. And be it further enacted, That no Action or Suit, either at Law or in Equity, shall be brought, commenced, or prosecuted, by any Creditor against His Royal Highness, in His own Name as a Party, for the Recovery of any Debt or Demand due from His said Royal Highness, which shall accrue after the Fifth Day of July One thousand seven hundred and ninety-five, nor upon any Bond, Bill, or Note, nor upon any Security to be given after the passing of this Act, for the securing any Debt or Demand due from His said Royal Highness; but that all Proceedings in any such Action or Suit shall be null and void, to all Intents and Purposes.

No Action to be brought against the Prince for any Debt which shall accrue after July 5, 1795.

XXXIV. Provided always, and be it enacted, That nothing herein contained shall extend to prevent any Action or Suit against His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, by any Person having any Title by Way of Mortgage not made by His Royal Highness, or for Rent reserved upon any Lease or Grant of Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, not made to or in Trust for His Royal Highness, or any Action or Suit against His Royal Highness as Duke of Cornwall, in respect of His Duchy of Cornwall.

Act not to prevent certain Suits against the Prince.

XXXV. And, in order that due Provision may be made for the Recovery of the just Debts of His said Royal Highness, be it further enacted, That in all Cases where a Demand shall be made, or a Debt shall be claimed, which Demand or Debt shall have wholly accrued after the Fifth Day of July One thousand seven hundred and ninety-five, within the Quarter preceding such Claim or Demand, and the Particulars thereof shall be delivered to the proper Officer of His said Royal Highness,

Creditors who have delivered in their Demand in the Time limited, may sue for the same within Three Months after Delivery.

Creditors may sue for debts within 3 months after del. of the quarterly acc'ts of such debts, but not afterwards - consequently no debt can be sued for that has existed above six months.

Treasurer to be made Defendant.

Judgement to be a Charge upon the Prince's Funds, &c.

ness, to be appointed for that Purpose, within the Time herein-before limited, and the same shall not be paid, it shall be lawful for the Creditor or Creditors, at any Time within Three Calendar Months after Delivery of such Particulars, but not afterwards, to sue and prosecute for the Recovery of such Debt or Demand; in which Action or Suit the Treasurer, or other principal Officer or Officers of His said Royal Highness for the Time being, to whom the Particulars of the Demand shall have been delivered, shall be made Defendant, and the like Proceedings shall be had in such Action or Suit as if the Treasurer, or other principal Officer or Officers for the Time being, were the real Party therein; save and except, that notwithstanding the Plaintiff may obtain Judgement, no Execution shall issue against the Person of the Treasurer, or other principal Officer or Officers for the Time being, nor against his or their proper Effects, but the Judgement shall be a Charge upon the Funds of His Royal Highness, which shall be in or come into the Hands of the Treasurer, or other principal Officer or Officers of His said Royal Highness for the Time being, within Two Quarters after the Quarter in which the Debt or Debts for which such Action shall have been brought and Judgement obtained shall have accrued; and such Funds, whenever the same shall be in the Hands of such Treasurer, or other principal Officer or Officers, shall be liable to the Payment of the Debt or Damages, and Costs, recovered in such Action or Suit, in preference to all Debts and Demands, except such as shall have arisen in consequence of any prior Judgement which shall have been obtained, as is herein-before directed, and a Note or Docquet of every Judgement so obtained as aforesaid shall be entered by the Creditor obtaining the said Judgement in the Office of the Treasurer, or other principal Officer or Officers of His Royal Highness, within Ten Days after signing the same, in order to entitle him to the Benefit of this Act.

3 months after del. of the quarterly acc'ts of such debts, but not afterwards - consequently no debt can be sued for that has existed above six months. But see next folio 9. Classes -

Officer neglecting to prepare Accounts, or to apply Monies as settled by this Act, or misapplying Monies, &c liable to Damages, which may be sued for in any Court at Westminster.

XXXVI. And be it further enacted, That if any Officer of the Establishment of His said Royal Highness, or other Person entrusted with the Management of His Revenues, shall neglect or refuse to prepare, make up, or transmit, any Account or Accounts, or to audit and investigate the same, or to pay and apply the Monies in his Hands for that Purpose in the Order and Course to be settled and established by virtue of this Act, or shall divert or misapply the same, or any Part thereof, contrary to the Directions of this Act, or shall wilfully omit to insert in his Quarterly Account the Claim or Claims of any Creditor or Creditors delivered within the Time allowed by this Act, or shall wilfully prepare, make up, or transmit, any false Account, every such Officer or other Person, so offending against this Act, in any of the Particulars before mentioned, shall be liable to pay Damages to the Party grieved; and that all Damages incurred by any Person or Persons by virtue of this Act shall and may be sued for, prosecuted, and recovered, by Action of Debt, or on the Case, in any of His Majesty's Courts at Westminster, with full Costs of Suit, in which no Essoign, Protection, Wager of Law, or more than One Impar lance, shall be allowed.

29. if by this Clause connected with Sect. 30 - the Creditor may not have an Action ag^t the Treasurer for not including his demand in the Order of Payment prescribed.

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